The Bread Basker of the World.—
The figures presented by the Agricultural Bureau show by the returns of the growth of wheat, that the West is bound to be the bread basket of the world, and to furnish flour enough to feed all creation. The progress of wheat culture, observes the report, is remarkable. Not only does it go with population westerly, but its movement is in an accelerating ratio, yielding results in bushels to each inhabitant surprising to Eastern farmers. Thus has the territory between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean which in 1859 yielded about 25,000,000 of bushels, harvested about 65,000,000, while the country cast of the Mississippi, with its accession of population and wide distribution of agricultural implements, has made no increase as a whole, a few of the Western States barely making up the deficiency suffered in Virginia and Kentucky. It is a remarkable fact that a rigin which nine years ago produced only one-seventh of the wheat in the country, now supplies nearly one-third of it. A smaller progress in another decade will carry the centre of wheat production beyond the Mississippi and were it possible for the Pacific coast to quadruple its yield, that distant wheat field will give a larger product than the aggregate production of the United States in 1859. The history of wheat raising is not altogether unlike that of cotton in its occupancy of new lands and their desertion after a few years use, not, indeed to grow up in sedge or forest, but to be laid out in grass or employed in a more varied range of production.

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DISTRESSING CASE OF LUMACY — The Telegraph says that Mr. Alex. Dickie, an old and respected resident of the township of Waterloo, near Hespeler, was brought to Berlin gaol on Friday last in a hopeless state of lunacy. Mr. Dickie has for a long time been labouring under a heavy fit of despondency or semilunacy, in consequence of the removal of his relatives to New Zealand, which reached its climax during the recent religious excitement in Galt, where he had attended the revival meetings on several occasions. The excitement was too much for his already weakened intellect —reason fied its throne, and he beame a raving maniac. His friends were forced to tie him with ropes and keep a strict watch over him until Friday last, when he appeared to be in the way of recovery, and at his request the bindings was removed. The moment he became free, he jumped rough-shod upon an inmate of the house and had commenced to chaw him up in the most approved style, when he was again secured, brought to Berlin and lodged in gaol for safe-keeping. We are glad to hear that he is now becoming rational, and hopes are entertained of his ultimate return to a sound state of mind.

Daring Roberry.—A daring robbery was committed last Friday in head dery

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Daring Roberty.—A daring robbery was committed last Friday, in broad day light, at the house of Edmund Brown, Burlington Plains, East Flamboro' Mr. Brown had recently sold out his tavern, and was occupying the rear part of his premises until he could obtain a better place. He and his wife left the house about eight o'clock on Friday morning, and were absent at a potatoc field a short distance from the house. On their return they found that the premises had been entered, and \$200 mostly in silver, carried off. The money was taken from two trunks, and a large sum of money in paper and gold, which was in a dress belonging to Mrs. Brown, had been passed over, besides two watches, one of them a gold one.

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COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. December 5, 1868.

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Money Market.

Guelph, Dec. 5, 1868. Gold, 1364. Gueiph, Dec. 5, 1805.) Greenbacks bo'tat 724 to 73; sold at 734c to 74c. Silver bought at 4 dis.; sold at 3. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 00

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MONTHEAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by spec

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Oats, per 32 lbs, 47 c to 49c Barley, per 48 If 20 to \$1 30, Butter—dairy 21c to 23c stepacked 19c to 21c. Ashes—Pots \$5 60 to \$5 c

Parks \$55 5to \$5 60. Pork—Mess, \$23 00 to \$23 0

Pitme, \$16 00 to \$16 00. Peas, 913c to 95c.

Toronto, Dec. 4. \$1 15 to \$1 24; spring wheat, \$1 03 to \$1 05; flour, No. 1 super, \$4 65; extra \$5 30; barley \$1 25; peas, Sec to 90c; oats, 50c to 51c.

Hamilton Markets.

Hamilton, Dec. 4.

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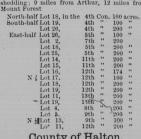
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