



The Credit Valley Railway Acts.

Among the host of railway bills which have come before the Legislature this session for its sanction, is one amending the acts previously passed relating to the Credit Valley Railway. It contains one or two clauses which should not be overlooked by the people in this and other Counties who have either granted, or are about to grant, bonuses to aid in the construction of the road.

We notice that the first clause in this bill confirms and makes valid and binding the power of attorney granted by the Company to Mr. George Laidlaw, the President of it. This power of attorney gives Mr. Laidlaw authority to make such agreement as to him may seem proper in regard to the construction and completion of the road.

But though bad enough, this is not the most iniquitous part of the bill, as our readers will see. Mr. Laidlaw in the plenitude of his power has done even worse than concentrate all that power in himself—he has broken faith with the Municipalities which have given bonuses to the Credit Valley Railway, and by a most wanton act of injustice deprived the Directors representing these Municipalities of the powers which he conferred on them in the bill amending the Act which was passed in the session of 1873.

When this bill came before the Railway Committee, we are informed that Mr. Gow fought hard to get this clause expunged, and strongly condemned it as unjust to the Municipalities, as well as a breach of faith. Mr. Laidlaw through Toronto and other influence as stoutly fought to have it retained, but finding that the majority in the Committee were a little squeamish about swallowing it in its entirety, they consented to add a clause giving to Municipal Directors the supervision over the expenditure of the money raised in their Municipalities, and a voice in determining the rates to be charged for passengers and freight.

Comment on such dishonest and dishonourable work is unnecessary. Mr. Laidlaw through Toronto influence, by continuous lobbying for weeks beforehand, by a constant attendance in the saloon of the House, and an unlimited supply of champagne, has succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. He has triumphed for the time, but we warn those municipalities who have trusted in his word, or who may be inclined to put faith in his specious promises, that he is unreliable, unprincipled, and unscrupulous.

Domino Parliament. Parliament meets on Thursday, when the Speaker will be elected. The Speech from the Throne will be read on Friday, and it is rumoured that the House will probably adjourn over Passion week and Easter.

The Ontario supplementary estimates this year only amount to about \$65,000. More than half the sum is on account of the Agricultural College and for the settlement of the boundary dispute between Ontario and Quebec.

The Income Franchise.—The Bill giving votes to those having an income of \$400 a year passed its third reading on Saturday, after the introduction of a clause providing that it is not to come into effect until January of next year. The reason for the postponement is that nearly all the assessments for the present year have been completed, and that to make the law come into operation at once would be to make the franchise differ widely in different constituencies.

A movement is afoot in the United States and Canada for the organization of a "Liberal Baptist Union." The object of this organization is the promotion within the bonds of the Baptist denomination of the doctrine of Christian liberty in relation to the Lord's supper.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 17th of March, the Rev. George Bell, LL.D., late of Clifton, was settled in Walkerton over the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland.

BIRTHS.

RICHARDSON—At Rockwood, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. Ralph Richardson, carriage-maker, of a son. CURRY—At Rockwood, on the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. Anson L. A. E. Curry, of a daughter. PARKER—In Brussels, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. John Parker, of the North American Hotel, of a son.

MARRIED.

LANG—HOBSON—On the 18th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. A. Thomson, Mr. John Lang, to Miss Catharine, third daughter of Mr. Wm. Houston, Caledon.

DIED.

MOLTON—At Guelph, on Monday, the 23rd inst., Jackson Molton, aged 61 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Nottingham street, at two o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon. Friends are requested to attend without further notice.

Floor Oil Cloth, Floor Oil Cloth,

Very Rich and Chaste Designs, Splendid assortment, Patterns Quite New.

FRESH LOT OF

Door Mats, Door Mats,

NOW OPENING OUT AT JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

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WALLPAPER IN GUELPH.

