# The Guelph Daily Mercury

## AND ADVERTISER

VOLUME XI. NO. 152 — GUELPH, ONT. CANADA WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1878 — PRICE TWO CENTS


### ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Society will be held in their rooms, Bank of Commerce Block, on Thursday evening, January 3rd, at 8 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

2d2 ALF. BURROWS, Secretary.

### Miss Hayward's Classes

IN English, French and Music, will re-open on Monday, 7th January, 1878, at 305 Woolwich street. 31d6

## Re-opening of Schools

THE High and Public Schools, Guelph, will re-open (D. V.) after the Christmas Holidays, on

**Monday, the 7th January.**

ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary.

Guelph, 31st December, 1877. d5w1

## 1878. THE REEVESHIP. 1878

### To the Electors of the Town of Guelph.

Your vote and influence at the coming election are respectfully requested for

## GEORGE ELLIOTT,

AS REEVE.

The election takes place on Monday, Jan. 7th, 1878. dc25

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## THE REEVESHIP.

### Your Vote and Influence

## F. J. CHADWICK

FOR REEVE

Are respectfully solicited.

The polling takes place on Mond e 7th January.

## NORTH WARD.

### TO THE ELECTORS.

GENTLEMEN:

Having been nominated as one of your representatives for the ensuing year at the Town Council, I beg to solicit your votes and influence, if elected I shall strive to serve you in the future as in the past.

Yours obediently,

FREDERICK BISCOE.

January 2nd, 1878. d

## GUELPH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### To the Electors of Guelph.

GENTLEMEN:

I have consented to be a candidate for Third Deputy Reeve for 1878. Having served for some years at the Council Board, should you do me the honor to elect me to the position of Deputy Reeve, I shall endeavour in the future, as in the past, to discharge the duties to the best of my ability, and for the interests of the town.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CALEB CHASE.

Guelph, December 26th, 1877.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### To the Electors of Guelph.

GENTLEMEN:

Having consented to be a candidate for 1st Deputy Reeve for 1878, and having been a member of the County Council for one year previous, should you see fit to elect me again I will endeavour to perform the duties of that office faithfully, and in the interests of the town.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID KENNEDY.

January 3rd, 1878. d

## West Ward Committee

### TO THE ELECTORS.

GENTLEMEN:

I beg to solicit your vote and influence for a seat at the Council Board. If elected, I will discharge my duties faithfully, and with due regard to the interests of the Ward.

Yours respectfully,

JO TYSON.

Guelph, January 2nd, 1878. dtd

## STOP

By using Wilson's Wild Cherry, the Popular Remedy of the day.

## THAT COUGH.

It will never fail you. Try it, and know for yourselves.

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**CANADA AGENCY—MONTREAL**

E NEWTON, Agent, Guelph. dy

## New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. References required. Apply to Mrs. Guthrie. n27dtf

LOST—On Suffolk st., Guelph, on Sunday, a purse containing $3.05. The finder will oblige by leaving it at this office. d

WANTED A LAUNDRESS— Highest wages paid; and best references required. Apply immediately to

MISS DUNN,
Agricultural College.

Guelph, December 22nd, 1877. dtf

### Our Fancy Goods must be Sold.

IN order to clear our stock of Fancy Goods, Toys, Dolls, &c., out, a discount of ONE THIRD will be allowed off all purchases, at Cooke's Drug Store, Market Square, Guelph do

### FOUND OR LOST.

MUST BE FOUND—Customers for my fine goods in Necklets, Lockets, Sets and Silver Filigree Work, at one quarter less than price, between to-day and Saturday, 5th January, 1878. They must be cleared out.

dw G. D. PRINGLE.

### EDUCATIONAL.

THE School conducted by MRS. BUDD will re-open on January 7th. The course of instruction prepares pupils for entrance into the higher public schools, and includes drawing, singing and needle work. Private classes for Music, French and German.

Woolwich street, Guelph, Jan. 2, 1878. d5 w1

## NORTH WARD

### THE REEVESHIP.

A MEETING of the electors of the North Ward favorable to the election of GEORGE ELLIOTT for Reeve, will be held

### THIS EVENING

(Wednesday, 2nd January), at 7:30 o'clock, in the rooms above Mr. Fairbank's new butcher shop, next the Eramosa bridge.

## EAST WARD

### THE REEVESHIP.

A MEETING of F. J. Chadwick's friends will be held at

MITCHELL'S HOTEL (East Wa

### ON THURSDAY EVENING

AT SEVEN P. M.

☞ A full attendance requested.

