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**To the Electors and Ratepayers OF THE TOWN OF GUELPH.**

After a number of years' services in your Council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many partial friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year.

If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, I respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' Municipal life, I think none will deny me sincerely and fearlessly of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power.

As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration:

- The indolence of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund.
- The question of Railway Extension northward.
- The Union Station.
- The change in the Municipal and Assessment laws.
- The new School Law and Central School question.
- Town Hall enlargement.
- Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good.

It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address like this, to discuss these important matters, but I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly here observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money without reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity.

Respectfully soliciting your kind support and influence,

I am your obedient servant,  
GEORGE S. HEROD.  
Guelph, 16th December 1868. dwt

**GUELPH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Ellis' Hotel, Guelph, on

Wednesday, 13th January, 1869  
At two o'clock, p. m.

**NOTICE.**

In accordance with the provisions of the new Agricultural Act, it will be necessary for all who intend to vote at the Annual Meeting to pay their subscriptions for the ensuing year prior to the 1st of January, 1869.

GEORGE MURTON,  
Guelph, Dec. 22. d

**AUCTIONSALE**

OF  
**BOOKS,**

Every Night,  
At M. Shewan's Old Stand,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
J. B. THORNTON,  
Guelph Dec. 8, 4568. d

**IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE**

OF  
**DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c.,** in the Village of Acton.

Public notice is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, at so much in the \$, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at \$2,000. The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only \$129 per annum. The Stock and Stock Book may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malcolm or Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy of the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee.  
183 Front Street, Toronto.  
Toronto, 14th Dec.

**CARTER'S**

(LATE WEBSTER'S)  
**FLOUR & FEED STORE.**

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell  
Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain,  
CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.,  
Cheaper than the Cheapest  
IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.  
JAMES CARTER.  
Guelph, Nov. 24. do

**DOMINION SALOON**

**FRESH OYSTERS!**

Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." **OPEN LUNCHEON** between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p. m.

**DENIS BUNYAN.**  
Guelph, 17th October. d

**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. do

**New Advertisements.**

**Boulevard Skirt,**

COMBINING BEAUTY, ECONOMY AND DURABILITY. A  
**UNIVERSAL FAVORITE.**

**WM. STEWART'S**

CALL AND SEE IT.

**ALEXANDRA**

**QUILTED SKIRT,**

IN ALL QUALITY AT

**W. STEWART'S**

TO HAND,

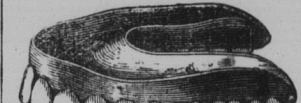
**Black Velvetens**

FOR DRESSES AND JACKETS,  
PRICES MODERATE.

**Wm. Stewart**

Wyndham Street, Guelph,  
Guelph, Dec. 11. do

**TROTTER & GRAHAM,**



**DENTISTS!**

**GUELPH AND BRAMPTON**  
LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY  
Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.  
Office, over Higinbotham's Drugstore  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1868. d

**CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,**

Market Square, GUELPH.  
THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

**THE BAR**

will be supplied with the best  
**Wines, Liquors & Cigars**

And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

**LUNCHEON!**

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.  
**OYSTERS AND GAME,**  
Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provide on short notice, at reasonable charges.

**JOHN MILLER,**

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

**THE Equitable Life Assurance Society**

OF THE UNITED STATES.  
Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.  
**W. O. BUCHANAN,**  
St. Great St. James-St. Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

**COLIN SEWELL, M. D.,** Examining Physician,  
**DR. R. L. MACDONNELL,** Consulting Physician,  
**GEORGE MACDONNELL,** already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for unforgotten congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policy holder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed.

The rank of this Equitable among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second.

Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by  
**GEO. MURTON,** Agent for Guelph,  
Guelph, December 4th. d

**TO TAILORS,**

**AMERICAN** Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straightedges, Improved Irons, English and American Crowns, Haircloth Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.  
**RYAN & OLIVER,**  
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto  
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**TO MACHINISTS.**

**STEEL** Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Calliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by the General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.**

**HAIR** Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Spring, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flat Paper, Glue, Piano Stool covers, Goffin Trimmings, Upholsterer's Needles and Re-gulators, Audis Carver's Tools, Extension Lip Arrows, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.  
**RYAN & OLIVER,**  
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street Toronto.  
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**Shoe Tools & Findings**

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Sole and Machine Threads, Machine Silk, Shoe Paper, Gloe, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.  
**RYAN & OLIVER,**  
114 Yonge Street Toronto  
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**GALLERY OF ART.**

**R. W. LAIRD,**  
Looking Glass and Picture Frame  
MANUFACTURER,  
9 King-st. West,  
TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.  
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

**Canadian Dentifrice**

Is recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, beautifying and preserving the teeth:—B. W. Day M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catherine's; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto.

