

GENERAL.

The Shelburne Free Press says 161 tons of wood ashes were shipped from Fergus to the United States last month. The price paid was \$3.50 a ton. What pity it is that our farmers, one and all, are not fully posted in the value of wood ashes as a fertilizer, and keep the article at home to restore the fertility of their farms. The land around Fergus is no doubt, as good as any to be found but if constantly cropped the time will come when a much inferior article in the form of a commercial fertilizer will have to be purchased at a high price. It always makes us feel grieved to see a dollar's worth of ashes given for five cent's worth of soap. The old Quaker said to his son: "Don't get credit but if thou hast to get credit get it on manure; it will pay thee back with interest." The better plan we think, in the case of the ashes would be to use it as a fertilizer and buy the soap from the product of the soil. Were the value of ashes better known less would be sent out of the country.

Wages on the C. P. R. have been increased to \$1.10 a day.

G. A. Burrow's Carpet Factory Guelph, was destroyed by fire on Thursday last. Loss \$4500, insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$2000.

The Normal School, Toronto, was opened on Nov. 1 1847, and will therefore be fifty years old on the 1st of November next. The Minister of Education proposes the celebration of the event by elaborate demonstrations. Committees have been appointed to look after and ascertain the whereabouts of the alumni, as they are anxious to have brief sketches of each member, which may be published in book form.

Hamilton, April 23.—Special.—Farlo Lyburtus, the colored junk dealer who disappeared last Friday, arrived home to-night. His almost distracted wife and children fell at his feet and wept for joy. At midnight Lyburtus told a most startling story to a World reporter and Major Prentice. He says he was kidnapped and held until Tuesday, when he escaped. On Thursday of last week, he says two men asked him to come to Burlington and buy some rope for them. He called there on his way to Bronte. He left his horse at a hotel in Burlington, and drove northward in the men's rig. After going some miles they overpowered him in a quiet place, tied his legs and arms, and placed him in the bottom of the rig. When any rigs came along they threw a coat over him. The men arrived at a house late that night, placed him in charge of two other men and a woman and left. On Saturday they called for him with a team and took him away again. They drove all Saturday night and Sunday through strange country. He thinks, however, they passed through Galt. On Monday they arrived at a lumber shanty. After taking all the money he had (\$5) in his pocket, he was left there in charge of a man. On Tuesday he knocked the man down and fled. He wandered through the roads that night and struck civilization on Wednesday. The first place that he got to was Komoka. From there he walked to St. Thomas and started for home. He arrived at Hagersville this evening, and bought a ticket for Hamilton with \$1 he had hidden on his person. The detectives will inquire into the case. The local police sent full descriptions to police all over Ontario, and it seems strange that if his story is true he was not noticed.

Midland has passed a by-law granting \$25,000 to aid the Grand Trunk Railway in building a million bushel elevator.

A Chatham man was recently arrested for offering "green goods" for sale. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced.

Orangeville, April 23rd.—About three o'clock this morning burglars effected an entrance into the store of Marsnaill, Green & Co. by prying the front doors open with a crowbar. They immediately attacked the safe and succeeded in blowing the door about 10 feet, shattering it to pieces. Doubtless the necessary tools for the work had been stolen from the carpenter shop of J. Foulds, who missed an axe and a brace and bit from his shop this morning. Fortunately, the burglars only succeeded in securing about \$3 in silver. From the way the safe was blown open the work was apparently that of experts.—Toronto World.

Orono, Ont., April 23rd.—Mrs. Brown, widow of the late J. Brown, of this place, committed suicide this afternoon by hanging. Her daughter, who lived with her, left the house about 1 o'clock to do some shopping, and returning about 15 minutes after-

wards found the body hanging in the wood shed. Medical aid was summoned, but life was extinct. The coroner viewed the remains, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. Deceased has been subject to spells of melancholy.