TO LET—Part of a double house on Dublin-street, six rooms, wood-shed, stable, hard and soft water. Apply to Mrs. Sockett, 19 Surrey street. jan2 d2t

LOST—Between Morrison and Holliday's brewery, on Tuesday evening, (New Year's Day) a horse blanket, grey, with scarlet binding, leather straps, and buckles. Any one returning the same to Holliday's brewery will be suitably rewarded. d1w1

GRIST MILL FOR SALE—In the flourishing town of Thorold, with three run of stones, and all the late improvements—good water power. Its position for a large local trade is unsurpassed. For particulars apply to R B. McPHERSON, Thorold. dec12 dowXF 3w

2 COTTAGES TO LET, on Preston street. Rent low. Apply to Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, Barristers, Guelph. dec20 d.t.t.s

FOR SALE—First-class cottage and lot on Woolwich street, with commodious workshop attached. Admirably adapted for any kind of manufacturing business. Apply to C. Howitt, Guelph. dc26d w2

TO LET—House 46 Paisley street, and a store, on York Road. Also, for sale a first class farm in Eramosa, five miles from Guelph. Houses for sale. Money to loan upon personal security. Apply to James Patterson, No. 1 Day's Block, Guelph. dec 7 dw

FOR SALE OR TO LET—That very desirable residence, No. 24 Arthur st., containing nine rooms with close s, large hall nicely marbled and varnished, parlor and sitting room newly papered, hard and soft water, nice lawn, etc. Apply to Herbert Smith, at Bell's Organ Factory dc21dtf

TO LET—A comfortable Brick Cottage, opposite the residence of Dr. Davidson, Elora Road, containing five rooms, pantry, closets &c., a large kitchen and cellar. Hard and soft water, with other conveniences attached. Apply to T. Couch, next door. d15 d

TO LET—A new and handsomely finished two story double dwelling, within ten minutes walk of the Post Office. Each house contains drawing room and dining room 33 by 15 feet, with folding doors and bay windows, four large bedrooms, kitchen pantry, cellar, etc. Hard and soft water, large garden with each house. Will be let very low to a suitable tenant. Apply to Dunbar & Johnston, or Hart & Speirs. n28 tf

HOUSE TO LET—A comfortable house on Queen street, directly opposite the residence of Mr. Higinbotham. Good cellar, hard and soft water, etc., etc. Apply to Higinbotham & McLagan. n19 tf

FOR SALE—That beautiful brick residence (now completing), situated on lot No. 25 Queen st., opposite the residence of Charles Davidson, Esq. Apply on the premises. n20 dtf

ROOM TO LET—A large room in Higinbotham's Block, over Higinbotham & McLagan's office. Apply on the premises. Nov. 19th. tf

### TO LET,

A BOARDING HOUSE and Shop, together or separate on Sandilands street. Good cellar, hard and soft water. Also a dwelling house with five rooms and good cellar. Hard and soft water on the premises. Apply to

GEO. ANDERSON,
Norfolk Street.

Dec. 11th. d

TO LET—A comfortable cottage, containing 6 rooms, pantries, &c. Hard and soft water on premises. Possession immediately. Apply to R. Melvin. n3 tf

TO LET—A Dwelling House, with six rooms on Huskisson-st. Apply to J McCrea, Eramosa Bridge. n1 dtf

TO LET—A house containing 6 rooms, hard and soft water, etc. Apply to John Dolmage, Glasgow street, near Exhibition Grounds. n14dtf

STORE TO RENT—No. 28 Wyndham street, Corbet, Block. Apply to Mrs. Corbet. aug28 dtf

### CURLING AND SKATING.

THE Rink has now been greatly enlarged and will accommodate both curlers and skaters. Ice will be made as soon as possible. Season tickets reduced from former rates are to be had from the following parties, viz: D. Stirton, Post Office; G. W. Murton, Secretary of Curlers; Chas. Davidson, Secretary of Company, or caretaker at the rink.

All tickets must be prepaid.

Guelph, 4th December, 1877. dtf

## The Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 2, 1878.

### Mr. Hart Retires from the Reeveship.

*To the Electors of Guelph.*

GENTLEMEN,—I think it right to inform you as early as possible that I am not a candidate for the position of Reeve this year. I intended to have retired before the expiration of the hour allowed for doing so on the nomination day, but delayed till too late. I desire also to express my thanks for the confidence you have shown in me for the past two years, and to thank the many gentlemen who have come to me with hearty offers of support during the last few days.

Under all the circumstances however, I do not think it advisable for me to contest the Reeveship this year. Again thanking you for your generous support both now and in the past, and wishing you the compliments of the season,

I am, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM HART.

Guelph an 2, 1877.

