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Association of Knox Church
Annual Strawberry Festival in
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Next to Knox Church.
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June 1 1876. d&w

AS! GAS!
TRY THEM.
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JOHN H. KAY,
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ICE ICE
er is prepared to deliver Ice
o may require it. Orders left
Store will receive prompt
RALPH SMITH.
1876. d&w

New Advertisements.

COOK WANTED—Apply to Mrs. John Crowe, Norfolk-st. july 24 dw

SITUATION WANTED AS HOUSE-KEEPER by a young woman for either old or middle aged people. Good references. Apply at this office. 28 d3

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE REV. W. J. MAXWELL can be had at Smith's Gallery, Day's Block. 29 l2

SITUATION WANTED AS HOUSE-KEEPER by a middle aged person, in Town or country. Apply at this office. 29-3

WANTED—At McBean & Co's—A stout active boy to learn the Hardware Business. june 30 dtf

STABLE TO RENT—Recently occupied by the Great Western Teamsters, near the Eramosa Bridge. Apply to Dr. Cowan. July 3. d6

WANTED—A Painter at the Elora Agricultural Works. Address A Filshie, Manager, Elora. 3 d2

WATCH AND CHAIN FOUND.—Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses, by applying at J E Merlihan's Fountain House, Gordon-st. July 3. d6

LOST.—A Bunch of Keys on a small steel ring. The finder will please leave them at this office. dtf

THE PARTY WHO TOOK A GREEN SILK UMBRELLA from Cook's Hotel (in mistake) on Friday night, will please return it. d1

Money to Loan.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS NOW ON hand $15,000 for investment on good Real Estate security. Charges moderate.
FREDERICK BISCOE, Solicitor, Guelph.
July 3 r1 dwtf

CHOICE FARMS FOR SALE!
The undersigned have now on hand six excellent and well improved farms, all within a short distance of the Town of Guelph, varying in size from 25 to 200 acres, which will be disposed of on very moderate terms. Also, a few good dwelling houses in the Town, well located, and a number of Park and Town Lots, eligibly situated for market gardens or private residences.
☞ Money for investment always on hand at terms and rates unusually favorable for borrowers. THOMPSON & JACKSON,
dw1 No. 5, Douglas st., Guelph.

A LARGE LOT OF INDIAN RUBBER HOSE, ½ inch and ¾ inch, two and three ply, with a supply of hose couplings and branch pipes, with and without cocks, for sale cheap. Other sizes supplied to order.
GEO. PEEK, Gas and Steam Fitter,
June 30 d6 Day's Block, up stairs.

JUST RECEIVED
100 BAGS PLASTERER'S HAIR
Which will be sold very low.
MOLTON & BISH.
June 22. dtf

FOR SALE
A number of beautiful Residences for sale cheap on Woolwich Street, McTague-st., and York Road. Apply to
R. R. DALGLEISH, Auctioneer
May 16 dtf

WANTED—A good Servant as Nurse and Housemaid. Must have town references. Apply to Mrs. Watt, Edinburgh Road. dtf

HOUSE and one acre lot for sale on Grange street. The house is frame and contains four rooms. Apply to Thompson & Jackson, Land Agents, Guelph. j20-d2w

R. R. DALGLEISH,
COUNTY AUCTIONEER,
Sales attended in Town and Country.
Office—Corner Wyndham and Quebec Streets
June 28th 1876 dwtf

MONEY! MONEY!!
WANTED INVESTMENTS ON GOOD Farm security in sums of $1000 and upwards for $10,000. Apply at once to
HART & SPEIRS.
June 22 dw2w

50 ACRES OF
PASTURE TO LET.
Apply to Dennis Coffee, Guelph.
June 13. dtf.

GUELPH JULY FAIR
IN accordance with a resolution of Council, the Monthly Cattle Fair, which should have been held on Wednesday, the 5th July, is postponed till
THURSDAY, THE SIXTH INSTANT,
On account of the Election in the South Riding of Wellington on that day.
JOHN HARVEY,
June 27 w1dtd Town Clerk.

Money to Lend
ON REAL ESTATE. APPLY TO
A. H. MACDONALD,
Solicitor, Quebec-st
June 27. d5 w1.

