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ELEPHANT

Cash Clothing Store.

NEW

GENT'S FURNISHINGS

Just received at the Elephant, suitable for the

Christmas Trade

Elegant colored Silk Handkerchiefs, cheap.
Beautiful colored Neck Ties.
White Shirts from 50 cents up.
New designs in Regatta and Oxford Shirts from 75 cents up.
A large stock of Gloves and Mitts in buck, kid, cloth, and knit, at very low prices.

Just to hand another lot of

Albany Collars and Cuffs.

Woolen Underclothing from 30 cents up.
Cardigan Jackets, a large stock, very cheap.

WM. RUTHERFORD & CO.

Meetings and Sales.

POSTPONEMENT.

The Cantata of Santa Claus

COMPOSED BY W. H. DOAN, PREpared expressly for Sunday Schools, will be rendered in the Caledonian Room, on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, the 2nd and 3rd January, by the choir and scholars of St. Andrew's Church, assisted by a number of the best instrumental artists of the City. The music is bright and sparkling interspersed with solos, duets, choruses, songs by Fairies, recitations, &c., and a veritable Santa Claus, all in costume and character.

Admission on Tuesday, for adults, 25c, and on Wednesday evening 15c for children. Doors open at half-past seven p.m., commence at eight. Tickets to be had at the stores of G. D. Pringle and W. T. Vale & Co.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

THE HIGH AND PUBLIC Schools of Guelph will (D. V.) re-open after the Christmas Vacation

On the 7th day of January.

ROBERT TORRANCE,
Secretary Board of Education.
Guelph 30th January, 1879. dw1

TO THE ELECTORS OF

ST. DAVID'S WARD

GENTLEMEN:
It is my intention to offer myself for your suffrages for the coming vacancy in Alderman for your Ward, and should I have the honor to be elected, shall, in the Council as in private life, do my best to serve the interests of the City in general, and particularly those of St. David's Ward.

I have the honor to remain
Your obedient servant,
JOHN TYSON.

Guelph, Dec. 31st, 1879. d4

ST. JOHN'S WARD.

To the Electors of St. John's Ward:

GENTLEMEN,—Your vote and interest are respectfully solicited in the interest of

John Read,

as Alderman for 1880.

If elected I shall use my best endeavor to remedy our Market By-law so as to remove all possible cause of complaint. I would be prepared to encourage manufacturing here by granting exemption from taxation for a term of years. I am decidedly of changing our present mode of assessing, believing as I do that the present system is not calculated to spend the money to the best advantage.

30d4 JOHN READ.

Water Commissioner.

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

GEORGE HOWARD

as Water Commissioner for 1880.

Polling on January 5th, 1880. 30d4

Water Commissioner.

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

RICHARD MITCHELL

as Water Commissioner for 1880.

Guelph December 31st, 1879. d3

ST. DAVID'S WARD

Your Vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

James Patterson

As Alderman for St. David's Ward.

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THE FASHIONABLE WEST END TAILOR

DESIRES TO THANK HIS NUMEROUS customers for the liberal support accorded him in the past, and hopes that his continued good workmanship, and strict attention to business will draw new as well as old customers in the future. Fashions received regularly. Suits made to order as low or lower than any other place in the city. Samples for inspection always on hand. Clothing made to order for parties furnishing their own goods. If you want the best fit and best workmanship in the latest and most approved styles, go to N. CROFT, Upper Wyndham Street, (up stairs) opposite Hazelton's Block. se11d6m

$10 to $1,000 invested on Wall st. Stocks make fortunes every month. Books sent free explaining everything. Address BAXTER & Co., Bankers, 17 Wall-st., N. Y. m14d6ow1y

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC LORRY.

PIANOS, FURNITURE, &c., carefully removed. Terms easy. Orders can be left at Dempsey & Chamberlain's and at the West End Flour and Feed Store, Hatch's Block.
dc20 d1m E. RUDD.

DRESSMAKERS WANTED—TWO experienced hands at once. Apply to Miss Buckney, dressmaker, Fashionable West End.
18d1f A. O. BUCHAM.

