

THE LATE ELECTION FOR MAYOR.

It is generally a safe rule, after an election contest, to say no more on the subject, but to allow the excitement which it has raised for a day or two to die a natural death. We would gladly do so in regard to the late election for Mayor of this town, but for one or two points which call for remark, and which, on account of the prominence given to them by the successful candidate and his friends, demand some notice at our hands. And first, we would call attention to the course the Advertiser has pursued during, and after, the contest. According to custom it brought before the public some weeks ago, a baker's dozen of supposed candidates, half of whom were never thought of, and did not want the office. Among these it mentioned the two candidates who ultimately took the field, but during the canvass not a word was said by it either for or against them. As soon, however, as the vote gave Dr. Herod a majority, it exulted in the victory, though either through fear or faint-heartedness, it had nothing to say in his favour before. While the fight was going on, it slunk aside like a coward—when the fight was over it cheered loudly for the winning side. In speaking of the election it objects to the manner in which Mr. Melvin was brought out. If it means by bringing out a man to announce his name through the public prints, we would remind it that the Mercury and Advertiser brought Mr. Melvin out the same night. Who else brought him out we would like to know? Where was the secrecy about it? And to this we would add another question, Who brought out Dr. Herod? Was there not as much secrecy, and for aught we know more, about his taking the field than about Mr. Melvin's. This sort of talk is the silliest imaginable. A candidate has only two ways of "coming out" as the Advertiser phrases it, he either does so on his own responsibility or he is asked to do so. We seldom or ever yet heard of a spontaneous, united movement on the part of the ratepayers, to bring out anybody. We wish they would take such interest in municipal affairs as would induce them to do so, for then it would save the few who really do care about these matters from being charged with the desire of dictation. In this case, however, we never made the slightest objection to the way in which Dr. Herod was brought out, but we have just as good reason for doing so as he and the Advertiser and all his other intemperate friends have when they endeavor to find fault with the way in which Mr. Melvin was brought out. It is strange how some people condemn what their neighbours do, though they never can detect anything wrong in it when they do it themselves.

We will now advert to one or two points in Dr. Herod's speech at the close of the poll. In doing so we would be sorry to overlook the heavy way in which he thanked his Catholic friends for their support. All we would say to that, is that one good turn deserves another, and his Catholic friends don't seem to forget past—long past—favours received at the Doctor's hands. Then he warmly thanked his own countrymen for their almost united support. This was natural enough, but strangely illogical, though, we suppose, in his excessive joy at his unexpected success he overlooked that slight defect in his harangue. He was condemning an imaginary enemy in the shape of a "ring" or "clique," which terms he applied indiscriminately to the ratepayers of Scottish origin, who considered it to be their duty to vote against him. The Doctor, in fact, in an obscure, oblique fashion, was hammering away at the "Scottish cry," while at the same time he was expressing his warmest thanks to his countrymen for doing what he so strongly—though unjustly—condemned on the part of the Scottish ratepayers. It is no use blinking this matter. Dr. Herod has before got up the same cry in a most dishonourable, secret manner, and he made all the capital he could out of it during the late canvass in quarters where he thought it would succeed. As against this had we not the spectacle of the great bulk of those belonging to the other two nationalities going for him, and yet no complaint was uttered by the Scotch that the clannishness generally laid at their door was most glaringly observable on the other side. So it has been in every contest within our knowledge. While the cry went abroad that the Scotch were banded together, we invariably found that there was as much—if not more—cohesion among those of other nationalities.

We would remind all such—and there are not a few in this town—who have Scotchphobia, of the couplet from Burns:

Oh! I had some power the giftie gits us,
To see ourselves as others see us—
But we suppose that being Scotch
too will be considered beyond the pale of criticism, and applicable only to Scotch "cliques" and "rings." But to speak seriously, we greatly deplore the existence of such a spirit as seeks unjustly and secretly—for it dare not come out boldly and openly—to stir up strife between people of different nationalities, whether from jealousy or hatred, or what cause we cannot say, but the fact nevertheless is patent. Time and again we have heard this "Scottish cry" sounded by men who boast of their intelligence and liberality; but in all our contests we are

proud to say we never heard the Scotch accuse their English or Irish fellow-townsmen of doing what they were charged with, though they had equally good—if not better—grounds for doing so.

