

The 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 to the ratepayers.

Last year it will be recollected that Mr. Adam Robertson and Mr. John Harris were candidates for the Mayoralty. The friends of both candidates 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 recollection, 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 unopposed.

With regard to the arrangement, all the parties who entered into it in Mr. Robertson's interest, have long ago admitted, and now admit, that it was wrong to make any such compact. Speaking for oneself 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 in 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 position, which they cannot but feel keenly, and which Mr. Melvin must also feel keenly.

This arrangement gave offence to not a few of the electors, who argued, though wrongly, that the attempt was made to bind them also to the same agreement; and to show that they would be under no dictation whatever, they set to work to endeavor to bring out a candidate in opposition to Mr. Harris. To this end one or two gentlemen were approached, but they declined, and then a requisition was got up, asking Mr. Melvin to stand. This was presented to him on Saturday, signed by 386 ratepayers, and that gentleman has deemed it his duty to accept it. He is now in the field, and there is no doubt that both candidates will go to the polls.

An Undesirable Appointment.
The Ottawa Free Press a short time ago said it "understood" Mr. Edward Farrar, recently of the Mail, had been appointed Dominion Emigration Agent to Ireland. We did not notice the statement—believing that it was a *canard*, and would be officially contradicted. As no contradiction has appeared, we suppose we must accept the appointment as a fact, and a sorry fact it is. Farrar is known to be the author of some of the *Mail's* most malicious and mendacious articles; and the time and manner of his "conversion" to Reform ideas shows him to be a mere vulgar, sordid "rat," not a man changing his party from conscientious conviction. We are sorry that it has been thought necessary to copy one of John A's tricks in order to silence an unscrupulous opponent.

Mr. Joseph Arch and Mr. Clayden travelled through Canada together, but they saw the country through widely different spectacles. Mr. Clayden must have formed most extravagant expectations of transatlantic territory, or else he is troubled with that peculiar form of English prejudice which prevents one from seeing good in aught that differs from what they are used to at home. His letter to the metropolitan *Daily News*, in which the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec were disparagingly spoken of, excited some feeling, and his assertions were controverted in many quarters. Mr. Arch took a contrary view, as his Leamington speech shows. The difference between the two has now resulted in Mr. Arch disclaiming all responsibility for his companion's sentiments, and the latter has resigned his connection with the Labourers' Union.

An Ottawa despatch says that the Hon. Mr. Dorion has been lately engaged in arranging matters in connection with the administration of justice in the Province of Quebec. It is expected that he will thoroughly reform the character of the Judiciary, in accordance with the desire of the Bar and the public. If it is to be done at all, Mr. Dorion is just the man to do it.

The subject of the Insolvency Laws is attracting some attention just now. The present Act is in its last year, and the question is one which the Dominion Parliament will have to consider next session. Meanwhile, the Dominion Board of Trade, which meets at Ottawa early in January, is to talk the matter over.

The *Monetary Times* a short time since spoke strongly against the

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS SALE

Of appropriate Presents for the Festive Season commenced this morning at

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END

A. O. BUCHAM

Always alive to the interests of his Customers and the requirements of the times, has made extensive preparations to supply the inhabitants of this Town with appropriate articles for Christmas Presents. The following list will be found to contain a "fair representation" of the RIGHT THINGS:

Black and Colored Silk Dresses to be sold at Xmas Prices for Two Weeks.

JAPANESE SILKS and POPLINS at about one half the usual prices during the Festive Season.
PLAIN and FANCY STUFF DRESS GOODS at astonishing prices.
200 MANTLES in all the new styles, at reduced prices.
THE BALANCE OF OUR MILLINERY at half price.
300 SINGLE AND DOUBLE SHAWLS at Christmas prices.
FURS, FURS—The balance of our Superior Stock of FURS will be sold at WHOLESALE PRICES.

We also opened the following appropriate articles on Saturday:

- Another lot of Beautiful Clouds; 3 dozen Breakfast Shawls cheap; 4 doz. Ladies Wool Jackets, with and without sleeves;
- 6 dozen Ladies Silk Ties at various prices; 3 dozen Crape Squares in the bright shades; 3 doz. Mens' Driving Gloves;
- 6 dozen Ladies Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts; 4 dozen Children's Kid Gloves; 2 boxes Real Lace Handkerchiefs, etc. etc.
- 6 dozen Limerick, Maltese, and Honiton Lace Collars;

Everything required in our line for a SUITABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT may be had in great variety, and at the most reasonable prices, at the Fashionable West End.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

practice of "treating" during business hours, and the article is being copied by many of our exchanges.

Notes from Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.
A deputation of the leading mill owners and lumbermen of Ottawa waited upon Hon. Mr. Mackenzie yesterday. Among other matters they expressed their sympathy with the present Government and tendered the Premier their support in carrying out the policy of Reform.
The Reform Association met last night and elected its officers for the ensuing year. Hon. M. Cameron, President; W. H. Waller, 1st Vice-President. The Association now numbers over 400 voters.
Lord Dufferin will attend St. Joseph's Church concert to-night. The Foot Guards will furnish a guard of honor for the occasion.
The *Canada Gazette* contains return of writs for Shelburne and West Toronto.

