

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 1873.

PRICE TWO CENTS

## New Advertisements.

**NOTICE.**—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1873. d.w.t.

## TWO BLACKSMITHS.

For sale, a quantity of Cast Steel, Tin Steel, and Spring Steel, Outings, in lots to suit purchasers, at J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co. Carriage Works, 24-24 1/2

**SEBVAWNT WANTED.**—Wanted a respectable servant girl, accustomed to do general house work. Apply to Mrs. P. Gow, Beech Grove, Guelph. d.c.d

**HOUSE TO LET.**—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 25, 1873. d.c.

**CABETAKER WANTED.**—Wanted a Gasfitter for the First Presbyterian Church. Apply to W. D. HEBBURN, d.c.

**HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.**—A commodious house and lot on North Street, two doors from Burns' Grocery, is now for sale. For terms and other particulars enquire of Mr. F. Knowles, Hat and Fur Store, Day's Block. 23-d

**WANTED.**—A legally qualified female teacher for the First Division of one of the Public Schools in Guelph. To enter upon her duties 7th January. Salary \$175 a year. Applications, with qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned by 3rd Jan. Guelph, Dec. 26, 1873. d.w.t.

**HOUSES TO LET.**—A good stone dwelling in the West Ward, containing 7 rooms, with good cellar and woodshed, good garden and fruit trees, with an abundance of good spring water, situated between the London Road and West Suffolk street. Also, two small Frame Dwellings on Suffolk Street, convenient to the Western Station. For further particulars apply to the undersigned, DANIEL O'CONNOR, d23-d6 on the premises.

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1865.**—AND AMENDMENTS THEREON. In the matter of HENRY METCALF, of Guelph, Saddler, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his store in Guelph, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. WILLIAM J. PATTERSON, Assignee.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**—A Soiree in connection with the First Congregation, Canada Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Mr. Torrance's) will be held in the Town Hall

**TUESDAY EVENING, 30th DEC.**—The following speakers are engaged to deliver addresses:—

Rev. W. COCHRANE, A. M., Brantford, on "Manitoba." Rev. J. F. DICKS, of Berlin, on "Reminiscences of the Franco Prussian War."

An excellent choir will be present. Tea at 7 o'clock, and speaking to commence about 7:30. Tickets 25 cents each. To be had at the following stores—Messrs. Day's, Anderson's, Hepburn's, and Savage's.

**The Sabbath-school Children's Soiree** will be held in the same place on the following evening. Friends are cordially invited. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses. W. D. HEBBURN, Secretary.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH WARD.**—GENTLEMEN.—At the solicitation of a number of ratepayers of the above Ward, I have consented to become a Candidate for the office of Councilman for the ensuing year. It is, gentlemen, my proud duty to endeavor to do the best of my knowledge and ability to serve you faithfully, and do all that lies in my power for the benefit of the Town in general and the North Ward in particular. Soliciting from all their hearty support and vote, I have the honor to remain, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, E. HARVEY, d.c.

**Just Received,** 100 Barrels Choice Labrador Herrings; 100 Half barrels ditto.

This is the finest Lot we have seen this season.

**Massie, Paterson & Co.** Guelph, Dec. 19, 1873. d.c.3

**1873 1874 Grand Arrival.**

**Santa Claus has Arrived** WITH AN IMMENSE CARGO OF

**Toys,** Xmas Presents, and New Year's Gifts (THE FOLLOWING AS USUAL)

**AT HUNTER'S** d.c.d

The Chief of Police of Memphis has taken a census of the "roughs" and finds that of one hundred and thirty-six, all but three survived the epidemic.

## FOR CHRISTMAS.

Colored Wax Tapers For Xmas Tree Decoration

Sprigs of English Holly With Red Berries.

Kentish Filberts

Valentia Oranges Pine Apples, Brandy Peaches, Bartlett Pears, Green Peas, and Green Corn.

AT JNO. A. WOOD'S Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

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SATURDAY EVENG. DEC. 27, 1873

## Town and County News

**SPECIAL SERMONS.**—To-morrow (Sunday) evening the Rev. W. Maniche will preach in the Congregational Church on "The Christian Obligation of Temperance."

A PRESENTATION was made on Friday afternoon to Mr. Osgood McK. Anderson, who is leaving here for Galt. We hold over particulars until Monday.

**THE MATRIMONY.**—We requested to state that Messrs. John Inglis, J. T. Brill, Wm. Wilkie, and Alex. Bruce waited on Mr. Melvin to-day (Saturday) with a requisition, signed by about 400 ratepayers, asking him to run for Mayor, and that he has consented to do so.

**THE NEAREST THING we have seen lately** in the way of a printer's blunder is in one of our exchanges of last Wednesday. The word confers is printed "Gonfers."

