

Mr. Burrows stated that he did not wish to be a candidate, and desired his mover and seconder would allow him to withdraw.

W. H. Mills, C. F. Leonard, Jas. Mays and Dr. Cowan, were allowed to withdraw by their nominators and seconders.

SOUTH WARD.

Daniel Day, moved by John Lambert, seconded by Richard Mahoney, John Lamprey, by John Harris, seconded by John Lambert, Edward O'Connor, by Francis Gahan, seconded by Arthur B. Davies, Robert Morrison, by James Mitchell, seconded by Peter Kerr, John Mealy, by Thos. W. Cooper, seconded by John F. MacMillan, John P. MacMillan, by Thomas Miller, seconded by John Gore, Francis Gahan, by Ed. O'Connor, seconded by Patrick Maury, Jas. T. Bell, by Solomon Myers, seconded by David Kennedy, Orange Clark, by Peter Kerr, seconded by Jas. Mitchell, Alex. P. Petrie, by Denis Coffey, seconded by David Kennedy, Charles Almet, by Michael Snider, seconded by Thos. T. Cooper, Mr. A. B. Betrie, with the consent of his mover and seconder, withdrew. Mr. O'Connor's mover and seconder would not allow him to withdraw.

The Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 31, 1877

New Year's Day.

To-morrow being New Year's Day, no paper will be issued from this office. We wish all our readers a happy New Year.

The War Cloud in Europe.

The news this morning is calculated to raise the worst fears of those who hoped that the present war would be ended without the active intervention of Britain. Since the fall of Plevna Russia has assumed a more menacing tone, and in effect declines to treat with Britain with a view to a peaceful settlement of the difficulties between her and Turkey. The feeling is gradually growing to a conviction that Russia means to march on and occupy Constantinople, and Britain is just as determined that she shall not do so. The *Pall Mall Gazette* forebodes the trouble that is likely to arise from the present complication in the following pregnant sentences:—"The outlook abroad is not improved, and the news contained in today's papers is calculated to increase the uneasiness which long afflicted the soberest minds. Nothing now remains to counterbalance the prevalent anxiety. It is most unusual to hold Cabinet Councils during Christmas weeks. That held yesterday was hastily summoned. Why it was called is best answered by reference to the news of the morning. From St. Petersburg, Vienna, and other quarters came reports of a most disquieting nature regarding the armed attitude of Russia."

Referring to the request made by Turkey that Britain should mediate in the interests of Turkey, the *Times* says:—"It is our duty to act as a friendly intermediary, and not as the rulers of the Indian Empire. To take a side with one of the two Powers which we must bring into contact would simply be to make our mission useless and destroy the prospects of peace. Our Government will have to ascertain whether Russia is willing to open negotiations, and what are her conditions of peace. It will then have to offer Turkey such advice as may seem proper and to present her answer. It may have to reason in an earnest spirit with her whether she is willing to secure a common ground. It may be obliged to urge the Porte on the one hand to be wise in time, and Russia on the other not to demand such terms as would lead the Turks to desperate courses and thus multiply the perils of Europe. While a mediator may seem to act as the advocate now of one Power and now of another, its arguments must be dictated purely by a spirit of conciliation. No doubt the Government would have to consider the interests of England, but the presentation of them would come in good time, and there is not the slightest reason to fear that they will be neglected."

The *Daily News* writing on the same subject says:—"On Her Majesty's Ministers may very much depend whether the Eastern Question shall now be settled, at least for many years to come, or this war be followed by a more truce, a prelude to a war even greater and more disastrous than that which we are now spectators. We are bound to hope that they will prove equal to their responsibilities."

It will be seen from the above that the year closes with forebodings of an ominous character, and before many days it may be that Britain is launched into a war with her old enemy, and for preservation of the balance of power in Europe.

The German Emperor is said to have approved of Bismarck's new financial policy.

The strength of the German element in the Russian Government has much to do with the perpetuation of the war; for if the genuine Muscovites had their country to themselves, they could hardly command energy enough to rule it with an iron hand and prevent it from going to pieces.

