NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Queen's Birthday.
Dress Goods.—J. Coyne.
An Excellent Invention.
London and Woodstock Beer.
New Glassware.—A. G. Murray.
Special.—Harris' Glove Cleaner.
Court of Revision.—West Oxford.
Court of Revision.—North Oxford.
Ingersoll Curling & Skating Rink Co.
Auction Sale of Household Furniture, &c.

The Ingersoll Chronicle.

THURSDAY, MAY 19th, 1881.

LOCAL MATTERS.

BASS fishing is now legal.

OUR sidewalks on Thames Street are being overhauled.

THE village of Norwich actually pays its chief of police $10 per annum.

MR. J. L. Grant, the cheese king, arrived here from England on Tuesday.

HOMER CAMPBELL, jr., has commenced building operations on King Street.

MESSRS. Waterhouse & Bradbury are erecting a substantial sheet iron awning in front of their store.

WORK was commenced on the section of the Credit Valley between Belmont and St. Thomas on Monday.

A LARGE number of athletes from a distance are expected to take part in the Caledonian games on the 24th of May.

BAND STAND.—A neat band stand is being erected in the Central School Grounds. Evening concerts will soon be in order.

THE minutes of the Oxford County Council, (January Session), are just published, a copy of which we received on Saturday.

MESSRS. Minkler, formerly of this town and now of Waterford, have opened a branch bank in Cayuga.

SPRING vegetables and garden "sass" are plentiful. And the prices are reasonable.

IT rains alike on the just and unjust—on the just mainly because the unjust have borrowed their umbrellas.

The sunny spring is with us,
The tuneful birds are here;
The maidens buy new hose and hats,
The old men buy hock beer.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—The Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, the new pastor of the Baptist Church here, will assume his duties the first Sunday in June.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday afternoon a young lad named Harvey got his fingers crushed in the machine which he was attending, at Noxon's Agricultural Works.

WE are pleased to notice the favourable prospects of success awaiting the M. E. Church for another conference year under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Shaw.

MR. W. H. BROWN, Ingersoll, shipped three more cars of pressed timothy hay to the New York market via Air Line railway last week.

THE Rev. E. M. Bland, rector of St. James' Church, leaves here on Monday for a three months' tour of the European continent.

Findlay McGregor, the renowned Scottish vocalist, and his company have been engaged by the Caledonian Society for a concert on the evening of the 24th.

PRIZE FARM COMPETITION.—The time for making entries has been extended to the first of June, and the judging will begin not earlier than the 20th of June.

THE 26th of May is appointed to be observed throughout the Anglican Communion as a day of Intercession on behalf of Foreign Missions.

SPRING RACING CIRCUIT.—By reference to advertisement it will be seen that the Woodstock races will be held on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the London races on the 8th and 9th of June.

WE are glad to notice that Mr. W. A. Shaw, of this town, has received a good position as commercial traveller for a house in London. We wish him every possible success in his work.

MANY of our townspeople will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. D. Schell, which took place on the 9th inst., at her husband's residence, Riverside, South California. The deceased lady was only ill nine days.

A GOOD SPRING.—A more favorable spring than this for seeding could not be desired. The most inveterate croaker and disparager of the climate is silenced, and farmers are jubilant and getting along at an amazingly rapid rate with their work.

RUNAWAY.—A team of black ponies owned by H. Campbell, ran away last Saturday, and came running up King Street with the pole of the wagon flying around in all directions. They were stopped at Wilson's corner.

THE regulations of the Educational Department (which have a statutory force in this Province) lay it down that the children are accountable to their schoolmaster for any misconduct on the way home from school.

AUCTION SALE.—There will be an auction sale of furniture, cow, buggy, real estate, etc., on the market square, Ingersoll, on Saturday, May 21, commencing at 10 o'clock. Those desirous of purchasing will do well to consult advertisement.

SAYS the Tilsonburg *Observer*, in speaking of the late fire in Ingersoll:—"We wonder the citizens of that enterprising town do not discard their almost worthless steamer and secure waterworks." Oh! indeed!! How very disinterested.

MR. James Baugh, for some years the G. W. R. Station Master at Harrisburg, and later at Ingersoll, has just taken his degrees of M. B., at Trinity College University, with the additional honor of being silver medallist of this year.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. W. A. Graham, B. A. Teeswater, to be incumbent of Delhi, Lynedoch and Waterford; also Rev. W. Daunt, M. A., to the incumbency of Trinity Church, Aylmer.

SOME of the navvies who are working on the C. V. R., threw a burning bunch of shavings, which had been saturated with coal oil, in the house of a gang boss, one day last week, and had it not been for the timely discovery of the fire the house would have been consumed.