The long looked for Budget of the Reform government was brought in on Thursday last and has received no end of laudation from the advocates of the party and sharp criticism from the opposition at the hands of Ex-Finance Minister Foster, who regards the rolling up of a large deficit as an inevitable outcome of the change of policy.

On the new Tariff the Toronto World writes editorially as follows: The Liberal tariff is now before the public. As we stated yesterday it wipes out many of the specially protective features of the old tariff. The Liberals, according to Mr. Fielding are a free trade party, bent upon free trade, but as another of their friends said yesterday, not disposed to injure many Canadian industries at the present time. How seriously they have hit a number of them a few days will tell. If the tariff does not hit many industries or only hits them slightly, then the Liberals have under their pyrotechnics, adopted the National Policy as their own.

It is certain that they have adopted the Conservative idea of preferential trade with England. Only they have gone the Conservatives one better and actually embodied the idea in a statute. This move we consider both a clever one, and what is more to the point at the present time, a highly picturesque one. Canada holding out an Olive branch to the motherland in the Jubilee year will loom up largely in the world's eye. And it has all the possibilities of developing into something both splendid and far-reaching. Many of the changes in the tariff are minor changes, but in the direction of reductions. They will simplify procedure, cheapen some goods a little, but make no great impression on the country. We doubt whether the farmer will find himself any better off or any the worse off, for that matter. But the wiping out of the specific duties and as to England may seriously affect many people and the result of these changes in these directions has yet to be ascertained.

One way of stating the case is this: Here was a Liberal party in opposition professing free trade, denouncing protection, looking for unrestricted reciprocity with the United States and ignoring England.

Here was a Conservative party in power, committed to protection, against a United States policy, and for a preference toward England. On a side question (the Manitoba schools) the Conservatives go out, the Liberals come in, and to-day the Liberals stand before the country merely pruning a protective tariff, pitching Uncle Sam overboard, and out-herding the Conservatives in making a bid for English trade.

To our mind it comes down to this, that the Liberals, now that they are in office, have accepted the Conservative trade policy and are wearing the Conservative clothes before the whole country. But the Conservatives have the record of being honest in their adhesion to these principles, while the Liberals have yet to prove themselves so. But they are in power and that is a lot towards it. And, finally, the Conservatives must now see what the punishment is for their foolish attempt to coerce Manitoba on the school question; they are doomed to see for a time the Liberals ruling Canada on Conservative lines.

At the Owen Sound assizes last week, Miss McNevin sued Rev. Mr. Lediard for slander. The minister had told the plaintiff's intended husband something that caused him to break the engagement. The young lady finally consented to accept a complete retraction and apology from the minister, who will also pay the costs.—Mt. Forest Rep.

Fighting for some days has been actively engaged in between the Turks and Greeks. The most determined courage is being displayed on both sides. The Greeks are the better trained and claim to have a better navy but they are far outnumbered by the Turks who, though poorly trained are said to fight like devils. From the numerous reports it was hard to tell what the result would be yet the general opinion is that the Greeks, unaided, must yield sooner or later to Turkish numbers. On Saturday last Larissa the Greek stronghold was forced and it is expected that the war must soon end unless there be interference of the powers. Up to that capture the Greeks seemed to be getting the best of it. Both claim to be fighting in a religious cause and the most sanguine determination is evinced. Much financial aid is being sent to Greece from America, Canada and the United States having contributed, it is esti-

mated close upon \$5,000,000. Sympathy on this side of the water is strongly in favor of Greece while the feeling is divided in the British Isles. Whatever the outcome may be the fact is to be deplored that the atrocities of the Turks have been allowed to run so long.

