

**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 SATURDAY EV'NG, DEC. 26TH, 1868.

NOTICE.—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

**Adjourned Meeting of the Centre Riding Convention.**

On Wednesday last an adjourned meeting of the Reform Delegates was held at Fergus. Mr. Burt, Erin, and Mr. Greene, Orangeville, were not present. The Chairman having called the meeting to order, requested the Secretary to read the report; which he did by presenting a telegram from Mr. Brown, declining the nomination tendered him the previous week. After some comments as to Mr. Brown's disinclination to re-enter Parliament, Mr. Dyce moved, seconded by Mr. How, that Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., of Toronto, be the nominee of the Convention. Mr. Dyce supported his motion by remarks on the talents and qualifications of the proposed candidate.

Mr. Milloy was in favour of the motion. He had conversed with the gentleman, and had been told by him he would run if the Convention were unanimous in his choice of him. Mr. McKenzie had been many years a Judge, was of good standing at the bar, and would advocate local interests as well as a resident member.

Mr. Parkinson did not think that there were local jealousies which would debar a local candidate from uniting the party. In Eramosa the people were all united on Mr. Brown, but falling him they wished a resident. He urged unity of action, and thought that all the municipalities would support the choice of the convention.

Considerable discussion ensued as to whether a resident or non-resident candidate was preferable.

Mr. Burnett moved, seconded by Mr. Swinford, That James Ross, Esq., be nominated as a candidate, and on the vote being taken it stood 13 for Ross, 12 for McKenzie.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. How, the nomination was made unanimous for Mr. Ross.

An adjournment then took place till after tea, and Mr. Ross was sent for. On reassembling Mr. Ross was tendered the nomination of the Convention, and accepted. It was understood that he should not resign his office until elected, but that it should be no hindrance to his usefulness or independence afterwards.

**MORE DISTRESS IN NOVA SCOTIA.**

The Halifax Chronicle of the 14th inst., says:—"Judging from present appearances, the poor of the province are more than likely to suffer considerable distress during the present winter. Our fisheries have been during the past summer far less remunerative than usual, and our crops have been pretty nearly in the same category. In this city and many of our counties hunger and want have already begun to show their hideous heads, and it behoves every substantial citizen to lend his aid to those organizations formed to banish those hideous visitors. The society for improving the condition of the poor and the Vincent de Paul Society are now hard at work, doing all that their means allow for the poor, and it is to be hoped that outsiders will grease the palms of the Good Samaritans, and thus strengthen their hands in their charitable endeavours."

**QUAKERS IN THE NEW BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**—The Friend of this month in a letter signed "Observer" gives the following list of members and ex-members of the Society of Friends in the new House of Commons. Messrs. John Bright, Birmingham; Jacob Bright, Manchester; Edmund Backhouse, Darlington; W. E. Foster, Bradford; William Fowler, Penryn; Charles Gilpin, Northampton; E. A. Leatham, Huddersfield; Jonathan Pim, Dublin; Joseph W. Pease, South Durham; John Whitwell, Kendal. The name of Mr. J. Fletcher, Cockermouth, might be added, as he is a member of the Society of Friends. All will support Mr. Gladstone, except Mr. R. N. Fowler, who is a Conservative.

**THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.**

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. SATURDAY, 26th.—George Pearson was brought up for assaulting his wife, but as she did not appear against him he was dismissed.

Thos. Hoban, Jas. Inglis, Chas. Allan and Wm. Watson were charged with creating a disturbance in the Wellington Hotel yesterday. Hoban was fined \$10 and costs, or twenty days, and each of the others \$5 and costs, or fifteen days. The costs in each case were \$2.34.

**CURLING MATCH.**—Two rinks of the Guelph Club, and one of the Speed Club turned out on Davidson's dam on Christmas Day. The ice was very fine, though the day was stormy. The only regular match played during the day was between the Bachelors and Benedicts of the Guelph Club. The following is the score: Benedicts—A. Armstrong, Jas. Anderson, A. Robertson, sr., Chas. Davidson, skip—11; Bachelors—Jas. Davidson, James Dobbie, D. McCrae, and A. Robertson, skip—38. Some of the members of the Speed Club were out for practice, but no match was played.

