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The Mayoralty.

To the Municipal Electors of the City of Guelph. To the Municipal Electors of the city of creepin.

Lanies and Gentraleme—In compliance with a very generally expressed desire on the part of a large number of ratepayers, that I should allow myself to be nominated as candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year, 1889. I have consented to accept the nomination, and should you see fit to honor me with your confidence by electing me, I shall endeavor, as I have done during the many years I have been honored with a seat at your Council Board, to discharge the unit-of didict to the utmost of my ability and in the best interess of a City.

Your sepectfully,

THOMAS GOWDY.
Guelph, December 1st 1888. dtf ME QUISITION.

We, the undersigned ratepayers of the Oity of Guelph, recognizing the fact that it is highly essential that great care and judgment should be used during the coming year in managing the financial and other affairs of the city, and knowing that the large experience and knowledge gained by you during your many years' service in the portant position as Mayor of the city, we would respectfully ask you to accept the nomination for Mayor for the ensuing year, and we pledge ourselves to use our influence in electing you to that position.

Thos. Goldie,
T. A. Keating,
Ed. O'Connor,
Henry Hatch,
Chas. E. Howits,
P. Hartnett,
F. W. Stone, Felix Devlin James Little,
Rev. A. Dixon,
James H. Finlay,
Ed. Morris,
Jeremish Hallett,
R. S. Williamson R. S. Williamson S. B. Moffatt, H. E. Richardson Thomas Pepper A. McQuillan W. Slater, H. L. Walker, B. Neibour, Christopher Eisele Henry Bennalick, and 268 others. Ohas. Koblouski, Robert Parkers George Elliott,

Mr. Sleeman's Acceptance.

To the Municipal Electors of the City of Guelph.

Ladies and Genvilem. In two been strongly urged by a large number of ratepayers to be come a candidate for the office of Mayor at the approaching Municipal Election. Knowing the re-possibility of the position and the time taken up in order to discharge the duties properly I have up to the present declined to code to the request. However, the code to the request. However, the code to the request. However, the code to the request of the same and LADIES AND GENTLEM 3N.

ion, I remain, yours, GEORGE SLEEMAN. Quelph, December 15th, 1888.

To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Your vote and influence are respectfully soli-cited for W. H. WARDROPE, As Alderman for 1889.

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mote. ALL—BORENTSON—On the 96th December, ai the residence of the bride's father, Sanuce Small, of Strip, to Jessie, eldest daughter of Allen kobertson, Erin. OBATHS.

nis residence, Mildmay, Co. Bruce seember, James Rennie, formerly Township, aged 79 years. MANN—In Guelph, on les January, Margaret Watson, wife of J. W. Mann, aged 35 years and 8 months. The funeral will take place on Thursday, at 30 o'clock from her husband's residence, Elora Hoad.—At her residence, on January 1st, Elizabeth Higham, aged 53 years Fancal from Ss. George's church, at 2 o'clock, Thursday. No further notice.

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St. David's Ward.

JOHN S. MOFFATT,

Alderman for St, David's Ward for 1889 To the Electors of St George's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Yourvote and in Pence are respectfully so licited in my hehalf as School Truste for St George's Ward, in the place of E. R. Boilett, resigned. Yours respectfully, WM. McLAREN,

ion Monday, January 7th to the Electors of St. James' Ward.

TABLES AND GENTLEMEN,

Yours respectfully, WM, SLATER. St David's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

J. W. KILCOUR As Alderman for St David's Ward for 1889.

To the Electors of St. Patrick's Ward. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Yorr vote and influence are respectfully solicited for me as Alderman for st. Patrick's Ward for 1889.