ACME SKATE LOST.—LOST THIS afternoon a lady's Acme skate for the left foot, size No. 9, between Klempfer's coal yard and the Bank of Montreal, on Quebec street. The finder will please leave it at Mr. Myers' or this office. d1

FOUND.—YESTERDAY, A DOOR KEY. She owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply at this office. d1

EDUCATIONAL.—The Misses Macdonald will resume their classes for young ladies Tuesday, January 6th, in the old Baptist Church, Norfolk street.
N. B.—The Misses Macdonald are prepared to give lessons in double entry book-keeping.
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Educational.

MISS HAYWARD WILL RESUME her classes in English and Music, on Monday, January 5th, 1880, at 301 Woolwich street. 31d6w1

SEE OUR STOVES AND SAVE MONEY.

A brand new stock of base burner parlor, parlor cook, hall stoves, &c., will be sold by James Thorp & Son at low prices that will induce the public to purchase. Splendid cook stoves sold cheap. dw1f

NEXT. NEXT.

GO TO C. A. BRITTON'S FOR AN easy shave, or nobby hair cut. Try Britton's Sea Foam Shampoo, or Hair Dye. Get your razors set at Britton's, where everything is done in a first class manner. Don't forget the sign—NEXT. St George's Square, Guelph.
o14d8m

Children's Singing School.

MISS JACKSON

WILL START A SINGING School for Children, commencing on the 3rd January, at her residence 91 Glasgow-st., at two o'clock p.m. All those wishing to attend will please leave their names at her residence between now and the above mentioned date. Terms per month. n31m

REMOVAL

MISS HOSKIN WISHES TO INFORM the ladies of Guelph that she has removed to 88 Suffolk Street where she continues to make over Ladies Bonnets and Cut Hair in the latest style. Orders left at Mrs. Wright's fancy store will receive prompt attention. d1

Commercial Travellers' Association

GUELPH BRANCH.

TRAVELLERS' CERTIFICATES for 1880, can now be had on application to

THOMAS H. TAYLOR,
Corner of Dublin and Suffolk Streets, Guelph.
2706

PORK. PORK.

Pork Street, opposite Reynold's Hotel, and 122 Quebec Street, Hearn's Block.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND FRESH and Salt Pork, Sausages (all kinds), Hams, Bacon, Lard, &c. Charges moderate.
dc9d.f JOSEPH ZINGER & CO.

Attention. Attention.

GENUINE HARPERS' BAZAR Patterns. Full Suits, only 25 cents.
Straw and Felt Hats and Bonnets done over in all the latest styles.
Mrs. E. H. Pass wishes to inform the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she has lately learned the French mode of cutting and fitting, and is now prepared to give even greater satisfaction than formerly.
Dresses and Jackets cut, and a perfect fit guaranteed, at a reasonable price.
For stylish and cheap Hats and Bonnets go to Mrs. E. H. Pass. Wedding and funeral flowers embalmed.
o20d ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE Guelph.

Walter J. Fairbank

DESIRES TO CALL THE ATTENTION of the citizens of Guelph to his stock of Meats, which will be sold at the following prices:—

Sirloin Roast and Steak, 12½ cents.
Rump Steak, 0 cents.
Beef Roasts, 7 to 10 cents.
Boiling Beef, 4 to 6 cents.
Lamb or Mutton, 7 to 10 cents.
Pork, 7 to 10 cents.
Fresh Lard 12½ cents.
Sausages, 10 cents. do

TO THE ELECTORS OF

ST. GEORGE'S WARD.

HAVING BEEN NOMINATED AS a School Trustee for St. George's Ward, I shall, if elected, devote every attention to the trust of the position. In view of the important powers now possessed by the Board of Education, and the duties devolving on Trustees, in a City like this, I fully appreciate the responsibility attaching to the office.

