

It is surmised that a considerable additional keeness is felt in political affairs in England, from the fact that the number of members returned without opposition has greatly decreased. At the election in 1865 the number that walked the course was 303—not far short of one half of the whole; while at that which has just taken place but 187 were thus tenderly treated.

**To Business Men.**  
The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

**Commercial.**  
Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, March 19.  
Since our last report business has been dull and very little doing, owing no doubt to the bad roads which have existed for some time past. The following are our latest quotations:—  
Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3.00 to \$3.50  
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs. 1.05 to 2.05  
Treadwell do. 1.30 to 1.85  
Spring Wheat do. 1.80 to 1.87  
Oats do. 1.14 to 1.17  
Peas do. 3.00 to 3.00  
Barley, new do. 2.45 to 2.50  
Hay, per ton. 12.00 to 15.00  
Straw do. 3.00 to 4.00  
Wood, per cord. 4.00 to 4.50  
Eggs, per dozen. 11 to 12  
Butter, dairy packed. 19 to 22  
Butter, rolls. 25 to 27  
Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 60 to 80  
Apples, per 100 lbs. 60 to 70  
Dressed Hogs, per cwt. 6.00 to 7.40  
Beef, per cwt. 4.00 to 7.50

**Toronto Markets.**  
Toronto, March 19.  
Fall Wheat, per bushel. \$1.25 to \$1.31  
Spring Wheat do. 1.15 to 1.20  
Barley do. 1.35 to 1.40  
Oats do. 1.15 to 1.18  
Peas do. 3.00 to 3.00  
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs. 7.50 to 8.00  
Butter, lb rolls. 40 to 45  
Butter, tub dairy. 17 to 23  
Eggs, fresh, per doz. 15 to 16  
Apples, per barrel. 2.50 to 3.00  
Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 60 to 70  
Hay, per ton. 12.00 to 15.00  
Straw do. 3.00 to 4.00

**Hamilton Markets.**  
Hamilton, March 17.  
White wheat, per bushel. \$1.20 to \$1.25  
Treadwell do. 1.18 to 1.20  
Red wheat do. 1.15 to 1.18  
Spring wheat do. 1.10 to 1.14  
Oats do. 1.10 to 1.14  
Peas do. 3.00 to 3.00  
Barley do. 1.30 to 1.35  
Corn do. 1.00 to 1.00  
Ruckwheat do. 1.00 to 1.00  
Clover do. 2.25 to 5.25  
Timothy do. 3.00 to 4.00  
Butter, fresh, per lb. 20 to 25  
Butter, tub. do. 20 to 25  
Apples, per bag. 1.00 to 1.25  
Potatoes do. 80 to 1.00

**Galt Markets.**  
March 19.  
White Wheat from \$1.22 to \$1.24; Treadwell \$1.19 to \$1.21; Barley \$1.35 to \$1.40; Oats \$1.15 to \$1.18; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$17 to \$20; Hay \$10.00 to \$14.00; Straw \$7.50 to \$8.50; Pork \$7.00 to \$7.00.

**Elora Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Fergus Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Clifford Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Drayton Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Harrison Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Rockwood Markets.**  
March 18.  
Fall Wheat from \$1.05 to \$1.06; Spring Wheat \$1.15 to \$1.17; Treadwell \$1.10 to \$1.12; Barley \$1.25 to \$1.27; Peas \$3.00 to \$3.00; Eggs \$15 to \$16; Pork \$6.00 to \$6.00; Wool \$2.00 to \$2.00.

**Special Notices.**  
**A NUMEROUS CASES OF POISONING**  
Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labelled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound of Phosphates and Calisaya are requested not to confound the two preparations, as is frequently done, under the impression that both are of the same medicinal properties. Phosphates are necessary elements of the animal organism, and absolutely essential to the phenomena of life. They enter into the composition of every solid and fluid of the human body, and are the natural exciting agents of the functions of nutrition, and determine perfect cell formation and the growth of tissues. For supplying the waste resulting from mental and muscular exertion there can be no substitute for Phosphates while the system remains chemically constituted as it is. Attributing the effects of strychnine to the action of hypophosphites has led to false deductions and errors in practice, and greatly misled the public as to their true merits.

