

feeling. The meeting was one of the pleasantest ever held in connection with Fort Massey Church. It was entirely informal, and was enjoyed by all.

### Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EV'G, DEC. 16, 1874.

#### Railway Grants.

Several Orders in Council have been passed, and will be brought up in the House to-day, making grants to Railways or extending the time within which the different Companies can claim them. The first extends to the 1st of December, 1875, the time within which the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway Company may furnish the proofs of contract for the construction of the line necessary to entitle them to the Government grant. The second extends to the 1st of January next, the time within which the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company may fulfil the conditions (in connection with the Southern Extension) necessary to secure for it the Government grant already promised. In the cases of the London, Huron and Bruce and Credit Valley Railways the time within which these roads must be completed is extended to January 1, 1876.

**THE ELECTIONS.**—It is said that the Legislative Assembly will be prorogued next week, and that the writs for a general election will be issued immediately after the new year, returnable about the 20th of January.

**THAT TICKET.**—The Herald waxes wroth over our little joke about the beef and beer ticket, and threatens to rake up the ancestral bones of all the candidates, including his own, out of sheer revenge. He is a terrible fellow this editor of the Herald, and has a keener nose for turning a bit of banter into what he calls "unprovoked vulgarity" than any one we know of. And then, too, he brings the printer and the tinsmith, the butcher and the brewer down to the same level, and threatens all or part of things against those who won't admit their equality, as if any one doubted it or sought to cast reproach on any honest calling. Such a petty, suspicious spirit betrays a littleness only quite characteristic and quite marked. He seeks also to relieve Mr. Chadwick of the responsibility which attaches to the Herald in backing up Mr. Coffee and mismanagement. True, Mr. Chadwick was absent, but he owned and controlled the Herald. If he repudiates the sentiments of his own paper, the sooner he lets the public know the better. He must take either horn of the dilemma.

#### Save us from Envious Neighbors.

To the Editor of the Mercury.  
Dear Sir:—In looking over Saturday's Herald I observed a letter over the signature "Old Neighbors," calculated to injure the character of Mr. Jas. Stirton. Now, sir, as I have been taught my duty toward my neighbor, in the dear old church catechism, I can not conscientiously allow this opportunity to pass without replying to this most wanton and unneighborly attack on that gentleman, nor shall any political feeling, ridicule or sarcasm which this letter may provoke, deter me from performing my simple duty to my neighbor.

I intimately acquainted with Mr. Stirton for many years, being in fact his nearest neighbor, I am in a position to prove that most of his speculations were highly satisfactory with regard to the purchase and sale of stock &c. Naturally of quick perception, also having superior advantages by being under the tuition, for a term of years, of Mr. Thos. Waters, a leading agriculturist, and whose name is associated with the best stock breeders in this county, I was not surprised that he was called to fill a situation to which he was well suited, and the acceptance of which has brought on his head such showers of abuse. To return to his farming operations, I will add, they were successful, and if necessary I can furnish statistics bearing on these statements.

It was in consequence of ill health that he retired from farming, and while his barns and granaries were overflowing with provender and grain, his stables and sheds filled with the choicest stock, and in the face of all this success he was compelled to sacrifice all, and hasten to the South to seek relief. I am sorry that any old neighbors should be so unjust as to convey such false impressions as those contained in the letter before me, and I would take the liberty of suggesting that these old neighbors should apply the scriptural advice they gave Mr. Stirton to themselves by learning their duty to ward their neighbors.

Yours truly,  
VERITAS.  
Paslinch, Dec. 14th 1874.

#### Harrison Correspondence.

The very little head worth while writing about just now. Plenty of snow—clearing good, and business not bad. Mr. Robertson of the Tribune is getting up a village Directory, and of course every body will take a copy.

Over \$263 has been subscribed towards the Brass Band fund, one half has already been paid up, and ere long we will have home music in abundance.

The completion of new buildings is still going on and others are yet being erected. It was intended to have given you a full list of improvements in the village during the year but the record in the Mercury of the great progress made in Guelph puts a damper upon that intention, at least for the meantime. The increase in resident ratpayers over last year is forty per cent and in the way of improvement generally, much has been done.

The Council are to have a winding-up meeting on Friday night, and the municipal election will be upon us right away. We don't get excited over these matters and very little has yet been said about it.

