

SOUTH RIDING
FORM COMMITTEE
Meeting of Ward Committees
Wednesday Evening
MEMBERS of the various Ward Committees are requested to meet on Wednesday next at
WILKINGTON HOTEL,
at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of all is requested.
14th Aug. 1867.
Survey Office Removed
"Mercury" Office has been removed to the NEW MERCURY BUILDING, on Macdonnell-st., Wyndham-st., and in rear of the Lion.

Wednesday Evening Mercury
WEDNESDAY EV'G, AUGUST 21.
GOOD ADVICE.

and the following in the *Christian* on the 14th instant:
approaching elections will de- of the people great and conscien- in choosing the best men for Parliaments. The new and ed constitution has to be car- to effect, and doubtless great ill soon be presented before the by the discussions in Parliament. present the electors seem at sea, no one able to tell them where e. It is true, as seems to be ad- on all sides, that the usual issues parties are not now before the it would seem to be wisdom in ple to choose, the most reliable able, and then trust them to do right. There can not be much choosing a thoroughly honest er man for a representative, r party he may have been in- to favour in the past, for such ll never tolerate corruption, or ty and injustice in a Government. events the body of the people unite, with entire unanimity to gainst any candidate who em- or even encourages, any kind of or intimidation in order to gain

much better advice than that Dr. Ryerson. The Doctor with lical office of vast importance to, has thought proper in his to enter the list again, against nade, and as the champion of principles which are alike de- the great Majority in this Pro- the numerous readers of the will vote for none but honest e men, or for those only who port honest and capable Ministers own, it will further greatly aid of good government. The re- candidates who employ, or even any kind of bribery or in- may be applied to Mr. Camp- Post-master-General, who on lawful day of his incum- office of Commissioner of ment threatening letters to Algoma, warning them of nance might be, should port the Tory candidates e of these candidates e in the employ- and Bay Company, and oted to its interests. e men generally, e of the last fifteen ed in the *Globe*, show e whom Dr. Ryer- ple to support. The eption, chiselling, and e period has been often another reminder of e of a general election, is It is not from a political we know, that our con- *Guardian* tenders its ad- feel none the less assured ectors who may determine at advice must vote against on candidates.—*Hamilton*

commend the above observa- *Christian Guardian* and on Times to all intelligent, in, in view of the disgrace- anding subsisting between and the Tavern-keepers in as evidenced by his recent us pledge to all they asked and the unquestioned at- intimidation assumed by the members of this body who don't bend the knee In view of all this, the observations are most sea-

new honorable exceptions, a confederate together to an who has honor and con- ough to say—"I have a gety to discharge in being w laws are abrogated, and ous that justice shall be, if you have any griev- shall not in advance bind and soul to you, right or et and do as you think and ut due deliberation."— the honorable attitude of which his inquisitors should manly enough to hail as to effect the redress of any ee they may have than, the eardly, lick-spittleism who bound himself everything, and has himself to be a man e and resolution. e. Why, held in a neigh- e the people e to have been e own poli- the most e association h money e man to Mr.

of the word. This is a clear case of bribery on the one hand, and intimidation on the other.
The Victuallers' action was simply this to Mr. Leslie—"Promise us as we want you to do, to change the license laws right or wrong, and make us all members of Council (although as the law stands now we are licensed by the Councils), and you will be our man." And this wretched bribe was thus secured at the very beginning of the contest by the Secretary himself, who went down specially to Puslinch, and saw their weak-minded friend it is said personally, so as to get just what would answer. It was clearly a foregone conclusion that this was the right sort of man for these worthies, for before Mr. Gow could make his replies to their questions—although he craved time to do it properly—this august body passed a resolution of confidence in the man who gave just such an answer as was satisfactory, and was wanted, and also clubbed their money to help him, and defeat Mr. Gow, who had been yet unheard.
Yet some of these men will prate about fair play and British practice. A more anti-British act never was perpetrated, and we are sure that every right-minded elector will frown down this attempt by an organized Association, who have banded themselves together, and subscribed money, so that they might have more power, and bring more influence to bear, in their interference with the liberties of the people, and the free rights of conscience.

