

Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG. 26, 1873

Raising Money for School Purposes.

A vote has recently been taken in Toronto upon a by-law submitted by the Council in the city to the rate-payers, for the purpose of raising the sum of \$37,000 for school purposes. The school law now in force compelled the Toronto Board of School Trustees to provide increased accommodation for children of school age, and the Board had accordingly applied to the City Council for the sum named. They proposed to raise it by issuing debentures, and the by-law published was to that effect. When the vote was taken the by-law was negatived; but only a small fraction of the ratepayers has taken any interest in the proceedings—like our own ratepayers on a recent but dissimilar vote. The total number of votes polled was less than two hundred. The two leading city papers next day briefly commented upon this state of things, and we reproduce their remarks. The *Globe* says:—

We never object to any outlay for city purposes that is really necessary or would serve a good end. But certainly there is no use in throwing money away, and when the City Council took a vote of the citizens on the by-law for the erection of school-houses, it might as well have thrown all the money that the vote cost into the Lake. The expression of the will of the citizens on the subject is not worth the snap of one's finger, for, according to law, the School Trustees, both in town and country, can call for money either for building school-houses or for paying teachers up to the full value of all the property in the section, or municipality, as the case may be. The City Council has no choice. Whatever the Trustee demand they must supply, and the voice of the people is powerless in opposition except by their by-and-bye putting out extravagant Trustees and choosing more economical ones in their place. So long, however, as the Trustees are in power they can build and pay salaries at discretion. The only limit is thought to be all sufficient—that they cannot vote away other people's money without correspondingly voting away their own. The vote against the \$37,000 of debentures, then, is of no avail whatever, and the \$1,000 or \$100 incurred in taking the vote was a piece of absolute waste.

The article of the *Mail* is as follows:—

We can conceive of nothing more farcical than the submission to the ratepayers of a city like Toronto, whose assessment is something like \$12,000,000, a by-law to raise by loan \$37,000 for the erection of school-houses. What a transparent piece of absurdity! Five votes cast on one side, and three on the other, in the great commercial Ward of St. Lawrence! And this is called public opinion!

We are not quite sure that the law requires that a vote should be taken before this money could be expended; but, if it does, the sooner such a stupid law is repealed the better. There is reason and common sense in appealing to the ratepayers whether they agree to undertake, such as the new water-works, for instance, should be carried out; or whether a couple of hundred thousand dollars of bonus should be given to a new railway enterprise. In the one case there is a large amount of money involved, and in the other case there is a principle at stake. But it is the sheerest folly to say the Council should not be permitted, at its option and as its own judgment might suggest, to expend thirty or forty thousand dollars in erecting school-houses, or in repairing streets, or in any other like ordinary services. The sooner the present law is repealed the better.

It appears from the foregoing that although the by-law has been vetoed the money must nevertheless be raised, and it now remains to be seen in what way the City Council will provide it.

Our reason for calling attention to these proceedings in Toronto is that the ratepayers of Guelph are soon to record their votes for or against a by-law to be submitted by our Town Council for raising \$30,000 to erect a new school building in this town. The School Board ask the sum to enable them to comply with the School Act of 1871, which compels them to provide adequate school accommodation for all children of school age in the municipality. We know there is a good deal of feeling amongst a portion of our townsmen against the contemplated expenditure; and in the event of the people here voting down the by-law, as the citizens of Toronto did theirs, the question will be an interesting one,—How will our Council raise the money? For our readers will remember that the School Board must provide the increased accommodation; and that the Council must provide the money to pay for it. The Council have no power to refuse the sum demanded, nor have even the people. Indeed, we believe that the Board could, if they thought proper, prescribe to the Council the manner in which the funds should be raised. We may have more to say on this subject in a future issue.

Some apprehension seems to be felt by the supporters of the Separate School that if the by-law is passed their property will be liable to assessment for the erection of the new building. They need not fear this. Their property can no more be assessed for the support or erection of Public Schools than can the property of the general ratepayers be assessed to support Separate Schools. The Act bearing on the point contains the following clause:—

"Every person paying rates, whether as a proprietor or tenant, who by himself or his agent, on or before the first day of March, any year gives, or who, on or before the first day of March of the present year, has given, to the Clerk of the Municipality notice in writing that he is a Roman Catholic, and a supporter of a Separate School situated in the said

the support of Common Schools, and of Common School Libraries, or for the purchase of land or erection of buildings for Common School purposes, within the city, town, or incorporated village, or section in which he resides, within the current year, and every subsequent year thereafter, while he continues a supporter of the Separate School."

This is equitable enough, and the supporters of the Separate Schools in this town may rest assured that the passing of the by-law will not affect their property injuriously.

Mr. McKenzie addressed a political meeting at New Glasgow on Monday afternoon, and spoke for several hours. Messrs. Jas. McDonald and Doull, M. P.'s for Picton, were present.

- Cream Freezers,
- Ice Pitchers,
- Ice Picks,
- Cherry Stoners,
- Butter Coolers,
- Watering Pots,
- Garden Engines,
- Fly Catchers,
- Child's Baths,
- Hip Baths,
- Foot Baths,
- Sponge Baths,
- Water Coolers,
- Refrigerators,
- Wire Dish Covers,

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- 19 lbs. good sugar for \$1.00
- 11 " bright " 1.00
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- 8 " broken loaf " 1.00
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Grand EXCURSION TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
The Great Western Railway Company will run a Special Excursion Train

FROM GUELPH,
Hespeler, Preston, Galt, Branchton, Harrisburg, Lynden, Copetown and Dundas to Suspension Bridge.