**EXHAUSTED VITALITY.—THE SCIENCE OF LIFE, OR SELF-PRESERVATION.**  
A Medical Treatise on the Cause and Cure of Exhausted Vitality, Premature Decline in Man, Nervous and Physical Debility, Hypochondria, Impotency, Spermatitis or Seminal Weakness, and all other diseases arising from the errors of youth, or the indiscretions or excesses of mature years. This is indeed a book for every man. Thousands have been taught by this work the true way to health and happiness. It is the cheapest and best medical work ever published, and the only edition, revised, much enlarged, illustrated, bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, on receipt of price. Address PRABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4, Bulfinch Street, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, Assistant Physician, N. B.—The author may be consulted on the above as well as all diseases requiring skill and experience. ap347y.

**\$5 to \$20 PER DAY.** Agents wanted. All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work in their spare moments, or at all times, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine. m356w.

**JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE**  
A LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes"

In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Marmarck, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc.

Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

**ALSO, THE Depilatory Powder**  
Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin. G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist, No. 3, Day's Block.

**JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR and CLOTHIER**  
NO. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.  
Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH

**WOOLENS**  
Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

**FRENCH COATINGS**  
A speciality this Season. A magnificent display

**Of Gents' Furnishing Goods;**  
Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices. JAMES CORMACK, wd No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**FURNITURE AT RETAIL**  
**BURR & SKINNER**  
Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses

**At the Factory, Oxford st., ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE**  
Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices. Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice. BURR & SKINNER, Guelph, Jan 27, 1874. dwf

**THE Guelph Bakery,**  
Two doors above the Wellington Hotel.

**W. J. LITTLE**  
While thanking the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would respectfully inform them that he is still prepared to supply them with all kinds of

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.  
Trains leave Guelph as follows:—  
WEST—  
2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:59 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.  
To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin.  
EAST—  
8:05 a.m.; 1:10 a.m.; 4:13 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m.  
GREAT WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH  
Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m.  
Going north—11:55 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Fergus; 8:20 p.m. for Toronto.



**L.D. SINE'S GIFT ENTERPRISE**  
The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country.

\$1,000,000.00 In Valuable Gifts! to be distributed in L. D. SINE'S 43rd Semi-Annual GIFT ENTERPRISE

To be drawn MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 1874. ONE GRAND CAPITAL PRIZE \$10,000 in GOLD One Prize, \$5,000 in Silver Five prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks

**ALLAN Steamship Line**  
Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, Sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday.

**GUELPH AGENCY**  
Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates.

**NEW YORK and LIVERPOOL**  
Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, Sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday.

**MICHIGAN CENTRAL and Erie Railroad**  
Passengers booked to all points in the United States. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

**THOS. WORSWICK**  
MANUFACTURER OF MACHINISTS' TOOLS  
Complete, with best modern attachments.

**STEAM ENGINES**  
Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also Cornish, Compound Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

**Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention.**  
GREAT CHEAP SALE At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

**CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS**  
Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of FANCY GOODS.

**FRESH FISH**  
RECEIVED DAILY PER EXPRESS.

Fresh Cod, Fresh Haddock, Fresh Flounders, Lobsters, Herrings, Salmon Trout, Speckled Trout, Fresh Oysters, cans full.

**HUGH WALKER,**  
Wyndham-st., Guelph.  
Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874.

**The Oldest Hardware Business in the County**  
**J. M. BOND & CO.,**  
DIRECT HARDWARE IMPORTERS, OFFER FOR SALE

CATTLE CHAINS of over fifty different kinds, and made specially to our order. GRAIN SHOVELS—Polished steel and iron. HALF BUSHEL MEASURES—Stamped and warranted correct. TUBULAR LANTERNS—To burn coal oil. The best lantern made; cannot be put out by the strongest wind, and burns bright and clear.

**JOHN M. BOND & Co., Guelph, Ont.**  
**JACKSON & HALLETT,**  
IMPORTERS, Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

**New Fruits, Teas, Coffees**  
Etc., Crop 1873, comprising New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.

**TEAS, TEAS.**  
Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Fresh Black Tea at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Tea at 50 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.

**FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS**  
**JAMES MASSIE,**  
Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph.

**Invited the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of goods now produced at his Manufactory.** Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufactory in

**A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.**  
His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western his was the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

**At the Noted Tea Store,**  
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.  
12lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1. 8lbs. Broken Loaf " " 1. 8lbs. Ground White " " 1. Good Black Tea, 50 cents per lb. Extra Choice Congou, 75 " " Imperial Hyson Tea, 50c per lb, best value in Canada. Good Mixed Tea, 50 cents per lb., extra strong. Choice Gunpowder Tea, 75c " " " Extra Choice Young Hyson, 75c per lb. " Best Golden Syrup, 60c per gallon. 6 bars Walker's Best Soap, 12c per bar. Judd's celebrated Soap, 12c per bar. New Salt at \$1.20 per lb.

**THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser**  
The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance, credit \$5. Delivered in v.v.w. by the week 10 cents.

Rates of Advertising.—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 3 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Lost, Legal Notices, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 15 cents for each insertion; for the same over five lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareil space, 20 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement are 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as local, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 50 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; \$1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements charged at other than once a month charged extra.

**POWELL'S Boot and Shoe Store**  
Call and examine my new stock of Ladies', Gents' & Children's BOOTS & SHOES, Which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.

**ARTHUR, ONTARIO,**  
Lands for Sale:  
VILLAGE OF ARTHUR TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR, 2nd and 3rd divisions of the town, on the west side of the Owen Sound road, with the Gore in the rear, 148 acres, 160 of which is under a high state of cultivation and laid out into regular fields. The dwelling house is almost new, built of brick, two stories high, with brick chimneys in the rear. The barns, stables and other places are of frame, and substantial buildings. This farm is well worth the notice of agriculturists, either as a breeding farm or cleanse farm. 100 acres, nearly all under cultivation. Good log dwelling house, frame barn and sheds. Only 13 miles from the gravel road from Arthur Village.

**ROBERT MITCHELL, LAND, LOAN, Insurance and General Agent**  
Conveyancer, Commissioner in Queen's Bench, &c., Issuer of Marriage Licenses. Arthur, Ontario.

**TOWNSHIP OF LUTHER, Lot No. 1, and west half of 2, in 6th con., 300 acres, 150 under cultivation, 3 good log dwelling houses, frame barn. Can be sold in two farms if desired. South half of lot No. 1, in 5th con., 100 acres, 65 of which is under cultivation. A good dwelling house and frame barn, about 2 1/2 miles from Arthur Village Station, on town line between Arthur and Luther. UNIMPROVED LANDS: 1/2 in 9th con., 200 acres. 1/2 in 11 con., 400 acres. 1/2 in 12th con., 300 acres. Nor. half of lot 29, in 12th con., 100 acres. Lots 20 and 21, in 7th con., 400 acres. South half of 28, in 8th con., 200 acres. 1/2 in 8th con., 200 acres. This is a fine lot land. There is a new frame dwelling house and a log stable on the lot. The house is distant about two and a half miles from Simpson's saw mill on the town line between Arthur and Luther. It will be sold on very reasonable terms.**

**TOWNSHIP OF PEELE, Lot No. 31, in the 4th con., 200 acres, unimproved.**

**TOWNSHIP OF PEELE, Lot 17, con. A, Peel, 52 acres, about 40 cleared and under cultivation, log dwelling house, log and frame barns and sheds. Also, west half of 28, in 1st con., 100 acres, about 50 acres, 25, or thereabouts, under cultivation. Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 17th con., 50 acres, 35 or thereabouts under cultivation. Good dwelling house; spring creek runs through the land, which is of excellent quality. The above lands will be sold on very reasonable terms; only part of the purchase money required down, the balance to suit purchasers.**

**VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE.**  
The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz: First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 120 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good catch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden, and well, with pump of excellent water. Also a Frame Barn 60x30, with eighteen feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Garafraxa Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the Lot—The Rocky Sangar River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery. Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, one mile from Fleisherton Station, in the Township of Ardenburg. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new Log House.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indubitable titles—the best two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st April. For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor. JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street Guelph. Guelph, Jan 7, 1874. 12w-daw.