Notice of Partnership

The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken Mr. John A. Davidson into partnership, and that the style of the Firm will be Innes & Davidson.

All accounts against the undersigned, either personal or against the office, up to the 1st of January, to be sent in immediately.

JAS. INNES.

Guelph, Jan'y 1, '74.

Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 27, 1874

Meeting of Reform Committee.

The friends of Mr. Stirton will not fail to remember that the final meeting of the Central Reform Committee will be held this evening in Parker's Hotel at eight o'clock. It is requested that all members of the Ward Commitees, and all others interested in the Reform cause be present, to make the necessary arrangements for the polling day.

The Ward Committees meet at their respective rooms at 7 p.m.

The Contest.

The opponent of Mr. Bodwell in South Oxford having retired adds one more to the list of members elect, which gives in Ontario 15 Government to 1 Opposition.

In Quebec there have been 2 more unopposed returns, one on each side, which gives 22 Government, 4 Opposition, and 2 Independent.

In New Brunswick one Minister, Mr. Smith, has been returned.

The total returns are now 38 Government, 5 Opposition, and 2 Independent.

Attempted Blood-Boiling.

The Latest Tory Dodge.

The *Mail* of to-day (Tuesday) gives currency to a ridiculous *canard* from its Hamilton correspondent, to the effect that the Mackenzie Government has granted or promised an amnesty to Riel and his associates; that this was done in order to purchase the support of the French members; and that an offer of French support on this condition was made to Sir John A. just before his resignation, but refused by him with holy horror. The *Mail*, unscrupulous as it is, dare not endorse its correspondent openly, but speaks of the statement with a qualifying "if," and "rather thinks it is true!" That correspondent at Hamilton must have a wonderful nose for smelling a rat. How conveniently he has timed this particular "smell"—just two days before the election, when there is no time left for contradiction. This is in keeping with the whole of the *Mail's* tactics during the election. It has sought to bolster up a bad case by wholesale slander, and now it makes its last stab by scattering over the country a charge made by an irresponsible correspondent, without a particle of evidence to support it, in the hope that it may turn a few votes. The good sense of the electors, however, will be sufficient antidote to such a transparent dodge. This correspondent says his "news" will "make the blood of loyal citizens of the Dominion boil with indignation." We think not. If loyal citizens set their blood a-boiling every time the *Mail* gets up a scare of this sort, it would all have gone off in steam before now. This infamous attempt of the *Mail* to influence the electors will not have the effect anticipated, but will rouse every true man to support the Government which the Tories are trying to injure by such a mean and despicable trick.

Considerable Difference.

The *Herald* takes exception to our remarks about Mr. Carling and Mr. Walker. To its credit, it is a little more decent than the London *Free Press*, and does not attempt any defence of Mr. Carling's rascality; but it says that Major Walker is every whit as guilty as he. It is careful also not to publish the facts and enable its readers to judge for themselves. Major Walker's share in the transaction is certainly discreditable, but not half so bad as "Honest John's." Major Walker was not a member of Parliament when the corrupt compact was made; John Carling was, and here lies the great difference. John Carling committed a great piece of roguery for his private profit, and Major Walker allowed himself to be made an assistant in the commission of it. They are a pretty pair—but they were both dear friends of Sir John A. Macdonald, and have profited well by his counsels. The *Herald* says:—

"The Grit party do not really care "how much rascality a man may be "guilty of so long as he will contest a "constituency in their interest."

But Major Walker is not contesting London in the Reform interest, O *Herald*. He was brought out by a section of the Tory party whose stomachs were not strong enough to accept Carling and the Pacific Scandal. Walker repudiated the Scandal and John A., and is a popular man there. would be little chance of a straight Reform candidate being returned in such a Tory hot-bed as London; and the Reformers tacitly agreed to support the least objectionable of the two Conservatives, on his promising to support the Ministry. Whatever Major Walker may have done, he is not a thorough-paced corrupt tool of Sir John, like Mr Carling, who has for years done all the dirty work of the party in the West without flinching. The *Herald* says they are both "corrupt rascals." They are both Tories, and we wish the *Herald* joy of them.

Wellington County Council.

At the meeting of the County Council to-day Mr. James Laidlaw was elected Warden, on motion of Mr. Robert Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Leslie.

Durham and the Railway.

The Durham *Chronicle* of last week has the following on this matter:

"From information received from an authentic source, we arrive at the conclusion that the branch railroad from Clifford to Durham is not now likely to be built. We are not, however, authorized by or on behalf of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Company to say, in so many words, that they have abandoned the enterprise, but we have received such information in reference to the existing relations between the Great Western Railway Company and the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company as forces us to adopt the conclusion with which this notice sets out, or otherwise indulge a delusion which will embitter disappointment in proportion to the length of time it is entertained. There has been no understanding on the part of the Great Western Company to aid in the construction of the said branch, though the contrary has boldly asserted."