**WILLIAM C. BAINE,**

**ACCOUNTANT.**  
Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.

Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.  
**OFFICE.—AT MESSRS. C. & S. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.**  
Guelph, Nov. 26. do

**Evening Mercury.**

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET  
TUESDAY EV'NG. DEC. 29TH, 1868.

**Board of School Trustees.**

The Board met last night. Present—Mr. Peterson in the chair, Messrs. Newton, Bruce, Watson, McNeil, Pirie, Mitchell, Harvey, Fraser, Knowles, James, Dr. McGuire and Rev. Mr. Ball.

The Finance Committee presented their report, recommending the payment of the following accounts:—Mr. Jacob, \$1.75; do., \$1.50; Mr. Goodfellow, \$8; Mr. Sayers, \$10.20; Mr. Ainsley, \$13.-48; Leader office, \$2.00; Mr. Gouck, \$2.47; Mercury office, \$9.75; Bell, Wood & Co., \$3.25. The report was adopted.

The Local Superintendent presented his fourth quarterly report. It contains some statistics relating to the aggregate and average attendance at the schools during the year. In speaking of the proposed appointment of an assistant teacher to the Senior Girl's School, he shows the necessity of providing more accommodation for that school, as the teachers cannot conduct their classes in the one apartment, and suggests that Mr. Unsworth's school room be appropriated to that purpose. The report also refers again to the lack of school accommodation in town.—The Superintendent intimated that Miss Unsworth having recovered her health had expressed her readiness to take charge of her school again.

On motion of Mr. Ball, the report was received, and the suggestions contained therein referred to the School Management Committee.

The applications of teachers for appointment to the several vacant schools, were then read as follows: East Ward school, Mr. Alex. Anderson and Mr. John J. Porter; Senior Girl's school, assistant teacher, Misses McRoberts, Matheson, Bell, Reid, McLellan and Macdonald; assistant teacher, North Ward school, Misses Gooders, Holmwood and Smith; for assistant to either Senior Girl's or North Ward schools, Misses Auld, Buckland, McKinnon, Kernigan and McCorkindale.

On motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Fraser, Mr. Porter was appointed teacher of the North Ward, and Mr. Anderson of the East Ward school.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Newton, that Miss McRoberts be appointed assistant teacher to Senior Girl's school.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that Miss Holmwood be appointed assistant teacher to the North Ward School.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Miss Gooders be appointed.

The motion was carried, 7 voting for it, and 6 for the amendment.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that Mr. Anderson's salary be \$400 per annum.

The Chairman ruled the motion out by order.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the teachers in the employment of the Board be re-engaged for the ensuing year at their present salaries, subject to the regulations of the Board as far as cleaning the schools and fire-works are concerned.

Moved by Mr. Watson, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that \$50 be added to Mr. Anderson's salary.

The amendment was ruled out of order, and the motion declared carried.

**THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.**

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.  
TUESDAY, 29th.—Alex. McPhail and Fred. Wilson, who were brought up yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct, and whose case was adjourned till this morning, withdrew their plea of not guilty, and were fined \$2 each, and \$2.05 costs, or one week in gaol.

**Robert Chambers and Wm. Wook** were charged with an aggravated assault on James Ross, on Christmas night. The defendants, in company with three or four others, was passing Mr. Thorp's stable where Ross is ostler, and stopping before the door acted in such a manner as to lead Ross to believe that he was entitled to order them off. A short war of words ensued, when the ostler ran out with a whip to drive them away, but he was speedily overpowered, had the weapon wrested from him and applied with injurious effect to his own head and back. On his crying out, "Murder!" his assailants took to their heels. Woods was fined \$20 and costs, or one month in gaol; and Chambers, who made free use of the whip, \$40, or three months in gaol. The costs in each case were \$2.20. Woods paid.

**Alex. McPhail** was charged by Jas. Ross with assault and battery. He said he believed he was guilty, but had very indistinct recollection of the affair. Fined \$10, and costs \$2.50, or twenty days in gaol.

**Samuel Sinclair** was brought up for larceny. The Chief Constable, on the strength of a telegram received from the Hamilton Chief of Police, detailed Constables Hough and Colson to go in search of the prisoner, whom they found and arrested at the Junction. He was remanded until to-morrow.

**John O'Donnell** was charged with assault with intent to commit rape on the person of Eliza Grey, a married woman, whose husband left her a month ago, and who is a resident on the York Road. This was another result of a Christmas spree. The prisoner inflamed to some extent by liquor entered the house of the prosecutress, and took very improper liberties with her. His purpose was not accomplished, as Mrs. Gray ran out on the road with her child, and a sleigh coming along the driver at her request took her to the Rife Range Inn, where she remained all night. The characteristics of this case are the same as that of all we recollect hearing the investigation of in the Police Court. Imprudence on the part of the woman in selecting her company, or in preserving a stand-off demeanor almost always precedes the guilt of the man. Thus in the present instance the prosecutress had previously drunk in a saloon with O'Donnell and another person, and those two men had taken liquor to her house not long ago, and drank there, she taking a sip. This, however, was not sufficient to excuse the prisoner's offence and he was committed for trial.