SCANDALOUS.—We notice that the *Advertiser* is engaged in giving reports of a series of imaginary political meetings in town, in which several respectable citizens are introduced and shamefully burlesqued by making them deliver the most ridiculous speeches. No fault can be found with any one in engaging in fair and square fighting in an election contest, but it is clearly beyond the province of a Journalist to drag the names of private individuals before the public and make them the butt of the *Advertiser's* stale jests, for no other reason that we can divine than that they choose to exercise the rights of freeman, to take opposite sides from that of the *Advertiser*, and as electors give a helping hand to the Reform candidates. These stupid and meaningless reports have not the slightest merit to raise them above contempt. They contain neither wit, humour nor sarcasm, and as election squibs can do no good to either side. And it not only insults a number of respectable citizens, who have taken no part publicly in the present contest, and therefore were not legitimate subjects for the *Advertiser's* abuse, but it also ridicules that portion of our population of Irish descent by clumsily caricaturing their peculiarities of speech. These sneers at a number of private individuals, and at the Irishmen of Guelph are uncalled for, unwarrantable, and grossly insulting, and were it not that praise or abuse from such a source is held in like estimation, we would not be surprised if they would resent the insult.

Party Government.
Some of our ambitious young politicians in town, who endeavor to figure largely at political meetings, quote with great complaisance the extracts Dr. Ryerson puts in his pamphlet from political writers in support of coalitions. Against these we put the following extract from "May's Constitutional History of England" in favor of party government, promising that this writer is a far more reliable authority on matters of this kind than Bacon or Wayland:—
"We find that government without party is absolutism—that rulers without opposition may be despots. We acknowledge, with gratitude, that we owe to party most of our rights and liberties. We recognize in the fierce contentions of our ancestors, the conflict of great principles, and the final triumph of freedom. We glory in the eloquence and noble sentiments which the rivalry of contending statesmen has inspired. We admire the courage with which power has been resisted; and the manly resolution and persistence by which popular rights have been established. We observe that, while the undue influence of the crown has been restrained, democracy has been also held in check. We exult in the final success of men who have suffered in a good cause. We admire the generous friendships, fidelity, and self-sacrifice,—akin to loyalty and patriotism,—which the honorable sentiments of party have called forth. We perceive that an opposition may often serve the country far better than a ministry; and that where its principles are right, they will prevail. By argument and discussion truth is discovered, public opinion is expressed, and a free people are trained to self-government. We feel that party is essential to representative institutions. Every interest, principle, opinion, theory and sentiment, finds expression. The majority governs; but the minority is never without sympathy, representation, and hope. Such being the two opposite aspects of party, who can doubt that good predominates over evil? Who can fail to recognize in party the very life-blood of freedom?"

THE YELVERTON CASE has been decided in the House of Lords, and the decision is adverse to Miss Longworth. She has nothing more to hope; she has appealed to the highest judicature of England, and her marriage has been pronounced illegal.

DREADFUL EARTHQUAKE.—News paper accounts, dated June 14, give full particulars of a dreadful earthquake which occurred in the Isle of Java on the 10th. Three hundred lives were lost.

Ungrateful and Ungenerous.
To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—It is truly shameful to hear the raldry that the Conservatives hurl at the Roman Catholics of North Wellington, because that the Catholics choose to support the Hon. M. H. Foley. On the other hand, Reformers are stigmatized because they have coalesced with the Catholics for the common good of their country; hence the vocabulary of billings-gate is rather freely used on every occasion which offers, and Catholic and Reformer have got to stand under or get bespattered with the foul aspersions which flow from the lips of those fire-eating, bullying individuals.