A. H. MACDONALD,
BARRISTER, ETC.,
Has removed his office one door east on Quebec street.
Guelph, June 27, 1876. d&wt

MORE MONEY
FOR INVESTMENT
In sums varying from $200 to $4,000. Loans obtained on the shortest notice, and at the lowest rates of interest on application to
THOMPSON & JACKSON,
June 15. dwtf Douglas-st., Guelph.

FOR SALE
A FANCY HAIR STORE
Now doing a good paying business, and situated in the centre of the Town of Guelph.
A large stock of Hair Goods on hand will be sold cheap.
PARTIES HAVING WORK IN
Will please call for it by the 14th July, as the store will be closed on the 15th of July.
J. & I. ANDREWS.
Guelph, June 22. d12

HOUSES FOR SALE.
A few first class residences for sale in the most eligible parts of the Town. Prices and terms moderate. Also, a few Town and Park Lots. HART & SPEIRS.
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ROBERTSON'S
Flour & Feed Store
FOR
FLOUR and FEED of all Kinds.
R W ROBERTSON
Jan 1st 1876. dtf

NOTICE—Cane Bottomed Chairs re-seated in the very best manner by Mrs. Darby. Residence near Geo. Lees' Packing House, No. 28, Farquhar st., rear of Drill Shed. Orders promptly attended to. a15-d1y

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MONDAY EVENING, JULY 3, 1876.

Items 'Round Town.

Reform Central Committee.

All the Reform Ward Committees will meet this (Monday) evening at the Western Hotel, at half-past seven o'clock. Let every member of the different Committees and all friendly to Mr. Guthrie attend.

MONTHLY FAIR.—The Guelph July Fair will be held on Thursday next.

REMEMBER the Social in the Norfolk-st. Methodist Church this evening at eight o'clock.

THE members of Branch No. 3, E. B. A., are requested to meet to-morrow evening at the usual time and place.

Mr. James Anderson's letter in explanation of our report of the meeting at Downey's school house is crowded out to-day.

CROWDED OUT.—The report of the closing exercises of Loretto Convent and several other local paragraphs for want of space, have been held over until to-morrow.

KNOX CHURCH FESTIVAL.—Remember the strawberry festival given by the ladies of Knox Church to-morrow evening. Lawrences cornet band will be in attendance. All the delicacies of the season will be supplied.

TO PENSIONERS.—Major Milligan, the staff officer of pensioners, will attend at Guelph on Friday, 7th July, for the payment of Chelsea, Greenwich, and East India Company, and non-effective pensioners.

I. O. O. F.—The following are the officers elected for the ensuing half year at the meeting of Progress Lodge on Thursday evening:—N. G., Thomas Wardrope; V.G, C. Cottis; R S., C. Marsland; P.S., J. Hewer; Treas., Geo. Sleeman.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—A strawberry Social will be held on Thursday evening next, July 6th, at the residence of the Rev. William Manchee, on Green and Norwich streets. There will be an abundant supply of fruit, ice cream &c., which will be served from six o'clock. A pleasant time may be expected, and all are cordially invited to attend.

ROBBERY ON THE HIGHWAY.—On information laid by Robert Simons, of the Township of Eramosa, Christopher Smith was arrested and brought before Robert Royce and Alex. McQueen, Justices of the Peace, on a charge of forcibly stealing from the prosecutor on the public highway, a watch, pair of socks, pair of gloves and set of bracelets, on Saturday, first of July. The case was clearly proven against the prisoner and he pleaded guilty. He was committed to gaol to stand his trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction.

FAREWELL SERMON.—The Rev. Mr. Howard last evening, previous to his departure for Dundas, occupied the pulpit of the Dublin-st. Church for the last tim and preached an appropriate sermon from II Corinthians, xiii chap, and xi verse:—"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. After an excellent sermon, the speaker alluded to the pleasant associations about to be severed with the Guelph people, gave an interesting account of the success of the Church, and hoped they would go on and prosper.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS.—The Great Western Railway authorities have in order to accommodate the public made an alteration in their time table which we are sure will be approved of by those who are travelling. Trains leave Guelph going south at 6:45, a. m., 9:30 a. m., and 6:55 p. m., and and mixed at 3:35, p. m., and 2 p. m. Going north at 12:22, p. m., 6:10, p. m. and 8:15 p. m., and a mixed train at 11:25, a.m. Passengers leaving Guelph at 6:45, a. m. are able to reach Toronto about ten o'clock and make connections for the east. We are now so timed as to afford connections at almost every point.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education was held on Friday evening last. Present Judge Macdonald in the chair; Messrs. Knowles, Newton, Murton, Inglis, Robertson, Bell, Peterson, Harvey. The chairman of the Building Committee reported, recommending that the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Irlbacker & Davis, of Buffalo, N. Y., for putting in the heating apparatus in the Central School, be again taken into consideration, and on motion of Mr. Murton, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was received and adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

