

A Railway Mania.
To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—It seems to me that Western Canada is at present afflicted with a railway mania. Every little town and petty village appears to think that if they succeed in saddling themselves with debt in the shape of bonuses, and secure the services of half a dozen railways to carry their few tons of overplus produce, they will eventually burst the shell and emerge into full fledged cities. The mania is not confined to these alone, for we find steady-going townships within 12 miles of our cities and towns granting \$30,000 and even \$40,000 to a railway, which, however low its freight rates may be, will never benefit them one cent in the increase of prices for grain, because the farmers in these townships will still drive their produce to the city themselves, for there they can both sell and buy to greater advantage than in the small villages at home.

Another phase of the infection is the building or proposed building of railways through districts of country which are already sufficiently provided with railway accommodation. Take for instance the Credit Valley R. R., which appears to wind about in inextricable confusion between, along, and across pre-existing railways, and seems to be in imminent jeopardy of total annihilation from its frequent collisions with the Narrow Gauge, G. T. R., W., G. and B. R. R., and W. R. R.

In conclusion, I would remark that bubble-blowing is a very pleasing amusement as long as the bubble remains intact, and retains its gorgeous prismatic coloring, but they are very liable to explode and leave nothing but a strong infusion of soap-suds in the deluded operator's eyes. The connection is obvious.

Yours, &c.,
PAIDENCE,
Waterloo Township, May 2, 1874.

How Paper Collars and Kid Gloves are Made.

Both of these necessities are extensively manufactured in this town by Messrs. Young & Spiers at their establishment on North Water Street. The 'cloth paper' as it is called, i. e. clear white paper faced with linen, is imported from the other side in sheets of say about 2 feet long by 18 inches broad. A girl takes from a dozen to twenty of these sheets in a bunch, lays on them near the one end a die of the exact shape of the collar to be made, and then slips the whole under a perpendicular press which works up and down with great force. This press descending upon the die forces it through the paper, and thus at each stroke or revolution, probably 20 collars are cut, which constitutes the first part of the process. The cut collars are next taken in charge of by a second girl who feeds them as rapidly as she can to another press, in construction not very unlike a 'Gordon' jobber, which stamps the 'stitching' beautifully around them, and at the same time indents them along the 'line of folding.' A third then with another machine cuts out the button-holes; a fourth doubles the collars along the line of indentation and slips them in this folded manner through a fourth machine, when they are ready to be boxed. Boxing and labelling are the exclusive work of one hand, and the manufacture of boxes of another. It thus requires six different processes and as many different hands to manufacture a collar from the prepared material, and fit it for the market.

The Kid Glove Factory is on a ground floor close by the other building. The process of cutting out the gloves is very similar to its counterpart in the collar factory, the only difference being that the glove dies are forced through the pelts by blows from a heavy wooden maul. Linings are cut in the same manner, and then the whole are removed upstairs where they receive the close attention and deft manipulation of half-a-dozen sewing machine girls who ply their avocation with credit, for we understand that the gloves as well as the collars manufactured at the establishment of Messrs. Young & Spiers are deservedly celebrated for their finish and durability.—Galt Reformer.

Great Western Railway.

The semi-annual report of the Great Western Railway Directors, issued in London on the 15th April, reached this city yesterday.

In the Wellington, Grey and Bruce account a profit for the half year of £157 17s. 6d. is shown. For maintenance of way, locomotive service, wages, &c., £18,268 19s. 7d. is charged. The receipts from passenger and freight traffic were £26,324 1s. 8d. Less 30 per cent. written off to credit of W. G. and B. Railway, 30 per cent of earnings' account, £7,897 4s. 7d., leaving the small balance noted above. The London and Port Stanley working account shows on the debtor side for maintenance of way, locomotive and car service, wages, &c., £7,764 11s. 2d. On the credit side, for passenger and freight traffic, \$8,608 0s. 10d., leaving a balance profit to net reserve account of £243 9s. 8d.

The aggregate traffic receipts on the main line and branches (exclusive of those of the Galt and Guelph, the W., G. and B., and the L. and Pt. S. Rys.) exhibit a gross increase of £29,870 2s. 7d. The passenger earnings show a decrease of £6,773 15s. 5d., solely due to this cause, but although this branch of traffic was falling off, it was found impossible to reduce the number of trains. The through freight business as well as the local Canadian traffic, was also for four months of the half-year, from the same cause, very materially reduced, an almost complete stagnation of trade having been the result of the panic.

