

It is his duty to do so. He thanked them for the kindly mention they had made of Mrs. Nairn, who in her own sphere had endeavored to do what good she could when she had the means for doing it. These presents would ever be valued by him and his family, for whenever they looked at them they would remember the pleasant part of their life spent at Rockwood, and the friends whose esteem and good will they were proud to carry with them to their new home.

Mr. Stephen Nairn also warmly thanked them for the handsome gift he had received, and for the very friendly allusions they had made to him in the address. He might say with his brother, that since he came to Rockwood he had entered willingly into every movement which had for its object the good of Rockwood and its inhabitants. He claimed no credit for this, because it was a duty incumbent on them to do their share in promoting the happiness of their fellow citizens, or in helping on the progress of the place in which they lived. He thanked them, however, not less for their kindly acknowledgment of his efforts in this way, and assured them that he would ever take a deep interest in Rockwood. Though leaving it they would still keep up their connection with the place, and also the pleasant intercourse they had had with so many of it. He also thanked them in behalf of his nephew, whom he was sorry to say was absent, and who had the known of this would have made a point of being present.

Short speeches were then made by Messrs D. McCaig, Alex. McMillan, Thos. Harris, and Mr. Ferguson of the Academy, and by Messrs G. B. Fraser and J. Innes, of Guelph, who expressed their regret at the early departure of Mr. Nairn and his family from Rockwood, referred to the loss the village would sustain by their removal, and wished them continued prosperity in their new home.

The company afterwards spent a very pleasant and social evening. After partaking of refreshments they were favoured with some songs by Mr. J. F. Hardy, the vocalist, who had accompanied the friends from Guelph, and whose singing delighted all present. The healths of Mr. Nairn and his household were drunk with all the honours, and after the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," all left with a hearty good bye and good wishes for the family.

On the evening previous the teachers of the Presbyterian Church met at the house of Mr. Alex. Nairn, and presented Mr. Stephen Nairn with a copy of Thomas Senson and Mr. D. Horn a cane as mementoes of their long and appreciated services in behalf of the Sabbath School. In their removal to Toronto, the school sustains a severe loss, for during their connection with it, they have been zealous in every service connected to benefit it. An address was read by Mr. M. Farrier, Miss Michie presenting the book, and Miss McCarthy the cane. Both gentlemen replied, thanking the teachers for what they would treasure in remembrance of the harmony that had existed between them whilst engaged in the work of Sabbath School instruction, and referring to many pleasing incidents in the past.

### Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVEN'G, NOV. 30, 1874.

#### The Mayoralty.

The Herald of Saturday, says "it appears to be the general wish that Mr. Harris should again fill the position he has so ably occupied during the current year." We demur to this, and we now beg to inform Mr. Harris and the Herald that it is not the general wish of a large number of the ratepayers that Mr. Harris should be again elected as Mayor. If Mr. Harris comes out, we have every reason to believe another gentleman will be brought out in opposition to him, in whom the rate payers will have more confidence. We caution the electors, therefore, not to make any rash promises. The Herald and its friends must not think that a hole-and-corner meeting, held on Friday night last, will settle the Mayoralty question. We shall have more to say on this question in a few days.

#### A Blast From McCandless.

We notice that the late Principal of the Agricultural College has a letter in to-day's Mail, in which he threatens "to place in the hands of the Opposition such correspondence in reference to my connection with the College as I may happen to have copies of in my possession." This he threatens to do because Mr. McKellar the other night in the House referred to his incapacity in managing the Institution, which it seems he thought should not be done in consideration of resigning his position, and because he (Mr. McKellar) "endeavoured to shift from his own shoulders to mine the responsibility for the mismanagement of that Institution."

If Mr. McCandless thinks he can get rid of the responsibility of his mismanagement by resorting to this dishonourable mode of making public correspondence which passed between him and the Government in confidence, he is greatly mistaken, though such a proceeding would only be in keeping with his character, and with his mode of managing the College while it was under his charge. If he carries his threat into execution, then the Government in its own vindication should make public the evidence taken by the Committee of Inquiry, which we believe, out of consideration to Mr. McCandless, has hitherto been withheld, and which would so expose his utter incapacity, senseless ambition, childish vanity, and insufferable tyranny as for ever to destroy his chances of getting such another, or any appointment, worth a straw. The Government have hitherto been far too lenient with him. It is now their time to show him up in his true colors.

30,000 barrels of apples, valued at \$60,000, have been shipped from the County of Lincoln this fall.