There is an ultra-Republican demand for the impeachment of the late Grimaudet de Rochefort Ministry in France, for an alleged intended coup d'etat. MacMahon denies that any such coup was intended, asserting no steps were taken except as precautions against armed resistance, which some of the newspapers had threatened in the event of a Government demand for a second dissolution.

The Dominion Alliance will petition Parliament at the forthcoming session to make certain amendments to the Dunkin Act, which would be calculated to lead to a more satisfactory working. One of the principal amendments suggested, is the application of the machinery provided by the Dominion Election Law to the mode, time, place, and conditions of voting for the Dunkin by-law. Other amendments are intended to strike out what is known as the five gallon clause; to provide for the better enforcement of the Act; to impose the penalty of imprisonment at

hard labour on persons found intoxicated who refuse to tell where they have obtained intoxicants; to make the supplying of liquors to habitual or profligate drunkards a criminal offence, and generally to make the Act more effectual and stringent.

The American lumbermen claim that by the construction of the Fort Frances locks, facilities will be afforded for the cheap transportation of lumber from the American pine woods in the vicinity to the market at Winnipeg. The settlement at the locks is rapidly growing, and with the first of next year a paper will be started with the object of promoting the interests of the Rainy River district. Henceforth Fort Frances is to be known as Alberton.

Says the *Toronto Tribune*: In the Province of Ontario the Catholics owe nearly all they possess of equal rights to the Reformers; and the little that they do not owe to the Reform party proper, they owe entirely to the Reformers who, in the Hinks and later migrations, went over with the remnant of their political sympathies strong enough to galvanize the Conservatives with whom they united. It may be quite true that the De Boucherville Government had left no room for complaint, among either Catholics or Protestants in Quebec as to the equity of its administration. It is certainly a fact that the Government in Ontario has extended a measure of even-handed justice to Catholics which was never before enjoyed. As to the Government at Ottawa, the Catholics have no special cause of complaint against them, unless they reproach them for having settled beforehand the great question of Separate School education throughout the whole extent of the North-west Territory. If Catholics were reasonably grateful, this one act, in the absence of any other to countenance it, would be sufficient to command their confidence.

COAL GAS.

How a Family of Five Were Almost Suffocated.

Probably, the most intense agony endured by members of the human family is that which results from agents unknown by the sufferers. A case of this sort occurred last Saturday night and Sunday morning, to a family living on Northumberland street—the agency being the gas arising from the coal burning in the stove.

John Williams, his wife, two daughters and a son retired on that evening—the old fashioned base burner having had the back dampers closed tightly previous to their doing so. As this had been their usual custom no danger was anticipated.

But there had been an unusually strong fire burning in the stove that evening.

At various hours during the night the girls awoke up. The first time they only felt a stifling sensation, and one which, doubtless, contributed to make them lie down again. The second time they awoke they experienced a most agonizing headache, but as no cause was apparent they once more sought rest. About five o'clock Sunday morning, they for awoke, and for some time were troubled with undiminished sensations. These at last took shape, and one of them called out to their brother—

"The brother was aroused, but his first sensation of half-stifling, shortly culminated in painless syncope.

Then the daughters aroused their mother and father. The latter, after being once awakened, immediately was seized with muscular prostration, and in a moment or two more with mental insensibility.

Mrs. Williams, however, although suffering from a most severe headache, the result of the foul air, aroused herself enough to leave the room and proceed for help to her suffering family. She had only arrived at the middle of the hill on Northumberland street, near Norfolk street, when she almost succumbed to lassitude. But another heroic effort was made, and she had strength enough to retrace her steps, reach Mr. Brown's door, and give the alarm.

Mr. Brown went at once to the house of Dr. Howitt, and securing that gentleman's services, proceeded with the utmost speed to the scene of what might have been a most frightful tragedy.