Gold, Satins, Grounds, Marble, Oak,

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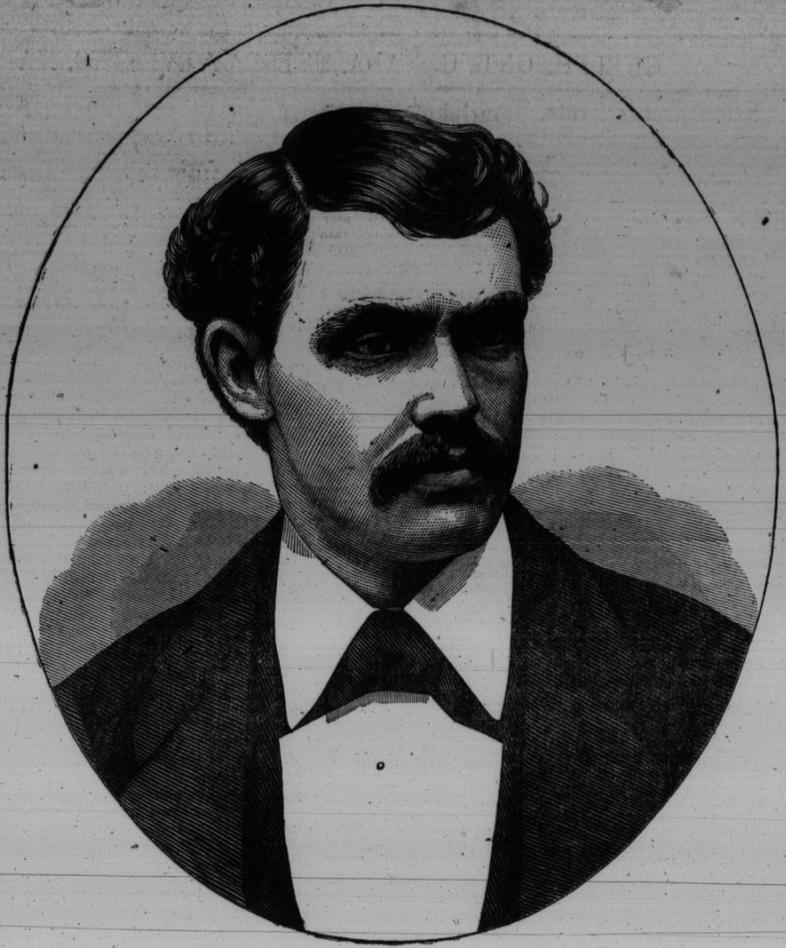
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BISHOP'S SERENADERS! TOWN HALL, GUELPH, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 25th.



Don't fail to see this Combination of 18 Star Performers. Ladies and gentlemen by birth and education. Admittance 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents.

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, MERCHANT TAILORS. GUELPH, March 21, 1874

1874 SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1874 JAMES CORMACK, Tailor and Clothier, No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of Goods Suitable for the Season CONSISTING OF Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and Newest Patterns.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc. In great variety. Guelph, March 21, 1874. JAMES CORMACK, dwlmtw

The Spring Trade Opening Up Lively at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END A. O. BUCHAM

Begs to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he will show all next week a superb stock of

NEW DRESS GOODS, BLACK AND COLORED SILKS, COSTUMES, COSTUMES, Shawls, Mantles and Mantle Materials. INSPECTION INVITED.

A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

PAY UP. All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection. W. D. HEPBURN & CO. GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

1874 SPRING 1874 Per Steamships Hibernian and Phenician

20,000 ROLLS OF WALL PAPER -ALL- The Newest Patterns.

DECORATIONS, GOLD PAPERS, OAKS, MARBLES. The Largest and Finest Stock of New Wall Papers can be seen at

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

\$60,000 00 In Valuable Gifts! to be distributed in L. D. SINE'S 166th Regular Monthly

GIFT ENTERPRISE To be drawn MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1874.

TWO GRAND CAPITALS OF \$5000 each in greenbacks Two prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks Five prizes \$500 each in greenbacks Ten prizes \$100 each in greenbacks 1 horse and buggy, with silver-mounted harness, worth \$600. One fine toned Rosewood Piano, worth \$500. Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$100 each. Five Gold Watches and Chains, worth \$300 each. Five Gold American Hunting Watches, worth \$125 each. Ten Ladies Gold Hunting Watches, worth \$100 each. 50 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth from \$20 to \$200 each). Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c., &c. Number of gifts 6,500. Tickets limited to \$500. AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid. Single tickets, \$1; six tickets, \$5; twelve tickets, \$10; twenty-five, \$25. Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, box 86, 101 W. Fifth-st. Cincinnati, O.

JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW

DRUG STORE LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes" In all shades comprising Scarlet, Carmine, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, 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,

Next door to J. E. McMurry's and directly opposite John Horaman's. REMOVAL. D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER,

Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts. Guelph, March 20, 1874. dwlmtw

THOROUGH-BRED DURHAM BULL FOR SALE—Rising 3 years old. He is a first-class animal, with registered pedigree. Apply to Thomas Day, Lot No. 5, 6th concession, Eramosa. m2-wit

The Rival Glansmen  
A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END—ENAS ASCERTAINS THE DESTINATION OF CAMERON AND IAN—THE CATERANS OF BEN-ACHRUI PRISONERS—CAPTAIN WINTERTON JOINS HECTOR IN THE PURSUIT.