### Not a Candidate.

*To the Editor of the Mercury.*

DEAR SIR,—Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to announce to the electors of the West Ward, that I am not a candidate for Municipal favors. I was not present at the nomination, nor did I authorize any person to use my name in connection with the approaching contest. I therefore resign in favor of the other candidates.

Yours very respectfully.

HENRY HATCH.

Guelph, Jan. 2, 1878.

### Mr. McLagan's Speech on Monday.

*To the Editor of the Mercury.*

SIR,—Finding that your reporter did not correctly catch my remarks at the nomination on Monday, and as many are anxious to know our position financially I trust you will grant me a short space in your journal to recapitulate the same.

No matter how Messrs. Howard and Melvin may endeavor to twist figures to shield their shortcomings, I repeat, and I appeal to the financier by whom they and many others swear—Mr. Geo Elliot—for the figures are his own productions *vide* his report, March 17, 1877, that the deficit from 876 was about $9,000. I have nothing to do with how this large sum is made up; there the figures stood and this Council had to pay them off. Then, on Mr. Howard's "Contingent Account" of $1,935 for 1876, it might be interesting to many of the electors to know from him how he makes up such a large amount and so *conveniently* appropriates the same under the head of "Contingencies." Mr. Howard, by way of comparison, says that of 1877 is only $1,830 and embraces $1,000 to St. John's sufferers $480 60th anniversary; $380 entertaining Legislature. These being all "special" expenditures I have classified them as grants. These are items which must necessarily stand by themselves and I am not aware that any such were expended in 1876. I further state that the assessment roll of 1876 produced $49,018; that of 1877 $57,114 32, an increase of $8,096.52. The total expenditure for 1877, I have estimated at $103 300 and revenues from all sources at $9,000, an apparent deficiency of $14,300, or an addition of $5,000 to deficit incurred for 1876. This year's Council have paid the following sums in excess of that of last year. Debenture debt, $3,500; County rate $975,-35; School Board, $8,000; Relief Committee $1,-000; increase on salaries account $400. In my estimates for expenditure I have included $2,500 to committees which may have exceeded their appropriations; $800 to collector; $400 for remissions and law expenses, and the deficiency is practically as I have stated it. Financially we are not so bad off as many would lead the ratepayers to suppose. Our town has increased rapidly during the past few years, increasing both our expenditure and receipt accounts. The schedule can be faithfully carried out and fully completed next year, if the incoming Council are at all prudent, careful men, as I trust they will be. A little over $14,000 is still required to be expended on current accounts which has nothing done to them.

For various reasons I must decline being a candidate for any municipal office this year. I am thankful to my many friends for their kindly tendered support on this and on past occasions. Feeling that I have discharged my duties in compliance with my oath of office, fearless of Grit or Tory, Catholic or Protestant, irrespective of any nationality, never endeavoring to curry favor with any class or individual, but carrying out, what I believed, my own views, which were, on every occasion, for the interest and prosperity of our good town, I leave the work to be taken up by others, with the hope that they may be actuated by the same honest motive as I have always been during the many years I have sat at the Council Board. Respectfully yours, &c.,

J. C. McLAGAN.

Guelph, January 2, 1878

### Second Deputy Reeveship.

*To the Electors the Town of Guelph:*

GENTLEMEN,—Having been nominated for Second Deputy-Reeve for the Town of Guelph, for 1878, I hereby, at the urgent solicitation of a number of ratepayers, decided to run for that office. I have had seven years' experience in the various positions in the Council, and if elected will, as I have done heretofore, use my best efforts to advance all measures which I consider for the benefit of our good Town, and at the same time oppose all unnecessary expenditure. I therefore respectfully solicit your votes and influence in favor of my election, and remain your obedient servant,

RICHARD MITCHELL.

January 2nd, 1878.

The *Detroit Free Press* says: In addition to 300,000 Universal Almanacs just published by the extensive seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., of our city, the firm are now publishing for gratuitous distribution an edition of 100,000 Seed Annuals. Their former publications have been unsurpassed, but the present one promises to excel all others in utility and general excellence. It will be mailed free to all applicants.

Send your cod liver oil to Cameron & Thorp's to be filled. We guarantee our oil to give you satisfaction, if it does not, we will refund you your money.

The Rising Sun stove polish, the most famous in the market, is to be got at Cameron & Thorp's house furnishing establishment, Upper Wyndham street.

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END ALWAYS UP TO TIME.—Special Christmas sale of dress goods, furs, millinery and other fancy goods, all suitable for Christmas and New Year's presents. A. O. Bucham sells cheap and serves his customers well.