The cause was at once apparent to the professional man, and the doors and windows, which had been kept closed from some undiminished fear, were thrown open. The afflicted family were in a short time recovered so far as to do without the doctor's services, and have since ultimately regained their usual health.

In view of these painful facts the public should take warning, and see to it thoroughly understand, and carry out all the conditions of safety in the management of coal stoves. If they do not, the noxious gases arising will produce headache, then nausea, muscular prostration, and death the mental sensibilities.

Let all householders in Guelph see that thorough ventilation is secured before retiring every night.

BIRTHS.

GRIM—In Montreal, on the 20th Dec., the wife of M. J. A. Grim, of a daughter.

MARTIN—In Guelph, on the 22nd Dec., the wife of Mr. Duncan Martin, of a daughter.

JOHN HURSMAN

Wishes to his Customers

—A—

MERRY CHRISTMAS,

AND A

Happy New Year,

and begs to say that he will

be open and ready to

see them in a

few days,

Guelph, December 31st.

dw

ST. GEORGE SCARLETT

Land, Loan, Insurance and

OFFICE OVER LEMON & PETERSON'S LAW OFFICE

INVESTMENTS made, accounts collected, conveyancing done, farms houses bought, sold, or rented. Money advanced on real estate, etc., etc. 114 Guelph Agent for C. O. Stewart & Co's Rubber Band Stamps and Ink.

Eureka and Acme

CLUB SKATES

AT

McBEAN & Co's

GUELPH

CHEAP GOODS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FOR TWO WEEKS

Groceries, Crockery,

And all goods required for Christmas and New Year, will be cut down to the very lowest prices for cash.

Low prices to suit the hard times at the "NOTED TEA STORE."

J. E. McELDERRY.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Skates, Sleighs, Hand Sleighs, Sleigh Bells, and Sporting Goods.

Electro-Plate, Nickel Silver, and Britannia Ware, Pocket Knives, Sissors, Razors, Cutlery, and goods suitable for

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Our assortment is unequalled for variety, excellence and cheapness.

Prices Reduced to meet the Hard Times

WE WISH ALL

"A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year."

And respectfully invite their attention to our stock.

BOND & CO. GUELPH.

NOTICE

All parties having open

Accounts at either of my

stores are requested to

make payment at once,

and much oblige

JOHN A. WOOD

Upper and Lower Wynd-

ham-st., Guelph.

dw

20 per Cent

Reduction

on all

goods

only

G. B. Savage

Pianos and Organs for sale or

to rent at Hazelton's Furniture

Warerooms, Upper Wyndham-st.,

Chair on Roof.

JAMES HAZELTON.

Real Hair and Fancy Goods

STORE.

MISS J. R. HOSKEN wishes to announce to the ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that she has on hand a large stock of real and imitation hair goods. Also a choice stock of Berlin wool, fancy wools, flannel yarn, etc., and fancy goods. A call is respectfully solicited. Goods made up in any style. Samples made over. 100 Quebec street. All orders sent by mail promptly attended to. cis dsm

REMOVAL

THE

GUELPH COAL DEPOT

Has been removed from

MACDONNELL STREET:

—TO—

NELSON CRESCENT

Next to Knox Church.

C. KLEPPER

Guelph September 30th, 18

dw

BUSINESS CARDS.

GUTHRIE, WATT & OUTTER,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in
Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.
D. GUTHRIE, J. S. WATT, W. J. OUTTER,
dw

FREDERICK BISCOE,
BARRISTER, &c.

Office—Hearn's Block, Quebec-st., opposite
Bank of Montreal, Guelph.

N. B.—Money to Loan in sums to suit
borrowers.

A. H. MACDONALD,
BARRISTER, &c.

Has removed his office one door east on Que-
bec street.
Guelph, June 27, 1878. dw

LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors
in Chancery, Conveyancers and
Notaries Public.

Offices—Brown's New Building, near
the Registry Office.

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
K. McLEAN, County Crown Attys

E. OLIVER,
BARRISTER, Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor
in Chancery, Notary Public, etc.

Office—Masonic Block, Upper Wyndham
street.
Guelph, 10th October, 1877. dw

DUNBAR & JOHNSTON,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in
Chancery, etc.