Your obedient servant,
H. H. SWINFORD.
Guelph, January 2nd 1880. d4

W. H. CRESSWELL SHAW,

TEACHER OF

Pianoforte and Violin,

WILL RESUME LESSONS ON January 5th. Intending pupils will please apply at once, so as to secure convenient hours.
Address—Music Store, Quebec Street. 2d6

TO THE ELECTORS OF

ST. JOHN'S WARD

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

Walter J. Fairbank

as Alderman for 1880.

January 2nd, 1880. d2

ST. PATRICK'S WARD

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for

WALTER LAING,

as Alderman for St. Patrick's Ward for 1880.

Jan. 2nd, 1880. d3

Daily Mercury.

FRIDAY EVG, JANUARY 2, 1880.

THIS MORNING'S TELEGRAMS.

Bismarck's proposals for a general disarmament are looked upon with suspicion by the European Governments, only that of Austria having given in its absolute adhesion to the scheme.

Twenty thousand tons of steel rails have been ordered in Westphalia for the American market.

Numerous arrests continue in Russia. A number of army officers have recently been imprisoned, charged with complicity in Nihilist plots.

The fund instituted by the Duchess of Marlborough for the relief of the distress in Ireland now amounts to over $41,000.

Dr. McEvilly, Coadjutor of the Archbishop of Tuam, in acknowledging the receipt of $5,000 from the churches in Cardinal Manning's diocese, England, says no amount of private charity can cope with the approaching famine in Ireland.

The Mayor of Limerick has received a letter from the President of the St. Patrick's Society, Chicago, informing him that he has forwarded $500 for the relief of the distressed poor in Ireland.

The famine in Persia is increasing daily, and unless relief comes from England and America it is said that great numbers of the population must perish.

General Wolseley will start for England some time this month. The fact is announced from Capetown by one of the first despatches over the new cable line.

Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, one of the commanders in the Zulu war, by the Queen's desire will accompany the ex-Empress Eugenie to Zululand in February.

The examination of Gonzales, the would-be regicide, has elicited nothing showing that the attempt was due to political animosity.

A fire has been raging two days at Granada, in the neighborhood of the celebrated Alhambra. A number of houses have been burned.

The following passage occurs in a letter from a high official authority at the Cape to a high authority in London: "Poor Cetewayo! His official guardians write that he has fallen from high, barbaric, kingly and vigorous state, and seems sullen and gloomy; often predisposed towards the painful influence of a London concertina, with the depressive aris of "My Grandfather's Clock.'"

The Afghan War.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Sir Frederick Roberts reports that on December 30th the force under the command of Gen. Baker, which left Cabul on the 27th December, is returning from Kohistan, having destroyed, unopposed, the fort of the rebel chief Mirbatcha, which was found abandoned. Seven Kohistan and Logar chiefs tendered their submission.

CABUL, Dec. 22.—Among the stipulations presented by Mahomed Jan as a basis for peace were the return to India of the British force at Cabul, and that a promise be given to send back the Ameer—two British officers to remain at Cabul as hostages for the fulfilment of these promises.

CABUL, Jan. 1.—The enemy's losses in killed and wounded during the last fortnight is estimated at 3,000. On the 30th December General Bright made a descent upon some villages whose inhabitants had been prominent in harassing the British outposts, and took them by surprise.

THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER.

More Bodies Found.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The North British Railway Company have decided at the next meeting of the Board that immediate steps shall be taken to rebuild the Tay bridge. The wrecked train is rapidly disintegrating, and fragments of cars and pieces of apparel and luggage of passengers are rising to the surface. Numerous additional bodies have been recovered and are in the morgue awaiting recognition by their friends. In several cases recognition has already taken place and the scenes in connection with them were very affecting.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Diving in the Tay at the scene of the bridge disaster has been suspended owing to the boisterous weather. The railway authorities say there is little doubt that the bodies have been washed seaward. A boat expedition is being organized to search for them.

OTTAWA.

Personal — Presentation to Mayor Mackintosh.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Mr. Sutherland, who has been in the city for several days past in connection with the Northwestern Navigation Co., left for Winnipeg yesterday.