☞ EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Sold only in packets labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London. Sept. 28, d&w 9m

Have you tried Halsted's Gold Leaf mixtures?

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR Bond & Co. wish to their customers and the public generally. All the new and improved kinds of skates and other goods suitable for holiday season are kept in large variety, and at astonishingly low prices. See new advt.

Cool and pure, sweet and fragrant. It is incomparable and Halsted & Co., keep it.

DON'T OVERLOOK IT.—J. D. Williamson & Co., announce special bargains in new goods to-day. Read their advertisement and then inspect their stock.

## Local News Items.

YOUNG People's Association meets on Friday evening at St. Andrew's Church.

VENNOR'S ALMANAC.—Mr. T. J. Day has sent us a copy of this now popular almanac. Copies for sale at Day's bookstore.

THE Guelph Cornet Band promenaded yesterday, much to the entertainment of citizens on various streets.

REV. DR. McVICAR will deliver an address on French Evangelization at Chalmer's Church this evening.

NORTH WARD.—Mr. George Hood wishes it to be announced that he will not be a candidate in the North Ward, and requests his friends not to vote for him.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.—We advise all our readers to inspect the magnificent display of flowers now on exhibition at Mr. Marcon's seed store. They are without exception the finest we have ever seen.

ON SABBATH AFTERNOON, January 6th, a special sermon will be preached in St. George's Church to the Sabbath School children to which adults are invited. To commence at three o'clock.

To have cranberries plump and firm stew them for twenty minutes, allowing a half cup of water and two cups of sugar to each quart of fruit. Do not stir them while they are cooking.

CONVICTS SENT TO THEIR QUARTERS.—Patrick Kelly, the Maryboro cattle thief, was taken to Kingston on Monday where he will remain for two years. The young lad, Davidson, tobacco thief, has been removed to the Central Prison, where he will be employed at hard labor during the ensuing six months.

I. O. O. F.—On Monday evening the followers officers were elected by Reliance Lodge:

Bro. Wm. Bourne, N. G.
" J. B. Clyde, V. G.
" Robt. McKenzie, R. S.
" John Henderson, P. S.
" John Read, Treas.

Installation at next regular meeting.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.—On New Year's eve services were held in the Norfolk and Dublin street Methodist Churches. In the former Revs. E. B. Ryckman and Thos. Wardrope conducted the services, which consisted of short addresses, singing of hymns and prayer. In the latter church the service was a similar one and was conducted by the Rev. Thos. Brock.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.—This evening the drama, entitled "A Family of Martyrs," will be reproduced by special request by the members of the G.G.L. and D.S. in the hall of St. Ignatius College. The scenery, which was painted by Prof. Albert, is exceedingly fine, and the costumes are very rich and appropriate. A crowded house may be expected. Tickets may be obtained at Day's bookstore, or from the members.

NEW BROKERS' OFFICE.—Messrs. Howitt & Kerr, two gentlemen well known in Guelph, are about opening a private bank in the Wellington Hotel Block, Upper Wyndham street, where they will do a general banking, exchange, and insurance business. The parties are thorough business men, Mr. Kerr being late manager of the bank of Montreal here, and no doubt a large business will be built up by them.

POLICE COURT.—Robert Feek, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, was adjudged innocent of the charge of keeping a disorderly house. The case was dismissed without costs. John Joslin and John Thomas, charged with behaving in a manner not becoming "a gentleman and a scholar," but judges of good whiskey, and with creating a disturbance on Monday evening last, acknowledged that they were guilty, and as a matter of course, were sorry for it. The magistrate considered that they would be happier in gaol than out of it, and in consequence, sent them up for a month each.

FIREMAN'S BALL.—The annual festivity arranged for by the Guelph Fire Brigade, took place in the Town Hall, on New Year's eve. There was a very large number present—some seventy couples, and the dancing was kept up to the inspiriting strains of Mr. Vale's quadrille band until six o'clock the first morning of the new year. As the clock commenced tolling the hour of midnight, "Auld Lang Syne" was played by the band. The supper was provided by Mr. W. Newport, who ably sustained his reputation for catering on such occasions. The firemen can be congratulated on the success of their annual ball.