### Our High School.

To W. H. PETERSON, Esq.,  
Chairman of Board of Trustees,  
SIR.—The public have watched with intense interest the movements of the Board of School Trustees, in connection with the appointment of a Principal over our whole School system. The Board have received the hearty support of the public in the matter. Although the additional expense will be considerable, not a murmur on that head has been publicly expressed. The general feeling, I think, is, we will pay for anything that will raise our school system to anything like the proper level. And the belief that the Board were determined to do something equal to the requirements, has restrained an outburst of the long and sorely tried patience of the parents and ratepayers of the town. We feel that not only has our money been wasted, but what is worse, our children have been wasted, their time thrown away, and the worst possible habits of study, or rather of idleness, have been engendered and fostered by our want of school system as a whole. I may, in another letter, make honorable exception of several of our female schools and of Mr. Simpson's department, but my special reason for addressing you is in consequence of a letter from a ratepayer claiming exemption for our High School from the superintendence of your lately appointed officer.

I hope that Mr. Dingwall will be directed to give his first attention to the High School, as it is by far the most feeble and inefficient of all our schools, and I believe is the most weak and inefficient High School in Ontario. In proof of my statement, I say that in proportion to the population, it has a far smaller attendance than any other High School; its public recognition is barely saved. In proportion to the time of attendance, the pupils have made less progress and evince less real knowledge than any other High School I have ever known. Now, sir, does the small attendance arise from the indifference of the people. In reply I have only to point to the number of pupils sent away from Guelph to other schools of the same level with our own. I have only to point to Mr. Fowler's school, in which a perfect stranger has in a month drawn together a larger school by the sheer force of superior teaching, and that too in face of high fees. You have only to walk into the other schools for five minutes to see the cause of the stranger's success.

The Trustees have a solemn responsibility, and will be held to a strict account. The public patience is exhausted. No personal considerations must be allowed to stand in the way of such an important public interest. Mr. Lafferty may be a good subordinate, but experience has proved him quite incompetent as a principle teacher, and unless the Board make such changes as will make the school efficient, they will find themselves at the New Year without the number of pupils in the High School to entitle them to the public funds.

As I wish my statements only to be weighed, I for the present only subscribe myself

Another Ratepayer.  
Guelph, Nov. 30, 1874.

### FAMILY: FEW AND POCKET BIBLES

Direct from Publishers  
Unprecedentedly Low Prices!

### ANDERSON'S BOOKSTORE,

East Side Wyndham Street,  
GUELPH.

### OSBORN

THE Guelph Sewing Machine Company  
FIRST AS USUAL.  
Three Years in Succession!!!  
At the Great Central Exhibition, Guelph, 1874,  
THE OSBORN WAS AWARDED  
1st prize for Family Sewing Machine,  
AND  
2nd prize as Manufacturing Machine,  
1st prize for Single Thread Sewing Machine, 1st prize for Sewing Machine Attachments.

At the Provincial Exhibition, and other leading Exhibitions, they have been awarded  
**FIFTY FIRST PRIZES,**  
Eight Second, and Four Diplomas.  
**WILKIE & OSBORN,**  
GUELPH.  
Guelph, Sept. 13th, 1874.

## ST. ANDREW'S FESTIVAL.

### A. O. BUCHAM

Begs to intimate to the Ladies of Guelph that he has just opened a large and fashionable stock of NEW KID GLOVES imported direct for our own trade, and invites attention to the following list:

- Ladies' White Kids, Single Button, in every size, at 50 cents per pair.
- Ladies' White Kids, Double Button, in every size, 75 cents per pair.
- Ladies' White Kids, Four Buttons, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Single Button, in every size, 50 cents per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Double Button, in every size, 75 cents per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Three Buttons, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Light Evening Shades, Double Button, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Black, Mid and Dark Shades, Best Rouillon Kids, warranted first quality, in every size, \$1.10 per pair.
- Misses' White Kids, Single Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Misses' White Kids, Double Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Misses' Light Evening Shades, Single Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, manufactured in Paris expressly for the Fashionable West End.
- Misses' Mid and Dark Shades and Black, in every size.
- Gents' White Kids, in the following sizes, \$1 per pair:—7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 8 3/4, 9 and 9 1/2.
- Gents' Lavender Kids, in the same sizes.
- Gents' Mid and Dark Shades and Black, in every size, first qualities.

We also invite attention to our stock of Evening Flowers, Lace Handkerchiefs, Lace Sashes, Lace Vests, Lace Pelerines, Lace Ties, Seash Ribbons, Promenade Scarfs, Shetland and German Wool Shawls and Squares for evening wear, White and Colored Tiaras, Gremades, Silks, etc.

### A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

### WILLIAM STEWART

Is now Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices, Dress Goods, Millinery, Shawls and Mantles; Blankets, Sheetings, Counterpanes and Furs  
AT AN IMMENSE REDUCTION.  
WILLIAM STEWART.