Presentation at Osgood's Foundry.

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Osgood McK. Anderson, who for the last two years has acted as foreman in the foundry of Mr. John Crowe, and who has left for the purpose of going into partnership with his brother in conducting *The Galt Reformer*, was presented by the men employed in the foundry with a handsome writing desk as a mark of their esteem. The present was accompanied with the following address:—
To Osgood Anderson, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—It was with feelings of deep regret that we learned of your departure from our midst, to embrace, probably, a more extended field of labor. As a fellow-shophmate we have always found you to be honorable, straightforward and independent, giving always satisfaction to employer and employees.
Though you may be separated some distance from us, we trust that separation will not sever the cord that has hitherto bound us together so firmly and closely in the bonds of sincere friendship. Be pleased then to accept of this small token as a mark of esteem and goodwill towards you. And may you, and your partner, always succeed in life, and we shall always be pleased to hear of your welfare.

Signed on behalf of the employees of Crowe's moulding shop.
A. ROBINSON,
H. HENDERSON,
A. MCKENZIE,
J. WALKER,
T. MANNY.

Guelph, Dec. 26, 1873.

Mr. Anderson made the following reply:—

Dear Fellow-workmen:—
It is with mingled feelings of joy and regret that I meet you on the present occasion. During the two years I have been with you, I have met with nothing but hearty co-operation from you, and so that, combined with my humble efforts, is due my success in Guelph. While I regret my separation from you and many other warm friends in this place, it affords me no small degree of pleasure to think that, apart from the insignificant present you have just given me, I carry with me such feelings as you, in your address, have given expression to. Allow me to thank you also on behalf of my partner for your kind wishes towards us.

Yours truly,
OSGOOD MCK. ANDERSON.

FOR XMAS.

- Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
- Ivory handled Table and Dessert 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.
- Tea Trays and Waiters.
- Coal Scuttles.
- Vases and Paroianians.
- Fire Irons and Stands.
- Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs, Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells.
- 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.

Y. M. C. A.
The Ladies Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association will hold a meeting in the room of the Association from 7 to 9 o'clock (Friday) at 3 o'clock. A full meeting is expected.
MRS. BIGNIBOTHAM,
Secretary.
Dec. 29, 1873.

New Advertisements.



THE GOLDEN LION

GIVING UP BUSINESS!

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. Chance retiring on account of ill health.

The whole of the Valuable Stock of THE GOLDEN LION

TO BE SOLD

This Great Sale of Over Ninety Thousand Dollars worth of Dry Goods

Begins on Saturday first, the 13th of December, and will continue from day to day until the whole is sold. To economise time during the great rush for Bargains, and to facilitate sales as well as show the buyer the great reduction made in prices.

ALL GOODS HAVE BEEN MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES, From which there is to be no abatement.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Dec. 10, 1873.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

IMPORTERS,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

- New Table Raisins,
- New Valencia Raisins,
- New Currants,
- New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.
- TEAS, TEAS.**

- Choice Gunpowder Tea at 60 cents per lb.
- Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb.
- Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
- Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
- Choice Fresh Black Tea at 80 cents per lb.
- Finest Fresh Black Tea at 75 cents per lb.
- Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.

Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT,
Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

Guelph, Oct. 11, 1873.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

ARRIVING TODAY AT

E. O'DONNELL & CO'S.

- 500 barrels Salt at \$1.20 per barrel;
 - 2 car loads of Lake Herrings;
 - 1 car load of White Fish and Trout;
 - 500 barrels of first-class Labrador Herrings;
 - A large quantity of Ingersoll Cheese;
 - 600 caddies of the best dollar Tea put up in 5lb tins
- For 80 cents per lb.

Also, a general assortment of Black and Japan TEAS, to be sold wholesale and retail CHEAP FOR CASH.

A small lot of SUGAR at 13lb. for One Dollar.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

GUELPH, Nov. 18, 1873.

RICE'S BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 2nd, 1873.

W. H. TAYLOR,
CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER,
Opposite Knox Church,
GUELPH.
The only one of this kind in Toronto. All work warranted the best. Please see our price list.
Oct 1873

CHRISTMAS 1873

NEW YEAR'S 1874

The Display of the Season at

ANDERSON'S

CHEAP

Book, Stationery & Fancy Goods Repository,
EAST SIDE WYNDHAM STREET,
NEAR THE POST OFFICE.

The famous annual display of Xmas Presents and New Year's Gifts has for many years been regarded and looked forward to in Guelph as one of the interesting features of this Festive Season. It is for several years past has been resorted to by those from all the Leading Houses on the most advantageous terms.