Malcolm Wright, of the 12th con. Minto, had his frame barn and contents as also his stables consumed by fire. Particulars as to the origin of the fire and the effects produced thereby have not yet transpired, but the loss must be great, as Mr. Wright's crop was the best he has ever had and the grain unsold.

Harrison, Dec. 15, 1874.

**New Goods.**—Sankey & Moody's Hymns with Music, Atlas of Scripture Geography, containing 16 maps with questions on each map—suitable for all Sunday Schools; Gladstone's Vatican Decrees with Archbishop Manning's Reply; a Hero and Martyr, by Charles Reade; King of no Land; Christmas Annals, Christmas Cards, a large and cheap stock; bound volumes of Sunday, at Home and Leisure Hour, at Anderson's bookstore.

**New Raisins, Currants, Figs, Lemon, Orange, and Citron Peels.**—Essences and Extracts of all kinds cheap at the noted Tea House 2 D'y's Block.

### BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY Destructive Fire in Boston.

#### Isaac Burt Coming to America.

#### Close of Navigation.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Reports from the upper Hudson, state that the low boat *Wells* and ten barges of the Athens and New York line, all heavily laden with Western freight are fast in the ice near Catskill. The river is effectually closed from Albany to Barrytown.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The *Ozar* has sent the Order of St. Andrew to Pres. MacMahon, with a very friendly letter. The circumstance is much commented on.

The British bark *Lyttleton*, Capt. Yormer, has been wrecked in Algoa Bay, on the South-east coast of Africa.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Herr Majurke, member of Reichstag and editor of the *Germania*, who was arrested for press offence has been released.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The fire alarms last night and this morning were sufficiently frequent, and the light of flames sufficiently bright, to awaken the fears of a general conflagration. The first alarm was sounded at eleven o'clock. The fire was in the building 75 and 81 Plympton-street, occupied by Curry & Galvin, and a large number of firms engaged in wool manufacturing. The building was entirely destroyed. The loss is large, but in the aggregate was comparatively small to individuals. The second alarm was sounded from the same locality; later this morning. Alarm followed alarm in rapid succession, and before five o'clock the entire department was called out. The flames, fanned by a strong wind, soon made fearful havoc among the mass of wooden buildings lying between Plympton and Wareham streets, completely gutting everything in the track. They crossed Wareham street after destroying the large planing mill of Morton & Chesley and the establishment of McNutt, an extensive wood manufacturer. Emerson's piano factory adjoining escaped, being built of brick, the buildings on all sides of it being chiefly of wood, and now it stands an island in the midst of a sea of ashes and ruins. The wind blew brands across to Albany-st., where they took firm hold in large lumber yards, and all that street lying between Albany and Water-street is one mass of raving flames. The firemen have set up all sorts of a coupling it now, except of preventing it from getting a foothold in that section lying between Wareham and Maldon streets, but they still keep playing on the burning piles of lumber on Albany-street.

The flames in the latter district are now thought to be under control. It is estimated that nearly 600 men are thrown out of employment. The total loss by the Plympton street fire foots up half a million dollars.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Isaac Burt, the Home Rule member of Parliament for Limerick, is about to leave for the United States, on a lecturing tour.

TEA MEETING AT ROCKWOOD.—A tea meeting in aid of the Wesleyan Sabbath School will be held in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Tuesday evening 22nd inst. when addresses will be delivered by several reverend gentlemen, and music will be furnished by an efficient choir.

In the early part of last week, the store of Mr. Geo. Kerr, in Lucknow, was entered by thieves, and the cash box containing \$131 taken out. No clue to the robbers has been obtained.

#### BIRTHS.

STEWART—On the 16th inst., the wife of Victor Stewart, architect, of Guelph, of a daughter.

#### THE ELECTORS OF

### The East Ward.

#### GENTLEMEN.

I again ask your support for Councilor for the East Ward. My position in the Mutual Insurance Company prevents my personally waiting on you at this season. If elected I will act in the future as in the past.

Will do my part to reduce taxation—consistent with the interests of the town.

On nomination day I will have an opportunity of more fully explaining my views.

Yours, etc.,  
CHARLES DAVIDSON.  
Guelph, Dec. 14, 1874.