**BRINGING THE HOUSES.**—Why in the world do not the good people in the town throw open the doors, raise the windows, and allow the pure air and gentle sunshine to enter every room in their houses at least once a day? If this were done many of those long and tedious fevers, so often the scourge of life would be avoided, and the doctors would have far less to do.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—This (Saturday) forenoon Mr. Wm. Taylor, brother-in-law of Mr. James Taylor, one of the employees working in the Cabinet Factory of Messrs. Burr & Skinner, met with a very serious accident. He was working at the jointing machine when accidentally he tripped, and to save himself from falling he ran his hand into the jointer.

**TEA MEETING IN FERGUS.**—On Christmas evening a tea meeting was held in the basement of the Wesleyan church, Fergus, which proved to be a grand success, the place being filled to its utmost capacity.

**A Curious Masquerade.**—A young man who called himself George B., came into the village of Manitowick about a year ago, and engaged himself as a stable-boy and general servant. He proved an obedient and attentive servant during the winter, and when spring came, Mr. O'Grady, not requiring his further services, paid him and sent him away.

**Probable Foul Play.**—Mr. John Johnson, a married man of over sixty years of age, who lived with his nephew, Mr. Malcolm Campbell, at Ridgeway, Ont., left home on the 19th of November last to go to Buffalo.

**TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORS OF THE Town of Guelph.**—GENTLEMEN.—I am indeed, strictly by the solicitations of many friends among yourselves, to offer myself to serve you in the Town and County Councils during the coming year as one of your Deputy Reeves.

**Execution of James Brenton.**—James Fox alias Brenton, suffered the extreme penalty of the law at Peterboro' on Friday. It will be remembered that Brenton was in the employment of Mr. Payne, a farmer in Dammer, from 7th May until 14th Nov., 1872, and that on the latter day Brenton brutally murdered Mrs. Hays alias Payne's daughter, by his chief weapon of destruction being a pickaxe.

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE.**—In the absence of Mr. Horsman, chairman of the committee, Mr. Massie presented the Railway Committee's report. They had spent \$187 odd, of which particulars were given, and had still a balance in hand of \$312 odd.

**MARKET COMMITTEE.**—This committee reported that they had made improvements and repairs as nearly as possible in accordance with their detailed report of June 2nd last. Their expenditure had been as follows:—Balance from 1872, \$607.52; opening drains, &c., January to May, \$271.95; lumber, \$1,019.31; repairing the bridge and sundry, \$60; painting Erasmus bridge, \$60; pipe bridge and boundary road, \$101.51; street signs, \$50; repairs, \$176; nails, \$221; sidewalk, York-shire and Gladwin streets, \$131; sundries, \$20; total, \$4,332.86.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE Town of Guelph.**—GENTLEMEN.—Having been solicited by a large number of the ratepayers to become a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1874, I now beg to offer myself for that position.

**MARKET COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Elliott presented the eighth report of the Market Committee. The receipts for the year were: Market fees, Dec. 20, \$2,797.46; rents, \$4,117.21. The expenditure was \$1,474, and included items for wood, coal, gas, repairs, and labor on the Market House; furniture; gravelling; painting offices, \$87.69; gas fittings in painting offices, \$40; market and police court, \$132.67; clock repairs, D. Savage, \$40; repairing insurance offices, \$189. The appropriation was \$1,258, leaving a deficiency of \$216.

**PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Coffee presented the report of this committee, which showed that they had received the following accounts:—Copp, Clark & Co., \$44; Globe and Mail advertising, \$12 each; T. Day, \$17.73; Jas Innes, advertising, &c., \$3.90; total \$169 odd, leaving a balance of \$280 to meet outstanding liabilities.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE Town of Guelph.**—GENTLEMEN.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, GEORGE HOWARD.

## Local and Other Items

**DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.**—A young girl named Madeline McDonald died suddenly at Stratton's Hotel, Brantford, Friday. An inquest was held by J. W. Kerr, Coroner. A post mortem examination was conducted by Dr. Graham. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that her death was hastened by cold and exposure.

**RUMOR.**—On Monday last, Mr. James Bobb, Reeve of Maryborough, accompanied by Mr. John Anderson, of Hamilton, were driving along the gravel road to Harrison, and while passing the schoolhouse, about two miles down, the children, who had just been dismissed, came with a ruck, and a yell, causing the horse to shy into the ditch, spilling the two gentlemen upon the hard gravel, considerably bruising the latter story of the latter; the horse clearing out with utter, which became a complete wreck.

**A CHINESE VETERAN.**—Corporal Robt. Patterson, brother to Alex. Patterson of the 7th Co., Minto, who had served in the British army 21 years in the Crimea, and in India died in Paisley recently. The following is from the Glasgow Weekly Mail:—"We have to record the death of Corp. Robert Patterson, pensioner, who died at No. 2, Nelson street, Paisley, on Sabbath night last. He died, though only 45 years of age, had seen an extraordinary amount of service. He joined the 93rd Regiment of Foot in 1841, while in the Crimea, and while attached to that regiment, served in the Crimean Campaign, at Alma, Balaklava, and at the fall of Sebastopol. After completing his ten years in the 93rd regiment he received his discharge, and some honours, and returned to his native land in the 42nd Regiment of Foot, and remained with it until it was recalled home, when he again volunteered into the 36th regiment of Foot and completed his 21 years of service."