PIGEON MATCH.—A shooting match took place near the Silver Creek Brewery on New Year's day, between sides captained by Geo. Sleeman and J. Turnbull, each markman having ten birds each. Mr. Sleeman made the largest score, killing seven out of ten. The score follows:

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| Geo. Sleeman... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0—7 |
| O. Root..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1—4 |
| W. Cull ..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0—6 |
| G. Beck..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0—4 |
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| J. Turnbull..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0—4 |
| T. Holliday..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0—5 |
| H. L. Walker.... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1—5 |
| D. Watson..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—2 |
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ROBBERY OF SILKS.—On Friday night last burglars were at work in town, and they succeeded in securing $100 worth of silks. Upper Wyndham was the last scene of operations previous to the one in question, when Mr. Geo. Jeffrey lost some $2,000 worth of goods, and the same portion of Wyndham street, although not the same store, was the centre of attraction for some knight of the jimmey on this occasion. The name of the loser of the property is at present suppressed, in the interests of justice. On Saturday morning the clerks noticed that the silks were displaced, and on making an examination, it was found that about $100 worth were missing. Entrance had evidently been made by the front door by some parties in possession of a key, as no marks of a forcible entrance could be observed. The police have the matter in hand, and it is likely more will be heard about the affair.

A CURIOUS FACT.—That in severe chronic cases which have proved the most obstinate to other medicines, Wilson's Wild Cherry gives immediate relief and effects a speedy cure. It has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Coryza, Bronchitis, Loss of Voice, Catarrh, Whooping Cough, or Croup. Sold by W. G. Smith; Herod & Co., and druggists generally.

ERAMOSA.—Mr. Wm. Duffield request us to state that he will not on any consideration be a candidate for councillor for Eramosa next year.

AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS.—The South Wellington Agricultural Society will meet on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at one o'clock. The Guelph Township Society will be held on Thursday, the 10th instant, at two o'clock, p.m.

MR. JOHN MILLS was presented with a very handsome tea set on Monday evening last, by a number of his friends on the eve of a very important event in connection with his life.

SOUTH WARD.—Mr. O. Clark wishes to announce that it is not his intention to run for the office of Councillor for this ward, and he wishes his friends to refrain from voting for him.

NORTH WARD MEETINGS.—All electors in the North Ward should not fail to attend the meeting called by Mr. Elliott for this evening, over the meat shop of Mr. W. J. Fairbank, at the Eramosa bridge, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THE LATE CONCERT.—The proceeds of St. George's concert, after paying all expenses, which were very large, leaves a balance of $75. The whole of the Committee are to be congratulated for their strenuous efforts in making the affair such a success, both as regards satisfaction to those who were present at the concert, as well as financially. It is probable this sum will be added to the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Society.

THE MORRISTON LARCENY CASE.—On Monday the prisoner Jacob Stremple was brought before Judge Macdonald, charged with the larceny of a pair of hold back straps and a whip in, Morriston. He was convicted for stealing the straps and sentence deferred. The charge of stealing the whip stands over, there being a variance in regard to the time of taking the whip between the accusation and evidence before the magistrate, and the evidence submitted to His Honor. Mr. H. W. Peterson, for the crown; Mr. A. H. Macdonald for the prisoner.

HILLSBURG CORRESPONDENCE.—A very successful soiree, considering the unpleasant weather and unfavorable state of the roads, was held in St. Andrew's Church on the evening of Friday, the 21st. An excellent tea was served at 7 o'clock, after which, the chair being taken by the pastor, addresses that were highly appreciated by the audience were delivered by the Revs. Wm. Millican, of Douglas, Anderson, of Hillsburg, and A. Gilray, of Toronto. These proceedings were interspersed by some beautiful pieces of music, well rendered by the choir of the church, assisted by Mr. Fletcher, of Orangeville. On Saturday evening the children of the Sunday school were entertained by the teachers and others, with tea, suitable addresses and music.

SERIOUS FALL.—This (Wednesday) morning an infant son of Mr. David Cook met with a very serious accident. The nurse girl, Mary McGague, who had charge of the child, in coming down the back staircase in Cook's hotel on Cork street with the baby in her arms, made a misstep and was precipitated head foremost down the steps some twelve feet. The door at the bottom was closed, and she was suddenly stopped by it, the infant being underneath. Mr. Cook was in the dining room at the time and he at once rushed to see what was the matter. On opening the staircase door it was found that the nurse girl was partially stunned, but had not received any serious injuries. The child however fared much worse. It must have struck its head against the edge of the bottom step, as a scalp wound some six inches in length was found on one side of its head. Dr. Herod sewed the gaping wound up, and no serious results are anticipated.