RIFLE PRACTICE.—Several members of the Guelph Association went out to the butts for a practice in the morning. The reason of the apparent bad shooting can be attributed to the fact that the shooting was continued during the wind and rain storm prevailing at the time. The following is the score:

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MR. GOLDIE'S MEETING AT THE JUNCTION HOTEL.

"Jesuit" and "Scoundrel" applied to Mr. Guthrie's Friends by Dr. Herod.

A meeting of Mr. Goldie's supporters was held on Friday night at the Junction Hotel, Elora Road. Shortly after nine o'clock the meeting was called to order, when by actual count there were only forty-three in the room. Mr. John Card was appointed chairman and Mr. Geo. T. Porter, secretary.

The Chairman stated that he was thoroughly independent and neutral in regard to the candidates, that he would hear the reasoning on both sides, and then make up his mind. The Chairman worked had to keep order and discharged the duties of the chair very efficiently.

It was decided by the meeting that Mr. Goldie's supporters could speak as long as they wished to, but Mr. Guthrie's could not exceed ten minutes.

Mr. E. O'Connor was the first speaker. He said that his belief was that when a principle had to be fought for it was every man's duty to step forward and contend for that which he believed to be right. He was politically opposed to Mr. Goldie and did not advocate his claims from a party stand point. He was prepared to bury the political hatchet and struggle for principle over party. He said that Mr. Goldie would support the Government, but he (O'Connor) would prefer it if he would not.

Mr. Geo. Murray replied, and plainly asked the audience if it would not be better to support a party that had triumphed in advocating and carrying out great principles than to follow Mr. O'Connor's advice. Increased protection would benefit him, as a manufacturer, now if it were given. But he was satisfied that in the long run it would prove very injurious. Let the manufacturers have a Chinese wall tariff for this country, and the farmer would pay for the whistle. The speaker being constantly interrupted said he would conclude if a hearing was not granted him.

Mr. Bathgate made a short speech in which he re-hashed a few of Mr. Lukes' platitudes. When some one in the audience asked for his views on the "Tobacco" question, strange to say, such a question to all appearances had the effect of stopping his speech.

Dr. McGuire followed with some remarks on the imports from the United States, when Dr. Herod hauled a fat roll of bills out of his pocket, and offered to bet him $5,000 that his statements were incorrect.

Mr. Lees discussed the trade of cattle between Canada and the United States, and tried to show from his own business that Dr. McGuire must have been misinformed in regard to the importation of cattle.

Mr. Doyle advocated Mr. Goldie's claims as a protectionist.

Dr. Herod made a speech of over an hour's duration. The speech was composed of a tirade of abuse of Mr. Guthrie's friends, from which we cull a few choice remarks. He said he was the farmer's friend, as when they prospered so did he, consequently heir interests were identical. No one could say that he ever sounded a note that was not Conservative. There was no use endeavoring to elect a Conservative in South Wellington, simply because it was Grit to the backbone. He granted that Mr. Stirton deserved an office at the hands of the Government for his faithful services, but he had deceived the electors in promising to support Protection, and when it came to a vote in the House voted with the Government against it. He referred to the nationality of the people of the town of Guelph, and said that although Englishmen came first in numbers, the Irish next, and the Scotch last, by Jove the latter largely predominated in the town delegates to the Convention that brought Mr. Guthrie out. Shortly after Mr. Stirton's resignation he had a conversation with Mr. Elliott on the manner of bringing out a candidate, and being told it would be done in Convention, he offered to bet money with him that he could name the nationality of the candidate.