"It is you, M'Leod," he exclaimed. "I am glad you have come. But who is with you?" "Ah, I should recognize her—the Witch of Ben-Lair."

"Even so, Murdoch, and we are come on business of pressing moment. But tell me, first, did Enas learn anything of those he sought?"

"Alas," replied the old man, "I know not what to think of his absence, but my son has not yet returned. I have never seen him since he left the hut while you were here."

"Never returned!" ejaculated Hector. "What can it mean?"

"I know not," replied Murdoch; "but I am scarcely free from misgivings. Gregor M'Donald, the landlord, came here just a little after you went out last night, and seemed to be angry because he found you were gone. I am afraid Donald Cameron and he must have been in league with each other, and must have suspected something of my son's errand, and have foully fallen upon him."

"Surely not!" exclaimed Hector, agitated at the thought. "They could not have suspected Enas of any complicity with me; and would not have raised their hands against him. Prudence would have shown them the folly of such a step."

"They had now all entered the hut, and during the above colloquy the Witch had been divesting herself of the extra clothing with which she had been wrapped up for the journey from Ben-Lair. But when she had heard Hector doubt that Cameron might have raised his hand against Enas M'Donald, she stepped forward, and with her small glittering eyes flashing wildly, exclaimed—

"Hector M'Leod, why should you wonder? Surely you know that the strongest point of Donald Cameron's faith is that 'dead men tell no tales.' You know that he is villain enough for anything, however wicked, to accomplish his vile ends. I hope you may be right, but I do not think you need be surprised when you hear it suggested that he may have done as old Murdoch fears."

The old man was much distressed at his son's lengthened absence, and both Hector and the Witch felt averse to break in upon his sorrow by referring to the more special object of their visit. But almost immediately an end was put to their suspense when Enas himself hurriedly entered the hut. He appeared to be much exhausted, and his dress was torn and disarranged as if he had been walking fast and far.

"Enas, my son, where have you been? What kept you so long away?" eagerly inquired Murdoch, the moment he saw him enter, while the others gathered round, eager to hear the young man's answer.

A flush of pride mantled young M'Donald's cheek as he, glancing at Hector, replied—

"I liked not, father, to return before I had accomplished what I went forth to do."

"And you have been successful?" eagerly gasped M'Leod.

"I have," replied the youth. "I have seen and dogged Donald Cameron and Ian McKenzie, and they carried with them the sister of Malcolm M'Leod and the young lady whose name is Flora Macgregor. Gregor M'Donald, the landlord of the inn, is also in company with them."

"Where are they? Where are they?" exclaimed Hector, with such vehemence and excitement that old Murdoch laid his hand on his arm as if to detain him from rushing off to seek them at the moment.

The Imperial Parliament and Home Rule.

The Home Rulers have fired their first gun, and made their debut as a distinct party organization in the British House of Commons. On Friday, when the address in reply to the speech from the throne was under discussion, Dr. Butt moved an amendment, representing the dissatisfaction of Ireland with the present system of Government, and declaring it to be the duty of Parliament to consider speedily the means of removing such discontent. Dr. Butt said the Irish asked for the management of their local affairs, leaving to Parliament the control of supreme matters. The Government of Ireland was based on distrust. The people asked the new Prime Minister, not for immediate Home Rule, but for complete policy of conciliation.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin upheld the amendment. Mr. Newdegate and Mr. Gladstone opposed it, the latter arguing that such a division of legislation as the amendment proposed was impossible. There was no authority to determine what affairs could be considered as exclusively Irish.

Lord Robert Monckton, Sir George Bowyer, Mr. Johnston, and others supported the amendment. Sir Michael Beach, Chief-Secretary for Ireland, denied the seriousness of the grievances alleged to exist. He said each party in Ireland interpreted Home Rule according to its own particular wants.

The discussion then closed, and the amendment was rejected by a vote of 51 to 114.

Why was the whale that swallowed Jonah like a retired milkman? "Because he got a profit (proph) out of the water."

Emerson says: "The way to make the world better is by reforming number one, then there is surely one villain less in the world."

Forlorn husbands propose to organize praying hands to besiege the milliner's shops and to soften the hearts of extortionate dressmakers.

A Western paper says of the air in its relation to man:—It kisses and blesses him, but will not obey him." Blobs says that that description suits his wife exactly.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND CONFORTEOUS.—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 cocoas, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homeopathic Chemists, London."