We had intended to advert at length to some other features of the election, but our space is done, and we can do little else but mention them. We cannot, however, overlook the ingratitude of Dr. Herod to his old friends who first hoisted him—it was no easy matter—into place and power, and whom he now turns upon and abuses. Nor will we soon forget the earnestness of some of his most ardent supporters, among whom might be mentioned a ministerial fledgling, who near ran his long legs off in his eagerness to get voters, who succeeded admirably in acting the "b'hoj," but whom we will put to one side with the simple question whether he thinks in so acting, he was doing the work of the Master to whose services he professes to be dedicated. Another edifying sight was to notice Dr. Clark's earnestness on behalf of Dr. Herod. Surely we thought that the world was coming to an end, and that the prophecy about the lion and lamb lying down together was being realized. To see the Doctor running and sweating and fainting and drinking and speaking in favour of Dr. Herod, was something miraculous after what we have heard these two gentlemen say in public about each other. It brought vividly to mind a scene in the Court House Hotel some four years ago, at a Ward meeting, when epithets never mentioned to ears polite were freely exchanged between them, and when the war of words waxed so hot that it might have ended in a personal encounter but for the presence of mutual friends. If we were in Dr. Herod's place we would feel that we had had our revenge upon Dr. Clarke, and would be greatly inclined to chuckle over our triumph in getting our most inveterate enemy into harness again as patient as a dray horse.—Well may we say the world changes and men change with it. Another remarkable thing is that, according to the Advertiser's report of Dr. Clarke's speech after the poll, he had predicted the result of this election twenty-five years ago. It is wonderful the prescience of some—especially men like Dr. Clarke—but it is far more wonderful that we never get these predictions until the result is known. Dr. Clarke is a great prophet—after the event—but unfortunately the old adage holds good in his case, that a prophet has no honour in his own country, and we may add that in view of the past, Dr. Clarke had very little of true pride and less of manliness when he joined in with the boys in hurrahing over Dr. Herod's election. It is also wonderful how Dr. Clarke and those who thought with him that they were ruled over by the "dominant clique" so long, should have tamely submitted to being oppressed. But the facts completely falsify all that he said. Did he include in this period of domination John Smith—an Englishman, who first occupied the Mayor's chair; or his successors Messrs. Harvey, Elliott, Sunley—all Englishmen; or Dr. Parker, and Geo. Palmer—Irishmen; or Mr. Peterson—Canadian; or Dr. Clarke himself, an Irishman; or Mr. Higginsbotham, an Irishman. In all the years since the incorporation of the town, only two of the hated race—Messrs. Webster and Gow—have occupied the Mayor's chair, and yet Dr. Clarke thanks his English friends for having relieved the town of a "clique" which he says has long dominated over its elections. Men professing any regard for truth—this of course cannot include Dr. Clarke—would scorn to make such statements, when they know they are wholly devoid of it, and they would also scorn to be the instruments in fostering division and bad feeling between people of different nationalities. It serves, however, to show on which side the bigotry and narrow-mindedness exist, which we feel glad to say is not entertained by the great bulk of our fellow townsmen, but only seem to prey on the minds of a few who lose no opportunity in fostering this feeling whenever an election occurs in which it can be dragged into the arena.

Mr. Carlyle and the Edinburgh University. Mr. Carlyle, ex-Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh, has been asked to deliver a valedictory address to the students; but he has declined. The following is a copy of his letter conveying the refusal.—"Dear sir, I much regret that a valedictory speech from me, under the present circumstances, is a thing I must not think of. Be pleased to advise the young gentlemen who were so friendly towards me that I have already spent them in silence, but with emotion deep enough, perhaps too deep, my loving farewell, and that ingratitude or want of regard is by no means among the causes that keep me absent. With a fine youthful enthusiasm, beautiful to look upon, they bestowed upon me that bit of laurel, our, loyally all they had; and it has now for reasons one and another, become touchingly memorable to me—touchingly, and even grandly and tragically—never to be forgotten for the remainder of my life. Bid them, in my name, if they still love me, fight the good fight and quit themselves like men in the warfare to which they are as if conscript and consecrated, and which lies ahead." Tell them to consult the eternal oracles (not yet inaudible, nor even to become so, when worthily inquired of, and to disregard nearly altogether, incompensation, the temporary noises, menaces and deliriums. May they love wisdom as wisdom, if she is to yield her treasures, must be loved piously, valiantly, humbly, beyond life itself or the prize of life, with all one's heart, and all one's soul—in that case I will say again, and not in any other case, it shall be well with them. Adieu, my young friends, a long adieu. Yours with great sincerity,
(Signed) T. CARLYLE.