THERE are numerous dangerous man holes in town now since building and repairing operations have commenced. A gentleman on Sunday night had a narrow escape from going off the sidewalk just above the Queen's Hotel, and another gentleman fell in a deep hole next to the Imperial Bank. He was not seriously hurt.

DISTRICT MEETING.—The London District Meeting of the Canada Methodist Church will be held in town next week, commencing in the King Street Church at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. This meeting is all but a very important one, and will last two days. Some 40 or more ministers will be in attendance.

CHANGE OF TIME.—On Sabbath evening next the town bell will be rung at 6.30 and 7 o'clock, instead of 6 and 6.30 as formerly. This change has been made in compliance with a request of the Ministerial Association, consequently the evening services of the various churches during the summer months, will commence at 7 o'clock, excepting the King Street Methodist, which will commence as usual at 6.30 until further notice.

THE PROTESTANT.—Chief Vance, has written a very interesting letter on this subject which will be found in another part of this paper. He has been to considerable trouble to get the latest information on this important subject, which he now gives to the public in a very clear and forcible manner. It will be readily seen that our Chief is enthusiastic in his work, and that the government could not do better than place the Fire Department in his competent hands.

WELCOME RAIN.—On Saturday evening last we experienced a little storm which has visited us for a long time broke over the town from the west. About 6 o'clock the skies darkened, and soon afterwards a strong wind came up, which was followed by a heavy rain storm. The rain was accompanied by thunder and lightning, and it was a welcome relief for the warm atmosphere, and settled the thick dust on the streets. Hands there were some more acceptable than rain, and vegetation in town and country will greatly improved.

THE first eight miles of the Credit Valley extension, which is being built by the Company themselves, will be completed in about three weeks time. Upwards of one hundred men are now employed on this section. As soon as seeding is over among the farmers, large numbers of them will engage with their teams at notably $3 a day to work on the railway. A plough for unloading travel is being made, which will clear off nine or ten flat cars in less than four minutes. Ties are now being delivered in large quantities, and the iron will follow in a few weeks.

GOOD GRACIOUS!—On Monday morning an exhibition of female pluck was given (unwillingly, of course) by a young lady, who held a runaway team of horses attached to a runaway buggy, which, with a galop through the town along Thames street had shaken out of depositing the stock of clerks and the grocery boys, who, on hearing the fire alarm had dropped their pens and scribbles and followed the runaway. It indeed was a thrilling sight, the right indeed was a thrilling sight, the right hand holding every moment that the vehicle would be shattered to atoms, and the noble lady some to grief, but marvellously the good old clay held by holding on with a firm grip or die," the determination to stick to the reins, and the determination to stick to the reins, and thoroughly subdued.

MONDAY was pay day on the C. V. R. "TRACK-lifting bees" are being held by many housewives.

LADIES, clean your kid gloves with the Harris Glove Cleaner. For sale at Hearn & Macaulay's.

THE Credit Valley Railway trains make the run from Ingersoll to Galt—forty miles—in an hour and fifteen minutes.

THE Dereham men are feeling their muscle. They are bound to win the laurels from Zorra on the Queen's birthday.

A NUMBER of apple trees are in bloom in this section. This is said to be very early, and promises an abundant supply of this fruit if frost does not injure them.

WHEN a man begins to tumble upstairs every one helps him to get to the top, and when he begins to tumble down stairs all the world seems anxious to have him reach the bottom.

A boy in the employ of Mr. G. Beller was before the Police Magistrate Monday morning for deserting his employment, and was fined $6 and costs, his father becoming surety in $50 for his future good behaviour.

IF the heat goes on increasing at the summer advances what a woeful state of affairs fair Canada and her people will be in. The people—not their affairs—will be in liquidation for a certainty.

QUERY.—Who is the father of the young hopeful who cut up all of his rhubarb plants and, with the light of triumph in his eye, told his father that he had been hoeing his cabbage!

INCREASE CIRCULATION.—An exchange has the following: A solemn old scientist printed the fact that by bathing the feet in tepid water a man could increase his circulation, and now all the editors are having tanks fitted to their office stoves.

DOC Shepperd is attracting much attention in Toronto at present as special agent of the *World*. His plug hat has for a band the name of that newspaper in large letters, while his sonorous voice can be heard for blocks around.

THE C. V. R. is having six passenger coaches built at Cobourg, one having already been delivered. One of the cars is to be fitted up for bringing through passengers who come by the Canada Southern to St. Thomas. The cars are handsomely upholstered.

WE would remind those who intend to cultivate tobacco that an Act of Parliament requires not only that all such persons shall take out a license, but imposes penalties on all who do not conform therewith. The license will be granted on application being made to the Inland Revenue Collector.

