

### Notice of Partnership

The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken Mr. John A. Davidson into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be **Linn & Davidson**. All accounts against the undersigned, either personal or against the office, up to the 1st of January, to be sent in immediately. **JAS. LINN**. Guelph, Jan. 1, 74.

### Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 2, 1874

### North Riding Local Election.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly has issued his writ for the election of a member for this Riding in room of Mr. McKim. The nomination will be held on the 13th inst., and the polling on the 20th inst. We are informed by telegraph that the Reform Convention meets at Rothsay on Saturday next, at two o'clock, for the election of a Reform candidate.

### After the Battle.

Now that the battle at the polls has been fought and the victory won, we can calmly review the contest, count our gains and losses, and refer to the many and diverse agencies that were set in operation in order to influence the elections. The leading opposition papers frankly admit that the Government have well nigh swept the field, that they have secured a splendid working majority, and that the country in the most unmistakable manner has pronounced in their favor. In making this admission, these journals, if not in so many words, yet tacitly acknowledged that the people have in the most positive and unequivocal manner recorded their verdict against the late Government, and all the transactions for which they are held responsible. No other conclusion can be arrived at, for the issue between the late and the present Government was clearly laid down and sharply defined. It was whether Sir John A. Macdonald was guilty or not of receiving a large sum of money for a consideration—which money was spent in influencing, bribing, and corrupting the people during the elections of 1872. Of course those who defended or excused his conduct in that transaction—or by silently condoning his crime became parties to his guilt—were held equally responsible with himself, and were accordingly placed at the bar of public opinion. The question was thus put to the people, and they have by an overwhelming majority decided that the conduct of the late Government was culpable in the highest degree, that they and their friends were no longer to be trusted, and that defeat and obscurity was their only portion.

What a contrast is this election to that held in 1872. The then Government, with John A. Macdonald at its head, was in the full flush of victory. By the aid of the money already referred to—though no one but the parties to the infamous bargain knew at that time where it came from—many constituencies were corrupted, many of the most unscrupulous and devoted adherents of the then Government were elected, and the premier met the House with a handsome majority prepared to support and vote any and every proposition which he brought up. But the facts connected with the Pacific Scandal were brought to light, and their guilt so clearly brought home to the Government that they dared not face the voters of the House, but like guilty men gave up the fight, and relinquished the power which they had so shamefully abused. Thus in eighteen months we have a complete change—an entire revolution of feeling—the political horizon has been cleared, and the fair fame of the country has been preserved, guilt has been punished, corruption in high places has met its just reward, and our claim to a pure and free government vindicated and secured.

But this was not accomplished without great efforts and a fierce struggle. Our enemies, though beaten back, were not vanquished. They entered on the late contest with all the desperation engendered by the loss of power. No argument, no weapon, no agency, however vile, was left unemployed. Lies, deliberately framed, skillfully concocted, industriously circulated, and persistently reiterated, were however their chief and most formidable weapon. At one time it was the fabrications about the views of the Government on free trade. At another they rung the changes on the Pacific Railway route until they actually got some ignorant voters to believe that that road (the Canadian Pacific) was to be built entirely on United States territory. Then we had the outrageous story about the proposed importation by the Government of 1600 Chinese to help to build the Pacific; and, to crown all, the infamous and unfounded report was circulated that the Government promised an amnesty to Riel. These are only two or three of the more conspicuous falsehoods which were made to do duty by the Conservatives. There was a whole host of minor ones, which we have no room to repeat, but which we have all made to do service in deluding ignorant voters who were silly enough to believe them. Such were the tactics of the Opposition. They practised a guerilla warfare of the worst and most dishonorable character, and they have met the defeat which men who use such disgraceful weapons deserve. And yet, though dishonoring to themselves and insulting to the people, though in the end injurious to their cause, we doubt if they can be made to see it in that light, so corrupted have they

become by the depth to which their leaders have sunk and the policy which John A. Macdonald has so long pursued.