**ASSAULT.**—Last night Mr. Thorpe's outler was assaulted at the stable by four or five fellows, who gave him an unmerciful kicking. They also broke a whip over his head, causing rather an ugly wound. The approach of some parties caused them to desist and take to their heels.

The bound volumes for 1868 of the British Workman, Infant's Magazine, Children's Friend, Band of Hope Review, Sunday at Home, and Leisure Hour to hand at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market.

**RETURNED.**—We have to thank Mr. Jas. A. Jacques for late files of English papers. Mr. Jacques returned last night after a five weeks trip to England, and looks hale and hearty after the journey. On and after Monday the 25th inst., the 555 p.m. train east, and the 2.45 a.m. train west on the Grand Trunk will be discontinued. This is in accordance with the usual winter regulations.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE,**

GUELPH, Dec. 25th, 1868 Wm. Tyler, Smith's Falls; R. J. Woodcock, Ingersoll; Alce. McGregor and wife, Galt; Hugh McFarlane, Arthur; Peter McDonald, Fergus; R. Blain and wife, Galt; Miss Young, Fergus; Mr. Mutch, Galt; John McArthur, Elora; John McGill, Galt; Miss Russell, Rockwood; Charles Clarke, Elora; Geo. Forbes, Toronto; W. J. Fairbairn, Montreal; Wm. Roland, New York; T. Stephenson, Capetown; Hugh Mitchell, Fergus; Mr. Mordan, Balacava; Walter Blatchford, Owen Sound; Mr. McAdams, Hamilton; Miss Love, Owen Sound; Mr. Quinn, Galt; Allan Andrew, Brantford; Mr. Spence, Owen Sound; Mr. Kennedy, Owen Sound; John T. Wade, Arthur; Harry C. Lewis, Arthur; Simon Graham, Owen Sound.

The dog tax for Nassagaweya for 1866 was \$335, and the amount expended for dog killing sheep for 1867 was \$347.52. A provision store was destroyed by fire in Portland on Thursday night. The loss is \$12,000, with only \$1,300 insurance. Milton is to have a concert on behalf of the Red River folks on the 6th of January. Garibaldi is reported very unwell at Caprera.

**BIRTHS.**

MURTON.—At Guelph on the 23rd instant, the wife of Mr. H. Murton of a son. DOLMAGE.—In Robson on the 29th instant, the wife of Mr. Adam Dolmage of a son. McPHILLIPS.—At Ayton on the 21st instant, the wife of Mr. John McPhillips, postmaster of a son. ENSHURB.—In Mount Forest, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Enshurbs of a son. STOVEL.—In Mount Forest on the 20th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Stovel of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

TRIBE—GORDON.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Wm. Middlemas, Mr. Robert Tribe, Esq., of Elora, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Andrew Gordon, Esq., all of Elora. ROSS—SMITH.—At Trinity Church, Mitchell, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. H. Caulfield, Mr. A. Robb of Logan, to Jessie Smith, eldest daughter of Stewart Campbell, Esq., of Ellice. STUART—GRAFFETY.—At Guelph on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Geo. Grathey, of Kingston, Mr. John Stuart to Miss Mary Ann Grathey, both of Guelph.

**DIED.**

CLARKE.—At Guelph on the 25th inst., Jelu Clarke Jr., aged 46 years. The funeral will take place on Monday, at two o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice. GARBUTT.—Of consumption, at the residence of his father, Toronto Township, on the 3rd instant, Mr. John Garbutt, late of Elmira, Ont., aged 29 years.

**New Advertisements.**

**A HORSE AND SLEIGH FOR AN OWNER WANTED FOR A**

Found opposite Mrs. Platt's Hotel, on Tuesday last, a brown horse with a sleigh attached. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take them away. Apply at Mrs. Platt's Hotel, Guelph, 26th Dec. dw

**SERVANT WANTED.**

Wanted a servant girl. Apply at the Mercury Office, Guelph, 26th Dec. dw

**THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868**

OF THE British Workman Infant's Magazine Children's Friend Band of Hope Sunday at Home Leisure Hour

**AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE**

Opposite the Market. Guelph, 26th 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. PRESENT.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

