ELECTION OF MAYOR

FOR 1869.

TOWN OF GUELPH

THE VOTE AND INTEREST of the Electors are respectfully solicited in favor of

Mr. ROBT. MELVIN

FOR MAYOR.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE .....MACDONNELL STREET

TUESDAY EV'NG, DEC. 29TH, 1868.

Huron and Ontario Ship Canal.

Toronto is very much agitated about the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal, It was to be expected that Toronto, the metropolis of selfishness, as well as of Ontario, would be. We spoke in favour of allowing the Provincial literary institutions in her midst to remain *in statu quo*, but we can by no means sympathise with her in her half crazy efforts to become one of the termini of a canal which has been projected, but which will never be cut. As we have not said much on this subject previously we might make a few explanations with regard to this scheme for the benefit of our readers.

And first it is proposed to unite the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario by a canal capable of admitting the passage of vessels of 1,200 tons burden. It is not denied that the labour and difficulties that would attend such a work would be something beyond ordinary experience in canal construction, but then enthusiasm for the prosperity of the country in general, and for that of Toronto in particular, can move mountains out of the way with astonishing facility and bury them in the depths of the lake.

The opening of the canal would afford a more direct means of transit for produce from some of the western ports, which now experience the disadvantage of a circuitous route, in addition to two other obstacles—the shallows of the St. Clair, and the narrowness of the Welland Canal,—in sending their commodities down to the Atlantic. It is calculated that the new route would be shorter than that which produce is now obliged to follow by 400 miles, and that by it grain from some of American markets would reach Liverpool sooner than it at present reaches New York. It is agreed that it would tend to a rapid development of the copper mines on Lake Superior by providing means of transit for their products, and that the increased traffic would augment almost incalculably the prosperity of Ontario. The picture is a pretty one, but it has two sides. Look at the other.

The project owes its inception to Mr. Capreol, who paid a visit to England (from which he returned in the summer) for the purpose of procuring the embarkation of moneyed men on the enterprise. He says he received a promise from English capitalists that they would build the canal, if he could only secure from the Ontario Government a grant of 10,000 acres of land along its banks. The entire length of the canal proper is, we believe, estimated at sixty miles, for although the distance between the termini is 100 miles advantage will be taken of the Nottawasaga river, which falls into the Georgian Bay, and of lake Simcoe. Nevertheless to construct the sixty miles forty millions of dollars are required, and it is argued that the prospect of the expenditure of such a large amount of money in the Province should be a sufficient inducement to the Government to grant the tract of land asked. It would attract immigrants, and make Ontario an Utopia. So Toronto pretends to believe, for the people there framed a petition, which all the urchins of the city were induced to sign, requesting the Government to make the required land appropriation, but the memorial was laid on the table and all that Toronto could do was to hold an indignation meeting, and berate everybody not willing to bestow upon a private company one third of the wild lands of the Province. Under the table was the proper place for he petition. Land companies have not behaved so well in the past that they should be trusted so largely in future. If the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal is so much required by American tariffic (and we believe it is) why then, let American traffic pay for it, but let the Government keep its lands to dispose of in its own way to immigrants. This will be found best in the long run, and employment is not so scarce that it requires the commencement of a work like that under notice to attract immigration.

Mr. Massie, of Walter's Falls, on his way home from Owen Sound a few nights ago, in a cutter, was knocked on the head, rendered senseless for the time and robbed of $96.

MARRIAGES.

ELMORE—DYER—On the 29th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev James Howie, Mr Thomas A Elmore of Toronto, to Miss Emily Jane Dyer, daughter of Mr Joseph Dyer, Guelph Township.

PARKINSON—MCQUEEN—On the 24th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm Barrie, assisted by the Rev James Bowie, Mr Joseph D Parkinson, eldest son of Joseph Parkinson, Esq, Elmbrook Farm, to Miss Margaret McQueen, third daughter of Alex. McQueen, Esq, all of Eramosa.

DIED.

ANDERSON—At Guelph Township, on the 29th inst., Margaret Kidd, wife of Mr Thomas Anderson, senr., Paisley Block, aged 78 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at one o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are requested to atttend without further notice.

New Advertisements.

WATCH LOST.

Lost between Knox's Church and Rev. Mr. Ball's residence, on Sunday last, a lady's GOLD WATCH. The finder on returning it to Mr. Ball, or leaving it at the Mercury Office, will be suitably rewarded.

Guelph, 29th Dec d3

MASONIC FESTIVAL.

HOOVER'S CAB SLEIGH

Will be found at Mr. Miller's Hotel, West Market Square, to convey ladies and gentlemen to and from the Masonic Festival, at a very moderate rate. Orders left at the Hotel, or at the new Stone Stable, Macdonnell-St., will be promptly attended to.

Guelph, December 28. WM. HOOVER.

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR

NEW YEAR.

Nothstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at

J. HUNTER'S,

Wyndham Street, Guelph,

not only the largest and most select, but also the cheapest assortment of general

FANCY GOODS AND TOYS.

suitable for this season of the year to be found west of Toronto. Call and see.

Writing Desks
Dressing Cases
Work Boxes
Ladies' Companions

At less than Toronto Prices.

Slippers, Ottomans, Wools, Toys and Fancy Goods *ad infinitum* at

J. HUNTER'S,

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St.

Guelph December 29th. dw

ANNIVERSARY TEA MEETING

OF THE

Guelph Wesleyan Sabbath School.

The Anniversary Tea Meeting of the Guelph Wesleyan Sabbath School will be held

On Wednesday Evening, 30th Instant

In the Church. Tea at 6 o'clock; Addresses by the Ministers of the town, Music by the Choir, and recitations by the scholars, will constitute the proceedings of the evening. Tickets 25c., children under 12 half price.

A. O. BUCHAM, Secretary.

Guelph, 29th Dec, d2

SERVANT WANTED.

Wanted a servant girl. Apply at the Mercury Office.

Guelph, 26th Dec. d3

COTTAGE TO LET.

To let a cottage opposite the farm of P. Gow, Esq., M. P. P., containing four rooms and a good cellar, 2½ acres attached, splendid garden well stocked with fruit. A stable and cow shed are attached to the house. Apply to MISS SMITH, Dressmaker, near Hatch's Block.

Guelph, 28th Dec. d6w1

TO SAW OWNERS.

Tenders wanted for cross-cutting a quantity of ardwood logs into short lengths. For particulars apply at my office.

DAVID ALLAN, Guelph Mills.

Guelph, 22nd Dec. d4w1

APPRENTICE WANTED.

Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once

Guelph, 3rd December.

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.

Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dwtf

MORTGAGE SALE

OF A

VALUABLE PARK LOT!

There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale,

ON FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1869,

at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz:—Park Lot No. 43, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub division of the South-west half of Lot No. 3, in the 3rd Concession of Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, P L S, and duly registered, the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McTague's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-eastern limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to

DONALD GUTHRIE,
Vendor's Solicitor, Guelph.

Guelph, 28th December. dwtd

G. A. D. C.

A Select Dramatic Entertainment.

Opening of the Season 1869.

W. ANDERSON, ... President.
THOMAS H. TAYLOR, .. Acting Manager.
PROF. VALE, ... Leader of Orchestra.

The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will make their first appearance this season in the TOWN HALL, Guelph, on the evening of

MONDAY, the 4th of JANUARY

On which occasion will be produced the great MORAL TEMPERANCE DRAMA, in 5 Acts, entitled

THE DRUNKARD!

Or, The Fallen Saved!

Being a powerful and vivid picture of the fall and downward progress of the victim of intemperance.

The Scenery to be used on this occasion is all new, and has been painted expressly for the Club.

Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50c. For particulars see programmes.

Guelph, 24th Dec, do

THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868

OF THE

British Workman
Infants' Magazine
Children's Friend
Band of Hope
Sunday at Home
Leisure Hour

TO HAND

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market.

Guelph, 26th December. dw

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph

November 19. daw tf

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

WHOLESALE.

NOW OPENING,

Another Shipment of Glassware!

CONSISTING OF IN PART

Tumblers, Goblets, Wines
Decanters, Celery Glasses
Butters, Sugars and Creams
Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars
Preserve Dishes, in great variety
Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames
Bird Fountains,
Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Baths
Lamp Chimneys
Specia Jars, Japanned Covers.
&c. &c. &c.

R. RAE & CO.

IMPORTERS.

Guelph, 28th December dw

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

E. HARVEY & CO.

No. 1

WHITE

COAL

OIL

Of the best quality,

Wholesale and Retail

AT THE

MEDICAL HALL!

E. HARVEY & CO.,

Guelph December 24. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS.

Guelph, December 12. dw

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

SETS OF CARPET BALLS
MUSTACHE CUPS
MOTTO GIFT CUPS
CUPS OF KINDNESS
CUT WINE GLASSES
CUT GLASS GOBLETS
CUT GLASS TUMBLERS
FANCY STONE WATER JUGS
MEERSCHAUM PIPES
BRIER ROOT PIPES

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

Guelph, 24th December. dw

LIQUORS.

Hennessy Brandy
Martell Brandy
Cherry Brandy
Ginger Brandy
Old Tom Gin
Dunville Irish Whiskey
Stuart's Scotch Whiskey
Old Jamaica Rum
Bernard's Ginger Wine
Very fine Pale Sherry
Very Old Port Wine
Old Rye Whiskey
Malt Whiskey
Toddy Whiskey
Windsor Whiskey,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

Guelph, 24th December. dw

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage.

Guelph, Dec 23. w4 B. B. PRESANT

HARTFORD

Fire Insurance Company

Of Hartford, Conn.

INCORPORATED IN 1810. - - CAPITAL, $2,000,000.