At this juncture some noise took place among the audience, when the Chairman said that order must be preserved, although he thought it would be well for the doctor to take a rest.

The speaker continued, and said that to Mr. Cartwright and the present Government we owed the present depression in trade. What we wanted was a tariff that could be changed from day to day, week to week, or month to month. He denied the statement going the rounds, that he had said he had seen a cheque for money said to have been paid Mr. McMillan to secure his retirement from the contest, and if he had uttered such a statement it would have been as false as h—l, but he had not. The cry was raised by Mr. Guthrie's friends, that Mr. Goldie would do all in his power to put the present Government out. Whoever made this statement was saying what was false. Yes, false as h—l. He said that financial pressure had been tried to be brought to bear upon Mr. Goldie, and he believed that James Young was at the bottom of it, and when he (Dr. Herod) stated that Jimmie Young was without honor and principle, and was the blackest scoundrel that lived by politics, and that this country contains, he said it advisedly, and was determined to make similar statements throughout the Riding. The same statement was repeated more than once, only varying the form by prefixing scoundrel with the word d—nd.

At a later period in the meeting, on Dr. Herod being asked where he got his information in regard to Mr. Young trying to influence Mr. Guthrie's opponent to retire, he replied that he got it at a conference held with Mr. Goldie and his brother.

Mr. George Howard followed in an argumentative address, completely knocking the bottom out of Dr. Herod's theories, and showed clearly that it was to the interests of the farmers to support the present Government, both on account of its economy as well as administrative ability.

Dr. Herod followed with another lengthy speech, very much of the same character as the one he had already delivered. In referring to Mr. Howard he with a sneer called him the Jesuit of the Council Board in Guelph.

At this juncture the room commenced emptying, and by the time the doctor was through speaking, most of those who were left were gathered around the table at which the chairman sat.

It was then moved by Mr. John Hawes, seconded by Mr. Felix McGann, that this meeting has the fullest confidence in Mr. James Goldie as the protectionist's candidate for election as member of the House of Commons, for the South Riding of Wellington, and pledges itself to use all lawful means to secure his return.

The motion was carried, and the meeting then broke up.

Mr. Guthrie's Meeting in Hillsburg.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of Mr. Guthrie's friends at Hillsburg on Friday night. The meeting took place in the new wagon shop, near Mr. Wm. How's store. Mr. Duncan McMillan (Hillsburg) was appointed chairman, and Mr. Thomas Young secretary.

Mr. Guthrie on coming forward was well received. He spoke for over an hour, entering fully into the chief political questions of the day, especially the present all-absorbing one of protection. He exposed the fallacies with which the subject is being surrounded, and especially as regards the farming interests put the matter in its true and proper light.

Mr. Geo. A. Drew—the thrice defeated Tory candidate for North Wellington—then took the platform on Mr. Goldie's behalf, and spent half an hour in advocating protection, and pitching into the Government.

Mr. Innes followed shortly on Mr. Guthrie's side, and Dr. McNaughton, of Erin, replied on Mr. Goldie's behalf.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. D. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. Wm. How:—That having heard Mr. Guthrie discuss at length the public questions of the day, we hereby express our entire confidence in his ability and honesty to represent us in Parliament, and that he will do all he can to foster the interests of all classes, manufacturing and agricultural, and we pledge ourselves to use all lawful efforts to secure his return.

The motion was carried by an immense majority, only two holding up their hands against it.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, and three cheers for the Queen, and three for Mr. Guthrie, the meeting separated.

The Meeting at Rockwood.

Mr. Goldie's meeting at Rockwood was addressed by Dr. Orton, and Messrs. Hood and Davies, and in behalf of Mr. Guthrie by Mr. McCaig. As Dr. Orton was leaving immediately after speaking to attend the Centre Inn meeting, Mr. Strange stopped him and put him through a course of questioning on protection, to the great amusement of the meeting, who could not but see that the Doctor had decidedly the worst of it. The meeting was more than three to one for Mr. Guthrie.

The Meeting at Centre Inn.

After Dr. Orton had got out of Mr. Strange's clutches at Rockwood, he and Messrs. Wilkie and Hood proceeded to the Centre Inn, where a few people are convened. After speeches from them, Mr. L. Parkinson replied to their arguments. At the close a motion of confidence in Mr. Goldie was moved by Mr. Wilkie, seconded by Mr. Hood (neither of them electors in the Riding) and carried.