Col. Dennis's condition is somewhat improved.

Yesterday the members of the city council presented Mayor Mackintosh with with a silver cradle, and Mrs. Mackintosh with an address, a son having been born during Mr. Mackintosh's regime.

Grand Trunk Returns.

MONTREAL, January 2.—The Grand Trunk Railway returns of traffic for the week ending 27th Dec., 1879, and the corresponding week, 1878. 1879—passengers, mails, and express freight, $43,261; freight and live stock, $126,080; total, $169,341. 1878—Passengers, mails and express freight $40,840; freight and live stock, $83,372; total $124,212. Increase $45,124. increase for 29 weeks, $416,686.

Arrival of the Hibernian.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—The steamer *Hibernian*, from Liverpool, G. B., with mails, arrived at half past eight this a.m.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association, Mr. James Patterson was re-elected as President; Mr. Warring Kennedy, Vice-President, and Mr. Hugh Blain, Treasurer.

PAY UP.

We are now sending out our accounts for advertising and job work, and have to request that prompt payment be made.

Local News.

THE *Reporter* says that the Masons of Galt have removed from their old lodge rooms in the Commercial Buildings to their new and elegant rooms in the "Masonic Block."

ACCIDENT AT BLAIR.—A very sad accident occurred at Blair on Thursday. A brakeman named Evans was engaged in coupling cars, when he slipped, and the car passed over one leg above the knee, nearly severing it from his body.

CORRECTION.—In the report of the proceedings at the last City Council meeting it was stated that James Vollett petitioned for remission of taxes. Mr. Vollett petitioned for an extension of time in which to pay his taxes.

EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER. — The total exports from Guelph in December are valued at $74,536.09. For the quarter ending December 31st, the total exports amounted to $314,182.83. For the same quarter in 1878 the total exports were $213,822.56, thus showing an increase of exports for this quarter of $100,360.27. Full details tomorrow.

A BEAUTIFUL ADDRESS.—This afternoon Mr. William Johnston, late President of the Agricultural College, was given the address presented to him prior to his departure from Guelph. The address was sent to Toronto where it was beautifully illuminated and engrossed. The artist, Mr. W. A. Allen, has displayed superior skill in its preparation. The lettering is neat and accurate, while the coloring shows good taste in execution. The address was signed by those on the committee who were entrusted with managing the presentation to Mr. Johnstone. The recipient returned to Toronto by the 4.10 train.

GOT THE CONTRACT.—We are glad to hear that Messrs. Dobbie & Grierson have been awarded the contract for the erection of the Dufferin County gaol and Court House at Orangeville. Mr. Griffith, the lowest tenderer, did not come to time with his securities, and that of Dobbie & Grierson was consequently accepted. We wish them success in their undertaking, and we know they will make a good job.

EXPRESS AGENT.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. Robert Gemmell has been appointed agent for the Express and Montreal Telegraph Companies in Guelph, and we are sure the appointment will give satisfaction to the public. Mr. Gemmell has been in the office for some years. He is thoroughly acquainted with his business, and is withal obliging and attentive to the wants of the public. The work will be well done under his management.

TEMPERANCE WORK.—The next annual Convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, commencing on the 15th inst. The sessions are expected to continue Thursday and Friday, and the public meetings of the Alliance is to be held in one of the city churches on Thursday night of that week. Arrangements are being made with the different railways to carry delegates at reduced rates. Persons wishing certificates can obtain them from Thomas Caswell, Toronto.

PONSONBY METHODIST CHURCH.—The anniversary of the opening of this church was commemorated on Sunday 29th December by special services. In the forenoon Rev. W. Williams, of Guelph, preached an able and appropriate sermon, and in the evening Rev. S. Fear, of Elora, occupied the pulpit. There were large congregations and liberal collections taken up. On the following Tuesday the annual tea meeting was held in the basement of the church. After a bounteous repast, the chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Smith. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Kershaw, of Elora, and W. Williams and Mr. Schofield of Guelph. The church choir, with the assistance of Miss Harrington and others from Guelph, enlivened the proceedings with music. The social was the most successful one yet held in the church.