THERE is some poetry in farm life at this time of the year in this country, and we can safely say of this Province, in the words of the great Cicero:—"Of all pursuits by which wealth is acquired, there is nothing better than Agriculture; nothing yields so abundantly, no occupation is so pleasant, and nothing adds more to the dignity and freedom of the human race."

A great many small boys, and a few big ones, are in the habit of say, sampling, from the various eatable goods displayed in front of some of the stores, and the aggregate consumption amounts to something enormous. The storekeepers say that something is in preparation that will effectually put a stop to the tasting propensities of these youths.

A young lad was caught Monday evening stealing fruit from the window of L. Chapman, on Thames Street. Chapman collared the lad and locked him up in one of his back rooms, along with Barney, the ever faithful dog, for about two hours, during which time the boy pleaded hard to go home to his mother, promising that he would never again deviate from the path of right.

APPROACHING ECLIPSE.—A total eclipse of the moon occurs on the night of the 11th of June. It will occur at 12.15 a. m., reach a total obscuration at 1.17, attaining the middle of the eclipse at 1.58, and continuing until 2.39, when the moon will reappear, and will be entirely over at 3.41 a. m. If the night is clear it will be one of the most beautiful eclipses of the moon witnessed for years.

BRANTFORD CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.—We have to thank the Secretary of this Society for the kind invitation to attend the celebration of Queen's Birthday in the city of Brantford. This Society on this occasion hold their second annual games, for which $500 in prizes are offered including silver cups, gold and silver medals, etc. What with lacrosse matches, music, fireworks, etc., no doubt a grand time will be spent.

CURCULIO.—These little pests of the plum trees are already at work on the early blossoming kinds. Jarring the trees after spreading some cotton below is the most efficacious way to destroy them, but a great many can be caught in a woollen rag wrapped round the trunk just below the limbs. The injury to the fruit is most destructive when the germ is just emerging from the blossom, as then the boring reaches the centre, where the stone should form. A couple of weeks' attention now will very probably ensure a crop.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—We presume our readers are well aware that our Queen's natal day will be duly observed in Ingersoll on Tuesday next. The attractions offered are too numerous to detail here, but would state that the Ingersoll Caledonian Society have issued a programme that must prove a source of great attraction and have the tendency of drawing a large gathering of pleasure seekers to our town, on this occasion. If you have not seen a programme, secure one at once and note the inducements. See advertisement in another column.

NEARLY all the summer birds have arrived and are singing their tuneful lays, and making preparations for a summer's business in the way of nest building and hatching. There is a thrush that has arrived that gets off some of the best notes of any bird in any country, but it is only when he is in good humour that he makes any display of his musical powers, and this appears to be early in the morning, and after sun set. The country will soon be seen in all its loveliness and grandeur, and is there any country in the world that can show more beauties and delights that can be seen during one of our Canadian springs?

DOMINION ODDFELLOW.—This is the title of a new and tastily got-up journal, which is issued in the interests of Oddfellowship. This excellent sheets hails from Napanee, and is published by Messrs. Templeton & Beeman, who evidently appear to know how to conduct a paper. If its initial number is any index to the future ones, we can truly say that it must naturally fill up the want which has long been felt by the Oddfellows of Canada. It seems strange that such a large, influential, and intelligent body as the Oddfellows should have been so long without an exponent of the press, and for this reason, we, the more heartily, recommend it to the fraternity in this section of the Province. The paper is well arranged, showing that the printer who attends to the mechanical department knows his business. The subscription price is only $1, which is cheap enough in all conscience for a good weekly journal.

BINGHAM & TAYLOR, printers, Toronto, have assigned, with liabilities estimated at $15,000. A little less than two years ago the firm commenced business in the old *Leader* buildings, King street, and have been in financial difficulties for some time. Among the largest creditors are Messrs. Barber & Ellis, Toronto, whose claim amounts to $3,500, secured by mortgage, and Messrs. Buntin & Bro., paper manufacturers, whose claim is equally large, unsecured. It is stated that the firm, acting on the advice of counsel, have left the city for a time. This makes the fourth printing firm driven into insolvency during the past few weeks. No wonder these "cheap" printing offices can afford to honeycomb the country towns with runners soliciting job work, at marvellously low prices—indeed in many instances at prices which a country printing office proprietor cannot buy the blank material for. These cheap firms buy their stock and never pay for it, and never appear to have the intention of so doing. Of course the wholesale men suffer.