Mr. Ross's Meeting at Rockwood.—Mr. James Ross, the Reform candidate for the Centre Riding, addressed the electors of Rockwood on Wednesday afternoon last at Stull's Hall. D. Clark, Esq., acted as chairman and Mr. Stephen Nairn as secretary. After hearing Mr. Ross give his views on the more important questions of the day, the meeting passed the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting we consider Mr. Ross a fit and proper person to represent us in the Dominion Parliament of Canada."

Mr. George Bruce having declined to offer himself as a candidate for School Trustee for the North Ward, a numerous signed requisition has been presented to Mr. William Stevenson asking him to become a candidate. We are authorized to state that he has consented. Mr. Stevenson sat at the School Board for thirteen years, and discharged his duties faithfully. We have no doubt that if elected he will take a still deeper interest in our schools.

Week of Prayer. Saturday, January 9.—GENERAL: for the conversion of Israel; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian and Philanthropic Societies; and for the outpouring of the Spirit on Christians and Christian Churches throughout the world. Mr. Torrance's church, 3 p.m.

DIED. ROWLAND.—In Montreal, on the 30th May, 1869, Thomas Rowland, Railway Contractor, on G. T. R. Interred in Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal, 9th May, 1869.

New Advertisements. SPEED LODGE. THE regular monthly meeting of Speed Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, over the Bank of Commerce, on Tuesday evening, January 12, at half-past 7 o'clock. ROBERT CUTHBERT, Secretary. Guelph, Jan. 8, 1869. d 2t

NORTH WARD ELECTION! To the Electors of the North Ward: GENTLEMEN.—I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Councillor for the North Ward, in place of Dr. Herod, who has sent in his resignation. ADAM ROBERTSON, SR. Guelph, January 8, 1869. d 2t

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE OF PURE-BRED GALLOWAY CATTLE, LEICESTER AND SOUTH DOWN SHEEP, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, &c. Mr. James McMonie, Jr. has received instructions from Thomas McCrae, Esq., to offer for sale by public auction on his farm, Lot 5, 12th Con, West Flamboro, On Friday, 22nd January, at 11 o'clock a.m., the following pure-bred stock, consisting of 7 cows, calved or to calve, 2 three year old heifers, 2 yearling heifers, 2 yearling calves, 3 bull calves. The above are all pure-bred Galloway stock, either imported or from imported stock. OTHER STOCK.—Also, three span of good team horses, 1 yearling filly, 1 filly foal, 1 yoke of good oxen, 1 grade cow. SHEEP.—1 first-class aged Leicester Ram, 2 yearling rams, 6 ram lambs do, 7 pair of do, Ewes in lamb, 5 pair of do. Ewe Lambs, 6 pair Southdown Ewes, a pair of do. ewe lambs, 1do. ram lamb. Waggon, sleighs, harness, ploughs, chains, screw stump machine, and all the other farming implements. Also, a portion of household furniture. All must be sold, as the proprietor has rented the farm. TERMS.—Sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount ten months' credit on approved joint notes. THOMAS McCRAE, Proprietor. Guelph, 8th January. d 4w1

GRAND BLANKET ENTERTAINMENT, On Saturday Night! Special to MECHANICS. A. O. BUCHAM HAS on hand 200 pairs of ROSAMONDS A 1 BLANKETS, and desires to inform the Mechanics of this Town—and all others who take an interest in the

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BOARDING. Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good bedrooms in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post Office. Address A. B., Guelph Post Office, or apply at his Office. Jan. 2. WELLINGTON HOTEL-REMOVAL.—The Royal Max is the result of the consequence of the steady increase in his business for the last 12 years, the subscriber is under the necessity of extending his accommodations. Therefore he has removed to the Wellington Hotel, where he intends to carry on the hotel business on a large and improved scale, and hopes he will deserve not only the confidence of his old customers and friends, but also of his new ones, and the public generally. He hopes that each of his old friends will bring new ones, and the rest will follow. Come one, come all. An omnibus leaves the Hotel for G. W. R. to meet the Trains. Stages leave the Hotel for Hamilton, Fergus and Mount Forest, Durham and Owen Sound, Elora, Harrison and Walkerton. The Hotel will be open at all hours for the accommodation of the public. DENIS COFFEY, Proprietor. Guelph, Aug. 28. wo

New Advertisements. 100,000 BILATE, and 125,000 of the HEADS OF JUDAH, two admirable books of Sacred Music for Choirs, Singing Schools, Musical Conventions, &c. by L. O. EMERSON. Every Choir and Singing School should have them, for they will be sure of giving satisfaction. Price of each, \$1.35. Sent post-paid. A liberal discount made on quantities. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York

PUBLIC NOTICE. The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his home and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOMB. dwt Guelph, 6th Jan.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. dwt JAS. BARCLAY.