Commenting on the foregoing, the Mount Forest *Examiner* says:—"We trust that no obstacle now remains to prevent united action on the part of Egremont, Normanby, Minto, Harriston, Mount Forest, Durham, Owen Sound and other municipalities interested, in faver of the Stratford and Lake Huron Railway. All minor differences should be set aside in the interest of the general weal."

On dit, that Mr. C. E. Dedrickson, formerly of the Toronto *Telegraph*, who for the past twelve months has been night-editor of the *Globe*, is about to retire from connection with the latter journal, and that vacancy will be filled by Mr. Toplis, formerly night-editor of the Montreal *Herald*. Other changes in the editorial staff of the *Globe* are expected, consequent on the early absence from this country of Mr. J. Gordon Brown, editor-in-chief. Mr. Brown is expected to start on a visit to the West Indies in the course of about a month.

McCarthy, who killed Mordecai in a duel in the States, has been found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, and, after paying a fine of $500, was discharged.

Mr. Jas. M. Matthews, in the hardware business at Ingersoll, has assigned. This was in consequence of his failure to meet the payments under a composition obtained from his creditors some time ago, while doing business in the same line in Toronto. A considerable per centage of compositions granted end in this way.

SUICIDE.—A vagrant named Jerry Casey, who for some months past had been laboring as a railroad navvy on the Southern Extension, last Monday bought a vial full of undiluted sulphuric acid, ostensibly to apply to a sore, and kept it about him till next day, when at Alex. McLean's hotel he got a glass of beer into which he poured about an ounce of the fluid, and thereupon swallowed nearly the whole contents of the glass. He vomited most of it up, and strange to say he still survives, though his stomach must be fearfully burnt with the poisonous mixture. The man appears to be insane.—Since writing the above we learn that the unfortunate man has just died.—*Bruce Reporter.*

AT the annual meeting of the District L. O. L., of Farmington, held at Bowling Green on the 13th inst., the following officers were elected: Bro. S. F. Johnston, D. M.; Bro. J. Durkin, D. D. M.; Bro. J. Braiden, Chaplain; Bro. J. K. Decatur, Secretary; Bro. T. H. Reid, Treasurer; and Bro. J. Allingham, Director of Ceremonies.

News is scarce in Minnesota. In the effort to present something fresh, a Lanesboro paper has found it necessary to publish the Ten Commandments, under an excuse of "a gentle reminder now and then."

"When I think of the bummers that left Boston in 1849 to find their fortunes in California, and then hear Bret Harte call 'em Argonauts," said a gentleman after the lecture, "I must award to Bret the credit of reflum' whatever he teaches.'

A wealthy farmer at Fulton, N. Y., has this notice posted up in his field: "If any man's or woman's cows or oxen gits in these air oats, his or her head will be cut off, as the case may be. A man eye am, and pay my taxses, confoolization to a man who lets his critter run loose said eye."

A young gentleman at Kansas City sent seventy-five cents to New York recently for a method of writing without pen or ink. He received the following inscription on a card: "Write with a pencil."

ALEX. F. FIRIE, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, *Herald* Office, Guelph. Guelph, Dec. 18, 1872. yw

BIRTHS.

POWNEY — In Fergus, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Powney, of a son.

KRIBS—At Guelph, on the 26th inst., the wife of Mr. Philip Kribs, of a son.

MARRIED.

NAIRN—PARK—By the Rev. D. D. McLennan, at Park Home, Garafraxa, John Nairn, of Barrie, Ont., to Margaret Park, of Garafraxa, Ont.

BAIN—MATTHEWSON—On the 13th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Millican at the residence of the bride's mother Mr. James Bain to Miss Elizabeth Mathewson, all of West Garafraxa.

CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS WILL FIND FULL LINES OF

British and Canadian

SPRING TWEEDS

Fine Stock of DRAB KERSEYS.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.

TORONTO

FLAMBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the above Company will be held at Mrs. Lamb's TENTH INN, Flamborough, on MONDAY, 2nd February, at 2 o'clock, p.m., for receiving the Directors' Report, Election of Officers, and other business. RUGH BLACK, Secretary. Flamborough, January 10th, 1874. w3t

THORP'S HOTEL, [illegible] modernized and newly furnished throughout and commodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. [illegible] dwtf [illegible] THOS. A. THORP, Prop.

NEW GOODS.

Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory handled Table and Dessert Knives.
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.
Electro-plated Butter Coolers.
Tea and Coffee Pots.
Table Napkin Rings.
Bread Platters and Bread Knives.
Tea Trays and Waiters.
Coal Scuttles.
Vases and Pardonians.
Fire Irons and Stands.
Skates. Boys' and Girls' Sleighs,
Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells,
Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HARDWARE MERCHANT,

GUELPH.

TO THE ELECTORS

—OF—

The South Riding of the County of Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the dissolution of the Dominion Parliament it devolves upon you to elect a representative.

At the urgent solicitation of a large number of friends, I have consented to become a candidate for your suffrages.