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ; 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
- 2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new ; 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

Direct Importer, Guelph.

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GREAT ATTRACTION!



Leading House in Ontario

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The new method of Importing by each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, & need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

Another addition of 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12 1/2c. worth 16c.;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12 1/2c, worth 25c ; 279 pieces Fig Lustré in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c, worth 37 1/2c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at \$2 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Gloves, New Hose, all of which is stunning value.

THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is rapidly filling up, and having engaged a first-class Milliner from the city, we will execute all orders entrusted to our care in the most fashionable style.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

OUR NEW TWEEDS

Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a choice lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS

Horrockses Bleached Cottons, soft finish ; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyle & Aslton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

Dominion Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS

Men's American Sporting Boots, Men's Rubber Boots, Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear

Ladies American Fancy Shoes, Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots, Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella. Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes. We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.

In the Custom Department

We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual. Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

WM. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, Feb. 9, 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 hogsheads 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.

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JARDINE'S WOOD-WORKING MACHINERY

Sash and Moulding Machines; Tenoning Machines, single and double cope; Hand Mitre Machines; Moulding Knives to any pattern; Screw Stamping Machines.

Mill, Agricultural and other Repairs. ANDREW JARDINE, Hespeler, Ont. Hespeler, Feb. 18, 1873.

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the great Northwest. \$45,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst. MR. G. B. FRASER

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Are now showing a new and splendid stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Well Made and Fashionably Cut

Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!

and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

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Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Mar. 20, 1874.

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.
- Choice Young Hyson Tea ..... at 50 cents per lb.
- Superior Young Hyson Tea ..... at 75 cents per lb.
- Finest Young Hyson Tea ..... at \$1 per lb.
- Choice Fresh Black Teas ..... at 50 cents per lb.
- Finest Fresh Black Teas ..... at 75 cents per lb.
- Selected Japan Teas ..... at 75 cents per lb.

Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

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 manufacturer in

- OZENGES, all flavors;
- DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
- GUM and LICORICE DROPS;
- CONVERSATION LOZENGES;
- MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
- SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS;
- FRUIT BISCUITS;
- GINGER NUITS;
- CHEWING GUM;
- ROCK CANDY;
- LICORICE.

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

Ontario Legislature. March 23rd. The House had a short sitting to wind up the business of the session previous to prorogation. Mr. McManus repudiated the responsibility of having, as misreported in an Opposition paper, advocated manhood suffrage. The Attorney-General moved a resolution authorizing the Government to take steps, by arbitration or otherwise, to settle the North-West boundary question. Several Bills having received a third reading and passed. Mr. Bykerk desired to resume the adjourned debate on the appropriation of the Municipal Loan Fund Act. The Speaker, however, ruled the motion to be out of order, and the House then adjourned.

The bridge across the Grand river at Caladonia was carried away by the ice and high water on Friday evening about nine o'clock. CURLENG.—Owing to the unusual mildness of the latter part of the season, the Union Curling Club of London was unable to compete for the Governor-General's medal, and his Secretary has been officially notified of the fact. The London curlers also consider the rules rather indefinite, leaving much room for unfair competition. At present there is no distinction made between the use of iron and stone, and it is also thought that the games should be played on open rinks. The curlers of the lower Province generally use iron "stones" which gives them a great advantage over the players who use the time-honored Ailsas.

**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.

**FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.** In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5s. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

**NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.** All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

**Commercial.**

**Guelph Markets.**

MERCURY OFFICE, March 4.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00 to 83 50
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs.	1 95 to 2 05
Treadwell do.	1 30 to 1 35
Spring Wheat do.	1 80 to 1 85
Oats do.	1 14 to 1 17
Peas do.	1 90 to 1 95
Barley, new, do.	2 30 to 2 40
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Straw do.	3 00 to 3 50
Wood, per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Eggs, per dozen	11 to 12
Butter, dairy, per lb.	20 to 22
Butter, rolls, do.	25 to 27
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 to 80
Apples, per 100 lbs.	60 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 00
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 4 50

**Toronto Markets.**

Toronto, March 4.

Fall Wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 50
Spring Wheat do.	1 15 to 1 30
Barley do.	1 35 to 1 40
Oats do.	1 45 to 1 48
Peas do.	1 90 to 1 95
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	7 00 to 7 50
Butter, lb rolls, do.	40 to 50
Butter, tub, dairy do.	30 to 33
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	13 to 14
Apples, per barrel	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bushel	50 to 60
Hay, per ton	20 50 to 25 00
Straw do.	15 00 to 17 00

**Hamilton Markets.**

Hamilton, March 31.

Wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 50
Barley do.	1 15 to 1 30
Red wheat do.	1 15 to 1 15
Spring wheat do.	1 10 to 1 14
Oats do.	1 40 to 1 41
Peas do.	1 60 to 1 68
Barley do.	1 30 to 1 35
Corn do.	1 00 to 1 05
Buckwheat do.	54 to 55
Clover do.	5 25 to 5 25
Timothy do.	3 00 to 4 00
Butter, fresh, per lb.	25 to 40
Butter, tub, do.	23 to 33
Apples, per bag	1 00 to 1 25
Potatoes do.	80 to 1 00

**Special Notices.**

**AS NUMEROUS CASES OF PHOSPHORUS** 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 Galsays 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, Spermatocystitis or Scrotal 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 one of this class of its worth reading. Both editions, revised, much enlarged, illustrated, bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address: REABODY 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. ap5dy.

**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. Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873. dw

**THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser** is published every afternoon. Terms 4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents. Rates of advertising—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 5 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 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 additional. Paragraph advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended for local insertion after the reading matter, but not among 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion. The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a CIRCULATION OF OVER FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY PAPER IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Terms—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00. Rates of Advertising—For transient advertisements 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Partners or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareil space, 50 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 for local insertion after the reading matter, but not among 10 lines, 50 cents 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 additional; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements changed often than once a month charged extra.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.** All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

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

**John M. Bond & Co.** Hardware Importers, Guelph.

**Revolvers,** Various makes;  
**Pistols,** Single and double barrel;  
**Guns,** Single and double barrel;  
**Ammunition,** &c. &c. &c.

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**NOTICE.** Erb's Celebrated **FALL WHEAT FLOUR** For Bread and Pastry. **ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS** Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town. Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph. **ROBERTSON BROS.,** Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dw

**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.** BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES All of which will be sold at and below cost. Orders received for Hair Jewellery. I. & J. ANDREWS, Guelph, Jan. 13th, 1874. dw

**POWELL'S Boot and Shoe Store** NEW SPRING GOODS Men's English and American style of **Gaiters and Shoes;** Ladies and Children's **GOAT, KID AND PRUNELLA,** Which for style, finish and durability, will be found superior to any in Guelph. Particular attention paid to **Custom Work and Repairing.** Remember the Noted Shoe Store, G. S. POWELL, West side Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Mar. 20th, 1874. dw

**NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS** Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable **FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS** **BERLIN WOOLS** And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to.

**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. **GEORGE MURTON,** Guelph, March 1st 1874. dw Proprietor

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.** GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows:—WEST— 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. TO EAST— 3:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 6:35 p.m. AREA or WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 3:50 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m. Going north—11:55 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Fergus; 5 p.m. for Fergus; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

**ANCHOR LINE.** Steamers from New York every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Passenger Accommodation Unsurpassed. Rates of passage from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo To Glasgow, Liverpool or Londonderry, Queenstown or Belfast. Cabin \$65, \$75 and \$85 gold, according to location; Intermediate \$30; Steerage \$24. Drafts issued at lowest rates. For passage or further information apply to Henderson Brothers, 7 Bowling Green, New York, or their Agent, Guelph, P. C. GARDNER, Express Agent, Guelph.

**INMAN LINE OF STEAMERS** BETWEEN 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. Rates of passage as low as any first-class Line. Tickets for Liverpool, Londonderry, Cork, and Glasgow, and prepaid Certificates good for 12 months to British passengers, issued by H. D. MOREHOUSE, Exchange Office. ALSO, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroad. Passengers booked to all points in the United States. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

**ALLAN Steamship Line** GUELPH AGENCY Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates. G. A. OXNARD, G. T. R. Agent.

**NEW DEPOT OF WALL PAPER** School Books, STATIONERY. IMMENSE STOCK AT J. HUNTER'S Wholesale and Retail. CALL AND SEE 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 dw Wyndham Street Guelph.

**FURNITURE AT RETAIL. BURR & SKINNER** Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale business they are now selling at retail at their new waterrooms 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. dw

**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 130 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch 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 60x20, 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 Garrafrax Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the lot.—The Rocky Saugeen 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 indisputable titles—the last 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. 12th-Joan.

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**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.

**Change of Business.** We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support. **W. D. HEPBURN & Co.** WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & Co., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days. In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from. Keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph. Custom Work will receive special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed. Repairing promptly attended to as usual. **R. MACGREGOR & CO.** Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.