#### THE RECENT CASE OF DEATH

by strychnine poisoning from taking STRYCHNINE PHOSPHATES, noticed in the *Montreal Daily Witness*, of August 1st, renders great caution necessary not to send Dr. Wheeler's Compound Elixir of PHOSPHATES and Calceola, with COMPOUND STRYCHNINE PHOSPHATES. Observe well the difference in orthography, and bear in mind that medicinally there is no similarity in action or effect.

PHOSPHATES ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to sustain life, being an element of every solid and fluid of the body, and they are incapable of injurious results at any period from infancy to old age, or under any possible condition of the system, and no more harm can result from taking more than the prescribed dose than from eating too hearty a dinner.

#### TO BORROWERS.

Having invested the 25,000 recently advertised, we again have the following sums, besides others, to lend on farm security:

\$500	\$1000
\$600	\$1000
\$600	\$1200
\$600	\$1250
\$600	\$2000
\$800	\$2500

LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN,  
Guelph, July 18, 1874.

#### MONEY TO LOAN.

The undersigned has over \$50,000 to lend on good farm security. TERMS MODERATE.

Apply direct to FREDERICK BISCOE,  
Barrister, &c., Guelph,  
Guelph, Oct. 16, 1874.

#### 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's old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale.

MOULTON & BISH,  
Guelph, January 1, 1874.

#### TWO EXTRA

### Berkshire Boars.

The undersigned has two thorough-bred Boars, which will serve this season on his premises, Cork Street, Guelph. Terms, \$1 cash; or \$1.50 credit.

ALIAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith,  
Guelph, Nov. 24, 1874.

#### PORK CUTTINGS FOR SALE

AT THE Guelph Packing House, opposite the G. T. R. Passenger Depot.  
Guelph, Oct. 22, 1874.

#### OIL, OIL, OIL.

### Guelph Oil Works

Just received at the warehouse of the above another lot of that superior water-white Export Oil—the burning quality of which cannot be excelled. Orders promptly filled.

O. CLARK,  
Guelph Oil Works,  
Guelph, Oct. 12th, 1874.

### GRAND CHRISTMAS CLEARING SALE

## The FASHIONABLE WEST END!

# A. O. BUCHANAN

Will commence to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, a Grand Christmas Clearing Sale of Silks, Furs, Fancy Woollen Goods, Millinery, Dress Goods, etc.

and having determined to effect an extra clearance of these Goods previous to Christmas they will be offered at prices which cannot fail to attract attention.

For appropriate Christmas Presents and Cheap Goods visit the Fashionable West End during the next two weeks.

## A. O. BUCHANAN,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

## WILLIAM STEWART

Is now Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices, Dress Goods, Millinery, Shawls and Mantles; Blankets, Sheetings,

Counterpanes and Furs

AT AN IMMENSE REDUCTION. WILLIAM STEWART.

### FOR CHRISTMAS

Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.  
Ivory handled T'allo, Dessert and Pocket Knives.  
Nickel Silver and Electro plated Forks to suit.  
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.  
Electro plated Butter Coolers.  
Tea and Coffee Pots.  
Table Napkin Rings.  
Bread Platters and Bread Knives.  
Toast Racks, Call Bells.  
Vases and Parolians.  
Fire Irons and Stands.  
Skates, Sleighs for Boys and Girls.  
Snow Shoes, Sleigh Bells.  
English Whips, Bird Cages.  
Also a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns, very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc., etc., at

### JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HARDWARE MERCHANT,  
GUELPH.

### JUST RECEIVED

## At Day's Bookstore

Christmas Volumes

- OF
- RAND OF HOPE REVIEW, 35c.
- BRITISH WORKMAN, 45c.
- BRITISH WORKWOMAN, 45c.
- CHATTERBOX, 90c.
- CHILDREN'S FRIEND, 45c.
- FAMILY FRIEND, 45c.
- FRIENDLY VISITOR, 45c.
- INFANTS' MAGAZINE, 45c.
- KIND WORDS, 90c.
- LITTLE FOLKS, 90c.

### AND

## The Canadian Almanac

FOR 1875-1876.