K. O. T. M.—On Friday evening last, a special Review of Solomon Tent was held, which action was owing to some dissatisfaction at the manner things appeared to be conducted by the Executive or Supreme Body. The Bees turned out in good force, and until near mid-night discussed "the situation," the final result being that the Tent by unanimous consent agreed to stick to the Supreme Body, hoping that existing grievances might be all righted at the coming Review in Toronto in July. Messrs. W. J. Imlach and T. G. Sutherland, of London, were in attendance, and during the proceedings, gave excellent addresses, receiving therefor the hearty thanks of the Sir Kts. present. The members of Solomon Tent are to be congratulated on the stand they have taken, and no doubt things will come out satisfactory in due course of time. The order of Maccabees is one of the best institutions on this or any other continent, but unfortunately the wrangling unbridled in by the two heads of prominent factions has seriously impaired its usefulness, and retarded its growth. To restore perfect harmony and unbounded faith in the institution, it is necessary that Sir Kt. Royston be requested to "step down and out," and to hand over his office to some other gentleman who is acceptable to the members of the Subordinate Tents; also for the Kts. to utterly discountenance the two miserable so-called "Test" checks, purporting to be the exponent of the Maccabees, which are mainly devoted to flinging foundations at each other, instead of slinging gram sacking as they ought to be spending the reams with some old sort of a Newgate calloys esque. To the editors of these two checks we would say, Prunes, sarsh; don't dribble!

TOWN COUNCIL.

Special Meeting on Monday.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening, His Worship Mayor Brown, presiding.

Members present—Messrs. Buchanan, Sudworth, Seldon, Nelles, McInnes, Foster, Murray and Young.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communication was read from the late Police Magistrate Robertson, respecting office rent while acting in the capacity of Chief Magistrate.

Accounts read from Noxon Bros. Mf'g Co., repairing steamer, etc., $29.17; Ingersoll Gas Light Co., street lamps, $66, office room, $4.22; Council Chamber, 97c., Town Hall, $3.59.

Report of Finance Committee read, recommending that the assessor be paid his salary, $200; that the account of Thomas Wells be closed; that the Clerk be instructed to advertise in the *Mail* and *Globe* that the Council is prepared to bonus manufactories on certain conditions; that the Cemetry Co. be requested to procure vouchers bearing upon the account rendered at the last meeting.

On motion the Report was adopted.

The Report of the Market Committee was read, recommending that the market building be roofed with felt roofing; and that the scales be enclosed, one side, with brick, and the other with siding and folded doors, to protect them from the weather. Report adopted.

MR. BUCHANAN referred to the idea of changing the site of the Agricultural buildings.

MR. GORDON COOK, who appeared along with a deputation of the Agricultural Society namely, Messrs. Jas. Stevens and Choate, was here heard, who stated that he highly approved of having the site of the Agricultural buildings changed from its present ground to the Town Park. The Society was not by any means in a good financial condition, consequently was unable to make expenditures in creating the change. If the Council would undertake to remove the buildings, and to give the necessary guarantee for the use of grounds to the society, no doubt a satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at. The question of fencing and so forth would be a matter of after consideration.

MAYOR BROWN—The change of site would be a benefit to both the town and the Agricultural Society. Considerable expense would be involved in removing the buildings. The details of fencing and other matters could be arranged in a joint committee appointed from the Council and the Society.

On motion of Mr. Nelles, seconded by Mr. Young, $75 was placed to the credit of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Moved by Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Sudworth, and resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with the Agricultural Society respecting the amalgamation of their grounds with those of the Town Park be authorized to meet with a committee of the said Society for the purpose of drawing up an agreement between the Town and the Society, said agreement to be laid before the Council for their ratification.

On motion of Mr. Seldon, seconded by Mr. Nelles, the Market Committee were authorized to repair the roof of the market building, and to build a shed over the market scales, the same to be done by tender or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Seldon, seconded by Mr. Murray, $300 was placed to the credit of the Market Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sudworth, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, the Market Clerk was instructed to ring the bell on Sunday evenings at half-past six and seven, instead of at six and half-past six as heretofore.

MR. SELDON stated that he had fitted up and rented a fish stall in the shed, and that he had received applications for others, and wanted to know if it would be advisable to fit up places for that purpose.

He was told that it would be all right.

Moved by Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Sudworth, and resolved, That $25 be paid to James McCaughey, being balance due on land taken from him by the Credit Valley Railway for the right of way, said sum having been agreed to be paid by this Corporation, on consideration of a satisfactory deed being given therefor.

On motion of Mr. Seldon, seconded by Mr. Murray, the Volunteers were allowed the free use of the hall for drill purposes on evenings that it is not otherwise engaged.

The cow by-law was here discussed at some length, and a motion drawn up to instruct Constable Capron to enforce its observance. It was thought by near all the members present that the by-law as it now reads is to all intents and purposes useless—requiring cows to be kept off the street from nine at night until six in the morning—and the motion was therefore not submitted. It was thought best to let the matter drop until some better law was framed, and in the meantime to let Mr. Capron see that no cows were on the streets after the hours named.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Our Chief of Police.