Constable Wesley Gray of Chesley was in town on Friday getting pointers on a most remarkable case which is to come up for trial there to-day. The version of the affair as given to the Telescope is about as follows:—Bearman's sawmill is located at Scene about a mile from Chesley. Quite a large gang of men are employed there. It appears to be a rule among the employes there to roast every new man who is taken on, to see what kind of stuff he is made of. A few days ago a man was taken on and as he seemed a little soft the older hands put up a game on him. One of them in a confidential manner informed him that a certain hand was a dangerous character and that he had already killed three men. He was further informed that these murders were committed at night somewhat after the manner of Jack-the-Ripper. That night the Ripper entered his bed-room armed with a knife and a lantern and the terrified occupant of the bed made a spring for the window. He reached the outside with nothing on but a shirt, and ran for three miles before calling a halt. A farmer at whose house he called, took him for a mad-man and put the dogs on him. This frightened the unfortunate man worse than ever, and he kept on running till daylight. Finally he was apprehended as a vagrant and sent to Owen Sound jail. A great deal of indignation over the outrage exists in the neighborhood and if the facts are as stated it is to be hoped that the perpetrators will be brought to justice.—Walker-ten Telescope.

The Ayton Advance tells its readers of a team of horses that was sold for \$3.50.

COUNTY NOTES.

Owing to the change in the Collegiate Institute curriculum, the Owen Sound Board decided to dispense with the services of Miss Smith, not because of any inefficiency on her part, as she was very highly spoken of. She remains till midsummer.

Donald McGillivray, an old gentleman of Nottawasaga, died very suddenly in the Arlington Hotel. Collingwood, about a week ago.

DYSPEPSIA CURED BY DR. CHASE.

FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS W.W. HODGES SUFFERED—DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS EFFECTED AN ALMOST MIRACULOUS CURE.

Messrs. EDMANSON, BATES & Co., Toronto. DEAR SIRS,—I take the liberty of writing to you regarding my experience with DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS, and the wonderful cure of dyspepsia of 18 years' standing effected by them with three boxes. I am as well as I ever was, and am a man of 64 years of age. I have recommended DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS to a great number of people and they all say they are worth their weight in gold. If you desire any further statement or certificate of my case, I will be pleased to furnish one. Yours truly, W. W. HODGES, Holland Landing, Ont.

Market Report.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Dressed Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, and Wool.

NOTICE.

I HAVE DISPOSED OF MY BUSINESS to Mr. Wm. Black, would recommend him to my customers being thoroughly satisfied he will contrive to meet your approval and with increased facilities will bring the trade up to high standard. E. KILMER.

It is poor economy to buy cheap Tea, and use twice as much and not get half as much satisfaction as from a good one

Advertisement for "LUDELLA" CEYLON TEA. Includes text: "LUDELLA" CEYLON TEA is a good one and sure to please. In Lead Packages. 25c., 40c., 50c., and 60c. From Leading Grocers Everywhere.

Advertisement for 1897 SEEDS 1897. 37 Annual Import of Staple Field and Garden Seeds, Leading Seeds. Beet, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Parsnip, Parsley, Raddish, Garden Turnip, Scotch Kale &c. FIELD SEEDS. CARROT.—Carter's Giant Yellow Belgian Carrot, Carter's Giant Vasgas Carrot, Altringham and Long Orange Carrot, Mangel Wurtzel, Carter's Long Red Mangel and Saw Log Mangel. SWEDE TURNIP.—Carter's Elephant Purple Top Swede, Carter's Imperial Purple Top Swede, Bangholm Purple Top Swede, London Purple Top Swede, King of Swede, Purple Top, Sutton's Champion, Purple Top, Yellow and Grey Turnips, Aberdeen Purple Top, Aberdeen Green Top, Devonshire Improved Grey Stone.—Rape Seed, Carter's Broad Leaved Sowing rape seed. AMERICAN and CANADIAN GROWN SEEDS.—Garden Seeds in bulk and packages, Flower Seeds Clover and Grass Seeds, SEED CORN.—One Car Giant Prolific Sweet Ensilage Corn and Leaming's Improved Yellow Corn. CORN. Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early Mammoth, Cuban, Large White Flint and Huron Dent. Tares and Beans, Onion Sets, Feeding Stuffs, Ground Oil Cake, Linseed Meal, Flax Seed, British Horse and Cattle spiee, Land Plaster, Land Salt and Barrel Salt. To increase the yield of Corn, sow land Plaster. Land Plaster is a direct food for Corn. Sow liberally on the planted rows or hills and a second during when the Corn is about six or eight inches high. INSECTICIDES.—Paris Green, Paris Purple, Carbamate of Copper, Sulphate of Copper, Hellebore, Insect Powder and Potato Bug Killer. H. Parker, Druggist & Seedsman, Durham