4. J. DUIGNAN.

St. Andrew's Ward. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

E. J. O'BRIEN. As Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward for 1889.

St. Patrick's Ward. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Your votes and infidence respectfully solled ed for the re election of

THOMAS PEPPER. As Alderman for St. Patrick's Ward for 1889 jan2d4

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100 Elegant and Valuable Presents 100 given away each night, ADMISSION PRICES. With one present envelope given 25 cents; two ovelopes 35 cents. dec27d9

New Year's Concert. A Concert will be given in the large School Room of St. George's Church, on Thursday Evening, January 3rd, 1889,

by the Young People's Association of 8t. George's Church, when an excellent programme will be rendered. Doors opes at 7, concert commence at 8; Sil-ver collection. NOTICE.

W. S. SMITH Having recovered from his illness, is now prepared to attend so all fine waten and jewelry repairing. Those who have so kindly watted can have work attended to at once. Fine Watch Work a Specialty.

We have no space today for any re marks on the nomination proce of Monday, except reference to a state nent made by Mr. Sleeman that one of the proprietors of the Mercury last year asked him to come out in opposition to Mr. Macdonald. Neither of the proprietors have any recollection of having done so, and Mr. Sleeman mus

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e laboring under a mistake or misap rehension. It is well known that the Mercury opposed Mr. Macdonald when he ran first, but last expressed the opinion the nomination that he should be re-elected. It is not likely, therefore, that any such proposal should be made to Mr. Sleeman We repeat that we have no recollection of any such thing, and even if it was made it could only have been in the

merest jest. Local Mews

A meeting of Mr. Gowdy's committee will be held at his house to night at whi oh a full attendance is requested. The regular monthly fair today was not largely attended. The stook was principally store cattle and milkers, with a few butchers' beasts. There was not much

New Year's Day was spent quietly yes-terday, but curlers and skaters had a good time. The old custom of New Year's calling seems to have almost died out, as few were round on this mission yesterday. LEFT FOR KINGSTON.—Corp. Gilchrist, Corp. Sallows, Gunner Black and Trum-peter Simmons, of A Battery, and Corp. Cockburn and Gunner Kennedy of B Battery, left this morning for a short course in the Gunnery School, Kingston. GEORGE PATTERSON was looked up this morning on the charge of dicorderly con-duct, using abusive language to wards the Chief, and was remanded until tomorrow.

Hs was bailed out. THE MAYORALTY. -This evening, at 8.30. a meeting of Mr. Gowdy's committees
will be held at his residence. A full
attendance is requested.

d1 A MEETING of the Royal City Curling Club will be held tonight at 7 o'clock sharp in the club room of the rink.

THE Firemen's ball on New Year's Eve was largely attended, about 65 couple being present, and a very plessant time was spent to the music of Wm. Yule's orchestra. A first class supper was got up by Mrs. Doran.

THE PEOPLE'S CONCERT.—The congiven in the Norio st. Methodist church last night was windtended, about four hundred being profit. The instrumental music was given in the Guelph Orchestral Society and members thereof, choruses by the Dublin st. and Norfolk st. choirs, and solos by Mrs. Moors, Mrs. Bignell, Mrs. Odell, Miss Hayden and Mr. John Crowe. R. v. W. and Mrs. Williams gave some excellent readings.

THE Zera Sermon Company and Royal Marionettes had a good audience at their marionettes had a good audience at their opening entertainment at the city hall last night. The show is a very place. opening entersial ment as the stry pleasing one and the chance of good presents should drew a good crowd. They will be here for a week. Mr. O. Coulson held the lucky number for the china tea set and Mr. Geo. Murkon got the toilet set, being the two largest presents.

THE Salvation Army had a trade union street parade and meeting Monday evenings, also watch night services. Shortly ings, also watch night services. Shorsty after their band played on the streets and serenaded some of their friends who gave great aid towards improving the barracks. The banques and jubilee yesterday was well attended considering other attractions in the city. The jubilee was led by Major Glover and wife, of Toronto.