**SAD**—The son of an English arch-deacon shot himself the other day because he was caught in a falsehood.

**BY TELEGRAPH.**

**Execution of Jones**

**AT LONDON.**  
HE PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE—DIES WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.  
IMMENSE CROWD OF PEOPLE!

(Special Despatch to the MERCURY.)  
London, Dec. 29th.—Thomas Jones, convicted of the murder of his niece on the 11th of June last, was publicly executed to-day in front of the court house, in presence of a vast concourse of spectators. He was attended by several Protestant clergymen, and expressed himself as having made his peace with his Maker. He has made a written statement denying any complicity in the dastardly deed. His speech on the scaffold was very excited and in the same tenor as his previous utterances—protesting his innocence to the last. His death seemed to have been instantaneous, the unfortunate man making no struggle after his fall.

The Harrisburg railway question is to be the test in the forthcoming municipal elections at Brantford.

The Masonic Hall is gorgeously fitted up for the festival this evening. The festival will begin sharp at 8 o'clock.

Another supply of Planchette has been received, warranted to respond to the touch, at Day's Bookstore. This little instrument is a source of never failing amusement.

**A NEW CHAMPION.**—The champion eater of Michigan won the title by eating forty-eight "slapjacks" to his antagonist's "slap-seven. Is there no man in Canada can beat that?

**DR. HOWITT'S LECTURES.**—Dr. Howitt's next lecture will be given on Tuesday evening the 5th of January, and the subsequent lectures, on Tuesday evening of every week thereafter till further notice.

**BILL HEADS** printed upon the very best of paper, with a neat and handsome heading, furnished to customers at the Mercury Printing House, Macdonnell Street, at less than the white paper can be purchased for from retail dealers. A large stock of various sizes and styles on hand.

**Absurdly moderate in price and perfectly satisfactory in shape**—such is the verdict pronounced by the New York Times on Boosey & Co's cheap musical publications. A limited supply has been received at Clark's music store. Twenty songs with pianoforte accompaniment for 50 cents.

**MASONIC.**—The following gentlemen were last night installed as officers of Speed Lodge for the ensuing year.—W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, W. M. re-elected; Bro. W. D. Heppburn, S. D.; Bro. John Crifford, J. D.; V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Robt. Cuthbert, Secy; Bro. John Jackson, organist; Bro. Jas. Webster, S. D.; Bro. David McCrae, J. D.; Bro. W. H. Jacob and J. Firestone, stewards; Bro. Hugh Walker, I. G.; Bro. J. T. Brown Tyler.

**PUBLICAN TOWNSHIP.**—At a meeting held at Aberfoyle, on the evening of the 24th inst., for the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. Leslie would accept of the nomination of Reeve, it was moved by Mr. John Clark, seconded by Peter McLean that James McLaren take the chair.

Moved by Alexander Frazer, seconded by Jas. Kennedy that Angus Martin be Secretary. After hearing the expression of the meeting, which was well represented from the different parts of the Townships, undivided in his favor Mr. Leslie consented to accept of the nomination, and if elected will act as reeve for the coming year.

**RELIABLE.**—The Advertiser of Saturday last gets up a paragraph to the effect that Mr. Hough, of the Cobourg World, is opposed as a candidate for municipal honors by the editor of the Sun; and goes on to express his solicitude lest the Sun may set the World on fire; and so forth. Now, those who have seen any late Cobourg paper are aware that Mr. H. some time ago announced his intention to retire from the council, declining a re-election, which he might have secured, as before, with little trouble. The Advertiser's anxiety, therefore, will doubtless be satisfactorily allayed. Query: Are the rest of our neighbor's paragraphs as reliable as this?

**ACCIDENT ON THE GRAND TRUNK.**—An accident happened this (Tuesday) morning to the freight train that runs from Doon to Acton, which fortunately did not result very disastrously. When about a mile below Guelph the van and the car next in front by some means got off the track, and were smashed to pieces. A brakeman, named Hushen, who was in the van leaped therefrom and sustained fracture of the right leg, and a cut on the head. This is the only casualty beyond the damage to the cars. The injured man was brought back to the station, and attended to by Dr. Herod. The work of clearing the track was begun immediately.