The Blues seem to ignore the fact that the Catholics have been their friends in the past, and assisted them thro' many a hard fought contest; and now that the partnership is about to be dissolved, it is hardly generous, much less courteous, to heap on the agony of abuse in such profusion; but such seems to be their ingratitude at present to their old allies. But men who feel that they are beaten already, and that certain defeat will be their award at the polls, must necessarily be excused for the manner in which they talk and act in the matter of this election. That a good deal of feeling has entered into the present contest is apparent from the fact that the Conservatives see a Conservative and Reformer walking or talking together as formerly, unless where they meet accidentally, when the all-absorbing topic of politics is resumed, and hard knocks are exchanged very liberally for a short time—the conflict being generally very brief and not apparently convincing; for each man turns away more fully convinced than before that his friend is an ass, and knows nothing at all about the political situation of the present day.

A spasmodic effort has been made here by the Conservative party to start a newspaper in their interest. Drew's henchman Campbell, visited Hamilton for the express purpose of obtaining a press, editor, and all the material for a paper; but it appears the speculation is a dead failure, as all that can be recognized of the new paper is the *Spectator* with its head cut off and the name *Commonwealth* substituted. The whole thing is manipulated in the city of Hamilton. Rather a novel feature in local journalism.
Mr. Drew holds a meeting here on Monday night, the 10th inst. Every exertion is being put forth to pack the meeting; the lands from the country are notified to attend, and no doubt they will, as they have a particular relish for their leader and the work on hand; therefore we may expect that free discussion will be suppressed and liberty of speech denied us, as at former meetings held over the Riding. But more of this meeting at a future day. In North Grey, Mr. Jackson will hold forth to a few friends at Lacky's tavern, in Normanby, on the same evening. This arrangement is intended to bulge the friends of reform in Mount Forest, so that they cannot attend both meetings. But there is one very satisfactory inference to be taken from those petty dodges, and that is, that it is patent to all intelligent men, that our opponents are driven into the last ditch, their forces are rapidly diminishing, and ere the polling for those constituencies is brought to a test, the dodgers will be left without a corporal's guard to come to the polls.—But let the true friends of civil and religious liberty rally round their colors and bring out the last vote in the interest of reform. REFORMER.
Mount Forest, Aug. 17, 1867.

THE COMING ELECTION
Is something which is creating quite an excitement in the Town of Guelph, and at present it is not known which of the opposing candidates will be successful, both having a fair show of hands. Be this as it may, SMITH & BOTSFORD have the largest, best and cheapest stock of CLOTHING ever offered in Guelph, which they are selling at remarkable low prices. Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market.
[Advt.] SMITH & BOTSFORD.

New Advertisements.

ONE DOLLAR REWARD.
ON Saturday week a WALKING STICK was stolen near Mr. Present's best house. Any person returning, or giving information for the recovery of the same, will receive the above reward at Mr. Day's Bookstore.
Guelph, 10th Aug., 1867. (42p)

MISS WHYTE'S CLASSES
WILL commence on MONDAY, the 20th of September, 1867. A first-class Drawing Teacher in attendance.
Guelph, 15th July, 1867.

Private Grammar School
Corner of Wyndham and Woodville Streets.
MR. MOYLES will re-open his school (D. V.) on Monday the 12th inst. Vacancies for three boarders.
Guelph, 5th Aug., 1867. (4wt)

PUBLIC MEETING
A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ELECTORS OF PUSLINGH
Will be held at the School House, Section No. 6, near Chief Post Office, on the Evening of
THURSDAY 22nd INSTANT
At 8 o'clock, when Messrs. STURTON and BOW, and other gentlemen, will address the meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.
Guelph, 20th August, 1867.

STONE HOUSE TO LET
TO LET in the West Ward, near St. Andrew's Church, a stone house containing 11 Rooms, with stable, wood shed, yard room, hard and soft water, and every other convenience. The house is comfortable and finished in first-class style.
Enquire at THE MERCURY OFFICE, Macdonnell-st. Guelph, 20th August, 1867. (4 tw)

STORE TO LET in ACTON
A COMMODIOUS STORE and Dwelling House in Acton, situate in a good locality for business. This presents a favourable opening for a Dry Goods or General Store. Apply to
W. H. STOREY, Acton, Montreal or
August 2nd, 1867. (44t)