A magnificent and varied collection of

- Books, Bibles,
- Bazaar Goods,
- Toys, Fancy Articles.
- PRESENTATION DESKS
- &c. &c. &c.

A visit to the same will not only be pleasant and enjoyable, but a most profitable one.

BOOKS—Books for the Old and Young, grave and gay. A large and cheap stock of Biography, Science, Travel, &c. **BIBLES**—Family, Pew Pocket; Pauline Hymn Books; English and Scotch Services, in Ivory and Elegant Bindings; Catholic Church Prayers, the latest finest and cheapest stock in Ivory, Velvet and other Bindings can be had at ANDERSON'S.

BAZAAR GOODS—Form a very prominent feature in this year's stock. Every article is truly finished in the best style of workmanship and elegance, and at such low prices as have hitherto been considered fabulous. The following is an accented list of the leading articles: Work Boxes, Ladies and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Ladies and Gent's Writing Desks, Victoria Work Box and Writing Desk, Combined Glove Boxes, Ink Stands, Book Slides, Toilet Bottles, Smelling Bottles, Ladies' Combs, Fancy Boxes, Card Cases, Wallets, Parasols, Cigar Cases, Pocket Books, Chess, Draughts, Backgammon Board, Albums from 2 to \$10.
Fancy pipe Toys, a large and varied collection.

DOLLS—Dolls dressed and undressed, Talking Dolls, Crying Dolls, Dancing Dolls, Asleep, Dolls in Red, Wax Dolls, China Dolls, and every other conceivable kind of Doll. In fact, an immense and pleasing variety of Dolls at such prices to defy competition.

TOYS, GAMES, AND PUZZLES.—Horses, Donkeys, Tops, Dolls Houses, Noah's Ark, Magpies, Trampets, Balls, Parlor Croquet, Kaleidoscope, Solitaires, Stereoscopes, Graphoscopes, Drawing Slates, Gun, Pistol, Puzzles, Games, Conversation Cards, Toys and Trinkets, a splendid variety.

TOY BOOKS—A large stock, a big stock, a Cheap Stock.

All Goods marked in Plain Figures at unprecedentedly low prices.

Superiority is the first element of success, and ANDERSON is bound to render his establishment famous for his annual Xmas display, and the people of Guelph and surrounding districts will scarcely find any pleasure greater than paying a visit to

ANDERSON'S

Cheap Book, Stationery, Toy and Fancy Repository, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

SEASONABLE GOODS.

- Ivory Handled Knives, AT BOND'S.
- Bone " " AT BOND'S.
- Superior Carvers, AT BOND'S.
- Electro-Plated Forks, AT BOND'S.
- " " Spoons, AT BOND'S.
- " " Butter Knives, AT BOND'S.
- " " Pickle Forks, AT BOND'S.
- " " Cake Baskets, AT BOND'S.
- " " Salt Stands, AT BOND'S.
- " " Butter Coolers, AT BOND'S.
- " " Cruets, AT BOND'S.
- Britannia Metal Tea Pots, AT BOND'S.
- Japanned Tea Trays, AT BOND'S.
- Plated Call Bells, AT BOND'S.
- Fire Irons in Sets, AT BOND'S.
- Dish Covers, AT BOND'S.
- Table Mats, AT BOND'S.
- Best Steels, AT BOND'S.
- Superior Scissors, AT BOND'S.
- " " Pocket and Pen Knives, AT BOND'S.

A well selected and choice stock of articles suitable for Xmas.

To be had at Bond's

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

The balance of our Stock of Fine Goods suited for New Year's Gifts will be cleared out at Reduced Prices.

We show the best stock of Books and Fine Fancy Goods in the Town.

See them, and price them at Day's Bookstore.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ERB'S

Celebrated Fall Wheat FLOUR

FOR BREAD and PASTRY.

ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS

Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town.

Do not forget the stand, Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite Alma Block, Wyndham St., Guelph.

ROBERTSON BROS.,
Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.

FURNITURE,

FURNITURE.

G. DONNELLY

Would respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has commenced business as a

CABINET MAKER

—AND—
UPHOLSTERER.

All kinds of Furniture made to order in first-class style, and on short notice, and see specimens.

From his long experience in the trade he is confident that by strict attention to the work he will receive a fair share of their patronage.

Undertaking

Will be carried on in connection with the above business.
Rockwood, Oct. 1, 1873.

GUELPH

COAL DEPOT

C. Kloefer

Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard, and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

HARD and SOFT COAL

OF THE BEST QUALITY

At the Lowest Prices.

Coal delivered in any part of the Town.

Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory

Orders left at Mr. Horseman's will receive prompt attention.

Guelph, Nov. 18, 1873. C. KLOEFER

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

A very large and choice stock of Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

At I. & J. A.

FANCY STATIONERY
OPPOSITE THE

Don't fail to examine the window, and the Lots of Presents and

Also on hand, Best quality of artificial flowers and artificial patterns of slipper patterns.

Guelph, Dec. 29, 1873.