But this election, we fondly trust and believe, inaugurates a new era in the political history of our country. For over twenty years the policy of successive Governments has been one of simple expediency, time-serving at the best, with no desire or aim but place, and no ambition but the retention of power. Unless we mistake them much, the men now in power are cast in a different mould. With a clearly defined policy, with principles which have stood many a test, with an honest desire to do what is right, with ability to grapple with and master the various questions which may come up, and with a determination to conduct the Government on sound constitutional principles, we can safely predict for it a long and successful career, and for the country all the prosperity and renown which follow pure, impartial, efficient and honest administration of its affairs.

**EAST MIDDLESEX.**—The defeat of Mr. Glass in East Middlesex is specially to be regretted. He it was who first turned his back on John A. Macdonald, and denounced his action as indefensible, and for this he brought on himself the wholesale and universal abuse and condemnation of the Conservative press. All their vitals of wrath were poured out on his devoted head for courageously speaking and acting according to his convictions, and refusing to condone and defend the iniquities of a Government that he had supported until he could conscientiously support them no longer. And yet, what essential difference is there between Mr. Glass and those of Sir John's supporters who afterwards had to acknowledge that his conduct was indefensible? None whatever, unless it be that Mr. Glass manfully avowed his convictions, and boldly acted on them, while the others who still cling to John A. have not the moral courage to defend him in the Pacific charter transactions, but nevertheless hold him up as the pattern of statesmen. East Middlesex—always a strong Conservative Riding—has rejected Mr. Glass; but the country as a whole in the most emphatic manner has endorsed his conduct; and, now that he goes back into private life, it honours him for the bold stand he took and the battle he fought to preserve the fair name of our country in the hour of her peril.

**THE CONTEST.**—Three more supporters of the Government have been returned for Quebec, leaving only five to be heard from in that Province. Another Ministerialist has been elected in New Brunswick, giving ten Government in that Province to one Opposition. In all, the Government have 123, the Opposition 33, and 6 are independent.

**BISHOP FARRELL'S SUCCESSOR.**—A cable telegram to the *Globe* states that the Holy See has appointed Rev. Mr. Crinnon, Vicar-General of London diocese, to be Bishop of Hamilton, in place of the late Bishop Farrell. The same telegram states that Vicar-General Jamot, of Toronto, is appointed Bishop of Sault Ste Marie.

**NORTH RIDING RETURNS.**—We are still without the complete and correct returns of the poll in this Riding, one of the poll books not having been returned on Saturday.

Hon. R. W. Scott has received a telegram from British Columbia informing him that all its representatives would support the Government.

**Centre Riding of West Angton.** The following are the complete and correct returns of the polling in the Centre Riding:—

	McKIM.	McKIM.
Peel, 1st division	32	108
2nd division	60	54
3rd division	63	92
4th division	49	83
5th division	81	66
6th division	60	40
	345	448
W. Garafraxa, 1st div.	64	78
2nd div.	87	42
3rd div.	71	88
	222	208
E. Garafraxa, 1st div.	98	38
2nd div.	104	40
3rd div.	101	31
	303	109
Pilkington, 1st div.	25	78
2nd div.	32	52
3rd div.	56	70
	113	198
Orangoville, 1st div.	50	46
2nd div.	111	43
	161	89
Fergus, 1st div.	74	52
2nd div.	74	62
	148	114
Elora, 1st div.	45	87
2nd div.	35	92
	80	129
Nichol, 1st div.	84	53
2nd div.	33	75
3rd div.	41	71
	158	199
Total	1530	1481
Majority for Orton, 49.		

**NARROW ESCAPE.**—The passengers by the morning train on the Galt branch of the Grand Trunk had rather a rough experience of it on Friday morning last. On reaching Berlin it was found that the extremely high water of the night before had thrown the ice from the river across the track for a distance of nearly 200 yards, and an hour or so was occupied in clearing it off before the train was enabled to proceed. The journey was then continued in safety until a point about three miles south of Berlin was reached,

when the passengers were greatly alarmed by the car giving a tremendous jolt, and by the immediate slackening of the speed of the train. When the train stopped the passengers and others went back to see what was the matter, when they discovered that the water during the night had undermined a portion of the track at the end of one of the small bridges, which had evidently given way altogether as the locomotive crossed the spot, leaving nothing but the two unsupported rails to carry over the balance of the train. Fortunately, although the gap in the track was fully ten to twelve feet in width, the rails proved equal to the immense weight thrown upon them, although they were very much bent before the passenger car crossed on them. Had the rails happened to be jointed in the place where the gap took place, nothing could have prevented the train from going down.—*Reporter*.