I do not offer myself as the nominee of any party exacting pledges, but as an Independent candidate.

I will support the present Government in all useful measures, and will not at any time offer a factious opposition.

I am in favor of a Protective Tariff, and will give a hearty support to any measure introduced for the protection and encouragement of Home Industry, manufacturing and agricultural.

The Pacific Railway is a matter of grave importance. My opinion is that the Dominion Parliament is pledged to the construction of the Road through Canadian Territory, in order to keep faith with British Columbia. I shall, however, be guided to some extent by the opinion of practical engineers, and having always a regard to the maintenance of the Road as a thoroughly British and Canadian enterprize, and to the exclusion of undue American influence.

I am in favor of Legislative measures for the encouragement of Immigration.

I am opposed to the expenditure of money in elections, from whatever source it may be obtained.

I am in favor of a stringent Election Law.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY HATCH.

Guelph, Jan. 16, '74. d&wtf

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Price 15c by mail, post paid.

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Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warerooms

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Spring Beds, Mattrasses, &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.

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Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. dwtf

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MACHINISTS' TOOLS

Complete, with best modern attachments.

STEAM ENGINES

Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationery Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention.

THOS. WORSWICK,
Guelph, Ont.

Dec. 17, 1873. d&wly.

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SEEDS

Sent by Mail to all parts of the Dominion.

Our catalogue, "THE LITTLE FLORISTS," has a beautiful Parlor Picture, 17x22 inches, free to all who favor us with an order to the amount of FIVE DOLLARS.

Send for CATALOGUE, which we mail gratis to all who wish.

CHASE, BROTHERS & BOWMAN,
SEEDSMEN,
Oshawa Ont.

January 8 1874 w4t

New Advertisements.

THE GOLDEN LION

THE GREAT SALE

Goes On with Zeal Unabated at

THE LION.

Store Crowded from Morning till Night!

GREAT BARGAINS STILL

And More Terrific Reduction so as to Clear Out by the First of February.

SEE LIST OF PRICES UNDER:

WOMEN'S WEAR

500 sets of Furs $2.75, worth $5.00
Heavy Wool Shawls for $1.40, worth - - 2,75
A rich Poplin Dress for 50 cents.
75 pieces Check Challies for 5c. worth - - 15c.
Over 200 pieces Heavy Aberdeen Wincey to be sold at 8 cents, worth - 12c.
Granite and all other mixtures at $1 the dress, and plenty to choose from.
The best Wincey 18c worth - 30c.
Rich black Silk 65c, worth - 87½c
593 Fancy Silk Dresses in the newest shades $1, worth - 1.50
Horrock's best White Shirtings at 10c per yard.

MEN'S WEAR

$11 Overcoats for - $6.50
3 Pants for - - 1.75
3 Beaver Overcoating for - 1.50 or half price.
All wool Flannels in white, scarlet and fancy, in endless variety, now down to - 20c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth one dollar, for - 75c
Strong Satinets, worth 65c, for 40c
Heavy Tweeds worth $1 for - 75c
Grain Bags, worth $4.75 for - 4.00
Sealskin for Mantles and Overcoats 62½c, worth 1.25.
Hats and Caps at half price.
Horse Blankets from 75c a pair, worth 1.25.
Buffalo Robes much under cost.

We would remark that we nor any House could maintain the above low prices, as many of the Goods are much under cost, the object being to sell the Stock previous to dissolution of firm, which will shortly take place.

The LION is the spot to get value for your money, and those that buy elsewhere throw away so much cash.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1874 dw

12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for $1.

CHOICE IMPERIAL

New Crop Teas 50c. per lb.

J. E. McELDERRY

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THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

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AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END

WE ARE UNUSALLY BUSY THIS WEEK RENDERING ACCOUNTS, AND WILL REGARD IT AS A GREAT FAVOR IF THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEM WILL PAY UP AT ONCE.

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Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

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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 in parties taking a box.

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

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Guelph, Oct. 11, 1873 dw6m

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Who is now offering some of

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of Goods ever Offered in this Town.

A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from

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On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very closest prices.

DRESS GOODS

A SPECIALTY.

New Flannels, all qualities;

2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels at 25c., worth 35c.

475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

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Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings

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WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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CANADA HOUSE,

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26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

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THE GUELPH

Mercury and Advertiser

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

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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 as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; for 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 GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—$1.50 a year in advance; credit $2.00.

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Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements changed oftner than once a month charged extra.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

Special to the MERCURY.

LOST—On the 8th inst., either in the Station House, at Fergus, or in the town, or near there, an envelope containing a note of hand made by James McIlwraith and John Rafferty to Moses Whitehead, for $91, and a photograph enclosed. All parties are hereby cautioned against negotiating the same, and the finder will be suitably rewarded by sending same per mail to the P.M., at Dunkeld P.O., County of Bruce. j14-w2 MOSES WHITEHEAD