

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
Meeting at the Wellington Hotel.

The friends of Mr. MELVIN and those nominated with him for the offices of Reeve and Deputy Reeves are requested to meet

TO-NIGHT
at half-past seven o'clock, at the Wellington Hotel, on matters connected with the election.

A full attendance is requested.
WM. HART,
Secretary of Committee.

Guelpch Evening Mercury
MONDAY EVEG, DEC. 14, 1874.

The Beef and Beer Ticket.

On Saturday evening Mr. Thomas D. Heffernan, the self-constituted wet nurse of ward politicians of a certain stripe, might have been seen rushing up Wyndham street with a handful of damp, newly printed bills announcing that Mr. George Hood had been brought out as a candidate for Mayor, Mr. F. J. Chadwick for Reeve, and Mr. George Sleeman for one of the Deputy Reeves. This was the first public intimation of the ticket brought out in opposition to the one selected at the large meeting held in the Wellington Hotel on Friday night. Through what agency it was done we know not, nor do we care to know, for, unlike our opponents, we do not question the right of any individual to come forward, or any meeting, however small, to nominate any one or more persons, as candidates for the suffrages of their fellow electors. We simply note the fact, and proceed to discuss the fitness of the candidates thus brought under public discussion.

Before doing so however, we may state our surprise that Mr. Harris has in a very unceremonious manner been switched off the track. It is at once an acknowledgment and confession of his weakness, and shows that the *Herald* was altogether astray in its statement that a large proportion of the ratepayers were desirous for his re-election. Had this been found to be the case, his friends assuredly would not have left him out in the cold, but being cognizant of his weakness, and unwilling to carry his sins on their shoulders, they allow him to retire again into private life. Having thus been removed from the stage by his own supporters, we have nothing more to say about him, only that having been too unscrupulous in serving his friends, and faithless in the discharge of his duties to the public, he has received his just reward.

We cannot help remarking that those who have brought out Messrs. Hood & Co., have in a most marked way ignored the services of one who, with some exceptions, has generally acted with them. We allude to Mr. Charles Davidson, who from his long services was entitled to some consideration at their hands, but who, we suppose, because of his independent and manly course in regard to the Road and Bridge work this year, has been thrust aside for one more subservient and easier handled. Mr. Davidson can afford to treat the slight thus cast on him with contempt, for he knows that by taking the course he did, he has earned the respect of the people.

With regard to Mr. Hood or his fellow candidates we hope we shall say nothing of them that is unjust or offensive. But it is our duty, nevertheless, to discuss their merits and fitness for the offices to which they aspire; and in the case of the candidates for the Mayoralty we can do this without any charge being brought against us of political leanings, for they both belong to the same party. We have for a long time thought that Mr. Hood comes very far short of what a model representative of the people should be. He seems to lack altogether the deliberative power so essential in a member of the Council or any other representative body. He jumps at conclusions with marvellous celerity, and they are for the most part very inconsistent with the facts presented. He frequently changes his views in a most unaccountable and hasty manner, and as the old saying is, one never knows where to find him. With strong likes and dislikes, strong prejudices, and a good spice of temper, while these may bring into greater relief his excellent qualities in private life, they detract very much from a man's qualifications as head of the Council, where prudence, deliberation, and a sort of judicial dignity and calmness are requisite. Mr. Hood has been at one time or other in the Council for a good many years, but we never met one who knew less, or cared less for the rules of order and business. He was things done in his own direct, impulsive way without regard to any rule, and often comes in collision with the Mayor and members on the account. What he is at the Council board, he would be in the Mayor's chair, and were he elected, and were any of the members next year to be pugnacious, we would have the liveliest bear garden ever seen. On these and other grounds, which we

will on another day refer to, we feel that Mr. Hood is not the sort of man we need as head of the Council, and that he lacks the most essential qualifications for that office, and which Mr. Melvin possesses. Mr. Chadwick, after being beaten twice for the Reeveship, will try his fortune a third time. But we think his chances of success are even less than they were before. Mr. Howard has ably filled that office for one year, and the people have the utmost confidence that he will do it as well the next. Mr. Chadwick during the year has not gained any strength, or raised himself in the estimation of the ratepayers. He has defended every act of the Mayor, which has brought on that officer the condemnation of the people. He has defended the Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, through all his tortuous course, in his mismanagement of that important department of civic work. Of course we all know that he felt his last defeat keenly, and determined on the first opportunity to be revenged, if possible, on Mr. Howard. But he will find that the people don't care for his wounded pride, and have more regard to the faithful and efficient discharge of duty than the cravings of disappointed ambition.

We are inclined to look upon Mr. Sleeman as the innocent victim in this ticket. Sure we are that he would not have thought of running but for the machinations of the wire-pullers, who got him into their net, and who thought by putting him forward they would secure the influence of a certain interest. Well, be it so, but they will be badly beaten nevertheless. Mr. Sleeman is a nice young man, makes good beer, and has, to his credit, built up a large business, but that he has any special qualification for the office of Deputy Reeve we fail to see. He is altogether ignorant of Municipal business, has never taken the slightest interest or part in it, and is therefore greatly at a disadvantage as compared with Mr. Raymond or Mr. McCrae, who even before they were elected to any office took an active interest in matters connected with the Town. Besides, another very strong objection to his candidature is the fact that he is a non resident. His property, with some trifling exception, is not in the town, but in the Township, which gets the benefit of his taxes, and as far as a ratepayer's interest in the Town is concerned his is very small indeed. The wire-pullers already referred to must have been very hard up for a candidate when they went to the Township for one. They will find that in bringing out Mr. Sleeman they have made a mistake, and he will find after he has been defeated that he has been made a tool in their hands to suit their purposes.