**THE HONEST MAN WHO PAYS.** There is one among the many. Can you tell me where he stays? He's an odd, old-fashioned party. Called the honest man, who pays. Yes—the honest man, who pays. Every dollar he may owe, Keeping up the good old way. That so many scarcely know. If he give his word of promise 'Tis a bond as good as gold; If he hold a post of honor, Not a trust is ever sold. By the honest man who pays In every debt he may incur, Yielding each a just award, And no grudging or demur. And I'm told this rare old party Lives—within his income, won By the fairest, squarest dealing We see beneath the sun. And the honest man who pays Always holds it and right, For the rich to help the needy When the times are tough and tight.

**BIRTHS.** THACKRAY.—In Guelph, on the 2nd inst., Mrs. J. F. Thackray, of a daughter.

**MARRIED.** EDMUNDS—TRAVIS.—At the Wesleyan parsonage, Listowel, on the 14th ult., by the Rev. John Scott, B.A., Albert Edmunds, Esq., of Holland, to Miss Eliza Jane Travis, of Maryborough.

**DIED.** DUNLOP.—In Peel, on the 15th ult., at the residence of his brother, John William Dunlop, aged 30 years and 3 months. Deceased was a native of the County of Antrim, Ireland.

**TRINNEL—At Morrison, on the 31st ult., Arthur Trinnel, of Guelph, youngest son of Mr. E. Trinnel, aged 18 months.**  
**LOWES.—In the Township of Peel, on the 20th ult., Mr. Joseph Lowes, after a long illness.**

### THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The GUELPH MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms of per annum in advance; credit 25. Delivered by week, by the week 10 cents.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisements, special notices, or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.** All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

**COAL DEPOT** C. Kloepper  
Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

**HARD and SOFT COAL** OF THE BEST QUALITY  
At the Lowest Prices.  
Coal delivered in any part of the Town.  
Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory  
Orders left at Mr. Horseman's Store will receive prompt attention.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.** All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved.

**FOR SALE OR TO RENT,** A Blacksmith Shop.  
Situated on the Gravel Road, Minto Township, 5 miles from Harrison, same distance from Palmerston, half acre of land, good shop, having two fires, an excellent dwelling house and good stabling. This is a good chance for an industrious man, as there has always been a good country trade done on the premises. The above will be sold on easy terms, or rented for any number of years. Possession given on the first of January, 1874. Apply to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter to WELLSINGTON WILSON, Guelph, Ont.

**FOR SALE.**—A stallion rising three years old, got by Buck's 2nd Duke, imported draught horse Britton, owned by the undersigned, on Lot 9, Concession 8, in the Township of Nichol, near Ennville, Harnet Post Office.

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### New Advertisements.

## Co-Operative Store.

The following Goods have been reduced in price in order to effect a Clearance:

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| FUR MUFFS,<br>FUR SETTS,<br>FUR CAPS,<br>WINTER JACKETS,<br>WINTER SHAWLS,<br>WOOL PANTS,<br>WOOL VESTS,<br>WOOL SHIRTS,<br>WOOL DRAWERS,<br>WOOL HOODS,<br>WOOL CLOVES,<br>WOOL SCARFS,<br>WOOL GLOVES,<br>WOOL STOCKINGS, | BED BLANKETS,<br>HORSE BLANKETS,<br>HEAVY QUILTS,<br>HEAVY OVERCOATINGS,<br>HEAVY CLOAKINGS,<br>MENS' OVERCOATS,<br>BOYS' OVERCOATS,<br>FELT OVERSHOES,<br>FELT GAITERS,<br>FELT BALMORALS,<br>FELT SLIPPERS,<br>PLAIN WINCEYS,<br>CHECKED WINCEYS,<br>FANCY WINCEYS, |
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### J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Feb. 2, 1874. dw

### FAMILY MOURNING.

A. O. BUCHAM devotes particular attention to this department of his business, and Families requiring Mourning Goods of any description can always find a full stock from which to make appropriate selections at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END.