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

DEAR SIR:—Why not give to our worthy Chief, Mr. Capron, a becoming suit of clothes such as the Chiefs of our cities and towns appear in? Will not our town fathers give the matter their consideration, and make suitable provision for one so faithful in the discharge of his public duties?

IMPROVEMENT.

Ingersoll, May 18th, 1881.

Fire Protection.

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

SIR:—Judging from the number of communications which have appeared in the columns of your valuable paper within the last few weeks, it cannot but strike one that the public is dissatisfied with our present means of fire protection, or rather with the present system of utilizing those means. Now, although there have been some very good suggestions for improvement thrown out, yet from my own personal experience, I would not be in favour of adopting any of them in its entirety. The best way for improvement is by comparing our system with that of other towns of the same size. I accordingly communicated with the Brigade Chiefs of certain towns inquiring into their system, and, although I have not received replies from all, enough has been elicited to show that they all work on the same plan, viz: A small number of paid men with horses to draw the engine to the fire and back. For instance, Chief Gibson, Stratford, says: "We have no *brigade* but a *department* consisting of 33 men, as follows: Chief, $75; Engineer in full charge, $175; Asst. Engineer, $40; 1st Branchman, $25; Foreman, $20; Firemen, each, $15. We pay $5 for the first team hitched to the engine, and would recommend that $2.50 be given to the next team and let it draw the hose-reel to and from the fire; thus the men having no hauling to do and would be fresh to work at the fire." Capt. T. N. Dancy, Chief Goderich Brigade, says: "We pay the Engineer $300 to take charge of the engine and an assistant to fire for him, whom we pay $20 per annum. We have ten firemen and their pay is $20 per year. I receive no salary." This is our full staff, which I find to be sufficient under all cases and would not have it any larger. We have no team belonging to the town, but there are two livery keepers close to the engine house, whom we pay $4 to take the engine to the fire. I think this is much better than keeping a team. The engine is always on hand as soon as the firemen, and the expense is from $20 to $50 per year. Our brigade is considered a very efficient and economical one, and I do not know of any change that I could recommend." That some improvement in our method of taking the apparatus is obvious. The next question, I presume, will be the expense. Now my opinion is that a team, belonging to the town and housed in or adjoining the engine house, would be the most economical. This team could be employed during the day at work on the street, for which the town now pays other teams. Suppose the team works 200 days of the year, and this at $3 per day—the usual cost of hiring a team—would amount to $600, which would pay a good man and the keeping of the team. Then hire enough men to work the fire apparatus—say 20 or 25—and do away with all parade dress and other useless expense, and pay them so much per fire or per year as may be thought best. I would recommend a yearly salary. Many would maintain that, having 20 men, it would be unnecessary to keep horses. Neither would it in daylight I admit, but at night it is a pitiable sight to see the engine being slowly dragged through the mud by 8 or 10 men, while crowds are running past, totally indifferent whether it ever reaches the fire. When the engine was first bought it was difficult to find room on the ropes for the crowd anxious to draw; now that is all changed. A great many are in favour of waterworks, and there cannot be any doubt as to their superiority over a steam engine, but the general opinion seems to be that the town is not now in a position to put in efficient waterworks, and the next best thing is to utilize our present apparatus to the best advantage.

I am, yours, etc.,

B. VANCE,
Chief Engineer.

Ingersoll, May 18, 1881.

THE new styles in Fans at Odell's.

MR. Chas. Conway has gone to Chicago to accept a situation.

MR. Harry Borland has returned from California.

HEAVY Caledonian is in town are expected to meet at Dr. McKay's office Monday evening, 23rd inst. Special important business must be attended to, by order of the Chief. G. Murray, Recorder.

COMMERCIAL.

INGERSOLL MARKETS.

GRAIN AND GRAIN.

White Wheat, per bush	$1 06	to	1 12
Red Fall Wheat	1 06	to	1 08
Spring Wheat	1 06	to	1 10
Barley "	38	to	42
Peas "	63	to	70
Oats, "	35	to	40
Corn "	55	to	60
Buckwheat "	50	to	54
Rye "	56	to	60
Clover Seed per bush	4 25	to	4 75
Timothy Seed "	2 75	to	3 00

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, per bushel	0 50	to	0 60
Onions "	0 00	to	1 00
Apples "	0 25	to	30
Dried Apples per lb	3	to	4
Tallow "	5	to	6
Lard "	10	to	11
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs	5 50	to	6 00
Live Hogs, "	5 00	to	5 00
Hay, per ton	10 00	to	11 00
Straw, per load	2 50	to	3 00

PROVISIONS.

Flour, per 100 lbs	2 35	to	2 75
Butter, tub	18	to	20
Butter, rolls, per lb	20	to	22
Cheese, "	10	to	11
Eggs, per dozen	9	to	10
Geese, "	35	to	50

INGERSOLL CHEESE MARKET.