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.

E. MORRIS, Agent.

Guelph, Dec. 21. d1y

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England,

Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

WORKING WATCHMAKER

AND JEWELER

DAY'S BLOCK,

Opposite the Market Guelph.

Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellry.

Guelph, December 17th. dw

DYEING DAILY.

The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a **Hair Dye** ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all

PERSONS WHO DYE

To give him a call. Resuscitation guarranteed to perfection.

J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion viz **Grinding all kinds of Cutlery,** era: Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE.

JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser,

Guelph, December 4. d4w Next Post Office

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full ASSORTMENT of COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr

Guelph, December 12. dwly

F. M. WILSON,

Banking, Exchange & Passage

OFFICE,

No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

American Money and Silver, Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold.

Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, Londonderry, and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiana, Havre, &c., via Leith.

Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mai Line Steamship Company to California.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF,

SADDLER,

Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

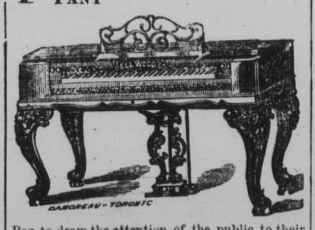
Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Bells,

Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of **HORSE CLOTHING,** Blankets, Sursingles A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

H. METCALF.

Guelph, December 4. dw

THE GUELPH MELODEON COMPANY



Beg to draw the attention of the public to their Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, which, in the opinion of all competent judges, are the best that are manufactured, and are sold at prices from 10 to 20 per cent. lower than those of any good American maker. We do not make nameless or "metropolitan" Organs, on which we do not put our name, as those nameless instruments are made only for agents, who wish to sell cheap and inferior instruments. We were awarded

THE FIRST PRIZE

on both MELODEONS and CABINET ORGANS at the Provincial Exhibition for 1868, which was open to all the world.

As we **warrant all our Instruments for Five Years,** the public will easily see that it is to their interest to buy from us rather than from an agent of some distant New England firm, whose guarantee amounts simply to nothing, even on Instruments which they consider good enough to put their names on.

LONG CREDIT given to responsible parties, or a liberal discount for cash in full. Usual discount to Clergymen, Churches, Schools, &c.

Factory and Ware-room in the Old Gore Bank Building, East Market Square.

BELL, WOOD & CO., Guelph, Ont.

Guelph, December 18th, 1868. d1w1y

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company

HARTFORD CONN.

WOODBRIDGE S. OLMSTED, Secretary. | GUY R. PHELPS, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, V. Pres.
EDWIN W. BRYANT, Actuary. | LUCIAN S. WILCOX, Medical Examiner.

ORGANIZED IN 1846. - - - - CHARTER PERPETUAL.

The largest Mutual Life Insurance Company, numbering over 55,000 members. A purely Mutual Company—its Assets being exclusively to its members.

ASSETS, $21,000,000—Acquired by prudent and economical management of twenty-two years, without the aid of a single dollar of original capital.

SURPLUS ASSETS, $6,361,967.—All profits divided among the members. Each policy holder is a member. There are no Stockholders.

ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.—They have averaged over 50 per cent. annually. Total amount of dividends paid the members since its organization, **$4,397,142.**

ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.—It has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount of losses paid by the Company, **$6,868,528.**

ITS RESPONSIBILITY.—For every **$100** of Liabilities, it has **$154** of Assets.

LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

Amount insured fiscal year 1867	**$45,647,191.00**
Income received " " "	**7,530,886.19**

During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly **$2,000,000,** and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio of expenses to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.

ITS LIBERALITY.—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants insurance to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Life Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from **$100 to $25,000.**

Amounted deposited with Receiver General of Canada, **$140,000.**

Medical Referee—DR. HEROD. DANIEL D. SILLS, General Agent for Canada.

GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.

Guelph, 28th December. d

FRUITS.

FRUITS SOLD

EXTREMELY CHEAP

DURING THE

HOLIDAYS

AT

E. CARROLL & CO'S.,

Day's 2 Block.

Guelph, December 21st. dw

ARRIVED

The First Lot this Season

FRESH HADDOCK
FRESH LOBSTERS, in the

ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY

Superior Haddies

PTATT & CO'S

BALTIMORE OYSTERS

SELECT, ARRIVING DAILY.

SOLD TO THE TRADE AT HAMILTON AND TORONTO PRICES.

GEORGE WILKINSON,

Guelph, 18th December. dw SOLE AGENT FOR GUELPH.

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED,

And is superintending the RETAIL DEPARTMENT of the

Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works

WYNDHAM STREET.

THE MAMMOTH CAKE

To be Cut and Sold at 30c. per lb., worth 50c:

Every person should have a piece of the **LARGEST CAKE EVER MADE IN THE DOMINION.** Please leave your order by Wednesday evening.

Also, an endless variety of GOODS for

Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts!

For large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves.

H. BERRY.

Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868. daw tf