The Meeting at Arkell.

At the meeting called on behalf of both candidates at the Stone School house at Arkell, on Friday night, there was a large gathering of electors, the school house being entirely filled.

Mr. Duncan McFarlane was called to the chair and Mr. David McFarlane acted as Secretary.

Col. Higinbotham was called upon to address the meeting, and began by stating that this was not a contest between a Conservative and a Reformer, as both candidates were members of the party to which he belonged, and both had promised to support the present Government, except upon one question, and that question was whether our present duties on manufactured goods and farmers' produce should be raised to such a figure as would exclude foreign competition. He argued that it was idle to talk of protection against the farm products, as the small quantity which come into this country for consumption could not effect our market in any perceptible degree. So that it would be useless to put on a duty for the purpose of keeping out an article which did not come in when there was no duty. He also argued that the ultimate result of protection would be injurious to the manufacturers themselves.

Mr. Goldie followed in a brief speech, in which he explained that his reason for entering this contest was because the Government with whom he agreed on their general policy, would not give the millers a protective tariff against American flour.

Mr. Dunbar followed. He explained the mode in which the revenue of the country was raised. That it was raised to a great extent by levying customs duties on foreign goods imported into this country, and the policy of both parties heretofore had been to adjust those duties in such a way as to keep the necessaries of life as low as possible, and at the same time to encourage our own manufactures. But Mr. Goldie and his friends proposed to revise this system; to put on taxes for the express purpose of making every article we consume as dear as possible, so that they would grow rich at our expense. He pointed out from the Trade and Navigation returns that the beef imported into this country did not in the past four years amount to more than one bullock to every thousand people in the Dominion.

Mr. Lukes followed in a very pleasant but rambling speech, in which he dwelt entirely upon the wrongs of the miller. He said other manufacturers could speak for themselves.

Dr. Keating followed, and urged Conservatives as party men to support Mr. Goldie.

Col. Higinbotham closed the debate, after which the following resolution was carried, with an overwhelming majority—there being only five votes against it:—"Moved by James Scott, seconded by Jas. Caulfield, that in the opinion of this meeting it is not desirable to increase the taxation of the people of this country, beyond what is necessary to meet the public expenditure, and we pledge ourselves to support Mr. Guthrie as the opponent of such increased taxation."

After votes of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary the meeting dispersed.

The Meeting at Marden.

Mr. Guthrie held a meeting at the Schoolhouse, Marden, on Saturday night. There was a good attendance. Mr. Geo. A. Darby, Reeve, was called to the chair. Mr. Guthrie spoke first, and the other speakers on his side were Messrs. D. McCrae and J. P. McMillan. Messrs. Wilkie and Lukes spoke for Mr. Goldie. The meeting was quiet and orderly.

York Road Meeting.

Mr. Goldie's friends called a meeting at the York Road Schoolhouse, Eramosa, for Saturday night, but none of them put in an appearance. Mr. Massie, who went out for Mr. Guthrie, addressed the meeting for a short time.

Dominion Day in Guelph.

LAYING OF MASONIC HALL CORNER STONE.

AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

Saturday, July 1st, 1876.

The ninth Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada will be one long remembered in Masonic circles in this section of the County, on account of it being the day on which the first corner stone has been laid with Masonic honors in Guelph. The fact that this the first, is the corner stone of a magnificent Masonic building, invested it with additional interest. Unfortunately the heavens were not propitious, for early in the morning they poured down rain, and it remained showery throughout the day. During the entire procession and ceremony, the clouds looked as though they were pleased enough with the proceedings to withhold the sheeding of moisture. This, besides, doing away with all discomfort, had the effect of gathering a crowd which numbers would foot up to several thousands.

The following places were represented by members of the craft: Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Stratford, Brampton, Georgetown, Rockwood, Galt, Berlin, Hespeler, Harriston, Palmerston, Fergus, Elora, and other places, besides several American cities.