The first cheese market of the season was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, and was largely attended, over thirty factories being represented, among which might be named:—Dunn's, Elliott's, Wilson's, Verschoyle, East Nissouri, Gladstone, Deer Creek, Walsingham, Harris Street, Smith's, Lossee's, Lyon's, Mabee's, Brownsville, Wilkinson's, etc. The buyers were out in full force, among whom we noticed:—Mr. Ballantyne, Stratford; Messrs. Cleverdon and Richardson, Strathroy; Messrs. Grant, Binmore, Podmore, Slawson, Byram, Galer, Simister, Davis, and Cook, Ingersoll. The various railway lines were represented in the persons of Messrs. Wilson, Hoagaio Tunnel; Barr, Merchants' Dispatch; Strachan, Erie; Sinclair, C. V. R.; Robinson, G. W. R., and Telfer, Grand Trunk.

At 3.30 Mr. Lossee called the meeting to order, with a view to the usual organization. After the Secretary, Mr. R. A. Woodcock, had read a financial statement for the past year, it was resolved to appoint a committee of five—three manufacturers and two buyers—to confer with a committee appointed by the Town Council or the Board of Trade, with a view to secure the proper working of the cheese market, and to report in two weeks. The committee were named as follows:—Messrs. Lossee, Hopkins, Bodwell, Podmore, and Simister. It was also resolved that when the meeting adjourns it stands adjourned for two weeks, next Tuesday being Queen's Birthday. Mr. Phelan brought the subject of "Silos" before the dairymen present, believing it was going to be a great benefit to the farming as well as to the dairy community. After a few suggestions on other subjects the meeting adjourned.

Eleven factories registered 1492 boxes, as follows:—L. J. Clark, 121 boxes; Excelsior, 160; Vittoria, 150; J. P. Mabee, 130; Maple Leaf, 150; H. S. Lossee, 100; Newark, 87; New Durham, 155; S. Elliott, 150; Mt. Elgin, 180; Holbrook, 139. Ten cents was offered at the opening, and afterwards withdrawn. No sales.

WOODSTOCK CHEESE MARKET.

The first cheese market of the season was held on Wednesday of last week, offering 400 boxes April make and 300 boxes the first week in May. Of the latter 263 boxes were bought by T. Ballantyne, of Stratford, at 11c. per lb. The cheese markets are to be held every Wednesday during the season.

BELLEVILLE CHEESE MARKET.

The shipments of cheese during the week is 2,000 boxes which were purchased at 11½c. The make during April about equals in quantity that of last year, but that of May will exceed the production of May, 1880.

LONDON CHEESE FAIR.

On Saturday a large representation of factorymen, farmers, and dealers in cheese generally, assembled at the City Hall, for the purpose of reorganization and electing officers for the Association during 1881. Among those in attendance were:—John Wheaton, London Township, President; G. F. Jewell, city, Secretary; L. Cleverdon, Strathroy; J. W. Scott, Sparta; R. Boston, Melrose; R. Rich; T. Ballantyne, M.P.P., Stratford; R. Wood, Bryanston; J. K. Little, Westminster; J. M. Sutton, Westminster; J. Sipton, Metcalf; F. D. Norton, Westminster; G. Decker, do.; D. McLean, Aldboro; T. Nagle, G. Nagle, Caradoc; J. Robertson, London East; M. Moore, Crumlin; A. A. Davis, Woodstock; J. Taylor, London Township; W. H. McLean, Crinnan; J. C. B. Galer, Ingersoll; S. J. Walker, Glencoe; J. S. Pearse, city; L. R. Richardson, Strathroy; W. B. Heath, city; J. Carmichael, London Township, and many others. The retiring President briefly addressed those present, stating that the present was the largest attendance at any previous market. The election of officers was then proceeded with. President—Mr. J. Wheaton. Vice-President—Mr. F. D. Norton. Secretary—Mr. G. F. Jewell. Directors—Messrs. L. R. Richardson, J. W. Scott, J. K. Little, B. Wood, Dugald Leitch, W. B. Heath, J. S. Pearse, J. Carmichael, W. McKerricher, Jas. Gilmour, A. G. Deadman, Thos. Nagle and the Chairman of the Market Committee, *ex-officio*. A cordial vote of thanks was moved, and unanimously carried, to the management of the past year for the successful conduct of the season's business, and a short discussion followed on matters of general interest. 1326 boxes, first half May make, were offered, but no sales. Liverpool cable report 69s.

UTICA CHEESE MARKET.