Spring Goods W. Calder's Implement Warerooms are fully stocked with all kinds of Farm Implements, including:—The Celebrated Massey Harris Binders, Mowers, Drills, Harrows, etc. Buy only good reliable implements. They are the cheapest and sure to please you and you are also of getting your repairs.

Wagons, Buggies and Carts. Full Car Loads of Each in stock. You can buy a Wagon or Buggy at the right prices because I buy in large quantities, save freight and pay cash for my goods.

HARROWS. There is none like the Tolton Harrow. Buy only it. PLOWS. The Percival Plow is the best in the market. It suits all kinds of ground draws easy and is easy held. A full stock of Organs, Sewing Machines, Churns, Wheelbarrows. Repairs of all kinds kept in stock. Fire Insurance promptly attended to. Money to loan at 5, 5 1/2 and 6% Issuer of Marriage Licenses. WM. CALDER, Lower Town.

Ayton Mills FLOUR and FEED. The undersigned having opened up a Flour and Feed business in Durham in connection with the Ayton Mills hopes to gain a share of your patronage by giving strict attention to business and selling on close margins. These Celebrated Brands of Flour will be kept in stock viz:— MAY BLOSSOM, ENCORE, MANITOBA. Feed of all kinds will be kept on hand W. F. Ballagh. Durham Jan. 13th, 1897.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

A FARM CONTAINING 100 acres being lots No. 3 and 4 on the third concession, north of Durham Road, in the township of Guelph, 80 acres cleared, and under cultivation; the remainder good hardwood bush. Good frame house, frame barn, small orchard and well watered. For further particulars apply to the owner WM. DAVIS, or to M. J. Davis, Traverston, Man. Feb. 15th, 1897. t. f.

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS for sale lot 50, con. 3, W. G. R., Bentinck, consisting of 100 acres, 70 acres cleared, balance hardwood bush. The farm is in a good state of cultivation, 3 acres under fall wheat. Well watered and fenced. Frame house 20 x 26, frame barn and stables 1 mile from post office and school and 2 1/2 miles from Durham. Will be sold on reasonable terms. Apply to JAMES STINSON, Feb. 1st. Aberdeen, P. O.

THE EDGE PROPERTY.

IN the Town of Durham, County of Grey, including a valuable water power, brick dwelling and many eligible building lots will be sold in one or more lots. Also lot No. 60, con., 2 W. G. R., Township of Bentinck, 100 acres, adjoining Town plot, Durham. Mortgages taken for part purchase money. Apply to JAMES EDGE, Oct. 2nd. Edge Hill, P. O.

A 50 ACRE FARM FOR SALE, Cheap and on easy terms. 4 miles from Durham. Apply to JOHN FIRTH, Durham. March 24th. t. f.

TOT 25, CON. 7, TOWNSHIP OF Bentinck, 100 acres more or less, 80 acres under cultivation and known as the James Johnston farm. Buildings fairly good and good water on the place, a short distance from school, to a satisfactory purchaser easy terms of payment will be given. For full information and particulars write to CHAS. JOHNSTON, Box 95, Harrison, Ont. March 24th.

TEN ACRES OF GOOD LAND adjoining the corporation of Durham on Lambton Street, North Guelph. Terms reasonable and will be made to suit the purchaser. Apply to ANDREW RITCHIE, James Calvert, on the premises, April 12th. Durham.