At one o'clock p.m., the members of the Grand Lodge were convened in special session in the Chapter Room of the Masonic Chambers, corner of Wyndham street and Market square, while the other visiting brethren and members of the Town Lodges met in the Town Hall. The following are the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge, elected for this meeting:—

M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master.
R. " " John McLaren, as D.G.M.
R. " " — Burnett, as G S.W.
V. " " J. S. Scarff, as G J.W.
" " S. S. Walsh, as Chaplain.
" " J. Figg, as Treasurer.
R. " " J. J. Mason, as Secretary.
V. " " W. P. Hepburn as S.D.
" " S. R. Moffatt as J.D.
" " W. L. P. Eager as Sup. of W.
" " C. Sharpe as Dir. of Cer.
" " Hugh Walker as Asst. G.S.
" " C. Pettiford as G.D. of Cer.
" " W. J. Paterson as G.S.B.
" " W. Tytler as G Organist.
" " C. J. Waugh as G. Pursuivant
" " John Dixon as Tyler.
" " K. W. Walton as Steward.
" " John Barbour as "
" " W. Mulloy "
" " V. Erbach "
" " John McDonald "
" " Hugh Hyndman "
" " C. O. Sizer "
" " C. Chase "
" " A. C. Chadwick "
" " P. Bish "

After forming in procession at the Hall, the members of the craft marched to Speed Lodge and escorted the Grand Lodge to the site of the building. The procession, numbering about 500, was the finest that has ever paraded the streets of Guelph, and was marshalled by Sir Knight J. W. Jessop, of Guelph, P.W. of the Detroit Commander, and was headed by Lawrence's Cornet Band.

On arriving at the site, the procession formed in open order and the members of the Grand Lodge headed by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., marched through to the corner on which the stone was to be placed. The Band was stationed on a platform erected specially for the occasion. After the procession closed in M. W. Bro. Kerr, addressed the assemblage. He said that at the request of the Committee of the Masonic Hall Company he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a building designed for future occupancy by the Masonic Lodges, where the principles of Masonry would be inculcated. As the elements were not propitious he considered it advisable to curtail the proceedings, and what remarks he would have liked to make, he would leave until later in the day. He then called upon the brethren to sing the following anthem prepared for the occasion, Bro. H. K. Maitland leading in the well-known tune, "Old Hundred":—

Accept, Great Builder of the skies,
Our heart-felt acts of sacrifice!
Each brother found a living stone
While bending low before Thy throne.

While Craftsmen true their work prepare,
With thoughts unstained, and holy care,
May each be fitly formed, and placed
Where LOVE DIVINE his hopes had traced.

With all my powers of heart and tongue
I'll praise my Maker in my song;
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Before the scroll, on which was written the facts connected with the laying of the corner stone, was deposited in the casket, it was read by Grand Secretary Mason. The following is a copy of the scroll:—

In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth. On this first day of July, A. D., MDCCCLXXVI, and of the Era of Freemasonry, *Anno Lucis*, 5876, and in the fortieth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign VICTORIA, Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Dominion of Canada, Australasia, &c., Empress of India, &c; the Right Honorable Sir Frederic Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K. B., K. C. B., &c., being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada; the Honorable D. A. Macdonald, being Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario; the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada; the Honorable Oliver Mowat, being Attorney General of Ontario; Robert Melvin, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Guelph; Alexander Bain Petrie, Esq., President; John Inglis, Esq., Hugh Walker, Esq., David Kennedy, Esq., Thomas Young Greet, Esq., Samuel R. Moffat, Esq., Charles Pettiford, Esq., being Directors; William H. Jacomb, Esq., Treasurer; J. Mimmack, Esq., Secretary and H. W. Peterson, Esq., Solicitor of the Guelph Masonic Hall Company.

This Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall, erected by the Masonic Fraternity of Guelph, was laid by M. W. Bro. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Esq., Q. C.' Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada, assisted by the Grand officers, and by a large concourse of brethren in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

MASONIC BODIES IN THE TOWN.—Speed Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 180, S. R. Moffat, Esq, W. M; Guelph Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No 258, Jno. H. Moore, Esq., W. M.; Guelph Royal Arch. Chapter, No. 40, G. R. C., H. K. Maitland, Esq., 1st Principal, Z.