**GUELPH TEA DEPOT** ARRIVING TODAY AT **E. O'DONNELL & Co's.** 500 barrels Salt at \$1.20 per barrel; 2 car loads of Lake Herrings; 1 car load of White Fish and Trout; 500 barrels of first-class Labrador Herrings; A large quantity of Ingersoll Cheese; 600 caddies of the best dollar Tea put up in 5lb tins For 50 cents pr lb. Also, a general assortment of Black and Japan TEAS, to be sold wholesale and retail CHEAP FOR CASH. A small lot of SUGAR at 13lb. for One Dollar. **E. O'DONNELL & CO.** GUELPH, Nov. 18, 1873.

**NOTICE.** All parties indebted to R. Clayton are requested to settle by the 31st of March. Any account unpaid after that date will be put into the hands of a Collector for collection. **R. CLAYTON.**

**12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1.** CHOICE IMPERIAL New Crop Teas 50c. per lb

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

**Rich Farming Lands** For sale VERY CHEAP by Union Pacific Railroad Co. The Best Investment! No Fluctuations! Always improving in Value! The wealth of the Country is made by the advance in Real Estate. NOW IS THE TIME MILLIONS OF ACRES Of the finest lands on the Continent, in Eastern Nebraska, now for sale. Many of them never before in Market, at prices that defy competition. Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 6 per cent. The Land Grant Bonds of the Company taken at par for lands. Full particulars given, new Guide with new Maps mailed free. **THE PIONEER** A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address O. F. DAVIS, Land Commissioner U. P. R. R., m14-dw3m Omaha, Neb.

**ARTHUR, Ontario.** Lands for Sale: VILLAGE OF ARTHUR A number of Town and Park Lots. TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR, 2nd and 3rd divisions of lot No. 25, on the west side of the Owen Sound road, with the Gore in the rear. 148 acres, 100 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 kitchen in the rear. The barn, stables and other places are all frame, and substantial buildings. This farm is well worth the notice of agriculturists, either as a breeding farm or cheese factory. 3rd division of lot 34, Owen Sound road, 100 acres, nearly all under cultivation. Good log dwelling house, frame barn and sheds. Only 14 miles along the gravel road from Arthur to Owen Sound. UNIMPROVED. South half of 15, in 2nd con., 100 acres. TOWNSHIP OF LUTHER, Lot No. 1, and west half of 2, in 6th con., 500 acres, 150 under cultivation, 2 good log dwelling houses, frame barn. Can be sold in two tracts. 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 Railway Station, on town line between Arthur and Luther. UNIMPROVED. Lot No. 31, in the 4th con., 200 acres, improved. 1/4 in 6th con., 200 acres. This is a fine lot of land. There is a new frame dwelling house and a log stable on the lot, which distast about two and a half miles from Simpsen's saw mill, on the town line between Arthur and Luther. It will be sold on very reasonable terms. TOWNSHIP OF GARARA, 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 23, in 1st con., Garrafrax, about 60 acres, 25, or thereabouts, under cultivation. Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 17th con., 50 acres, 38 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. **ROBERT MITCHELL.** Arthur, 12th Dec. 1873.

**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 last year's record of **Silver Medal 3 Diplomas, and 12 First Prizes** Prove that our instruments in the opinion of competent judges, are incomparably superior to others. Sole proprietors and manufacturers of **THE ORGANETTE,** containing Sedgwick's Patent Qualifying Tubes, acknowledged by all to be the greatest improvement yet introduced. Their superiority is conceded by other manufacturers from the fact that at Guelph they withdrew from competition, thus acknowledging their inability to compete with them. Every instrument fully warranted for five years. Send for catalogue containing fifty different styles of instruments. Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873. W. BELL & Co.

**LAMB'S Family Knitting Machine,** The Best, Cheapest, Simplest, and Most Complete Knitter in the World. The subscriber wishes to order, wholesale or retail, Cardigan, &c. Also, all kinds of custom work done to order. Agents for the above machine, and where all orders sent for work will be promptly attended to. **MRS. HARTLEY,** 138 James Street, below Cannon St. Hamilton. **J. H. ROMAIN & Co.,** Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants, 26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill. Reference: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., Banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont.; Messrs. Genie Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.), Toronto; J. M. Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of Chicago); W. W. Wainwright, Esq., New York; D. Butlers, Esq., Montreal; Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; W. McGill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., 148 B. F. Oote, Esq., Toronto.