### FOR CHRISTMAS

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

### JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HARDWARE MERCHANT,  
GUELPH.

### ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN GUELPH.

The Sons of St. Andrew  
Will celebrate the ANNIVERSARY of their Patron Saint, by a

### CONCERT and BALL

IN THE TOWN HALL,  
On Monday Evening, November 30th.

### A SPLENDID QUADRILLE BAND

Has been engaged for the Ball. Tickets, admitting lady and gentleman, \$1.50; gentleman's single ticket, \$1.00; extra ticket, 50c. Refreshments extra. Tickets may be had at the Drug and Book Stores, and from the members of the Committee.  
Doors open at 7 o'clock; concert to commence at 8 sharp.  
JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary.  
Guelph, Nov. 17th, 1874.

### NELSON CRESCENT GROCERY.

W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the town lately occupied by R. S. King, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he has opened up a new and complete stock of Groceries and Provisions.  
As all goods have been bought at the lowest figure for cash, they will be sold as cheap as any other house in Guelph. He hopes by keeping a good article, and by paying strict attention to business, to merit the pleasure of his patronage.  
Goods delivered to any part of the town.  
Guelph, Nov. 9, 1874. W. A. SUDDABY, do

### CHEAP MEAT.

When Beef is Cheap why not Sell Cheap, and give the Public the Benefit.  
JOSEPH SMART,  
Butcher, Stall No. 4, Guelph Market, begs to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends and patrons whom he has had the pleasure of supplying for the past four years, and takes this opportunity of informing them, as well as the public generally, of his intention to lower the price of meat forthwith, and sell it for less than it has ever been sold in Guelph, being determined not to be undersold by any butcher or storekeeper. In doing so, he solicits the continuance and increase of the liberal patronage he has hitherto received, assuring his friends that all his meats will be of the best quality, and that every order will receive prompt attention, and meat carefully delivered to all parts of the town.  
PRICES.  
Beef-steak, ..... 10 cents per lb.  
Beef-ribs, ..... 7c to 9c  
Beef-potting, ..... 5c to 6c  
Lamb chop, ..... 10c  
Lamb, by the qtr., ..... 8c to 9c  
Corned beef and pickled tongues always on hand.  
Every joint of meat will be labelled in plain figures, no two prices made, so purchasers can see and judge for themselves before purchasing anywhere else. nswdwtit

### DANIELS & BUCHAN,

(Successors to James Barclay.)  
Carpenters and Builders,  
South of the Drill Shed, Guelph.  
Jobbing a specialty. Lumber and Cedar Joisting always on hand.  
Guelph, July 27, 1874. dwt

### RED MILL

Flour and Feed Store,  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Family and Pastry Flour, and all kinds of Feed delivered in any part of the Town.  
K. W. ROBERTSON,  
Guelph, Sept. 1, 1874. dwt

### THE ITALIAN WAREHOUSE.

The following NEW GOODS have just been received:—  
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED PICKLES.  
LEA & PERRIN'S WORCESTER SAUCE.  
HARVEY'S SAUCE.  
BEEFSTEAK SAUCE.  
READING SAUCE.  
ESSENCE OF ANCHOVIES.  
MUSHROOM CATSUP.  
CALF'S FOOT JELLY.  
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S JAMS AND JELLIE S  
POTTED MEATS (all kinds.) ANCHOVY PASTE.  
POTTED YARMOUTH BLOATERS.  
DUTCH ANCHOVIES.  
ENGLISH MALT VINEGAR.  
Cranberries, Finnan Haddies, Bloaters, Fresh Oysters, &c.  
EXTRA VALUE IN TEAS AND SUGARS.  
INSPECTION INVITED.  
LOCH & WEIR,  
McQuillan's Block, Upper Wyndham Street.  
GUELPH, Nov. 26, 1874. dw

### R. MacGREGOR & Co.

### SIGN OF THE "BIG BOOT."

### RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

Keep your Feet Warm!  
Keep your Feet Dry!  
and Reduce your Doctor's bill.

### RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

Take good care of yourselves, good people are scarce.  
R. MacGregor & Co.  
Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.  
GUELPH, Nov. 23, 1874. dw

### GROCERIES and PROVISIONS

### KEABLES & KING

Would announce that they have on hand and are receiving fresh supplies of Groceries and Provisions for the Winter Trade.  
**CHOICE LOT OF TEAS**  
Moyune, Hyson, Gunpowder, Uncolored Japan, Congou and Souchong, in great variety.

Sugars, Syrups, Spices—all kinds; Pickles, Canned Fruit, Raisins, Candied Lemons, Orange and Citron Peels, Sugar for icing, Cakes, Choice Confectionary in great variety—some new kinds.  
Pastry baked daily, good and fresh. Try it.  
PARTIES supplied to order, on reasonable terms.  
**COAL OIL ON HAND**  
Goods delivered in any part of the Town.  
KEABLES & KING,  
Central Grocery and Confectionary Store,  
Corner Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph.