CURLING.—On New Year's day considerable curling took place on the ice at Emslie's quarry. The playing on the whole was very good for the opening of the season. There was a little water on the ice. The competition between the rinks follows:

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| A Robertson, sr. | Wm Mitchell |
| J Spalding | A Bruce |
| C Spalding | A Robertson jr |
| T Dobbie, skip 9. | A Congalton, skip 11. |
| Geo Patterson | W Mitchell |
| D Stirton | W Bruce |
| D Kennedy | A Congalton |
| A Bruce, skip 15. | Jas Emslie, skip 10. |
| Wm Roper | Wm Douglas |
| C Spalding | Geo Queen |
| T Dobbie, skip 11 | J Spalding, skip 18. |
| Wm Roper | Geo Patterson |
| Geo Queen | Jas Mays, jr |
| Chas Davidson | John McKenzie |
| D Kennedy, skip | R Mitchell, skip 9. |

AN UNWELCOME NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—Few are the gifts at this particular season of the year that the recipients are unwilling to tender thanks for. Still such has happened, and in consequence of its having become a matter of history, it is worthy of a passing notice. Few mothers there are that will desert their offspring, unless driven to it by dire necessity, and when such occurs the party who can lay claim maternity to a deserted child, is perhaps more to be pitied than blamed. But to the case in question. On New Year's eve, about half past nine o'clock, rapping, loud and continuous, was heard at the door of Mr. George Balkwill, grain dealer, Gordon street. The lady of the house answered the call as soon as possible; but imagine her consternation and surprise when on opening the door a faint wail greeted her ears, and on looking down to her feet saw in a basket an infant boy wrapped in a shawl, faded and worn, and evidently the property of a very poor person. No person was in sight, and the party who left it—no doubt the mother—had evidently hurried away after rapping at the door. The child, evidently a few weeks old, was taken in, warmed before a cheerful fire and comforted. On the return of Mr. Balkwill to his home, he sent word to Chief Constable Kelly, informing him of what had taken place, and asking him to provide for the little stranger. The Chief informed him that the child had better be taken care of at his house until the town should provide an asylum for it, or the mother who had deserted her charge had been found out. This was acceded to, and the child is now crowing and laughing at the hearthstone of one who would rather it were otherwise. Among other white elephants that the town has now to shoulder in the year of grace 1878, is the child of the corporation. Some retiring Mayor might be honored by having the baby boy named out of respect to his memory.

## Elections in the Townships.

PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP.

Alex. Smith, seconded by Peter Mahon, nominated William Leslie for Reeve. Elected by acclamation.

FOR DEPUTY REEVE.—Walter Cowan, seconded by Wm. Leslie, nominated Wm. Nicoll for Deputy Reeve. R. Douglas, seconded by P. McGibbon, nominated Alex. Smith for Deputy Reeve.

FOR COUNCILLORS.—Duncan Gilchrist, seconded by Peter Stewart, nominated Duncan McFarlane for Councillor. Hugh Reid, seconded by Joseph Smith, nominated Martin Sprnhan for Councillor. Donald Stewart, seconded by Walter Cowan, nominated John Scott for Councillor. Wm. Rae, seconded by Jas. Hume, nominated John Ives for Councillor. Jos. Little, seconded by Peter Mahon, nominated James Glennie for Councillor. Martin Cassin, seconded by James Glennie, nominated James Caufield for Councillor.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP.

For Reeve:—Geo. Darby, nominated by John Hawes, seconded by Patrick Molloy, elected by acclamation.

For Deputy Reeve:—M. Sweetnam, nominated by Hugh Sanderson, seconded by Jas. Porter. Elected by acclamation.

For Councillors:—John Hawes, nominated by G. D. Porter, seconded by P. Molloy; R. S. Armstrong, nominated by John Hawes, seconded by G. D. Porter; Robert McIntosh, nominated by John Hawes, seconded by H. Sanderson; Patrick Molloy, nominated by John Hawes, seconded by Jas. Porter; John Hobson, nominated by Wm. Whitelaw, seconded by David Barclay.

At the close of the hour for receiving nominations, George A. Darby was then declared duly elected Reeve and Matthew Sweetnam Deputy Reeve.

Notice was given that a poll would be opened at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m, and kept open till the hour of 5 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 7th day of January, for the election of three Councillors, at the following places:—Namely, the waggon maker's shop, Paisley Block; the School House, Marden, and the School House, York Road.

An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Council, approving of the manner in which the general business of the township had been managed, and also referring to the ability of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve as efficient and able representatives of the township in the County Council.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve replied, thanking the electors for their approval of their services, and for the honour of being again returned by acclamation to seats at the Council Board.

The other candidates, for the office of Councillors, severally expressed their thanks to the electors for the honour of proposing them as members of the Council.

ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP.

For Reeve:—John Rea and James Loghrin.

For Deputy Reeve:—Geo. Duffield and Henry Carter.

For Councillors:—Wm. Duffield, H. Horton, jr., Charles Bernard, Robt. Hamilton, Thos. Waters, John Dickinson, D. McCoig, John Scott, John Murrie and D. McLoughlin.