New Year's Greetings.—The Mercury NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.—The MERCHEY is in receipt of the following greeting from the Vancouver, B. C., World, which it reciprocates most cordially. With the exception of the flowers our weather was not far behind. The telegram reads:—World staff greets eastern brethren of the press. Weather beautifully fine, might claim almost perpetual sunshine. Ladies out in their suppose flower and using out in their summer finery and using sunshades. Staff are wearing bouquets of flowers, plucked on the green sward Happy New Year.

THE directors of the General Hospita The directors of the General Hospital acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations: From Miss Moffatt, fruit; Mr., Holliday, 2 turkeys and 2 geese; Mrs. Elliott, fruit; Miss Elliott, 2 turkeys; Mrs. Martin, roast of beef; Tyson Bros., roast of beef; R. Mitohell, turkey; Mrs. Newton, quarter of lamb; Miss Vale, fruit; from ladies of Knox church, \$15.39 in aid of furnishing fund, and from a friend the sum of \$50. E; Newtan, Sec.

CHURCH SERVICES.—The watchnight ser Church Services.—The watchnight services in the city churches were very well attended and special music and addresses benefitted the congregations till the close of the city ear, which was ended in silent prayer after which New Year greetings were exchanged. The Army back a midnight march, and the Band music gaye pleasure to some and kept others awake. On New Year's morning several services were held, which were well attended. The music at the morning service at the church of Our Lady was participated in by Mr. O. Crowe, cello, and Mrs. Keleber and members of the choir rendered solos.

Presentation to Muss Downsy.—On PRESENTATION TO MISS DOWNEY .- On Monday evening the employees of the Lion waited upon Miss Downey at her father's watted upon miss Downey at ner lather's residence, Neeve street, and presented her with a silver tea service, to which the firm made in addition another valuable gift. The address spoke of Miss Downey's unvarying kindness and faithfulness and the pleasant relations that had been severed to be a retirement from the position of pleasant relations that had been severed by her retirement from the position of bookkeeper for the firm. Mr. Downey re-plied suitably on behalf of his daughter, after which a brief hour was sociably spent. The presents are very handsome and will for long years give token of the esteem which Miss Downey had gained from her business associates.

Re-Opening of &chools.

THE Gnelph Collegiate Institute and Public Schools will reopen (D. V.) after the Christmas holidays, on Tuesday, 8th January, 1889 ROBBET TORRANCE, Sec'y,

The Rest of the Speeches on the Mayoratty.

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES.

The meeting resumed at two o'clock, when the the returning officer called on Mr. Howard. The hall was filled and was soon erowded with raterayers.

Mr. Howard said that he had seconded the nomination of Mr. Gowdy with pleasure. He had simply to say with regard to Mr. Gowdy that if his length of service and business capabilities entitled any man to the highest position in the gift of the ratepayers of the city, Mr. Gowdy was the man. One reacon that had been brought against him was that he lacked stability, and might change his mind on certain questions which might arise. He had had a great deal of dealings with Ald. Gowdy, and he never found that a charge of this kind could be laid against him from his first nomination in the Council some 26 years ago. He intimated that men might have been in the Council for ke long a period as Ald. Gowdy, but for want of application to municipal matters they were not so well qualified. He was not aware of anything that Mr. Gowdy had taken into his hands but what was well and ably done in connection with the was not aware of anyining tast Mr. Gowdy had taken into his hands but what was well and ably done in connection with the business of the city. Mr. Sleeman had the honor of representing the city as Mayor for three years, and unless there was some grave charge of inability to be placed against Mr. Gowdy he could not see on what grounds Mr. Sleeman put himself forward, and thought that under all the circumstances he should have kept out of the field. He fully endorsed what the Mayor had said in regard to Mr. Gowdy's ability and qualifications for the office which he was aspiring to. A more pains taking and careful man in business matters than he was was hard so be found, and as an instance cited the pains he had taken in regard to the construction of the Guelph Junction Ry. In connection with the building of this road he could safely say that there was no more painrtaking or careful man on the

road he could easiely say that there was no more paintsking or eareful man on the Board than Mr. Gowdy, and this came from himself (Ald. Howard) who was opposed to the railway. The speaker intimated that later on he would ester into the finances of the city, but in the meantime he would ask the ratepayers to vote for Mr. Gowdy, who was in every way qualified to fill the position of Msvor.

