

only place affected by famine. Owing to the unusual occurrence of a heavy fall of snow in the ordinary warm regions of the Great West, the country has been lately changed into that of a Siberian landscape, and terrible distress has been caused to the inhabitants of some of the mountainous regions, who have been unable to get provisions, owing to the communication with the outer world being interrupted. With some difficulty a party of villagers from the mountains managed to make their way the other day through the snow drifts to Canoe, and made known to the authorities the need of provisions in the mountainous districts. A supply of grain was accordingly sent off to the starving people, but on approaching Kermania the conveyance stuck fast in the snow and was unable to proceed. A number of villagers, however, hearing that supplies were at hand, managed to reach the spot where they conveyed had halted, and carried the welcome sacks of corn to their hungry families.

Great reductions have been made in the engineering staff of the Intercolonial Railway, affecting a saving of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per annum in salaries. As the works near completion other reductions will be made, and towards the close of the year the staff will be very small. The old staff cost about \$90,000 per annum.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See article in *Cassell's Household Guide*.

Commercial.

Guelph Markets.

| MERCURY OFFICE, April 9. | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Flour, per 100 lbs. | \$3.00 to \$3.50 |
| Wheat, per bushel | 1.35 to 1.45 |
| Oats, do | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley, new, do | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Hay, per ton | 12.00 to 14.00 |
| Straw, do | 3.00 to 4.00 |
| Eggs, per dozen | 11 to 12 |
| Butter, dairy packed | 20 to 22 |
| Butter, rolls | 18 to 20 |
| Potatoes, per 100 lbs. | 60 to 80 |
| Apples, per 100 lbs. | 60 to 1.00 |
| Dressed Hogs, per cwt. | 6.50 to 7.25 |
| Beef, per cwt. | 4.00 to 5.00 |

Toronto Markets.

| TORONTO, April 6. | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Wheat, per bushel | \$1.25 to \$1.35 |
| Oats, do | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley, do | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots, do | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs. | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter, lb. rolls | 30 to 35 |
| Butter, tub dairy | 30 to 33 |
| Eggs, fresh, per doz. | 16 to 17 |
| Apples, per bushel | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes, per bushel | 20 to 30 |
| Hay, per ton | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw do | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Hamilton Markets.

| HAMILTON, April 6. | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| White wheat, per bushel | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats, do | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley, do | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots, do | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs. | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter, lb. rolls | 30 to 35 |
| Butter, tub dairy | 30 to 33 |
| Eggs, fresh, per doz. | 16 to 17 |
| Apples, per bushel | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes, per bushel | 20 to 30 |
| Hay, per ton | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw do | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Galt Markets.

| April 7. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| White Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

(By Telegraph to The Weekly Mercury.)

Elora Markets.

| April 8. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Fergus Markets.

| April 8. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Chilford Markets.

| April 8. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Drayton Markets.

| April 8. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Mount Forest Markets.

| April 1. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Rockwood Markets.

| April 1. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Listowel Markets.

| March 31. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

Harriston Markets.

| April 1. | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Wheat | \$1.20 to \$1.25 |
| Oats | 1.10 to 1.20 |
| Barley | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| Pots | 60 to 80 |
| Dressed Hogs | 7.50 to 8.50 |
| Butter | 30 to 35 |
| Eggs | 16 to 17 |
| Apples | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Potatoes | 20 to 30 |
| Hay | 15.00 to 25.00 |
| Straw | 15.00 to 16.00 |

AS NUMEROUS CASES OF POISONING Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labeled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Eliza of Phosphates and Calais 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 are 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 is no more efficient agent than 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.

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| RAILWAY TIME TABLE. | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. | |
| Trains leave Guelph as follows: | |
| 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. | To London, Goderich and Detroit. |
| To Berlin. | |
| To Montreal. | |
| 3:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. | To Montreal. |
| To London, Goderich and Detroit. | |
| To Berlin. | |
| To Montreal. | |
| 4:47 p.m. | To Montreal. |
| To London, Goderich and Detroit. | |
| To Berlin. | |
| To Montreal. | |
| 6:40 p.m. | To Montreal. |
| To London, Goderich and Detroit. | |
| To Berlin. | |
| To Montreal. | |
| 8:30 p.m. | To Montreal. |
| To London, Goderich and Detroit. | |
| To Berlin. | |
| To Montreal. | |

FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.

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Which for style, finish and durability, will be found superior to any in Guelph.

Particular attention paid to

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Remember the Noted Shoe Store,

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West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, Mar. 20th, 1874. dw

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W. D. HEPBURN & CO.

GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

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For protection against House-breakers, Burglars and Thieves, we have

Revolvers,

Various makes;

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Single and double barrel;

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Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts.

Guelph, March 20, 1874. dw

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Complete, with best modern attachments.

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Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

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THOS. WORSWICK, Guelph, Ont. & dw

Dec. 17, 1873.

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OPPOSITE THE MARKET,

CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS

Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of

FANCY GOODS.

BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES

All of which will be sold at below cost. Orders received for their Jewellery.

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Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,
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General Commission Merchants,
AND SHIPPERS,
26, City National Bank Building,
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Each genuine Plug has

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In all shades, comprising

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Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. dw

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Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgage or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.

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Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

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All orders promptly attended to.

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