In order to show in figures the effect of this reduction in rates, the Directors may state that the amount received for through traffic carried in the last half-year was £276,160, but had the tonnage which produced this been carried even at the low rates obtained in the corresponding half year of 1873, the Company would have received £306,950, or £30,790 more for performing the same amount of work. The Directors also regret to have to notice the continued increase in ordinary working expenses, the prices of labor and materials having again been high.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT HAMILTON.
—The Assessor's returns show the value of real and personal property and income to be \$14,119,662, a total increase over last year of \$1,171,652. The total population is 31,957, or 1,756 more than last year, and 5,241 in advance of the returns for 1871, at which time the population was 26,716. The Times thinks the figures will represent 45,000 citizens by the time the next census is taken.



Grand Display of Millinery

—AT—
GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

GEORGE JEFFREY has much pleasure in informing his numerous friends and the public generally that his Show Room is now open, and is prepared to show

**One of the Best Assortments of Millinery and Mantles
EVER EXHIBITED IN GUELPH.**

As the stock is all new, Ladies will have no trouble in selecting the newest goods at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH
Direct Importer, Guelph.

Wanted, in addition to our lately increased staff, 6 first-class Salesmen. None need apply but pushing, thorough-going men, who can get through an immense amount of work.

TREMENDOUS SALE

—OF—
CLAYTON'S (CASH STORE) BANKRUPT STOCK

AT THE LION



AT THE LION

Having bought from the Creditors the whole stock at little over half price, it will be rushed off at the same as room must be had for our heavy weekly arrivals from Britain.

Over \$2000 worth of the Wet Goods from the Thorold Mills sold in ten days. Those who have not yet secured any of them had better do so at once, as three or four days will clear the lot out.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

**A LARGE STOCK OF
NEW**

**China, Crockery,
and Glassware,**

NOW OPENED AT

**No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK,
and will be sold Cheap for Cash.**

**J. E. McELDERRY
2 DAY'S BLOCK,
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.**

**R. MacGREGOR & Co.
(Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.)**

**BOOTS AND SHOES
MADE TO ORDER**

This Branch of our Business is receiving our Special attention, and we are getting up Goods second to none in the Dominion.

We Use the Very Best of Material

Employ First-class Workmen ONLY, and guarantee perfect satisfaction to our Customers.

R. MacGregor & Co.

GUELPH, Apr. 25, 1874.

Co-Operative Store.

DIVISION OF PROFITS

We are now paying our Customers 3 cents on the dollar in cash, on their purchases for the past quarter.

SPECIAL CHEAP LINES!

A PRETTY DRESS OF 15 YARDS FOR \$1.50
UNION TWEEDS (purchased at auction) ONLY 35 CTS PER YARD.
A SPLENDID LINE OF FELT HATS, ONLY 75 CENTS EACH
BOYS LINEN FACE COLLARS FIVE CENTS PER BOX
DUNDAS COTTONS 10c. BLEACHED COTTONS 9c.
DARK FANCY PRINTS 10c. LIGHT FANCY PRINTS 10c.
CALF SLIPPERS 50c PER PAIR PRUNELLA BOOTS 75c PER PAIR
A BOX OF 75 CENT TEA, TEN LBS., FOR SIX DOLLARS.

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

J. C. MACKLIN & C.

GUELPH, April 19, 1874

William Stewart

HAS

NOW OPENED

THE

**First Lot's New Goods
for Spring!**

Piles of Plain Lustres,
Lots of Striped Dress Goods,
Fancy Goods
The Newest Colors and Patterns.

THE

Print Department

IS CROWDED

With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at

LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 23, 1874

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.

**CLOTHS,
HATS AND CAPS,
GENTS' FURNISHINGS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING.**

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

Shaw & Murton,

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

MERCHANT TAILORS.

ALE AND PORTER

In Prime Condition,

ALE AND PORTER

In Bottle and in Wood.

HUGH WALKER,

Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph Apr. 13, 1874.

JUST COME IN!