Harvest Gloves,
HARVEST GLOVES.
A QUANTITY of Superior Harvest Gloves for sale
Wholesale at No. 3, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street,
And also for retail at the principal stores in the Town. They are strongly made, and cheap.
D. MOLTON.
Guelph, August 3, 1867 (12w2w)

Apprentices Wanted.
WANTED, three apprentices to the tailoring business. Enquire at
JOHN HILLS, Merchant Tailor, Quebec Street, Guelph, 30th July, 1867.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT,
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1867. (dw) D. MOLTON


WATER POWER IN ROCKWOOD FOR SALE.
FOR SALE, Water-Power in Rockwood, close to the G. T. Railway Station, having 10 feet fall on the main stream, close to the principal street, and in the midst of the village, and being at the head of the other dams, controls the supply of water to the three other mills, and has a never failing supply of water at all seasons. By future purchase the supply of water can be raised indefinitely. Apply personally to
HENRY STRANGE, Rockwood.
Rockwood, 20th June, 1867. 713-1f

Great Western Railway.
GUELPH ANNUAL HOLIDAY!
CHEAP
Pleasure Excursion!
—
SUSP. BRIDGE.

On Monday 26th August,
A SPECIAL Passenger Train will leave
Guelph at 6.30 a.m. | Galt at 7.20 a.m.
Hespeler 6.55 " | Branchton 7.40.
Preston 7.05 " | Harrisburg 8.00

For Suspension Bridge. Returning, will leave Suspension at 5 p. m.
TICKETS FOR THE ROUND TRIP
TWO DOLLARS EACH.
Children under three and over two years of age Half-price.
Excursion Tickets (which can only be purchased at the Company's Ticket Offices) will be on sale from Friday 23rd August.
Passengers paying on the cars will be charged full fares.
Excursion Tickets will not be accepted on any other than Excursion trains.
Passengers are requested not to stand on the steps or platforms of the Cars, nor attempt to get on or off while the train is in motion.

THOMAS SWINYARD,
General Manager.
G. W. R. Offices, 20th Aug., 1867.

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.
1867  1867
GUELPH AGENCY.
Steam to Liverpool, London and Glasgow.
Steamer PERUVIAN will leave Quebec on the 24th, for Liverpool.
Tickets to and from the Old Country, Passage Certificates to bring friends out, Return Tickets good for six months, issued at reduced rates. State Rooms secured, and every information given on application. Insurance Policies for the voyage issued at the low rate of 81 per cent on 10,000.
Apply to
GEORGE A. OXNARD,
Agent, G. T. R., Guelph.
Guelph, July 23, 1867. (daw tf)

NEW FRUITS
PEACHES,
APPLES,
PEARS,
TOMATOES, &c.
arriving daily at the Fruit Depot.
HUGH WALKER,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Guelph, 17th Aug., 1867.

MONEY TO LEND.
THE Subscriber has money to lend on first-class farm security, at 8 per cent. half-yearly. The security must be undoubted, both as to title and value. Loan to be repaid by yearly instalments, no commission charged, and expenses moderate. Apply personally, or by letter, post-paid, to
G. S. TAPPS, Barrister, &c., Hamilton
Hamilton August 3, 1867. (daw-1m)

REMOVAL.
THE MISSES ELLIS will continue to carry on the Straw and other Millinery work, at their residence, next to Mr. Prid's, East Market Square
Guelph, 30th July, 1867. (dw)

FOR SALE.
FOR sale, the unexpired term of a first-class Hotel in Guelph, or a partnership therein. The furniture to be taken at a valuation. For particulars apply to
MCLENNAN & O'CONNOR
Solicitors, &c., No. 8, Day's Block, Guelph.
Guelph, 15th Aug., 1867.

For Sale or to Rent.
FOR sale, or to rent, a house and lot of five acres, with or without the crop, situated near to Judge Macdonald's. Apply to
GEO. SMITH, Collector.
Guelph, 15th Aug., 1867. (dw-1m)

TEA, COFFEE!
TEA!
SUPERIOR QUALITY
AND FINE FLAVOR.