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Mr. Slater asked how Ald. Gowdy would not allow the hose to test a "Ronaid" engine at Presant's mil some years ago.

Ald. Howard replied he could easily explain that, and if necessary would answer any other questions afterwards.

Ald. Gowdy was next called on, and aconded the platform amid rousing obsers. He remarked that the ground had been so well gone over by the Mayor in the feet noon that there was little left for him to say, and if they knew his feetings he would be excused from saying much as he found it quite a different thing to nominate a person and much more pleasant than to be the nominee himself. During all the years that he had are for municipal office he had never solicited a vote, and was simply put in by the good will of the people. On this cocasion, however, at the solicitation of his friends he had dene considerable hand shaking. He had served at the On this occasion, however, as the considerable hand shaking. He had served at the the Council Board, the Hospital, on the Reilway Board, and in several offices, and in all of these he had tried to serve the public honestly and fairly with credit to them and himself, and if he had had at any time done what the people did not think right it was done unintentionally. Some years ago he had made reference to his own country, and inferences were drawn which deemed him a traitor it. He was sorry that he made such remarks. He was an Irishman to the back bone and would newer dany it. If elected he would do the best think right it was done unintentionally. Some years ago he had made reference to his own country, and inferences were drawn which deemed him a traitor it. He was sorry that he made such remarks. He was an Irishman to the back bone and would never dany it. If elected he would do the best he could for the interests of the city and his own honor. In whatever position he had been placed by the ratepayers he had always served them faithfully and well, and would endeavour not to fail in this instance if the ratepayers saw fit to elect and would endeavour not to fail in this instance if the ratepayers saw fit to elect him. He referred to the charge that had been against him for running a siding into his son-in law's quarry, which he explained more fully later on. With reference to the "Amoskesg tea kettle" as it was termed, he had been accused of bringing over goods from the Americans and hurting our own manufacturers. The then Council had considered it was necessary to have more fire protection and appointed Connoil had considered it was necessary to have more fire protection and appointed a committee to select the best engine that they could procure. The committee had seen the Ronald engine in Paris and London and went to Detroit where some ten of the Amoekeag engines were in use. After making careful enquiry they came to the conclusion that that engine was the best

of the Amoekeag engines were in use. After making careful enquiry they came to the conclusion that that, engine was the best one and they reported, and were ordered to buy one. The contract was such that if the engine did not suit it was to be taken back. The engine arrived here, and at the same time Ronald with his engine. Ronald desired to test his engine at the same time, but as there was a large quantity of hose required, and the test was to see if the Amoekeag was up to the requirements, Ronald was told that his engine could not be put on trial until after the trial of the other one. If the engine which they had selected did not come up to the guarantee it was to be returned. It did not come up to the contract, and was returned, the makers taking it off their hands like gentlemen, while Ronald persisted in trying to test hie. The committee knew enough about Ronald. It was a good thing that the engine was sent back, as shortly afterwards a system of water works was instituted which proved of far more benefit to the citizens at large.

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Ald. Coffee ther interrogated the speaker as to the Kennedy switch.

Mr. Gowdy goodnaturedly explained again that the siding was a private one, and the consideration to the Company was the land for the X. The Company found they could lay the siding much cheaper than they could buy the land and so had done so. If Mr. Birmingham paid as much for a switch as Mr. Kennedy did he cheaper than they could buy the land and so had done so. If Mr. Birmingham paid as much for a switch as Mr. Kennedy did he could get one. He had also been accused of conniving to give Mr. Kennedy the privilege of cutting the valuable stone on the Metcalf street hill, and Ald. Coffee charged him with taking Engineer Davis from the G. J. R. work to make a profile of the street. He gave both statements a point blank denial. The whole thing was untrue from the beginning to end. He had nothing to do with the Metcalf street hill, had never said a word either way about it, nor had he given a vote on the matter. He had carefully avoided doing so. He had been opposed to the Engineer leaving the railway work to go over there,

and the Eugineer could testify to that effect.