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are putting up to-day

320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.
600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.
120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c. for 50c.
A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb.
10 hogsheds of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.
50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

HART & SPIERS,
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance,
and General Agents, 4 Day's
Block, Guelph.

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Spiers in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, etc. etc. neatly and correctly prepared.
Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.
HART & SPIERS,
4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.
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State of Trade in the Country Districts.

(From the Monetary Times.)

We have recently had the opportunity of reading a large number of letters, written mostly by business men in various parts of Ontario, in answer to special enquiries as to the position of trade in their respective localities, and especially with reference to the results of the winter's business.

MR. DAVIS, who was shot in Yorkville some time since by burglars, is now able to leave the house, and on Tuesday next he is to be at the police court to see the prisoner Levitt suspected as one of the burglars.

BRANFORD.—Epps & Co., Chemists, and Comforting.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast-table with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.

Looking next to the western counties of Lambton, Kent, Essex, Elgin and Middlesex, it appears that trade has suffered from the open character of the winter, but especially from the depression of the oil industry.

From the southern counties of Lincoln, Welland, Norfolk and Hamilton, the reports are not flattering. In Norfolk county there is an increase of out-standings and a general complaint of the smallness of cash sales.

Several counties east of Toronto, including Ontario, Northumberland and Durham, Peterboro', Victoria, &c., have more heavy goods than usual. At manufacturing points, such as Oshawa, less than the usual activity is reported, owing to the substitution of American goods for the home-made.

Abnormal Growths, Ulcers, Tumors, Cancer's Excrescences, and all growths of malignant or non-malignant characters, are due to a diseased or scrofulous condition of the blood.

THE Druggists have just received a supply of Dr. Wilson's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Glycerine. This preparation has been in use in private practice for fifteen years, and is confidently recommended to the public as the most elegant and reliable tonic for building up constitutions that have for a long time been suffering from Chronic Wasting Disease, depending upon poor blood.

But in almost all cases there is little or no pain, no great prostration. The treatment is safe, sure and certain. Cancer consists of several orders, viz.: Scirrhus, Medullary, Melanotic and Cystic or Colloid, each of which consists of several varieties, and which take various forms, and consequently require different modes of treatment.

Cancers have been partially removed by the knife or by the application of plasters or salves in the hands of inexperienced persons, but some portions of the roots and virus being left a renewed growth of cancer is invariably the result.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GREAT TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows:—WEST.—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.

LONDON, QUEBEC AND MONTREAL. 1874. Temperley Line. Composed of the following, and other first-class Iron Steamships:

From London For QUEBEC and MONTREAL. On Wednesday, 15th April, to be followed at intervals of ten days during the season, and from Quebec for London about 7th May.

Through tickets, from all points west, at Reduced Rates. Certificates issued to persons desirous of bringing out their friends. Through bills of lading issued on the continent and in London for all parts of Canada, and in the United States to Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, and other points in the west.

ALLAN Steamship Line. GUELPH AGENCY. Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at bestrates.

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.

ALSO, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroad. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. ANCHOR LINE. Steamers from New York every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Rich Farming Lands. For sale VERY CHEAP by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The Best Investment! No Fluctuations Always improving in Value!

THE PIONEER. A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address G. F. DAVIS, Land Commissioner U. S. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

NEW DEPOT. WALL PAPER. School Books, STATIONERY. IMMENSE STOCK. AT J. HUNTER'S. Wholesale and Retail.

THE Largest Stock. The Greatest Variety. The Best and the Cheapest. Ever exhibited in Guelph. AT J. HUNTER'S. Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store Wyndham Street Guelph.

SEED BARLEY and SPRING WHEAT FOR SALE.—At the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Apr. 24, 1874.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The GUELPH MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in Guelph, by the week 10 cents.

Advertisements intended for local insertion, or for the week, 10 cents per line for each insertion; for the month, 30 cents per line; for three months, 80 cents per line; for six months, 1.50 per line; for a year, 3.00 per line.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 1st Dec. are renewed as subject to our revised rates.

WOODLAND NURSERIES. New and Beautiful PLANTS. Green House, Foliage, Window and Bedding Plants.

Vegetable Plants. Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Tomatoes, Asparagus, &c., &c.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS. I beg to inform the patrons of the Medical Dispensary, and the general public, that I have disposed of my interest in the above business to Mr. G. H. McIntyre, of St. Mary's, who will continue to conduct the business in the stand lately occupied by me.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES. Family Sewing Machine (single thread) Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) No. 1, Foot Power.