May 16.—The price of cheese to-day is 1c. lower than it was a year ago, but it is 3½c. higher than two years ago, and 1½c. higher than three years ago. There is a certain amount of consolation in this comparison, and if we can form any judgment of the rest of the season from what is already past, it seems likely to stand about midway between last year and the season of 1878. That is, it will be a good average year. It is the occasion of remark that prices have been exceedingly uniform this season for each separate day's trade. To-day, for instance, we quote only two prices, and last week there were only two; while in each case the bulk went at the leading price. Sales are 7 lots, 488 boxes, at 10⅞c.; and 28 lots, 2,631 boxes, at 11c. Entire sales, 3,119 boxes. Commissions, 1,669 boxes. Total, 4,788 boxes. Leading price, 11c. Transactions of corresponding day last year, 5,747 boxes, at 11@12¼c.; of year before last, 7,035 boxes at 7½@7⅞c.

LITTLE FALLS CHEESE MARKET.

May 16.—The market to-day manifested much the same features of last week, viz: the complete standing off of buyers, with a desire of taking the cheese on commission. It was thought prices would be about one cent per pound lower. To-day shows but ½c. to ¼c. decline, which will prove a surprise to nearly all who watched the market. Very little full milk cheese is yet offered and that which was offered seemed to be about as much neglected as the other. A peculiar feature of the market is that there were undoubtedly some every day cheese, half skims, that sold as high as full cream goods; but as to the latter it is, perhaps, fair to state that they were sold on a guarantee with a promise of a better price if their sale in New York would warrant it. Buyers are evidently afraid to take hold sharply, and anticipate a break; and who can blame them for being extremely cautious, when it is acknowledged by everybody that the traffic just now is very risky? In two or three week a steadier and more active market is expected, as by that time the most of the stock will be full milked. Within the past week about all the herds have been turned to grass, and pastures are looking splendidly. Following is the list of transactions:

Lots.	Boxes.	Price.
2	75	9½c.
20	730	10c.
7	153	10⅛c.
15	604	10½c.
5	210	10¾c.
15	672	11c.
8	503	11¼c.
29	1,395	Coms.
2	66	p. t.
101	4,309	
Farm dairies	529	
Total	4,788	

FARM DAIRIES.—There was a large sale and delivery of farm cheese, amounting to 529 boxes. Prices were all the way from 7 to 11c; the bulk sold at about 10c., three lots bringing 11c.

NEW YORK CHEESE MARKET.

May 14.—Receipts for the week were 31,253 boxes; exports, 23,730 boxes. This week exporters took freely and stock was well cleared, but there was a tendency to lower prices, and at the close 12½c. was an outside price, and cheese out of condition from the late heated term were off 1c.@3c. in price.

THE LATE DAIRY MARKETS.

CHEESE.—Two causes conspired to make last week a disastrous one for the cheese market, viz.: the extreme heat of the weather, and the large excess of receipts over shipments. A large proportion of the arrivals were in poor condition also, and it was difficult to find any strictly fine stock, owing to the effects of the heat. We learn that the combinations in the western part of the state, which sell during the latter part of the week, and which generally receive top prices, sold on Friday and Saturday from 11c. down to 10½c. These are strong indications that the market is tumbling, and that fodder cheese will have to accept lower prices. The rains that have now set in are bringing the grass on very rapidly, and cows will be turned out this week pretty generally. But it will be fully three weeks before any quantity of grass cheese will come into market, and meanwhile the product of our factories seems likely to be a good deal lower in price.—*Utica Weekly Herald.*

DAIRY NOTES.

The Sheffield Cheese Factory is now in full swing, and has as many patrons as it can well do.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

CHEESE.—The demand has been steady, especially for fine cheese, such being very scarce. Stocks now of fine cheese are very small. The market closes firm at 60s. to 72s. for finest. Mediums are in steady demand at 45s. to 60s., as to quality.

BUTTER.—The demand at present is almost exclusively upon low grades at 40s. to 45s., or really choice lots at 100s. to 105s., qualities between these grades remain dull and neglected.—*Hodgson Bros.' Circular.*