ERIN TOWNSHIP.

Reeve.—John W. Burt, elected by acclamation.

Deputy Reeves.—First Deputy, Charles McMillan and Wm. Teeter; second Deputy, Robert Reid, and Henry Smith.

Councillors.—Henry Dunbar, Robt. Ferguson, Dr. H. McNaughton, Henry Pearen and George Smith.

TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR.

Reeve.—M. C. O'Donnell and Robert Gordon.

Deputy Reeve.—David Brown and Jas. Harper.

Councillors.—Thomas Whalan, Joseph Gilmore, Andrew Patton, Thomas Cox, Robt. English, Wm. H. Hamilton, Michael Sheehy, Patrick Ready, Mark Langdon and Daniel Livingston.

HARRISTON.

Reeve.—Alex Meiklejohn and Thomas Robinson.

Councillors.—Messrs. Brisbin, Wait, Gilhully, Wm. Hinde and W. J. Stewart.

MINTO.

Reeve.—John Prain was re-elected by acclamation.

Deputy Reeve.—Miles Bateman and Robert Scott.

Councillors.—Messrs. House, Fallas, Geo. Taylor and Wm. Lang.

NASSAGAWEYA.

Reeves—John Ramsay, elected Reeve, and James Menzies, Deputy, by acclamation.

Councillors—David Hutcheon, William Watson, Colin McPhail, David Wheelihan, Robert Campbell, George Norrish

FERGUS.

Reeve—M. Anderson, Robt. Steele, Wm. Sandy, and T. A. W. Gordon.

Councillors—A. L. Argo, D. Ramore, J. W. G. Armstrge, Jas. Cattanach, John Gilmour, Dr. Groves, John Craig, and William Cordy.

GALT.

The nomination of municipal officers resulted in the re-election of all the old members by acclamation with two exceptions. J. Mickleborough and R. Nimmo, Councillors, not being eligible for the ensuing year, their places were filled by Robert and William Webster, respectively, by acclamation.

ELORA.

Reeve—Hugh Hamilton and John Godfrey.

Councillors:—John Waddell, John Gibb, Jas. A. Smith, Francis Dalby, J. M. Fraser, Alex. Carter, Thos Johnson, Jas Foote.

PILKINGTON.

Reeves—Hugh Roberts was elected by acclamation. Deputy—George Swann and James Ross.

Councillors:—Henry Patmore, Francis Murdoch, John Kelshar, Thos Marshall.

DRAYTON.

Reeve—John Landerkin and Henry Deebel. Councillors—W C Wortley, W H McBain, J Sanderson, A Smith, C Schraeder, R Cosfort, W H Whalley, J Gregory and J Echlin.

PALMERSTON.

Mayor—Thos McDowell and Freeborn Kee. Reeve—Wm Thompson and Hugh McEwing. Councillors—West Ward, A Campbell, Wm Laing, James Stinson, John McBaine, John Westgate, M C Potts, Adam Thom, J D Caswell, H Touchbourne, and N Cusick; East Ward, M Donelly, J Evans and C Longhead, re-elected by acclamation; North Ward, Dr Stewart, Robt Shields, J Babb, P Campbell, John Brooks, Adam Bothwick, Samuel Caswell.

ORANGEVILLE.

Mayor—Jos Pattullo, and O W Ketchum. Reeve—F C Stewart, S H McKittrick and Jos Foster. Deputy Reeve—John Green, M Leason, R Mortimer, and F Munro. Councillors—West Ward, John Munn, Joseph Carbelt, Jos Foster, and Jas Bennet; North Ward, Geo Island, D McDonald, S Eastman and Benjamin Fountain; South Ward, Thos Wilson, Robert Hewett, Robert Makown, Jos Webster, and J McLellan East Ward, H Haley, H Flesher, S H McKittrick, and Thos Driver.

AMARANTH TOWNSHIP.

Reeve—John Gillespie, by acclamation. Deputy Reeve—Jas Golden and George Bennett. Councillors—Geo Dunning, John Sawyers, Joseph Irwin, Wm Wallace, Wm Hamilton, Thos West, and Thos Hinton.

MOUNT FOREST.

Reeve—J McMullen and R Kilgour. Councillors—J Hampton, L H Yeomans, T. Swan, J Reid, W W Winfield, W Colclough, H Yarlett, and J Honey.

GEORGETOWN.

All the old Councillors, with the exception of R D McMasters, were re-elected; Mr P M Rowe was elected by acclamation in Mr McMaster's place.