Ald. Coffee said he had it from good authority that Mr. Kennedy had telephoned to have Mr. Davis sent over and that Mr. Gowdy had taken his place and allowed him to go. CITY ROMINATIONS

Mr. Gowdy said he would leave it to the Engineer.

Mr. Gowdy concluded by leaving his case in their hands. He had served them faithfully in the past and sould promise them no jbetter in the future. If they thought that his services, taking his failings into account, were worthy of being recognized he would ask their support, but if they shought his opponent was more worthy they shought his opponent was more worthy they should vote for Mr. Bleeman.

Mr. Elliots appeared as the mover of Mr. George Bleeman as the coming Mayor for 1889. He hold, that there was no succession to office such as this except by the free and independent vote of the electors, and they had a right to elect a man to office as often as they thought fit. The press had no right to dictate to the people whom they should choose to represent them. With reference as to who brought Mr. Bleeman out he said that it was done by a requisition. He also informed the audience that he had had a talk with Mr. Bleeman on municipal matters before ever Ald. Gowdy came out, and urged Mr. Sleeman to come out, From Mr. Elliott's remarks on this point it was evident that the minds of both gentlemen ran in the same channel as regarded the management of the city's finances. By whom or how the requisition was brought out the speaker knew nothing. The Mascuar said that Mr. Sleeman did not require the endorsement that a new man would. He then spoke of Mr. Gowdy as his personal friend, etc., but he thought that Mr. Sleeman was the best man te fill the position in the interests of the city. He had lived over 40 years in Guelph, all his property was in the city, and his desire was for its wellbeing, so he conscientiously believed Mr. Sleeman was the best man fill the position in the city, and his desire was for its wellbeing, so he conscientiously believed Mr. Sleeman was the best man fill the position in the interests of the city. He had lived over 40 years in Guelph, all his property was in the city, and his desire was for its wellbeing, so he conscientiously believed M d him to go.
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believed Mr. Sleeman was the best man, from his large experience in municipal and business matters. As far as the number of years in which the two gentlemen had been in the Council he found there was little difference in the point of qualifications. Mr. Sleeman had been on the Finance Committee when he (Mr. Elliott) was chairman, and he had found him careful and paintacking. He believed him careful and painstaking. He believed that Mr. Gowdy had only been one yes

unse mr. Gowdy and only seen one year on that Committee.

Mr. Gowdy—Two years.

He (Mr. Elliott) considered that Mr. Sleiman was a good faithful man, and if he was such, because he was seeking a fourth term of office it was the more reason that he should be elected, as he was acquainted with the duties. As an illustration of this he stated that Mr. Striton had been a member of Parliament for 20 years; the late Reeve Leelic, of Puslinch, had been in office 80, and Mr. Bowes, at one time Mayor of Toronto, had been elected ext times, so that he was against the idea of two terms being sufficient for one man. If he was fitted for the position letajum go in as often as he-ould. He referred to what he called the lamentable financial position of the city. Their debt was now \$436,000, and with \$15,000 seked for waterworks and \$10,000 for the railway there would be nearly half. on that Committee \$15,000 seked for waterworks and \$10,000 for the railway there would be nearly balf a million, or one eixth of the total assessment. In response to Mr. Skinner's query as to what were the assets, the speaker said the available assets were nil. He then took up the report of the Finande Committee of May, 1888, and showed, according to his figuring, how the \$52,000 of floating debt had scorned during the past six years, the Provincial Exhibition grant. made a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure showing that \$78,000 was left expenditure showing that \$75,000 was loft this year to be raised by taxation, and only \$62,000 had been levied, leaving a deficit of \$16.00 i, even after the committees had been cut down. It needed a man of finance like Mr. Sleeman to grapple with this situation. Personally he and Mr. Gowdy were the best of friends, contest or no contest, but he believed that when the ship was near the breakers an experienced nilet should be looked forward. enced pilot should be looked forward. Mr. Sleeman from his long service was