THOUSANDS ARE USING THE MYRTLE NAVY. Beware of Imitations. Each genuine Plug has T. & B. STAMPED UPON IT.

THOS. WORSWICK MACHINISTS' TOOLS. Complete, with best modern attachments. STEAM ENGINES. Of a superior class, with variable cut off.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. in GREAT VARIETY. JAMES CORMACK, Guelph, April 21, 1874.

NEW GOODS. JUST RECEIVED, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable for the season.

BERLIN WOOLS. And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT. Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel. NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.

VALUABLE Property for Sale

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH. In accordance with the last Will and Testament of the late John Mitchell, the residue of the estate is now offered for sale viz: Farm Property.

About 200 acres of good land (west of the Eramosa Road in the North Ward) in quantities of one acre and upwards to suit purchasers; part of said land is well timbered, and the remainder under cultivation.

Town Lots. Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Eramosa Road. Lot 6, corner Eramosa Road and Mitchell St., with good 2 story stone dwelling house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, &c.

NEW Carriage and Wagon Shop! Cork-st., Guelph. The subscriber begs to announce to the public that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr. Wm. Smith, on Cork street, and is prepared to manufacture Carriages, Wagons and Cutters of every description.

NEW Paint Shop. The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fowley's Furniture Shop, and opposite C. Palmer's Church.

J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants, AND SHIPPERS, 26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

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COMPLETE SUCCESS

TEN FIRST PRIZES. At Two Exhibitions. Wm. BELL & Co. GUELPH, ONT. Received Every First Prize for

Organs & Melodeons. At the Provincial Exhibition, Hamilton, and Central Exhibition, Guelph. This grand success, in addition to year's record of

Silver Medal 3D Diplomas, and 12 First Prizes. Prove that our instruments in the opinion of competent judges, are incomparably superior to all others.

THE ORGANETTE, containing Scribner's Patent Qualifying Tubes, acknowledged by all to be the greatest improvement yet introduced.

PARKER'S Carriage Works, Macdonnell Street, near the Grand Trunk Station, Guelph. The subscriber has now on hand a large stock of

Carriages, Buggies & Market Wagons. Ready for the coming season, which he will sell cheap for cash, or on short time.

W. ARMSTRONG & SONS CARRIAGE FACTORY. THE Subscribers beg to inform their customers and the public that they have now in stock a number of

BUGGIES WAGGONS, &c. all made of the best material and finished in a class style. Those requiring anything in our line should give us a call, and inspect our stock, as we see it is giving their satisfaction.

Ordered Work turned out Promptly. Repairing, re-painting and re-trimming done at the best and on short notice.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the session thereof next, after the expiration of six months from the date of this notice, by HENRY WILLIAM PETERSON, of the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, in the Province of Ontario, Barrister at Law, for a Bill of Divorce from ELIZA PETERSON, his wife, of the Town of Guelph, aforesaid, on the ground of Adultery.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT. A Blacksmith Shop, Situated on the Grand Road, Minto Town, near Palmerston, consisting of a large blacksmith shop, having two fires, an excellent dwelling house and good stabling.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY. The undersigned has \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrower, with interest at 8 percent, for periods from 5 to 15 years. Early applications requested.

EASY TERMS OF PAYMENT. 100 acres, near Freelon Post Office, North Westward, good soil, good buildings, 10 miles from Dundas and 12 from Hamilton. Title direct from the Crown. Immediate possession. Apply to the proprietor by letter.

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS. Store and Dwelling for Sale. An excellent opportunity is now offered in the Village of Freelon, on the Town Line between Wallace and Maryborough, and within one quarter of a mile of the W. G. & B. railway, 5 miles from Palmerston and from Huxtonville, in the centre of a rich agricultural country.

MILL PRIVILEGE FOR SALE CHEAP.—The undersigned offers for sale a first-class mill privilege, capable of driving any ordinary machinery. Situated within one mile of the thriving village of McKellar Falls. The above is a splendid opening for a grist mill, as there is none within seven miles in any direction. For particulars apply to David Patterson, McKellar Falls, or to T. C. Chisholm, Guelph, Feb. 4, 1874.