Guelph Grening Htercury MONDAY EVEN'G, DEC. 29. 1873

'fhe Mayoralty.

Almost at the eleventh hour there is to be a contest for the Mayoralty, which though it most necessarily be short, may be all the 'sharper while it lasts. A brief explanation of the way in which this has been brought about is due of the ratepayers. Last year it will be recollected

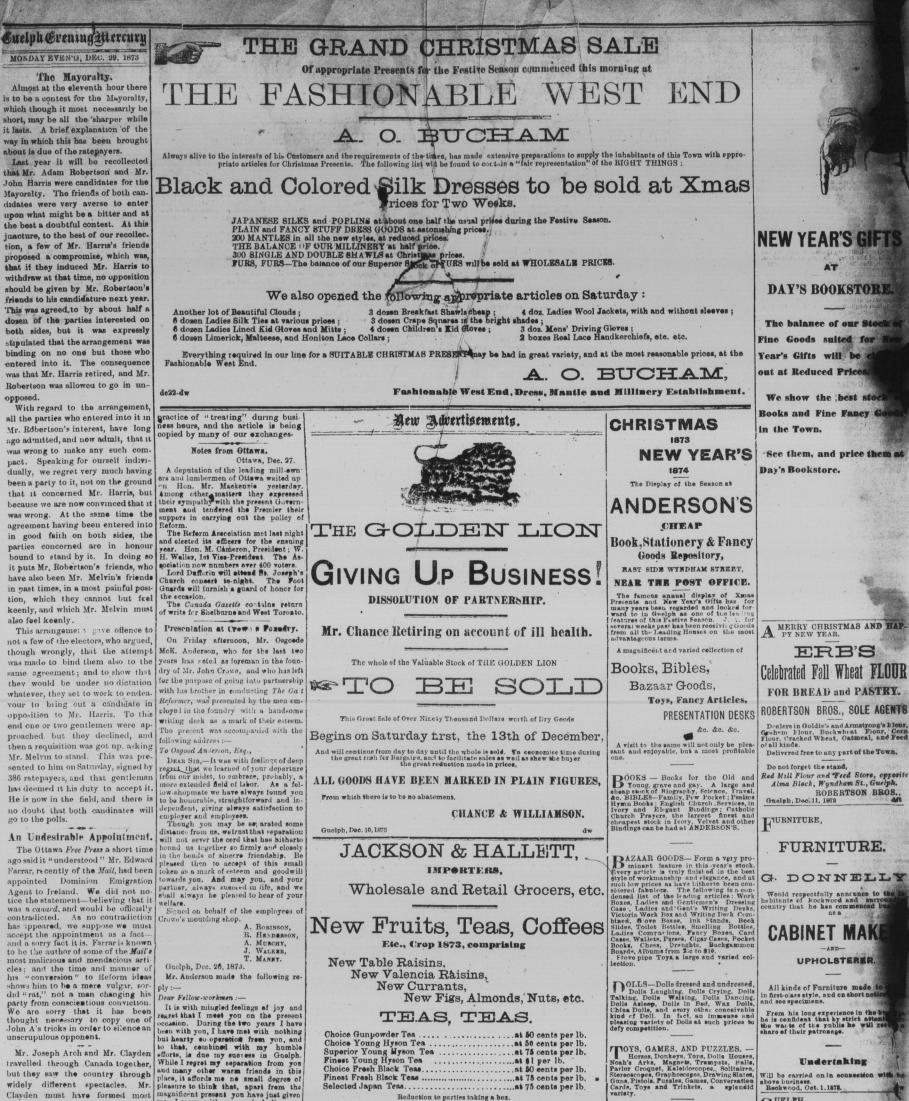
Adam Robertson and Mr. that Mr John Harris were candidates for the Mayoralty. The friends of both can didates were very averse to enter upon what might be a bitter and at the best a doubtful contest. At this juncture, to the best of our recollec. tion, a few of Mr. Harris's friends proposed a compromise, which was, that if they induced Mr. Harris to withdraw at that time, no opposition should be given by Mr. Robertson's friends to his candidature next year This was agreed to by about half a dozen of the parties interested on both sides, but it was expressly stipulated that the arrangement was binding on no one but those who entered into it. The consequence was that Mr. Harris retired, and Mr Robertson was allowed to go in un

opposed.

With regard to the arrangement with regard to the antigentent, all the parties who entered into it in Mr. Robertson's interest, have long are admitted and new admit, that it ago admitted, and now admit, that it was wrong to make any such compact. Speaking for ourself individually, we regret very much having been a party to it, not on the ground that it concerned Mr. Harris, but because we are now convinced that it was wrong. At the same time the agreement having been entered into good faith on both sides, the parties concerned are in honour bound to stand by it. In doing so

it puts Mr. Robertson's friends, who have also been Mr. Melvin's friends in past times, in a most painful posttion, which they cannot but feel keenly, and which Mr. Melvin must also feel keenly.

This arrangeme: t gave offence to not a few of the electors, who argued, though wrongly, that the attempt McK. Anderson, who for the last two was made to bind them also to the years has noted as foreman in the founsame agreement; and to show that dry of Mr. John Crowe, and who has left they would be under no dictation for the purpose of going into partnership whatever, they set to work to endeayour to bring out a candidate in Referencer, was presented by the mon em copposition to Mr. Harris. To this end one or two gentlemen were approached, but they declined, and they requisition was got up asking then a requisition was got up, asking To Osgood Anieron, Esq.,



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