CONTRACTORS.—Masonry, Taylor & Emslie; Carpentering, Geo. Stevens & Son.; Plastering, William Day; Smith and Foundry, Inglis & Hunter; Tinsmithing, George Howard; Architect, Victor Stewart, Esq.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Besides the scroll there was placed in the casket the following articles:—Copy of Grand Lodge's report for 1875, book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, book of Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch. Masons, copy of the By-laws of Speed and Guelph Lodges, copy of the By-laws of Guelph Chapter, R. A. M., copy of the *Craftsman* for June, 1876, Canadian Almanac for 1876, *Globe*, *Mail*, MERCURY and *Herald*, and coins 50, 25, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent pieces.

The Grand Master then ordered the Grand Secretary to see that the casket was safely deposited in the corner stone.

W. Bro. S. R. Moffat stepped forward to the Grand Master, and in a few well chosen words presented him with the silver trowel to be used on the occasion, remarking that it was the first corner stone laid by the Masonic body in Guelph.

The Grand Master replied, stating that he would retain the implement as one of the most pleasant mementoes in his life, and that although he had been the recipient of many trowels on similar occasions, he had never before received one so beautiful. He then spread the mortar on the bed on which the stone had to rest, and gave the order for it to be lowered. At his command the plumb, the square, and the level were applied to the stone, which was found to be true in all its parts by the proper officers. The Grand Master then with three strokes of the gavel declared the stone to be "well made, truly laid, true and trusty." Corn, oil and wine were poured on the stone—the corn as the emblem of plenty, the wine as the emblem of joy and cheerfulness, and the oil as the emblem of comfort and consolation. The Grand Master expressed the hope that corn, oil and wine would ever be plentiful, and peace prevail within their borders. The plans of the building were then committed to the care of the building committee by the Grand Master, who expressed his pleasure in handing them over for the completion of the work already begun, and he hoped it would have a prosperous completion, and trusted the building would not only be a benefit to Masonry but to the whole community.

The usual benefit was placed on the corner stone for the benefit of the workmen, after which the procession again formed and escorted the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Chambers, and then proceeded to the Town Hall where they were shortly afterward joined by the Grand Lodge.

THE BANQUET.

About five hundred sat down to the banquet spread on three long tables occupying the whole length both of the new and old halls. Mr. W. J. Little was the caterer on the occasion. While speaking of this we would be only giveing what is due to Mr. Little in saying that the collation itself as well as the entire arrangements were of such a character as would do credit to any large city establishment. It was the largest affair of the kind ever got up in Guelph. The band was stationed on the stage and played a number of pieces during the progress of the banquet.

R. W. Bro. John McLaren occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. C. Pettiford, R. W. Bro. Burnett, V. W. Bro. Chas. Sharpe, W. Bro. C. J. Waugh; and on his left by W. Bro. S. R. Moffatt, V. W. Bro. J. S. Scarff, V. W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, W. Bro. Wm. Tytler, W. Bro. W. J. Patterson.

The first toast proposed by the chairman was "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with masonic honors, the band afterwards playing the National Anthem.

The chairman in proposing the toast of "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada," said that although a small cloud had arisen in Canada over Masonry, the Lodges are all in good working order. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were the most important of the officers, and the gentlemen now occupying those positions, even in their manifold duties, had done much for the furtherance of the craft. The toast was drunk with masonic honours.

A selection having been given by the band, M. W., Bro. Kerr thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the toast. He was sure he was only echoing the sentiments of the large assemblage that it would be more pleasing to listen to the sweet strains furnished by the Guelph Band than any observations he might offer to them. It was the first time he had taken part as a Mason in any proceedings in Guelph. He was quite sensible the honor done him was rather in testimony to the character of the duties of the high office which he occupied than the way in which they were discharged. Although not a Guelphite he was very near being one, as he had been born a Pusinch boy. And perhaps on account of this he had noticed with pride and amazement the rapid growth of this the great market town of the garden of Ontario every time he had visited it. (Cheers.) He had experienced a great deal of pleasure in officiating at the laying of the corner stone of their new Masonic building, but as the clouds were then threatening he was not able to address them, but would now call their attention to a few observations. The ceremony of laying in public of a foundation stone was a declaration of the importance of the work. These ceremonies have been conducted in ages gone by in a public manner, and it was with a feeling of admiration that we could look down a long vista and note where this ceremony had been observed. There was