Cuelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVEN'G, DEC. 8, 1873.

Mr. McLagan's Address. We like the straightforward, honest and independent tone of Mr. Mo-Lagan's address to the electors, which appears in our columns. Although with only a limited expe rience in Council matters, as com pared with that of some at the Council Board, he has in the short time he has sat there made himself thoroughly acquinted with all ques tions which came up for discussion and manifested a most commendable interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the town.

There are many questions which a candidate cannot express an opinion upon until they come before the Council for consideration. But one matter of importance Mr. McLagan refers to, which deserves attention and urgently requires to be changed We mean the mode in which the work on our roads and streets is annually done. We are satisfied that more and better work for far less money could be done if a different system was followed, and we have to thank Mr. McLagan for bringing the matte again under the attention of the ratepayers.

We feel assured that Mr. McLagar will endeavor faithfully and conscientiously to do his duty should he be elected as one of the Deputy Reeves. We can honestly recommend him to the electors as a "fit and proper person" and we have no doubt he will be triumphantly returned

Ontario Parliament.

The Legislature of this Province has been called together for despatch of business on the 7th of January. The Gazette announces that the Hon. Christopher Finley Fraser is appointed Secretary and Registrar of Ontario, and that Hon. Timothy Blair bune Pardee, having resigned the office of An Ottawa correspondent says :--Secretary and Registrar, is appointed Mr. Letellier has extended his eas-Commissioner of Crown Lands in tern trip to Riviere Ouelle, and will place of the Hon. Richard William return to the capital on Tuesday Scott, resigned.

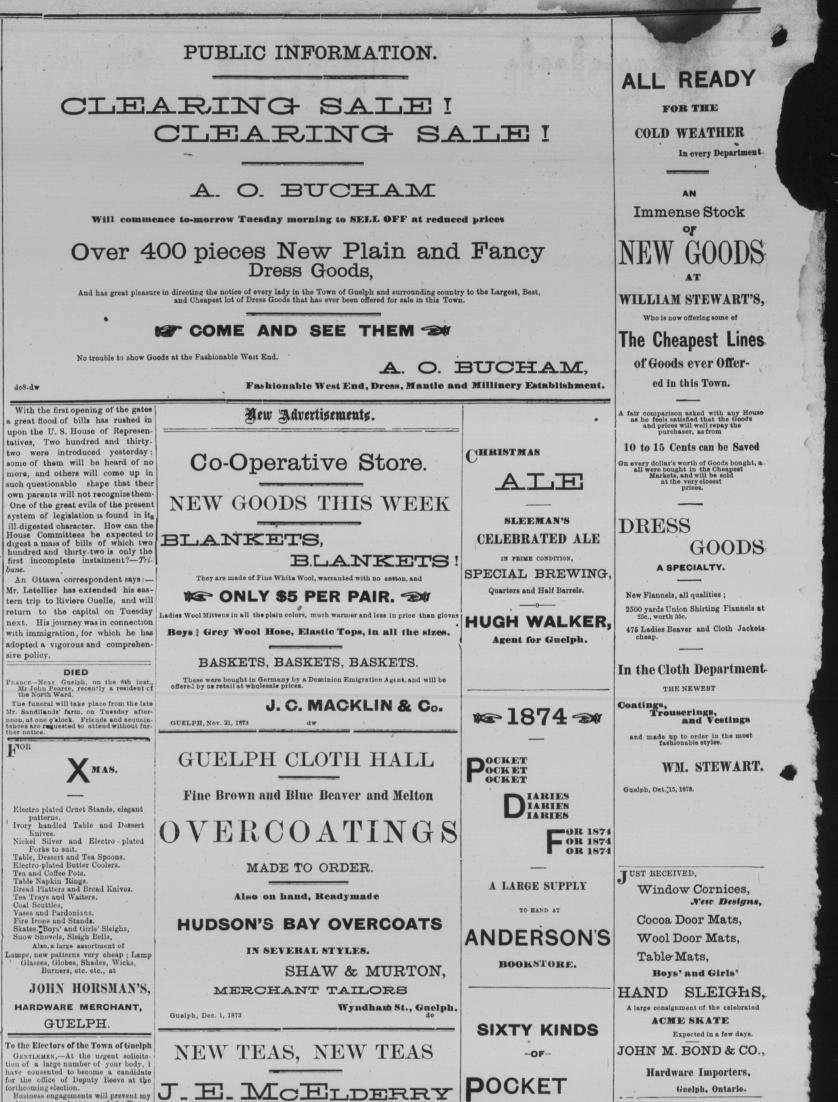
South Simcoe.