The Law Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned is this day dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Webster, who has been appointed Deputy Registrar for the County of Wellington. Mr. Saunders continues the practice of the law in all its branches. Office, for the present, No. 4, Day's Block. THOS. W. SAUNDERS, JAMES WEBSTER, JR. Guelph, 24th December, 1868. det-mw

**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.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**

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

**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S**

Guelph, 24th December. dw

**LIQUORS.**

Hennessey 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 Eye Whiskey Malt Whiskey Toddy Whiskey Windsor Whiskey

**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S**

Guelph, 24th December. dw

**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. 25, 1868. dw 11

**R. RAE & CO.**

IMPORTERS OF

**China, Crockery, Glassware,**

**AND FANCY GOODS.**

**AI MA BLOCK, GUELPH, ONT.**

HAVING purchased of MESSRS. JAMES MASSIE & CO. their stock of Crockery and Glassware, imported this Fall, and rented the large and commodious premises adjoining their wholesale Grocery Store in the New Alma Block, we propose carrying on a large and exclusively Wholesale business in the above line.

From the facilities we possess in a practical knowledge of the business, and by buying for cash in the best markets of England, France, Germany and America, we are prepared to offer our Goods at prices that will compete favorably with any House in the Province. Guelph is a specially central point, offering facilities for the transmission of Goods in all directions. Under such circumstances we have confidence in soliciting an examination of our stock before purchases are made elsewhere, confident that we can offer inducements unsurpassed in the Trade. We are now opening

**500 Crates of Granite and Common Ware,**

**And 300 packages of Glassware, China & Fancy Goods**

Comprising a complete assortment in these lines.

Prompt attention given to all orders, and all Goods carefully packed by experienced warehousemen.

Guelph, 19 December. dw-wlv **R. RAE & CO.**

**Christmas and New Year's Gifts.**

For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to

**JOHN R. PORTE'S**

JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,

Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street.

The following choice articles will be found in Stock:

**Ladies' Companions Ladies' Work Boxes Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks**

**Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c.**

**WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY**

Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Guelph, 17th December dw **JOHN R. PORTE.**

**G. A. D. C.**

**A Select Dramatic Entertainment.**

Opening of the Season 1869.

W. ANDERSON, President. THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager. FLOE 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 \$500. For particulars see programmes. Guelph, 24th Dec. do

**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. dw 11

**FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE**

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph; November 19. daw 11

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

**WORKING WATCHMAKER**

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**DAYS' 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 Jewellery. 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 guaranteed 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,** Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and **WORK WELL DONE.** JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser, Guelph, December 4. dw Next Post Office.

**New Advertisement.**

**FRUITS.**

FRUITS SOLD

**EXTREMELY CHEAP**

**HOLIDAYS**

**E. CARROLL & CO'S.,**

**Day's 2 Block.**

Guelph, December 21st. dw

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

**Beautiful Jewellery!**

When you buy your Christmas Presents, DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE

**D. SAVAGE'S**

Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

**ARRIVED**

**The First Lot this Season**

**FRESH HADDOCK FRESH LOBSTERS,** in the Shell

ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY

**Superior Haddies**

**BALTIMORE OYSTERS**

SELECT, ARRIVING DAILY.

**SOLD TO THE TRADE AT HAMILTON AND TORONTO PRICES.**

**GEORGE WILKINSON,**

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

**B. L. S.**

Lately with Messrs. James Massie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of

**Groceries, Wines and Liquors**

**DINNER and TEA SETS, GLASSWARE, &c.**

Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store,

**Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.**

**LANGDON** FOR WINES and LIQUORS. For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

**LANGDON** FOR TEAS. For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY

**LANGDON** FOR SUGARS. For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE

JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. S.A.L.F. 100 Bbls and 1/2 bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 50 bbls. Labrador HERRING. dw

**Wholesale and Retail**

**MEDICAL HALL!**

**E. HARVEY & CO.,**

Guelph, December 24. dw

**PLANCHETTE,**

**The Maquette Fortune Teller**

Hundreds of thousands of this the greatest curiosity of the age have been sold in the United States and Canada. To be had at

**SHEWAN'S OLD STAND.**

Wyndham Street. Guelph, 23rd December. dw