Special Business Notices.

The trade done this Christmas at Day's Bookstore was as large as ever has been done in the best of times.

The balance of Fancy Goods, Toys, etc., at Day's Bookstore will be sold off very low. Call early get bargains.

Now is the time to buy at Day's bookstore, balance of Christmas stock to be sold off at any price. Day sells cheap.

Writing desks, work boxes, globe boxes sewing baskets, dolls, fancy goods, toys, balance of Christmas stock left over at Day's bookstore will be cleared out at any price.

OVERCOATS! OVERCOATS!—These very seasonable goods can nowhere be bought to better advantage than at the Lion. Also those wonderful $14.50 Suits, which are exceptional value. See the Lion's advt. in to-day's issue.

For New Year's cakes, wedding cakes or cakes iced, or scons, buns, rolls, muffins, tarts, pastry, cakes or buns of any kind, go to W. T. Tanner's, West End Bakery.

CRUET STANDS and other plated ware, ivory handled knives, pocket knives, tea trays and waiters, skates, sleighs, and other goods suitable for Cristmas and New Year's presents, in large variety and very cheap, at J. M. Bond & Co's.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES. — Fresh to brisk, southwesterly to westerly winds, partly cloudy weather.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK. — The deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank for last month amount to $217.

CUSTOM RETURNS.—The custom returns for this port for December are: Value of imports entered for consumption $44,137; amount of duty $4,447.80. In Dec., 1878, the imports entered for consumption amounted to $59,667 and the duty to $8,941.31.

RUNAWAY.—This morning a team of horses belonging to a farmer ran away from the Grand Trunk passenger station. They ran up Macdonnell Street at furious speed as far as Norfolk Street, where they turned southwards. After crossing the railway track the animals were stopped having occasioned no damage.

DIARIES.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of some very serviceable diaries from Mr. T. J. Day who has got up one for himself specially; also from Mr. J. C. McLagan some handsome diaries issued by the Canada Fire and Marine, the Travellers Life and Accident, the Hartford Fire, and the National of Montreal, for which he is agent.

AN OLD GUELPH MAN IN MANITOBA.—A few days ago Mr. F. Gauhan received from Mr. George Balkwell, Rapid City, North West Territory, a sample of flour manufactured in his mill at that place. The flour is known as double X, is made from spring wheat and is a good sample. Mr. Balkwell's business is so great that he has to keep the mill running night and day. He grinds 100 bushels of wheat daily and receives twenty cents per bushel for gristing.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. A. A. Winstanley, aged about 40 years, dropped dead while sitting in a chair in his house last night. He had been ailing for some time with heart disease, but for a few days previous to his death had recovered somewhat. Yesterday he was out for a short time and seemed in better health than usual. After supper he was sitting with his family, when, with scarcely any warning, he dropped suddenly forward dead. The deceased was for a long time employed by Mr. James Goldie, but latterly was unable to to work.

CANTATA OF "SANTA CLAUS."—This Cantata is to be presented by St. Andrew's Sunday School to-night and to-morrow night in the Caledonian rooms. Every effort has been made by those who are managing the affair to make it a first class attraction. The stage has been fitted up and the room nicely decorated. Those who take part in the Cantata have given it a good deal of attention, and are well up in the music. The music will be rendered by a choir of twenty-five voices, the solo parts being taken by sixteen different singers. The instrumental music will be rendered by an able orchestra under the direction of Mr. W. T. Vale.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—We regret to hear of the death of Mr. John B. Williams, late editor of the Howick *Enterprise*. Mr. W. was for a few years a minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, but failnig health compelled him to retire from the work. Not quite a year ago he took charge of the paper which he found a Conservative organ, and soon changed it into a Reform paper. With a cultivated mind, clear and strong political convictions, and a vigorous pen, he served the cause he sustained with ability and success. At the time of his death he was a member and a very acceptable local preacher in the Methodist Church. He was the brother of the Rev. W. Williams, late pastor of the Centenary Church in this city, and now of Guelph. We extend to his friends our sincere sympathy.—*Hamilton Times.*