On Wednesday, August 27th,
On which occasion

Signor PROF. BALENI
The great Australian Blondin, will give several exhibitions of his art and daring, in fact

Rope Walking
Over the Niagara River, near the Clifton House and the Ferry Landing.

The train will leave Guelph at 6.50 a.m., Hespeler 7.12, Preston 7.30, Galt 7.50, Branchton 7.4, Harrisburg 8.00, Lynden 8.10, Copetown 8.22, Dundas 8.35. Returning, will leave Suspension Bridge at 5.10 p.m.

Fare for the Round Trip:
From Harrisburg and Stations north to Guelph inclusive \$1.25
From Lynden, Copetown and Dundas, 21.

Excursion Tickets will be good only on the Excursion Train, and will not be accepted from any intermediate station between Dundas and Suspension Bridge.

Tickets can be purchased at the Company's Ticket Offices on the two previous days.

Passengers paying on the cars will be charged full fare
W. K. MUIR, Gen. Supt.
Hamilton, A. 21st, 1872.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

AT
WILLIAM STEWART'S.

Invoices received of the following

NEW FALL GOODS

WHICH WE WILL
Show in a Few Days

- 2 cases French Flowers,
- 1 case Feathers,
- 1 " Ladies New Felt Hats
- 1 " Lace Goods,
- 1 " Josephine Kid Gloves
- 1 " New Ribbons;
- 4 cases New Dress Goods,
- 1 case Furs,
- 2 cases Gent's Hats,

GUELPH M.P.C. Cigar Factory.

REMOVAL.
The subscriber beg to inform his customers and the public that he has removed his Cigar Factory from the old stand to the large premises in Day's Old Block.

Gordon-st., across the G.T.R. Track.

Having enlarged his Factory, and employing a large number of hands, he is now able to supply all demands for the well-known popular M.P.C. Cigars.

All country orders will be filled at Messrs. Massie, Paterson & Co's Wholesale store, the same as from the Factory.

Guelph, July 9, 1873

- 2 " Braces, Collars & Shirts
- 2 " L. W. Underclothing
- 2 " English & Sco. Tweeds
- 8 " Assorted Dry Goods.

The above Goods have all been selected personally by Mr. Stewart, so will be found worthy of attention.

Don't buy until you see them.

WM. STEWART.
Guelph, Aug. 26, 1873.

STRAW

Tenders will be received by the undersigned on or before the 1st of September, at the Guelph Central Exhibition.

New Advertisements.

Co-Operative Store.

New Cottons, New Tweeds,

" Prints, " Flannels,

" Dress Goods, " Winceys.

New Boots and Shoes.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Aug. 21, 1873.

Another Lot of CHOICE

Bacon and Hams

ARRIVED TO-DAY
J. E. McELDERRY
2 DAY'S BLOCK.
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

The First New Goods OF THE SEASON.

OPENING TO-DAY AT THE LION!

29 CASES!
DIRECT FROM BRITAIN,
By the steamer PHENECIAN, of the Allan Line, from Liverpool to Montreal.
Guelph, Aug. 18, 1873.

Opened on Saturday AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

Ladies' and Misses' Black and Colored Belts;
Boys' Leather Belts,
Black Belt Ribbons,
Black Sash Ribbons,
Book Muslin and Tarlatan puffings and trimmings,
A large "Job Lot" of Real Lace Cottons to be sold at about half price,
New shades in Josephine Kid Gloves, first quality;
30 pieces New Striped Prints,
25 pieces Black and Grey Mourning do.,
50 pieces New Dress Goods suitable for the present and approaching season.
DRESSMAKING done on the premises in the latest English and American styles.

WILL OPEN TO-DAY
1 case Tweeds, 1 case New Dress Goods,
1 case Ashton's Prints, new patterns; 1 case Winceys;
3 bales Lybster Cottons, 6 pieces Lybster Tickings,
6 pieces Lybster Denims.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment
Guelph, Aug. 18, 1873

SCHOOL BOOKS,

ALL THE
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Readers, Algebras, Geometries, Arithmetics, Grammars.

Books on Philosophy, Books on Drawing, Books on Agriculture, Books on Mechanics, Books on Botany, Books on Anatomy, Books on Greek, Books on Latin, Books on Grammar, Books on French.

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Can guarantee to fit any case.

Also, a large supply of RADICAL CURE TRUSSES, the best in the market.
Remember the place,
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Nearly opposite the old store.

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NEW
TRANSPARENT
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For fixing the Hair and Moustache without greasing. Also the
NEW
Anti-Phalena Sachet,
An everlasting Perfume for the Wardrobe, Cabinet, etc., and a sure preventative against the Moth and other Insects.

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Chemists and Druggists.
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-streets, Guelph.
Guelph, June 24, 1873.

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Diarrhoea and Cholera Remedy!

The safest and most reliable remedy in use for the speedy and effectual cure of Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera, and Cholera Morbus, and not one out of thousands who have used it has ever known it to fail.
Price 25 cents per bottle.

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"Decoracappillatorator"
The most elegant Dressing ever offered to the public for strengthening and invigorating the hair, renders the hair soft and beautiful, keeping it in any required position. Particularly adapted for summer, as it keeps the hair moist and the head cool.
Price 25c per bottle.
Prepared only by
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Dispensing Chemist
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The public generally are cordially invited to call and examine my stock and prices.
Guelph, Aug. 8, 1873.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day Old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale.
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