Office over Smith & Co's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR, E. F. JOHNSTON.
Guelph, Dec. 1, 1878. dw

A. M. MCKINNON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in
Chancery, Conveyancer, etc.

Office—Hazelton's Block, Upper Wyndham
street, Guelph.

E. W. McGUIRE, M. D., No. 23 York
month street, Guelph. Office hours
each day from half-past one, to four p.m.
Guelph, July 14th 1878. dw

DAVID KENNEDY,
Builder, Contractor and Valuator, Waterloo
Avenue, Guelph.

Will furnish a bill of material for
ROUGH OR CUT STONE TO ANY PATTERN
and has a quantity of
Gravel of a Superior Quality for roads or any
other purpose. Charges moderate. dw

MARRIAGE LICENCES AND OATHS
AFFIDAVITS issued by authority, under
the new Marriage Act, at the District Court
Office, Guelph. No. 10 Bondmen required, and
licensees received on payment of two dollars.
ALFRED A. PARRIS, Issuer. dw

JOHN BOULT, (successor to Stephen
Boulton), Builder and Contractor.
Planning Mill and every kind of Joiner's
Work prepared for the trade and the public.
The Shop is on Quebec Street East, Guelph.
Guelph, July 14th 1878. dw

CLARKE'S
IS STILL THE CHEAPEST AND
best place in Guelph for
PHOTOGRAPHS.

Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets,
Guelph. dw

Iron Castings of all Kinds
MADE TO ORDER

CROWNE'S IRON WORKS
New Pattern Hitching Post
JUST OUT.

John Crowe Proprietor

HART & SPEIRS
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and
General Agents, 4 Day's Block
Guelph

All business entrusted to them will receive
prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Estates, etc., etc.
carefully and correctly prepared.
Money always on hand in sums to suit bor-
rowers, on Mortgage or good personal secu-
rity. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large
and varied, and parties in want of Real Estate
of any kind should call on a before purchasing.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance
Company, London, England. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

Office over R. H. Roy & Co's Drug Store
Corner of Wyndham
& Macdonnell Street
Guelph.

Mr. Nitrous Oxide
(laughing gas) administered
in the extraction
of teeth without
pain; which is perfectly safe and reliable.

R. Campbell, L. D. S.

Office at the old stand, Wyndham Street
Guelph.

Residence Quebec street east.

W. S. G. KNOWLES & SONS
County and Town Auctioneers, Valuers and
Real Estate Agents, 37 and 39 Waterloo
Avenue, Guelph, Can. Commissions
solicited.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, CHAS. J. KNOWLES,
GEO. E. KNOWLES. dw

PHILIP SPRACKE,
ATTORNEY.

SALES ATTENDED PROMPTLY IN
Town and County. Horses, carriages, etc.,
bought and sold on commission. Office next
door to Dr. Cowan's, near Francis Bridge. dw

JAMES TAYLOR,
County and Town Auctioneer

SALES promptly attended to, and can
be arranged for at the MERCURY OFFICE,
as to date, &c., without further trouble. Re-
sidence Mosborough P. O. dw

E. H. PASS
PAINTER, GLAZIER, PAPER HANG-
ER and GRAINER. Town or country work
promptly attended to. Residence 388 corner
of Woolwich and Suffolk Streets. mail dw

GEO. DANIELS
CARPENTER AND BUILDER.

South of the Drill Shed, Guelph.
Jobbing Specialty. Lumber and Cedar
Jointed always on hand. Wooden Cisterns
Tubed on hand, and made to order.