THE GUELPH Classical and Commercial Academy Will commence the third session on WEDNESDAY, the 6th Inst. The Scholars are prepared for business, professions, or the University. The business course comprises Book-keeping by Single and Double Entry, Commercial Arithmetic, plain and ornamental Writing, and all that is usually taught in the Commercial Institutes. CHARLES WALKER, Prin. Jan. 4. 11w-1d DAVID WATT Ass't.

ARRIVED One Case Clouds, At 20c. 25c. and 30c. AT W. STEWART'S. Guelph, 31st December. d

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WYNDEHAM STREET, GUELPH. BALTIMORE OYSTER DEPOT! PLATT & CO'S BALTIMORE OYSTERS! IMPORTED DIRECT. GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent. VALUABLE and DESIRABLE DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE. That eligible and commodious Stone Dwelling House and Lot, containing nearly half an acre of ground, with large stables and out-houses complete, the residence of the late Dr. Parker, situate on the corner of Market and Dublin Streets. This property is but a short distance from the Market and business part of the Town, and is an admirable location as a dwelling for a professional or business man. The above property will be sold on easy terms, which may be known by applying to GEORGE ELLIOTT, or N. HIGSBOTHAM, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 2. dwtm

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER. The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. B. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. & T. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court. GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGSBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Jan. dwtm

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. For sale, a house and lot. Terms, easy. Apply personally, or by letter. W. S. BALL. Guelph, Jan. 7. do 1w

EDUCATIONAL. MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church, begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will be opened on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodion. Residence, Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 30. dot-wly

APPRENTICE WANTED. Wanted at THE MERCURY OFFICE an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Application Guelph, 2nd December.

MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwtf

NOTICE. SILVER CREEK BREWERY. Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged. GEO. SLEEMAN daw 1t Guelph, Nov. 29.

New Advertisement. Fearful Slaughter. JOHN HOGG'S WONDERFUL

CHEAP SALE, Commencing on Thursday, Jan. 7, 1869.

ARRIVED Extraordinary Bargains Given! One Case Clouds, All the Goods offered will be put at and under actual Cost Prices. AMAZING INDUCEMENTS ARE TO BE OFFERED AT

AT W. STEWART'S. THE GOLDEN LION \$30,000 Worth of Staple & Fancy Goods

Must be disposed of during this month and February. BELOW IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE LEADING LINES THAT I WILL OFFER

UNDER Actual COST!

5-4 Coloured Cobourgs and Mohairs, at	10c. worth	15c.
5-4 do do do	16	25
7-4 Thibet Cloths	25	45
5-4 Fancy Plaids	25	37
Rich Fancy Dresses,	\$1 50	\$2 50
do do do	2 00	3 00
do do do	2 50	4 00
French Merinoes,	40	62
do do	50	75
do do	62	87
Coloured Winceys at 10 Cents per yard.	18	22
do do	18	25
do do	22	30
do do	25	35
do do	18	30
Balmoral Skirtings, at	25	40
do do	30	50
Double Long Shawls	2 00	3 50
do do do	2 75	4 00
do do do	3 00	4 50
do do do	4 00	5 50
do do do	5 00	7 00

MANTLES AND JACKETS, HALF PRICE. Jacket Cloth, Double Width, at 50c. per yard. Jacket Cloth, Double Width, at 75c. worth \$1.25. Jacket Cloth, Double Width, 88c. worth \$1.50.

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An immense Reduction in White and Grey Cottons, Shirting Flannels, Shirting Winceys, &c. \$9,000 Worth of Ready-Made Clothing! AT HALF PRICE IN MEN'S AND BOYS' COATS, PANTS AND VESTS.

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Call at the Golden Lion before parting with your Money. The Golden Lion has got his "back up." Don't you hear him Roar?

JOHN HOGG. Guelph, Jan. 6, 1869. daw 1m Any Goods Booked will be at my Regular Prices.