**Wesleyan S. S. Anniversary.**—The 37th anniversary of the Wesleyan Sabbath School in Guelph was held on Friday evening in the church. The attendance was pretty good, but not as large as the very excellent program of exercises deserved. Rev. Mr. Howard, the pastor, presided, and on the platform were the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Rev. Mr. Warner, Rev. Mr. Ball, Rev. J. Hough, Jas. Hough, Esq., and others. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Mr. Howard, when the choir sang an anthem, after which the 37th annual report was read by Mr. Hutton. It stated that during the year just closed many of the pupils of the school had accepted the Saviour as their Prophet, Friend and King. There are at present one adult male, one adult female, 26 intermediate, and one infant—numbering in all 375 scholars, with 32 officers and teachers. The aggregate attendance was 12,690; average 244. Veres recited by the boys 7,329; girls 25,273. The library contains 606 volumes, and during the year some 2,600 Sabbath School papers have been distributed among the pupils. Receipts \$113.84, expenditures \$71.08.

**Probable Foul Play.**—Mr. John Johnson, a married man of over sixty years of age, who lived with his nephew, Mr. Malcolm Campbell, at Ridgeway, Ont., left home on the 19th of November last to go to Buffalo. When the old gentleman left Ridgeway he had a large sum of money on his person, and said that he would return in two or three days. After he had been away a fortnight nothing having been heard from him Mr. Campbell started for Buffalo, where he and Detective Arnold H. Harris made a careful enquiry, but could not get any one at Fort Erie that he heard that the body of a man answering the description of Mr. Johnson had been found in a cattle guard near the Air Line Railway, on the 9th inst. They disinterred the corpse, and in it Mr. Campbell recognized his missing uncle. The appearance of the body indicated that the deceased had been murdered. Over the left eye was a deep ugly gash, and the body was otherwise mutilated. Deceased's money was gone. An inquest was held at Fort Erie on Friday, the 19th inst., and a verdict of F and Drowned was given. Much dissatisfaction is felt about the first inquest by the friends of deceased. Three physicians have made a careful examination of the body, and their belief is that any mark of violence on the deceased sufficient to cause death. The heart was very much hypertrophied, and the aorta ossified, which the doctors think might have produced death at any time on the slightest moving cause, such as fear or excitement.

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## BY TELEGRAPH

**Steamboat Disaster on the Tyne.**—Eighteen Drowned.

**Daring Robbery by Mexicans.**—Engine-Drivers' Strike.

**Virginias to be Prosecuted.**—The Emperor Better.

London, Dec. 26.—Despatches from the Gold Coast announce the arrival of the Highland troops at Cape Coast Castle. The cattle plague has broken out in Madeira, and cattle going thence to the Gold Coast are infected. At five o'clock this morning the steamer Gypsy Queen, belonging to the River Tyne Improvement Commissioners, struck the wreck of a sunken lighter in that stream and went to the bottom in five minutes. There were between fifty and sixty workmen on board the boat at the time of the disaster. Twenty of them were rescued. The remaining thirty or forty men were drowned.

London, Dec. 27.—The latest reports reduce the number of lives lost by the steamboat disaster on the Tyne to 18. Paris, Dec. 26, morning.—Marshal Bazaine has left Versailles for the Island of Sainte Marguerite. Francois Hugo, son of Victor Hugo, died to-day, aged forty-five years. Berlin, Dec. 26.—The Emperor William is much better this morning. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A party of twenty Mexicans and several white men, all armed, to-night entered Dingston, Fresno County, and seized twenty citizens and bound their hands and feet, then robbed two stores, getting about one thousand dollars in money and a large quantity of jewels and ribbons. They made their escape.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—The locomotive engineers on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad struck to-day at noon. The passenger trains were somewhat delayed, but not abandoned. It is reported that there is a misunderstanding among the engineers, and that the strike is without the authority of the brotherhood; also, that only 25 or 30 engineers went out, and that these have asked to be reinstated.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Navy Department has full official reports from Rear-Admiral Scott, giving a detailed account of the surrender of the Virginia. The report does not differ materially from those contained in official and other telegrams already published. The Ossipie will tow the Virginia to New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—The failure of two small firms have been announced, Bancroft & Kaettin, hats and caps; and Mitchell, Leet & Cattlin, fancy goods. The latter firm propose to pay in full the entire indebtedness.

Genet's flight to Brazil on the steamer Ontario was uncontradicted last night, and the statement is generally believed. A Washington despatch says it has been decided at the Department of Justice that proceedings be instituted against the Virginia in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York before Judge Benedict. The proceeding will be for a violation of the fourth section of the Act of 1792. Proceedings may also be instituted against Patterson for perjury, and against the passengers and crew of the Virginia for a violation of the neutrality laws, but no arrangements has yet been made for those prosecutions.

It is now positively ascertained that Edson Bradley, the Broadway merchant, who absconded to Canada, and took nearly \$75,000 belonging to others, is safe in goal.

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