HESPELER

Reeve—John Chapman and Lewis Kribs. Mr Kribs refuses to stand, as he was nominated without his knowledge or consent. The old Councillors were all re-elected by acclamation.

PRESTON

Reeve—Wm C Schneider, by acclamation. Councillors—Cyrus Erb, Peter Berthert, Dr Mull y, John H Michael Heaning, and John Ohlmann.

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP.

Reeve, Deputy Reeves, and Councillors all re elected by acclamation.

WALKERTON.

Mayor—Paul Ross, W Collins, and E Kilmer. Reeve—A Sproat, W Collins and C W Stovel. Deputy Reeve—A McLean, E McDonald, and John Hunter. Councillors—Nearly all the eligible inhabitants of the town.

MR. ELLIOTT'S LETTER.—We are obliged to leave over a letter from Mr. George Elliot. It will appear to-morrow.

JANUARY CATTLE FAIR was poorly attended to day. Few animals offering. Prices ranging from $4 to $5 per cwt. for sales effected.

BIBLE SCENES.—The magic lantern entertainment, which was to have come off on Tuesday evening, in the Good Templars' Hall, was unavoidably postponed, but will take place on Thursday evening, in the B. M.E. Church.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—Jacob S. Goold, of the Town of Guelph, sold to John Fielding of Guelph, lot eight, on the first con, Township of Eramosa, for four thousand and eight hundred dollars cash.

PRESENTATION TO REV. D. STRACHAN.—A few days ago the congregation of Erin, through Mr. R. Wood of Erin, their Treasurer, presented the Rev. D. Strachan, Rockwood, with the sum of fifty dollars, as a mark of their appreciation of his services as Moderator of their Session during the vacancy.

WEST WARD.—In the West Ward nominations the name of Mr Wm. Hart was left out, and Mr. McLagan's name put in twice. Mr Hart was nominated as Councillor by Mr. McLagan, seconded by Rev. W. F. Clarke.

THERE are nine prisoners in the jail at Guelph, awaiting removal to the Central Prison, to work out their several terms of imprisonment. Nearly all tramps.

MR. D. GUTHRIE, M.P., met with an accident on New Year's eve, being pitched out of his buggy on the Eramosa Road, while returning home. Just after he had crossed the iron bridge, he met some party driving a buggy, and at once turned out as far as possible. The other party continued in the centre of the road, and in passing Mr. Guthrie, the front wheels of the vehicle became locked, and Mr. Guthrie was pitched over the dash-board, and one of the wheels passed over his body. About the only injury he received was a bruised hand.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident occurred at the Great Western station at Brantford, on Saturday night, R Moffatt, brakesman, being instantly killed. Deceased was on the last train of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. After the train had been left in its place for the night, it is supposed Moffatt went and opened the switch for the engine, and then jumped on the engine as it was backing up, missed his foot hold and fell, the engine running over him and cutting him badly about the head. He belonged to Palmerston.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND PRESENTATION.—A very successful entertainment, got up by the teachers of St. Alban's (Church of England) Sunday School, was held in the Temperance Hall, Acton, on the evening of Christmas Day. Tea and refreshments, in lavish profusion, were provided for the children and their elders, and a magic lantern exhibition was given, which afforded great amusement. After the presents had been distributed from the tree, a beautiful eight day clock and bracket were presented by the members of the congregation, to the clergyman of the church, the Rev. C. R. Lee, who expressed his thanks in suitable term, after which the audience dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The receipts at the door, which amounted to $23, will be applied to the improvement of the School Library.

ASSAULT IN NASSAGAWEYA.—A correspondent sends the following: A dastardly outrage was committed in Haltonville, Nassagaweya, on the evening of Saturday, the 22nd ult. It appears that John Barber had been down to the village, and as he was returning home, a resident of the village, R. L. Meade, made a rush at him with a club in his hand, attempting to strike him on the head uttering at the same time threats of murder. Barber partly warded off the blow with one of his arms, but was struck so hard that he was stunned for a while. A warrant was procured as soon as possible, and Meade was arrested and brought before Messrs. G. Easterbrook and S R. Leslie, J. P's, on Monday, 24th ult. After hearing the evidence he was committed for trial at Milton for assault with intent to kill. The club that he used was secured, it being part of a pump handle with a leather strap attached to it, so that he could fasten it on his wrist. The affair has caused a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood. The prisoner was examined at the same time with regard to making threats to burn down three houses in the neighborhood, Moffat's, Halliday's, and Barber's. Witness was called on the case, stating to the best of her knowledge that she heard R. Meade's voice making such threats, but there was no positive proof, and the case was dropped for the present