The election in West Montreal on Thursday was the closest and most exciting contest for a seat in Parliament known in that city. The total vote was 4,966. There was quite a number of refused and challenged votes, and it is possible that the announcement to be made by the returning officer may somewhat alter the vote. The election passed off very quietly, and the vote was about 600 heavier than last year. The *Herald* observes that under the circumstances the election is a triumph. Thanks are returned to the French Canadians, who, recognizing the fact that his vote on the Riel question was honestly and conscientiously given, refused to desert their colors. The *Times* says that the Lincoln Tories will again protest against Capt. Norris's election.

MARRIED.

SHANNON-GIBSON—On Wednesday evening, November 18th, at the Rectory of Trinity Church, by Rev. W. A. R. R. Mr. R. Shannon, of Wyndham, to Miss Charlotte Gibson, late of Guelpch.

DEATHS.

ZELER—On the 12th inst. at his residence, 374 Jarvis Street, John Elmer Zeler, M.R.C.S., in the 57th year of his age. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Tuesday), on the arrival of the two o'clock train from Toronto.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory handled Table, 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, Coll Bells.
Tea Trays and Waiters.
Coal Scuttles.
Vases and Parianians.
Fire irons and Stands.
Snow, Sleighs for Boys and Girls.
Ski Snows, 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.

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, Guelpch.
Plasterers' work constantly on hand for sale.
MORLTON & BISH,
Guelpch, January 2, 1875.

GRAND CHRISTMAS CLEARING SALE

—AT—
The FASHIONABLE WEST END!

A. O. BUCHAM

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. BUCHAM,
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.

JUST RECEIVED
At Day's Bookstore

Christmas Volumes

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

The Canadian Almanac

FOR 1875-1876.

DAY SELLS CHEAP

1875

BOUND VOLUMES

OF THE

- BRITISH WORKMAN.
- BRITISH WORKWOMAN.
- BAND OF HOPE REVIEW.
- CHILDREN'S FRIEND.
- INFANT'S MAGAZINE.
- FRIENDLY VISITOR.
- FAMILY FRIEND.
- LITTLE FOLKS.
- CHATTERBOX.
- THE SATURDAY JOURNAL.

A Large Lot of NEW ANNUALS to hand, at

ANDERSON'S

BOOKSTORE,

East Side Wyndham Street,
GUELPH.

"MONEY TO BE MADE"

The subscriber is authorized to let the store and premises, in the village of Eden 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 Lemuel Peterson & McLean, Solicitors, Guelpch, and to W. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk, Eden Mills.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WM. NOBLE.
Opposite the Market, Guelpch

NEAR THE HAT STORE.

Great Bargains for One Month!

Bound to Reduce His Stock

I am also prepared to make all ordered work, in the neatest 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.
Guelpch, Dec. 9, 1874. **WM. NOBLE,** dwf

FRESH OYSTERS

AT
JOHN A. WOOD'S,

NELSON CRESCENT

GROCERY.

W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelpch and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by R. S. King, opposite the Guelpch 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 Guelpch. 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.

Guelpch, Nov. 2, 1874. **W. A. SUDDABY,** do

CHEAP SALE.

FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS

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 Bookstore
Dec. 2, 1874
Wyndham street, Guelpch. dw

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

Growth 1872 and 1873

NEW FIGS,

- FRENCH PLUMS,
- PRUNES,
- JORDAN ALMONDS,
- SOFT SHELL ALMONDS
- WALNUTS (ENGLISH)
- ELBERTS
- 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 Guelpch.

JOHN A. WOOD,
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.,
Guelpch. dw2w

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. dw

Co-Operative Store

As Grocery Bills will be large this month, recollect that we give a Dividend of 3 per cent. besides selling at close prices for Ready Cash; therefore buy your Groceries from us.

We have many lines suitable for Xmas and New Year's Presents, such as new lines of Fashionable Dress Goods at about half price, which we purchased during the late dullness of the wholesale trade:

—ALSO—
A line of Black Silk, which for value we have never seen equalled.

—ALSO—
Furs, Woollen Goods, Shawls, etc.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, December, 1874.

CHRISTMAS

AT

THE ITALIAN WAREHOUSE.

Just received a Large Lot of

New Fruits for the Holiday Season.

Valentia Raisins.
Sultana Raisins.
Seedless Raisins.
Loose Muscatel Raisins.
Iceing Sugar.

Choice Table Raisins.
New Figs.
Shelled Almonds.
Soft Shell Almonds.

Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel.
Schepp's Desiccated Cocoanuts.
Spices and flavouring of all kinds.

INSPECTION INVITED.

LOCH & WEIR,
McQuillan's Block, Upper Wyndham Street.
Guelpch, Dec. 7, 1874. dw

REED & BALTON'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., Guelpch.

Guelpch, Dec. 9, 1874. dwf

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 Grange 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 rental 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 1st 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, Guelpch.
Guelpch, Aug. 31 1874. dwf

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, October 3, 1874.

Authorized Discount on American Invoices until further notice, 5 per cent.
R. S. M. HOCHESTE,
Commissioner of Customs

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelpch 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 M'URON,
Guelpch, March 1st, 1874. dw. Bro. Hottel