man.
A Voice—What will we do when he dies. (Laughter and applause.)
Ald. Howard asked Mr. Elliott whether he would advise that more than two cents on the dollar on the assessment be levied for taxes.
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Mr. Elliott said he could not speak for Mr. Sleeman, that gentleman would have to speak for himself. For himself, it was not his place to answer, nor did he think such a question should be asked him. He merely pointed out the difficulties and dangers and left it to the wisebeads of the Council to remedy them. (Laughter).
Mr. M. O'Connor, ex. Mayor Sievenson, Rev. W. F. Clarke, and ex. Alds. Hatch and Skinner all held that the assets should be offset against the debt, as the money represented by the city debentures had not been wasted, as Mr. Elliott's showing would make appear, but the city had value for it in works for the benefit of the people.

of the people.

Mr. Elliott held that these works were not available in payment, but, in response to a number of questions, admitted that, if sold, they would reduce our liability considerably. But they could not be sold as the city could not do without these works. (Laughter.) Mr. Elliott then wound up his remarks by asking the ratepayers to vote for Mr. Sleeman.

Mr. Sleeman on being called on was received with cheering. He was surprised at the remarks of the present Mayor in in regard to the construction of the rail way, from which it appeared that instead of trying to keep the debt down they had exceeded the appropriation and increased it. They had the railway, but was the debt paid. He explained his idea of true fipancing, and held that if a debt was contracted there should be something to pay for it. He thought that it was a mistake to have anything to do with the Geleph Junction at all. Mr. Bell came to him first and he (Mr. Sleeman) objected to have anything to do with it. Finslly when it was held out that it was to be a great benefit, and the ratepayers were desirous of it, he affixed his name to the stock list. They were assured the road would be completed for \$175,000 to Schaw station, and when the route was afterwards changed to Campbellville, it was sold thas the same sum would be sufficient. He read a statement of the Mayor's in the Herald's report of the council meetof the people.

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ing of Oot. 4th, 1886, to that effect. honestly believed the bylaw would not been carried if the people had in that it was to cost more than the am ing of Cott. 4th, 1889, to mas energy believed the bylaw would not have been carried if the people had known that it was to cost more than the amount voted on. He was not here through any wish of his own as a caddidate for the Mayoralty, but through the wish of the people. He had plenty of business of his own to attend to, and for his butness interests it would be better for him not to come out as a candidate, but when he was asked by the people to fill the position he was willing to sacrifice himself in their behalf. He positively denied, as had been asserted in the Mincurar, that it was to serve his ambition he came out. That paper had treated him unjustly, although the did not matter a straw to him. When he had quitted the Mayor's chair he felt like a prisoner released from jail, so that he thought he was coting an unselfab part, instead of a selfish one, in again acceeding to the wishes of a large number of ratepayers. When the Mincura undertook to tell him that when he was nominated for a fourth term he withdrew because he had no chance of election, it was wrong. In fact, one of the proprietors of that paper had asked him to stand last year, against the present Mayor, and that he would give him his support. He then went on to show that it was nothing uncommon for Mayore to be in for more than two terms, and also that when he had left the Mayor's chair the city had a balance to its credit instead of being in debt, and read statements to show this. After dwelling on the financial pecition for a short time he concluded by saying if the electors saw fit to return him he would do equally satisfied.

