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GUELPH, ONT. CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

To the Electors and Ratepayers

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 to me sincerity and fearlessness 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:

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2. The question of Railway Extension northward.

3. The Union Station.

4. The change in the Municipal and Assess ment laws.

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6. Town Hall enlargement.
7. 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 with 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,

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

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GUELPH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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

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

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. uelph, Dec 22 d4 Sec. G H Society.

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POETRY. NOTHING ON EARTH CAN SMILE, BUT MAN.

Laughter may please like garish Day, Sobriety like night may woo The soul to rest—but smiles pourtray The heavenly hours between the two Hov'ring 'twix their wide extremes, The holy twilight peace distila. The rudest of our stubborn wills!

The face that cannot smile is like
A bud dried up, that cannot bloom;
Worse than a voiceless tongue, 'tis mute;
A dead wreath hung on living tomb!
But let the sun of nature gleam
Tho' for a second's brief-like span,
Transformed at once, the God-head speaks,
There's nought on earth can smile, but Man

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Rev. Donald Fraser is coming out from Scotland on a visit, and will occupy the pulpit of Cote street Church, Montreal, for several weeks.

AND JACKETS,

Snow has fallen to the depth of two and a half feet in Queen's county, N. B.

Sixty thousand words tripped from Gladstone's tongue during the recent canvass.

A Paris fashion writer says crinolines are on the return, and wider than could be expected.

Mr. T. M. Daly has been elected by acclamation May or of Stratford for the ensuing year.

Five aldermen all that were to be elected, were returned in Ottawa without opposition. Happy Ottawa!

The sentence of death, in the case of the murderers of Capt. Minor, at Amherstburg, has been commuted to a life term in the Penitentiary.

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Early next month the Great Eastern will commence to take on board the cable that is to be laid down between the United States and France.

The annual meeting of the Pilkington Agricultural Society will be held at Dalby's hotel, Elora, on the 5th of January, at two o'clock, p.m.

On Saturday evening, the high wind blew down a barn door on Joseph Martin, of Goderich. The hasp entered his right eye, and death was instantaneous.

George Oliver, of Galt, has been awarded the Silver Cup, presented by the Butchers' Association of New York, for the best sheep taken into the market of that city.

Revival meetings still continue to be held in Knox Church, Galt. During the past two weeks the house has not afforded standing room to the audiences that have met.

The County Council of Bruce are a non committal body. They listened to the arguments of the Narrow Gauge, and the W. G. & B. R. delegates and the Railway Committee afterwards brought in a proper congratulating the County on its brilliant prespects of soon beholding the rown horse snorting throughit. They believed that its fertility, its rapid progress in material wealth, and increase of commerce tended to demand a better out. It than is now enjoyed. They were also were held in Knox Church, Galt, but the opinion that the question of railbeach that the committee afterwards brought in a proper committee afterwards brought in a browledge of the original through the way Committee afterwards brought in a report congratulating the County on its brilliant prespects of soon beholding the rown brown that is fertility, its rapid progress in material wealth, and increase of commerce tended to demand a better out. It than is now enjoyed. They were also were properly congrated that both Companies over the best sheep taken in the market of that the question of railbeach that the question of railbeach that the question of railbeach that the

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