### DAY SELLS CHEAP

### "MONEY TO BE MADE."

The subscriber is authorized to let the store and premises, in the village of Edon Mills, lately occupied by Samuel Meadows. These premises are of stone, large and well suited for a general store. The village is situated in the centre of a flourishing farming district. Terms moderate. Apply to Lomon, Peterson & Maclean, Solicitors Guelph, and to J. A. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk Edon Mills.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

## WM. NOBLE,

Opposite the Market, Guelph

### Great Bargains for One Month!

Bound to Reduce His Stock

I am also prepared to make all ordered work in the neatest style and of the best material, no matter. All sorts of little boys' work will be kept on hand. Repairing done on the shortest notice.

### A Large Stock of Ladies Slippers

Velvet and Croquet, suitable for Christmas Presents. WM. NOBLE.  
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1874.

### FRESH OYSTERS

## JOHN A. WOOD'S.

### NELSON CRESCENT GROCERY.

W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by R. S. King, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he has opened up a new and complete stock of Groceries and Provisions.

As all goods have been bought at the lowest figure for cash, they will be sold as cheap as by any other house in Guelph. He hopes by keeping a good article, and by paying strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage. Goods delivered to any part of the town.

W. A. SUDDABY.  
Guelph, Nov. 9, 1874.

### CHEAP SALE.

## J. HUNTER

Will dispose of his large stock of Fancy Woollen Goods at cost, in order to make room for his

## Immense Stock of Toys

and General Fancy Goods of every kind suitable for the coming season.

## CALL AND GET BARGAINS

## The New Wools for CLOUDS

New Winter Fashions; Kid Gloves and Feathers cleaned or dyed.

## J. HUNTER,

Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Booksters  
Dec. 2, 1874 Wyndham street, Guelph.

## NEW FRUITS, NEW FRUITS,

## At John A. Wood's.

FINEST LAYER TABLE RAISINS, LOOSE MUSCATEL do NEW SEEDLESS do NEW SULTANA do NEW VALENCIA do VOSTITZA CURRANTS PATRAS CURRANTS PATRAS CURRANTS

NEW FIGS FRENCH PLUMS, PRUNES, JORDAN ALMONDS, SOFT SHELL ALMONDS WALNUTS (ENGLISH) FILBERTS, BRAZILS, CANDIED LEMON, ORANGE and CITRON PEEL.

I offer the above Goods of better quality, and at lower prices than can be had at any other store in Guelph.

JOHN A. WOOD,  
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st., Guelph.

## REMEMBER

## R. CRAWFORD

## SELLING OFF

HIS WHOLE STOCK OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, AND JEWELRY

At such prices as will cause an entire clearance.

## Look out for Bargains

For Christmas and New Year's Presents

Store next the Post Office.  
Dec. 7, 1874.

## REED & BARTON'S

## Electro-plated Ware

Cake Baskets, Cruet Stands, Tea Sets, Card Stands, Jewel cases, Ice Pitchers, etc.,

## FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,

## AT SAVAGE'S

JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENT,  
Wyndham-st., Guelph.

## FOR SALE—

## TYRCATHLEN LOTS.

The Venerable Archdeacon Palmer has placed in my hands for sale the Lots in his new survey, immediately in rear of his residence and lying on the north side of Grand street. The situation cannot be surpassed in the town—convenient to Market, Post Office, Church and Schools, commanding a magnificent view of the town and surrounding country. The lots are of different sizes, and well suited for private dwellings, with a first-class soil for gardening.

Those lots on Tyrcathlen Terrace are well adapted for genteel residences, and will only be sold to those who will bargain to put up good buildings.

Plans of the Lots can be seen at my office and particulars learned.

Terms very liberal. Purchases made this Fall, interest on balance of purchase money will not commence until April, next.

If desired, the lots will be pointed out on the ground.

Also, 17 other lots lying to the north of Palmer street, in Macdonald's survey, and on Queen and Arthur streets.

An early call is solicited.

CHARLES DAVIDSON,  
Land and General Agent, Town Hall Building, Guelph.  
Guelph, Aug. 31 1874.

## CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, October 8, 1874.  
Authorized Discount on American Invoices until further notice, 5 per cent.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,  
Commissioner of Customs

## NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street will be promptly attended to.

GEORGE MURTON,  
Guelph, March 1st, 1874.

## INSPECTION INVITED.

LOCH & WEIR,  
McQuillan's Block, Upper Wyndham Street.

GUELPH, Dec. 9, 1874.