Boar for Sale. A PURE BRED BERKSHIRE BOAR from the Ontario Agricultural College, rising three years old. Cheap. JOSEPH SHARP.

EGGS FOR SALE. EGGS FOR SALE FROM PRIZE winning Black Spanish, Barred Plymouth Rock, Cornish Indian Games, Silver Wyandottes, Black Minorcas Silver Hamburgs, Single Comb Brown Leghorns, Pekin Ducks, Rouen Ducks, Partridge Cocks for sale in fall. No eggs. Also English Collie Pup, ready now. St. Bernard Dogs for Sale, Pups in August and September. Write for prices. C. W. LANG, Lower Town, Durham

Wm. Hay and his son Jim, left last week for Manitoba. Mr. Stephen Boaks is now busy fixing up the garden belonging to the manse. Geo. Cushnie, our popular teacher, spent his Easter holidays with his parents near Flesherton. Mrs. J. Wilson and her son John, your new butter maker, were visiting friends in Markdale and vicinity last week. We notice that John Snell, sportsman, has bought a new bicycle this spring. You will be able to see her often now John Snell, Frank James, and Miss Selma Coleridge spent their Easter holidays at their home at Greenside, and have now returned to their schools again. Mrs. John Garson and her brother Alf, of Osprey, formerly of this place were visiting friends around here last week. Miss Bessie Kennel, of Protton visited her cousins, the Miss Renswicks a few days last week. We had quite a heavy shower of rain last Friday afternoon accompanied by some lightning which struck the end of Calvert's Photograph Gallery but did not do much damage. J. Wilson is rushing through the spring. He says he has just disposed of seven land rolls and is doing other work. He is also doing a good business in the furniture line. Another of our old land marks, gone to where there is no return, the person of Mr. Wm. Hargrave who has been in delicate health for a number of years, and passed away last Friday evening at the ripe age of 84. On Monday the corpse was placed in old Ebenezer cemetery. Miss Mary Wells is leaving Galt this week for the summer. Miss Jennie Leith was a guest Miss Mary Scott last Wednesday. Say Wattie, we think J. L. must be a very agreeable companion to you go over the hills on Sunday evening last. But look out J. is going on Thursday evening. We understand that one of our young men is very uneasy over itom that appeared in one of our former budgets, thinking that was him that was meant. All we can say J. is that if the cap does not fit you need not wear it as there no names mentioned. Owing to a call to a new field labor in Montreal, Rev. Mr. McVicar left last Thursday for his new home. Mr. McVicar has spent the past years amongst us. Pleasant we trust profitable years to the of the people attending his ministrations. We wish him and amiable wife happiness and prosperity among their new parishioners. Mr. McVicar's Auction Sale was attended and realized good prices. Normalby was represented by

utions to its agents it that the children sent classes or otherwise. Mr. Lohm, M. P., left from St. Oliver that his application of the license of Benefit Insurance A granted under the A man about two jumped off the upper Niagara Falls on when to strike the only evidence left by Derby hat, with the side, Hall, Boston. The Secretary of a memorandum for a proclamation the 22nd of June and the day for the throughout Canada Majesty's reign. The resignation Hagarty of the O pool has been ad purton of the san new Chief Justice Charles Moss, Q. legal circles as the Judge in place of Admiral Markh the Mediterranean the Dominion G take command of the navigability straits, on the ing vessel, with et horsepower, is the purpose. The proposed regiment of 60 Canada at the will probably fall under-General his message from M plaining that the cannot accom troops from Ca The Red River son. Many law homes, and grea perty is being c are submerged. There is over the stores on Ma munication from off. It is stated has decided to bonus of \$10,000 struction of the way, in return rander of the n agreement, a rales, and nu railways over Mr. w. C. I. tobacco manufa by Judge Page of the late