- New Black Paramattas,
- New Black Craple Cloths,
- New Black Barathas,
- New Black Wool Repps,
- New Black Empress Cloths,
- New Black French Merinoes,
- New Black Cobourgs & French Twills,

New Patent Crapes, Craple Trimmings, Craple Veils, Craple Collars and Bows, Hat Crapes, etc. etc.

We have always on hand a lot of CRAPE HATS AND CRAPE BONNETS in the latest styles. Fashionable Dressmaking on the premises. Orders for Family Mourning promptly attended to.

A. O. BUCHAM,  
Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

### NOTICE.

Parties indebted to us are requested to settle their Accounts on or before Tuesday, the 10th of February.

SHAW & MURTON.

GUELPH, Jan. 31, 1874.

## THE GOLDEN LION



## THE GREAT SALE

Goes On with Zeal Unabated at

## THE LION.

Store Crowded from Morning till Night!

GREAT BARGAINS STILL

And More Terrific Reduction so as to Clear Out by the First of February.

SEE LIST OF PRICES UNDER:

WOMEN'S WEAR	MEN'S WEAR	
500 sets of Furs \$2.75, worth \$5.00	\$11 Overcoats for	\$6.50
Heavy Wool Shawls for \$1.40,	3 Pants for	1.75
worth	3 Beaver Overcoating for	1.50
A rich Poplin Dress for 60 cents.	or half price.	
75 pieces Check Challies for 5c.	All wool Flannels in white, scarlet and fancy, in endless variety, now down to	20c
Over 200 pieces Heavy Aberdeen Wincey to be sold at 8 cents, worth	Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth one dollar, for	75c
15c.	Strong Satinets, worth 65c, for	40c
Granite and all other mixtures at \$1 the dress, and plenty to choose from.	Heavy Tweeds, worth \$1 for	75c
The best Wincey 18c worth	Grain Bags, worth \$4.75 for	4.00
30c.	Sealskin for Mantles and Overcoats 62 1/2c, worth 1.25.	
Rich black Silk 65c, worth	Hats and Caps at half price.	
87 1/2c	Horse Blankets from 75c a pair, worth 1.25.	
593 Fancy Silk Dresses in the newest shades \$1, worth	Buffalo Robes much under cost.	
1.50		
Horrock's best White Shirtings at 10c per yard.		

We would remark that we nor any House could maintain the above low prices, as many of the Goods are much under cost, the object being to sell the Stock previous to dissolution of firm, which will shortly take place.

The Lion is the spot to get value for your money, and those that buy elsewhere throw away so much cash.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1874

## ALL READY

FOR THE

### COLD WEATHER

In every Department

## Immense Stock OF NEW GOODS

AT WILLIAM STEWART'S,

Who is now offering some of

## The Cheapest Lines of Goods ever Offered in this Town.

A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from

10 to 15 Cents can be Saved

On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very closest prices.

## DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY.

New Flannels, all qualities; 2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels a 25c, worth 35c. 475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

## In the Cloth Department

THE NEWEST

Cotings, Trouserings, and Vestings and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

## FURNITURE AT RETAIL.

## BURR & SKINNER

Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses

At the Factory, Oxford st.,

ALL KINDS OF

## FURNITURE

Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices. Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c. done at the shortest notice.

## GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS

Sent by Mail to all parts of the Dominion.

Our Chromo, "THE LITTLE FLORESTERS," a beautiful Parlor Picture, 17x 22 inches, is sent free to all who favor us with orders to the amount of FIVE DOLLARS.

Sent by CATALOGUE, which we mail gratis to all who wish.

CHASE, BROTHERS & BOWMAN,

SEBASTIAN, Oshawa, Ont.

Jan. 28, 1874. wd1

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Just Received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

## For the Young Folks

BERLIN WOOLS

And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual.

All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT.

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET,

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1873. dw

## HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wine, Cigars, &c. constantly on hand. A good hostess always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.

THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.

Guelph, Dec. 11th, 1873. dw