HE WANTED A DRINK.—As the 2.10 train came in to this city yesterday afternoon, a man on the way to Stratford feeling awfully dry—there being nothing but water and pea-nuts on board the train—got off and made rapid strides across to John Haugh's, of the "City," but he hadn't been gone long—just long enough to get his drink and get half-way back again—when the whistle sounded and the train was off, and with a look of dispair he stood in the middle of the road shouting at the train, saying to bystanders, "The guard told me 'twas all right, and I thought I'd just go over." The worst of all was, his valise was in the passenger coach, and his trunk was in the baggage car, but neither were addressed, and how on earth that valise and trunk was going to get off at Stratford, and wait for him he couldn't tell, and that gave him the most trouble. He did ask how far it was to Stratford, and being told it was about forty miles, very tenderly remarked "that the train would get there before him, and that the Grand Trunk had got the start of him for once." He seemed to cheer up a little when told that the telegraph operator or the station-master might do something for him, so off he started to the station to see these officials and make arrangements for stopping his valise and trunk at Stratford until he arrived. The 5.52 o'clock express took him to his destination, and if he ever gets off a railway train again his mind may revert to his experience in Guelph, and the time he lost in getting a drink.

The judgment in the case of Dobie vs. Temporalities Fund of the Church of Scotland was heard with much satisfaction by the retired Union Presbyterian Church ministers whose funds have been thus locked up. It is learned, however, that Dobie, the petitioner, has taken an appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench to carry the case to the Privy Council.

Model School Examinations.

The examination of the candidates attending the Harriston and Mount Forest Model Schools, during the last session of this year, was held at Harriston and Mount Forest on Thursday and Friday the 18th and 19th inst. Mr. G. A. Somerville, Inspector of South Wellington, presided at Mount Forest, and the Rev. Robert Torrance, Inspector, of Guelph, conducted the examination at Harriston.

The subjects of the written examination were writing 75 marks, education 100, reading 100, Hygiene 50, and school law 50. The examination of the answer papers took place on Friday by the members of the Board.

There are 200 marks assigned to aptitude to teach and govern a school by the Department. The headmasters of the Model School classify the teachers in training according to their progress in conducting the classes placed in their charge during the session, and they also fix upon the number of marks for each candidate in this subject. They were classified by the headmaster at Harriston as follows:—

Class I.—(The highest) Geo. Wait 185, Emma Hutcheson 193, Charles Clarke 181, Wm. Robertson 181.

Class II.—Joseph Delahunt 136, Minnie Hunt 173, Lizzie Robertson 172, Donalda Black 184, James Carroll 171, Wm. Arnold, 170, Sarah Thompson 165.

Class III.—Wm. Bryans 135, Jas. Wiseman 144, Tina Allen 150, Chas. McKinlay 146.

Class IV.—James Smith 121, Edwin McCullough 151.

Class V.—Telfer Ironside 144, Robert Bonnar 124, Alfred Craig 140.

Class VI.—Annie Thompson 137, Mary Crawford 126, James Rea 112.

C. F. MING, Headmaster.

The teachers in training were placed in the following classes by the headmaster at Mount Forest:—

Class I.—Highest—Eremina Bailey 180.

Class II.—Alex. Butchard 149, Mark Dunning 147.

Class III.—George Hill 145, Alice Myers 160, Barbara Rodger 145, Nellie Reynolds 150, Maggie Reid 145, Rachael Dryden 150.

Class IV.—G. C. M. Boothe 143, Owen Mellon 140, James D. Edgar 133.

Class V.—Enos J. Norrish 120, W. W. Ireland 125, Levi Allen, 140, John Cameron 124, Alex. McLean 128, Thomas H. Lamont 133.

Class VI.—Geo. Collins 115, John McDougall 114, Thomas Black 115, Christina Astell 122, Annie Maxwell 111.