At
JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, Aug. 12. (4ff)

MRS. BUDD'S SCHOOL.
MRS. WM. BUDD'S pupils will re-assemble on Monday the 19th of August. Music, French and Drawing by first-class teachers.
Norfolk-st., Guelph, 1st Aug., 1867. (dw-1m)

Belfast Ginger Ale!
AT HERRYS'.
Guelph, June 13, 1867. 713-1f

GUELPH
BOOT & SHOE FACTORY
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
F. PREST

BEGS to inform his friends and customers that he has taken into partnership Mr. W. P. HEPBURN, for the purpose of manufacturing our own goods, which we will sell as low as any of the Montreal or Penitentiary goods can be sold, and we will guarantee to supply
BOOTS AND SHOES
Worth at least FIFTY PER CENT. more than any other Manufactured Goods, sold in the Dominion of Canada.

We have long felt the necessity of bringing into market a better class of Boots and Shoes than we ever have been able to procure, and we now are prepared to offer better goods, and at
AS LOW A PRICE AS ANY HOUSE in the TRADE.
NO MATTER WHAT THEIR PRETENSIONS MIGHT BE.

WE ARE NOW SELLING OFF OUR
Summer Stock of Imported Goods
AT COST PRICE.

And we are determined to supply our customers with **BOOTS AND SHOES** which cannot fail to give perfect satisfaction.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS
are invited to call and examine our goods before purchasing elsewhere, as we are prepared to sell Goods at wholesale which, for quality, cannot be excelled.
SUPPORT HOME MANUFACTURE!
And buy your Boots and Shoes from **PREST & HEPBURN.**

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE.
The Old Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store!
REPAIRING DONE AS USUAL.
PREST & HEPBURN.
Guelph, 1st August, 1867.

THE RUSSELL WATCH!
A FEW REASONS THAT MAKE IT SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS.

1st—It proves itself a reliable time-keeper beyond all question.
2nd—The RUSSELL WATCH being made on correct and scientific principles, it must follow as a natural consequence that it will keep time.
3rd—Each part of which the RUSSELL WATCH is composed is a reflex of the perfect machine by which, under skilful direction, it is produced.
4th—Truth is the essential of each part.
5th—Uniformity and conformity must therefore characterize the several parts in fulfilling the purpose for which they are made and brought together.
6th—Reproduction, as regards watch work, is simply an application of the principle that "things which are equal to the same things are equal to one another," and if there is any merit, the RUSSELL WATCH possesses that merit to a demonstration.
7th—The greatest variety of price, quality and size, that confidence and perfection will admit, afforded by the RUSSELL WATCH.
8th—The RUSSELL WATCH stands pre-eminently above all competitors for public favor and patronage.
9th—Proofs of the foregoing—the universal testimony of all Watchmakers who have sold, and the positive statements of the thousands in Europe, the United States and Canada, who have worn the RUSSELL WATCH.

TESTIMONIAL.
To Robert Cuthbert, Watchmaker, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
If Society was as perfect in its organization, and was as obedient to the dictates of truth as the RUSSELL WATCH I bought from you is in indicating time, evil would be swallowed up in good, and happiness would become monotonous.
G. RENNIE, Guelph.

IMPORTANT!
ROBERT CUTHBERT,
WATCHMAKER, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.
has always on hand a large variety of the celebrated RUSSELL WATCHES. His stock of Clocks, Jewellery and Fancy Goods will be found equally large and attractive.
Guelph, 20th July, 1867. (dw-4f)

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies,
CHURCH STREET, - - GUELPH.
MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 19th of August. Vacancies for two or three boarders.
Guelph, 31st July, 1867. 713-4m

ANGLO-AMERICAN HOTEL,
MOUNT FOREST, ONT.
BEST accommodation for the travelling public. The choicest brands of Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c., always on hand. The largest and best Music Hall in town is attached to this hotel. Stages to Fergus, Guelph, Durham, Owen Sound, &c., call daily at this house.
THOMAS WILSON, Proprietor.
Guelph, 31st July, 1867. (713) (late of the British Hotel Durhama-)