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It was amusing to hear Mr. Elliott
questioning the right of the press to diotate
to the ratepayers who they should oboose
for Mayor. What had Mr. Elliott been
doing during his long speech but diotating
the best way he could whom he thought
should be Mayor, and surely the press had
as good a right to say whom it favored as
Mr. Elliott eithough the gantleman might
not think so. (This hit was received with
loud and continued applause.)
Mr. Elliott commenced to question the
speaker on the finances of the city.
Ald. Smith replied that he was not in
a position to answer these, but he had no
doubt that the chairman of Finance, Ald.
Howard, would satisfactorily answer any
question he might ask. Continuing, he
said that there was one point in this connection he would like to ask the electors.
How many of them would stand it if the
taxes were clapped up two cents? He did
not believe in making pubite improvements, erecting buildings, etc., and paying
them all during their lifetime. Posterity
was also to reap the beneaft of those things
and ought to pay a share of them. He
pointed out that they were in a far bester
financial position than the city of Brantford, a place of about the same size as
Guelph. Mr. Elliott had growled about
our indebtedness but he had put forward
no scheme by which it could be wiped off,
except direct taxation and everyone preour indebtedness but he had put forward no scheme by which it could be wiped off, except direct taxation and everyone pre-sent knew that much. (Laughter.) When it was proposed to relies the tion to 29 mills or so in the were only three men in the Council stood up for it, and the Council is up for it, and the Council is supposed to voice the wishes of the people. He then pointed out the fallacy of Mr. Elliott's arguments in not counting city property as assets. In concluding he hoped that the electors would cast their votes for Mr. Gowdy.

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Rev. W. F. Clarke congratulated the
Mayor for the dignity and efficiency with
which he had filled the chair during his term of office. There was
no great question of public policy
in filling the Mayor's chair this year, and in nimg the mayor's desiration year, and he took it that both men were good financiers. Mr. Sleeman had started with a good business (laughter) and made it better, and Mr. Gowdy had started with a bad one and made it a success. Mr. Sleeman had stated that he felt like a secondary set one of iail star his time. of office. This being the case the rate-poor prisoner got out of jail after his time of office. This being the case the rate-payers should not have the heart to send him back there again. Mr. Gowdy had got out of business and had time on his hands, while Mr. Sleeman had a heavy business to attend to, so that Mr. Gowdy would have more time to look after the would have more time to look after position than his opponent. He m some humorous remarks concerning some humorous remarks concerning the senure of office for eight or ten years, because by the time it came around to the aspirants the majority of them would be dead. He thought that on the whole Mr. Gowdy hal far the strongest claims upon the rateracters.

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Mr. Wm. Slater, seconder of Mr. Thos,
Goldie's nomination, walked up to the
platform boldly and with a manly stride,
and authoritaintely dumped his hat on the
Returning officer's table. Then facing
the electors, he told them that there were
quite a number of candidates for the
mayoralty, millers, brewers, druggists,
foundrymen, etc. The misn that he had
seconded he was satisfied, if not the best,
was the big.est. This pun did not take
very well. After this Mr. Slater gave his
opinion on financial matters, the sum and
substance being that he believed in pay
ing our debt as we went along, and with a
majestic and sweeping wave of his hand
left the flatform.

Mr. Thos. Goldie east that on several
occasions he had the honor to be nominated for hlayor. At present he did not see
his way to ask for the suffrages of the
ratepayers, but he might at some future
time do so, if his business relations would
allow. He would withdraw his name, but
hoped that Mr. Sleeman would be elected.

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Mr. D. Spragge had nothing to say as nominator of Ald. Howard, and Mr. W. S. Cowan, seconder, was not present.

The Mayor wished to correct two or three false impressions. Mr. Sleeman had read from the paper that on Cot. 5, 1886, he (the speaker) had said that the road could be built to Campbellville for \$175,000. This was not so. What he said was that it bould be built to Schaw station for that sum. They had found that they could get no Government and that they could get no Government and the route was changed at Van Horne's request, they well knew that the road to Campbellville could not be built without