No. 22 in my opinion will not be successful as a teacher.

SAMUEL B. WESTERULT, Principal.

By combining the marks given for aptitude to teach with those gained at the written examination, the students may be classified in the following order of merit:

Wm. Robertson 526, Emma Hutcheson 517, George N. Wait 514, Donalda Black 500, Elminia Bailey 507, James Carroll 491, Alice Meyers 486, Nellie Reynolds 483, Alex. Butchard 482, Lizzie Robertson 475, Rachel Dryden 466, Wm. Bryans 465, Charles Clarke 465, Minna Hunt 463, Wm Arnold 461, Sarah B. Thompson 454, James Smith 451, Edwin McCullough 451, Tina Allen 444, Levi Allen 442, Enos J. Norish 437, Alfred E. Craig 435, W. Telfer Ironside 434, Barbara Rodger 433, Joseph Delahunt 432, John M Cameron 429, Robert A. Bonnar 428, Geo. C. M. Boothe 424, Chas. McKinlay 419. Annie Thompson 419, Christina Astell 418, Mary Crawford 417, Mark Dunning 417, Owen Mellon 417, James Wiseman 416, Maggie Reid 413, George Hill 412, Geo. C. Collins 405, W. W. Ireland 404, Annie Maxwell 396, John McDougall 395, Thos. H. Lamont 395, James Rea 387, Alex. R. McLean 386, Thos. Black 380, James D. Edgar 377.

DAVID P. CLAPP, B. A.,
Presiding Inspector.

Harriston, 30th Dec., 1879.

A Notorious Impostor.

More of the History of William Armstrong.

The following is from the Galt *Reporter*:—"On Friday evening last, there arrived in Galt, footsore and weary, a young man named at that particular time of day, Walter Adams. He claimed to have travelled from Moncton, N. B., where he had been working in the Intercolonial Railway shops, and on the strength of possessing one of the Oddfellows' signs was taken by some of the members of that Order in Galt, to Eby's hotel and given supper, bed and breakfast. In the meantime a telegram had been sent to the Lodge in Moncton asking if this Adams was a member, but of course no answer could be got that night. In the morning, having partaken of breakfast, the weary young man wended his way to the telegraph office, and finding a telegram had been sent to Moncton, concluded to drop the Oddfellow dodge and try something fresh; in accordance with this resolution he went to a foundry on Water street, and having struck a tender hearted Englishman, told a woeful tale of having had nothing to console his appetite for two days; of having walked untold miles hungry and tired; that he had only been eight months out from the Old Country, and had never asked charity of any one before, and so forth and so on. The sympathetic Englishman sent him to his home for dinner and gave him 50 cents to help him on the road to the Royal city. After dinner, the good wife having enquired as to the state of his finances and being told that he had not received a cent from any one in charity in his life, handed him a quarter. The *denouement* came when a member of the Oddfellows' Lodge showed to the Englishman the telegram he had received from Moncton to the effect that no such person was known there, and gave a description of the individual who had been known as Walter Adams at night and Walter Hatton in the morning. We would warn members of the order as well as others to look out for him. He is rather a slightly built man with dark moustache and whiskers, and has an English accent to his speech, for it has been found out that he is a dead-beat of the first water."

The young man here referred to as Walter Adams, Chief McMillan is convinced, is William Armstrong, who was arrested here on Wednesday for stealing tools from different factories in the city. The prisoner will be brought up for trial on Monday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Its Observance in Guelph.

The bright and genial weather which ushered in the New Year was all that the most fastidious could have desired. Very few events worthy of note transpired, the day passing quietly, almost without incident. Of course New Year's callers made it their business to visit their old acquaintances and to find new friends, but calls were not so common as in former years.