HUMPHRIES & REYNOLDS,
HOUSE, Sign, and Fresco Painters,
Paper Hangers, &c. Town and country
work promptly attended to. Shop 41 Paisley
street. oct12 dw

LIME, GIBBS, LIME!!!
—AT—

Stonehenge Lime Works,
EAST WARD GUELPH

Obobb's Patent Kiln having been burn-
ing for the past few weeks, and building
operations having been checked by the late
severe weather, we have a large accumulation
of lime now on hand, which we will rush off
for the next ten days at 10 cents per bushel,
suitable for either plaster or building. Also, new
burnstone, fresh from the kiln, which cannot
be surpassed, at lowest market prices.

March 1 GUELPH WATSON LIME CO. dw

REMOVAL.

DR. HOWITT has removed his office
and residence to 197 Norfolk street
next door to St. Andrew's Church.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The Partnership heretofore existing between J. Thos. Brown, and Geo. S. Powell, under the style and firm of Brown & Powell, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will in future be carried on by J. Thos. Brown, who is authorized to collect all accounts, and pay all the indebtedness of the late firm.

Witness: W. D. HEPBURN. J. THOS. BROWN,
GEO. S. POWELL.

In connection with the above I beg to announce that I shall continue to sell
at cost for two weeks longer, to reduce the very large stock on hand. My terms
in the future will be strictly cash, believing the long credit system to be ruin-
ous to all concerned.

J. THOS. BROWN.

J. B.—All indebted to the late firm of Brown & Powell will please pay at
once, as the books must be closed.

Guelph, December 28th, 1877. dw

CARD OF THANKS

A. O. Bucham tenders to his numerous customers

his best thanks for the liberal patronage of the past

year.

All accounts due to date are now being issued and

we trust all our friends will find it convenient to

make an early settlement.

A. O. BUCHAM

Fashionable West End Millinery and Mantle Establishment.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

GREAT COMMOTION

AT THE

ELEPHANT STORE

AS THERE ALWAYS IS DURING

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

IT IS THE BARGAINS WE GIVE THAT DOES IT.

Clothing Cheaper than Ever.

Since we commenced our Clearing Sale our receipts daily have just doubled.

We have still on hand a very heavy stock of WINTER CLOTHING, and
being anxious to reduce our immense stock we have resolved
to offer every article at such prices as will be sure to
suit the customers, and substantiate that the
sale we now advertise is a genuine
one—no pretence.

Woolen Underclothing Selling at Cost Price.

FURNISHINGS.

We have just received a splendid new lot of Gent's Silk Squares, Silk Handker-
chiefs, Scarfs, Bowls, Gloves, Shirts, Collars, and Cuffs, all bought ex-
pressly for the Christmas trade. To be sold cheap.

HATS AND CAPS A Large and Fresh Stock just

received.

THE ELEPHANT IS THE PLACE

For a good Overcoat, Suit, or anything else in the Clothing Line, if you want to
save money, and get better goods than elsewhere, try the "Elephant."

WM. RUTHERFORD & Co.

Guelph, Dec. 21st, 1877. dw No. 31 Lower Wyndham Street.

GUELPH, DEC. 26TH, 1877.

MESSRS. JOHN HOGG & SON

Offer the Compliments of the Season to all of their

patrons, and at the same time they request immedi-

ate payment of all claims standing in their books

now unpaid. Mr. Hogg, Senior, leaves in January,

(next month) for the English markets, to make

purchases for the coming Spring and Summer busi-

ness. And however reluctant we may feel, yet our

business necessities make it imperative on us, to

compel payment from all who are in our debt; and

at the latest date, by 15th January, 1878, all un-

paid at that date will, without favor or affection, be

handed to A. A. Baker, Esq., Clerk of Division

Court, for Collection.

JOHN HOGG & SON.

LA BELLA CUBANA

We publicly acknowledge the fact that the
smokers of Guelph appreciate a first-
class cigar in surpassing the
sale of

2,000

LA BELLA CUBANAS

From our Show Case, at retail, in the short
space of three weeks.

We have undertaken to provide the citizens
of Guelph with

HAVANA CIGARS,

made in Cuba, which we can prove, and we
thank you for the assistance you have
rendered us in your liberal
patronage.

In the future, as heretofore, you will ever
find us ready to