### New Havana Oranges,

### Malaga Lemons,

### Malaga Grapes,

### Cocoanuts,

### 100 brls Choice Winter Apples.

### The Best Oysters in Canada

CANNED OR IN SHELL  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.  
**HUGH WALKER.**  
Wyndham-st., Guelph.  
Guelph, Nov. 17th, 1874. dw

## LAMPS!

Hand Lamps,  
Table Lamps,  
Pendent Lamps,  
Bracket Lamps,  
OF NEAT DESIGNS AND  
LOW PRICES.

### John M. Bond & Co.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Nov. 16, 1874. do

## NEW GOODS

The following invoice of Goods has just been received from the Celebrated Establishment of Crosse & Blackwell, of London, and as it comprises goods such as are not brought to Guelph by any other house you are invited to inspect them:—

- Wax Moons for Carriage Lamps,
- Night-lights, 6 and 8 hours,
- Cadbury's Cocoa Essence,
- Raspberry and Strawberry Jam,
- Raspberry Vinegar,
- Calvesfoot Jelly,
- Lemon, Madeira, and Vanilla Jelly
- China Preserved Ginger,
- Capt. White's West India Pickle, and Curry Paste,
- Mango Relish, Pickled Onions, Kipperd Herrings,
- English Yarmouth Bloaters,
- Smoked Cods, Roas,
- Anchovy and Bloaters Paste,
- Strasbourg Meats, Potted Ham, Chicken and Game,
- Harvey's Sauce,
- Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce,
- English Malt Vinegar, and Anchovy Sauce.
- ALSO,
- White Clover Honey, in Comb,
- Cranberries from Lake Superior,

AT JOHN A. WOODS,  
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph. O12-do

### FARMERS' DIARIES.

— If our farmers knew how little trouble it is to keep a diary, and with what satisfaction they would look over it in a few years, we feel sure they would, many of them, be induced to begin one. A simple record of the weather and the operations of the farm, the writing of which would not occupy two minutes a day, will, in after years, be not only a source of pleasure, but also of great practical benefit; by reference back to the record of former years, one can see how late he planted certain crops, and at what time they matured, also items of interest to the family prices, &c. At Day's Bookstore will be found a large stock of Diaries and Farm Account Books. Day will sell you a large foolscap Diary for 35 cents, and Pocket Diaries from 15 cents upwards. Begin now, and it will pay you well for the few minutes lost in entering your day's work.

## FOR SALE—TYRCATHLEN LOTS.

The Venerable Archdeacon Palmer has placed in my hands for sale the Lots in his new survey, immediately in rear of his residence and lying on the north side of Grange street. The situation cannot be surpassed in the town—convenient to Market, Post Office, Church and Schools, commanding a magnificent view of the town and surrounding country. The lots are of different sizes, and well suited for private dwellings, with a first-class soil for gardening.  
These lots on Tyrcathlen Terrace are well adapted for genteel residences, and will only be sold to those who will bargain to put up good buildings.  
Plans of the Lots can be seen at my office and particulars learned.  
Terms very liberal. Purchases made this Fall, interest on balance of purchase money will not commence until 1st April, next.  
If desired, the lots will be pointed out on the ground.  
Also, 17 other lots lying to the north of Palmer street, in Macdonald's survey, and on Queen and Arthur streets.  
An early call is solicited.  
CHARLES DAVIDSON,  
Land and General Agent, Town Hall Building, Guelph.  
Guelph, Aug. 31, 1874. dwt

## GREAT SALE OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, &c.

### AT R. CRAWFORD'S

Jewelry Store, next the Post Office, you can get great Bargains in Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, such as  
Gold Watches formerly \$150 now \$130  
do do \$100 " \$80  
do do \$75 " \$65  
do do \$40 " \$35  
do do \$35 " \$30  
do do \$30 " \$25  
Silver Watches, formerly \$50, now \$40  
do do \$40 " \$35  
do do \$35 " \$30  
do do \$30 " \$25  
do do \$25 " \$20  
do do \$20 " \$16  
do do \$18 " \$14  
do do \$12 " \$10

R. C. finds that his time is too much divided between his Factory and Store, and he has resolved to go out of the store by the new year. He has determined to sell his valuable stock at such prices as will effect an entire clearance.  
Call and examine for yourselves. Money saved is money gained.  
Clocks at lower prices than ever offered in Guelph.  
Store next the Post Office, Guelph. dw  
Oct. 31, 1874.

### CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, October 8, 1874.  
Authorized Discount on American Invoices until further notice, 3 per cent.  
R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,  
Commissioner of Customs