**BY TELEGRAPH**

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

**Despatches to the Evening Mercury.**

LONDON, Dec. 29th.—Despatches from Berlin state that the chief points to be treated by the Conference of the Great Powers are, the autonomy of Crete, the suspension of the energetic measures mentioned in the ultimatum, and an agreement to support the just demands of Turkey. It is confidently stated in Constantinople that the Turkish Government objects to the Conference. Before the Lyceum of Natural History in this city last evening, the announcement was made of the discovery of metallic hydrogen by Prof. Graham, of London. The discovery was pronounced on of the most important of this century. The Fisheries Commission appointed by the Northern Atlantic states commenced its session to-day.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Constitutional, of this city, a semi-official imperialist organ publishes a telegram from Vienna to-day, announcing that the Sublime Porte will decline to adhere to its proposed conference, if the terms of its ultimatum to Greece in the matter of Crete, or internal questions are mooted.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The following despatch, dated Constantinople, Dec. 26, is just received. The Provincios are entirely tranquil. The Turkish commander, Kraunt, has arrived before Syria.

A letter from Montevideo says that President Lopez, of Paraguay, is prepared to accord full satisfaction to the United States for wrongs suffered by American citizens. It is also stated that he was about to leave Valparaiso for Asuncion. The allies were surprised in an advance on Asuncion, and lost 100 prisoners.

MADRID, Dec. 27 (via London, Dec. 28th).—The Government is taking measures to reduce the budget for the ensuing year. Emilio Castellanos, the well-known Republican, says that a Republic has been morally formed already in Spain, as the Republican party carried all the great cities in the country, except Madrid, in the late election.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times and Standard of this city have editorialized this morning on the subject of the proposed conference to settle the question at issue between Turkey and Greece. Both journals condemn the project as useless.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Prussian Government received on Christmas Day an invitation from the Emperor Napoleon to the Paris Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Athens, dated last Thursday, says that the Foreign Minister of Greece has officially declared that his Government is ready to make any sacrifice for the maintenance of her rights and independence.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The Greeks are fleeing from Turkey on account of the threatened war. Several families of the fugitives have been received by the people of the Province of Roumania. They have been warned, however, that they must preserve an absolute neutrality in case of war, on pain of expulsion.

**American Despatches**

Portland, Dec. 20.—Steamship Austrin arrived at 6.30 a.m.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—The Common Council yesterday appointed a committee to confer with any company or person having authority to construct a bridge over Niagara river between Buffalo and Fort Erie for the purpose of ascertaining whether such bridge will be at once constructed, if the City of Buffalo will guarantee the interest upon cost of construction, and, if possible, to settle upon some terms upon which said bridge will be constructed at the earliest possible moment.

The Herald's special denies rumours that General Grant and President Johnson were about to place themselves again on a friendly footing. The report of Gen. Grant's hostility to issuance of bonds to Pacific R. R., is equally unfounded.

The Sun's special says:—It is well known by Gen. Grant's friends that he has and has been at all times in favor of removing from office every democrat whom he finds in place; and in talking to his friends he speaks freely of copperheads and rebels and never conceals his dislike for them.

**A Sister's Oath of Vengeance.**

The Louisville Courier says:—The following interesting details do not appear in the hastily prepared report first published of the lynching of the Renos and Charles Anderson. Frank Reno and Charles Anderson were married. After the bodies were laid out upon the floor in the jail hall, the wives of these two men and Miss Reno, the sister of the brothers, were permitted to enter the hall to take their last look of those who, although covered with crime, were in their lives all the world to them. Ah, what a scene was there! What grief and anguish! What unutterable woe! The three women entered, pale by far than the dead bodies stretched out so stark and ghastly upon the prison floor. First came from these despairing women such piercing shrieks as love only can utter when it feels that all it lived for is lost forever.—Then tears like rain bursting from overflowing fountains, and moans so touching in their plaintiveness and utter despair that not even the most stolid could keep from weeping. Then followed that quiet, almost stolid look, a sort of blank, purposeless agony, that tells that hearts are breaking, that grief's work is perfectly done. Great God! what a spectacle of utter woe it was! The outbreak of grief ended, the quiet of despair settled upon the faces of the women. But not long did one of them remain under the burden. The sister of the three Reno brothers, an intelligent and handsome young lady, dried her eyes with her handkerchief, then, taking the grief stained piece of linen, she placed it over the face of her brother William, who to the last declared his innocence; then she knelt beside the dead man, and laid her left hand over his heart, and, raising her right hand toward heaven, she took this terrible oath: "Oh! my poor murdered brother, may God curse your sister if she avenged not your death terribly and fully. This I will do, so help me God! What a tragic scene was this—the dark, strong walls on all sides, and the cold stone floor under her knees—the sable garments of the bereaved sister, the pale face turned upward and the white hand pointing heavenward! What a tableau of death, despair, love and revenge!