The midnight services to usher in the New Year, at St. George's Church, was very numerously attended, quite a large congregation being present. The proceedings commenced by the choir singing the appropriate hymn "A few more years shall roll," then followed an address from Canon Dixon, taking as his theme "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, to-day and forever." He dwelt on the great consolation to be derived from this passage, while all things earthly were liable to change and decay, illustrating this point by referring to the varied events of the passing year. This was followed by an appropriate prayer, and then the beautiful hymn, "Days and moments swiftly flying," was sung most effectively by the choir. The New Year having now commenced a few moments were devoted to silent prayer. Then all rose and a grand "Te Deum" (Vaughan's) was sung with much force and correctness. This was followed by another address on the duties of the new year, and the Canon urged upon all to take as the title of the new volume life just opened, "To do the will of God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Take it as your motto he urged, this year and all years. Then a fervent prayer was offered up for guidance, consolation and support, during the year, and the hymn "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," was sung, a great many of the congregation joining.

There was in conclusion, an administration of the Holy Communion, a very large proportion of those present remaining for it, and the Rev. C. R. Lee of Acton, assisted the Canon in this service. Altogether, these services were of a most solemn and impressive character, and were felt by all present to be a most appropriate manner of commencing a new epoch of time.

At the Dublin street and Norfolk street Methodist churches, watch services were held, at the former, the congregation being addressed by Rev. Mr. Maxwell and some members of the congregation. At the latter, the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams. There was a good attendance at both churches and the services were very impressive.

In the forenoon short services were held in Chalmers' and Knox Churches. Rev. Dr. Wardrope addressed those present at the former church, and Rev. Mr. Ball those present at Knox Church.

At the Church of Our Lady mass was celebrated at 7:30, a. m., high masss at 10:30 a.m., and vespers in the evening. At high mass Rev. Father Hamel preached.

The rink was largely patronized, the ice being covered with skaters from early in the forenoon till late at night. The ice was in good condition during the early part of the day, but towards evening it became rough and soft. Nevertheless the skaters seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, and appearances suggest that the interest in skating will be at as high a pitch this winter as it has been during the past two or three seasons.

Friendly games of curling were played between picked sides at the rink, and it did not look as though the interest in this game was on the decrease.

The sleighing was excellent and large numbers spent the day driving. The Dundas and Hamilton stage upset while on Neeve street, dumping the occupants, two ladies, on the road. Though shaken somewhat they sustained no material injury. This was the only sleighing accident which occurred in the city.

Credit Valley Railway.

Now that this railway is nearly completed it will not be out of place to give the following particulars respecting the financial arrangements by the aid of which was constructed.

This railway has been heavily bonused by the municipalities along its route, one town granting to it as a free gift a sum equivalent to one-fifth of its entire assessment. The city of Toronto, recognizing the importance of the scheme, and feeling satisfied that it would receive additional business enough from the line to compensate it for the outlay, voted the large sum of $350,000. The following is a list of municipalities which granted bonuses, with the amount given by each:—

Oxford county	$200 000
Wellington county	135 000
Section of Waterloo	110 000
" Halton	70 000
" Peel	75 000
City of Toronto	350 000
Town of Milton	30 000
" Brampton	20 000
" Ingersoll	10 000
" Orangeville	15 000
" Streetsville	20 000
Total	$1,035 000

In addition to bonuses, the towns of Ingersoll and the villages of Elora and Fergus agreed to exchange their municipal debentures for the bonds of the Company—the first named to the extent of $50,000, and the two latter to the extent of $15,000 each. The Ontario Government recognized the importance of the railway to the Province by granting a subsidy of $3,000 per mile over its entire length. The bonds of the Company are limited to $12,000 per mile, which is a small indebtedness, and constitutes the only lien on the railway. The average cost of the line to the present time, exclusive of rolling stock, has been $20,000 per mile.

The full text of the letter, dated Dec. 11, from the Irish Catholic clergy of Montreal to the Committee of the Irish Societies anent the proposal to collect funds for the relief of the distressed people of Ireland, is published. It points out that in Ireland itself, where the nature and extent of the want must be well and correctly known, no general movement has so far taken place to draw help from the more favoured portions of the country. The clergy think, therefore, that the proposal to collect funds in Montreal for the relief of certain portions of Ireland is premature.