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Receipts of new *Butter* in this market continue to increase, and stocks are steadily accumulating. The only outlet experienced has been the demand from the local trade, consequently prices still tend in buyers' favour, and the general opinion is that they will recede considerably further before business will be done on export account. Jobbing lots sell at 15c. to 17c., as to quality and colour; these prices apply to chiefly to Eastern Townships, 1c to 2c more being obtainable for choice great favour. New creamery butter has been offered during the week at 22c, with 20c bid. The market for new *Cheese* rules quiet, with prices weak, at 11c. to 11½c. for shipment, a lot of 100 boxes having been sold at the inside figure yesterday; shippers are operating quite cautiously, unwilling to buy freely at present values. In Belleville district new cheese is said to be selling at from 11c. to 14½c., and several carloads were to be shipped from Belleville this week. It is feared that the bulk of the Ingersoll make will be shipped this year via New York, instead of from this port as heretofore, on account of the present great disparity in freight charges; from New York to Liverpool rates range from 17s. to 20s., the lowest figures known within the past 25 years, while here rates are quoted at 30s. to 35s. A favourable decline, however, may shortly occur. A number of new factories have been opened throughout the country, and the make of cheese in Canada and the United States this season will undoubtedly be quite large, much in excess of that of previous years. A rich, abundant pasturage is already assured. In New York business in cheese lacks animation, and the general tone is tame. Values there are somewhat unsettled at the moment; sales of choice reported at 12½c. for coloured and 12½c. for white. These rates might have to be shaded now, to secure customers. In medium grades little doing, and it is difficult to exceed 11½c. The Liverpool market has commenced to decline, the public cable being quoted the past couple of days at 69s 6d. In New York butter market sellers have the advantage, and the tone is firm for all fine stock. There is no special buoyancy, as receivers avoid taking any risk, but natural competition is affording a stimulus. Fine lines of creamery are worth 24c., with 1c. advance, and even more asked for selections. State dairy tubs readily bring 22c., and fine have sold at 23c., with small parcels commanding even a higher rate. Western dairy is somewhat nominal in value; very little choice offering. Exporters have scarcely commenced negotiations yet.—*Journal of Commerce*, 12th inst.

EASTERN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Dairymen's Association met at Belleville on Friday, and after a long discussion it was resolved to hold the next butter and cheese exhibition in connection with the exhibition of the Toronto Industrial Association in September next. The amount to be granted for prizes was fixed at $250. The sum of $400 was appropriated for securing a competent butter and cheese inspector to travel through the district and give instructions.

THE BRITISH GRAIN TRADE.

LONDON, May 16.—The *Mark Lane Express* says:—The dry, harsh winds during the week have materially reduced the crop prospects. The change, unless it comes shortly, will be too late to save the spring wheat, which begins to look yellow. Altogether the season is amongst the latest recorded. Trade continues chronically dull, and rates since Monday have been slowly declining. There was better enquiry for red wheats on Friday on account of the preponderance of white in foreign imports. The foreign trade was nominal. The rates on Monday were unchanged. On Friday they declined a shilling, but buyers only satisfy present necessities, although holding a strong position. The supplies are much smaller, chiefly from America. The off coast market was solely for American red winter, which was held at 47s 6d per quarter, against the most languid enquiry. The floating bulk is still large but decreasing. Flour is everywhere difficult to sell, as the foreign supply grows. Values are declining. Foreign is tedious and laborious of sale and demand. Consumptive values are drooping. Barley was slow of sale at unchanged rates. The foreign trade was nominal. Oats were in fair demand, and heavy samples were dear. Foreign sold steadily but slow at unchanged rates. Maize was drooping. Mixed American fell slightly on Friday. The sales of English wheat were 34,110 quarters at 44s 10d per quarter, against 26,794 quarters at 44s 9d per quarter in the corresponding week last year.

BORN.

BAIN.—On the 9th inst., the wife Mr. James T. Bain, Woodstock, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

WELDON—JACKSON.—On Tuesday, May 10th, at the residence of the bride's father, "Terrace Hill," Brantford, by the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Mr. J. E. Weldon, (of Weldon Bros., Norwich), to Miss Anna Maud, only daughter of R. J. Jackson, Esq., Brantford.

DIED.

O'NEIL.—At Burgessville, 5th inst., Mr. Edward O'Neil, aged 54 years and 27 days.

DENNIS.—At Burgessville, 6th inst., Mr. Ransom P. Dennis, in the 22nd year of his age.

BARNSCOTT.—At Tilsonburg, on the 9th inst., Norah, daughter of Mr. T. Barnscott, marble dealer, aged two years, seven months and nine days.

HOLDEN.—In Nissouri, 14th inst., Maria, daughter of Mr. George Holden, aged 3 years, 9 months and 16 days.

RUSSEL.—In Putnamville, 14th inst., Sarah Ann, wife of Mr. John Russel, aged 39 years and 9 months.

MAYBERRY.—In Bedford, 16th inst., Myrtle May, daughter of Mr. F. Mayberry, aged 8 years and 8 days.

SCHELL.—At Riverside, Southern California, 9th inst., Eliza, wife of Mr. D. Schell, formerly of this town, aged 60 years and 10 days.

INGERSOLL CURLING AND SKATING RINK COMPANY.

A Special General Meeting

Of the Stock-Holders of the above Company will be held at the office of the undersigned, on MONDAY EVG., 23rd May, inst., at Eight o'clock sharp, for the purpose of ratifying a By-Law passed by the Directors, to raise a sum of money by way of loan on a mortgage on the real estate of the said Co., in the manner stated in said By-Law.

M. WALSH, Sec.