Mr. T. Saunders, of Hamilton, has been unanimously selected as the Reform candidate for South Simcoe The choice was made at a meeting in Cookstown on Friday, which was nu merously and influentially represent.

ed. The Hamilton Times says :-Mr Saunders is well and favorably known in this Riding, and we can as FOR sure the electors that in that gentle. man they will find a most capable and faithful representative. Of his success in the contest there is no doubt-that is, if there be a contest at all, for the Tories there are in such poor trim for a battle that we shall not be surprised if they allow Mr. Saunders to be elected by acclamation.' Apart from the general breaking up of the Tory party that has followed the condemnation of their leader, the Tories in South Simcoe are split up into a half a score or more of factions. In his eager greed to be shelved in office, Mr Thomas Ferguson has left about a score of good Tories behind him to squabble for the nomination in the Tory inter-

for the nomination in the Tory inter-ost. The South Simcoe News pub-lishes the following list of U. Prog. aspirants for the vacant seat:— Dr. Armstrong, Rosemont: Dr Nor-ris, Cookston; Dr. Madill, Alliston; Dr. Morton, Bradford; - Sedgeworth, Keenansville; D. McCarthy, Barrie; D'Arcy Boulton, Toronto; T Atkins, West Gwillimburry; Messrs. John Boddy, Wilson Stoddart, H. W. Man-ning and M Scanion, Bradford; ex-rev. McKee, Lefroy, and six or seven others. others.

The Intercolonial Commissioners meet in Ottawa on Tuesday. The



Globe's correspondent says it is un-derstood to be Mr. Brydges' inten-tion to resign his seat at the Board, consequent upon the magnitude and the pressing nature of his engage-ments as Managing Director of the Grand Trunk. This is an exceed-ingly sensible step on the part of Mr. Brydges. It is a pity, however, that the "magnitude and pressing of the sense of the

nature" of the managerial work of eleven hundred miles of railway did not occur to him before. We have

not heard that the Grand Trunk has increased in length since the Reform Government came into power!

The contest in Toronto goes on in a lively manner. Frequent meetings was held by each side, and canvassing is active. Both Mr. Moss and Mr. Bickford are strong candidates. One has talents and position. and the other has plenty of money The Tories are working hard to avoid the ridicule which they would incur

if Bickford were to get badly Lennoxed.

It is announced, we see, that a meeting of the North Wellington Conservative Association takes place at Clarke's Hotel, Arthur, on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at one o'clock

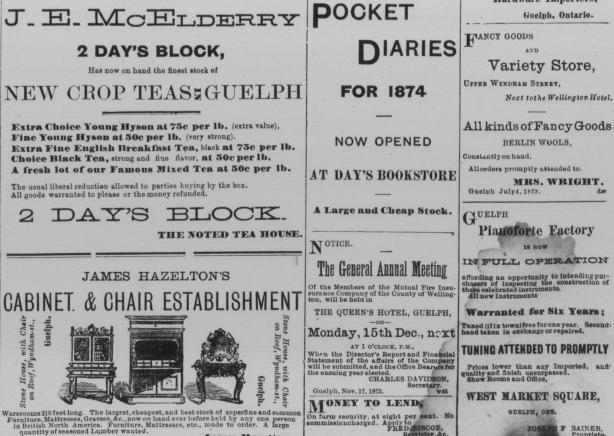
The recent death of two Lower Canada Senators is announced-Hon. C. Blake, aged 72, and Hon. James · Leslie, who was over eighty.

The Premier, Minister of Justic and Postmaster-General have rented residence in Ottawa.

Council Board my constant endeavour has been to discharge the duties devolv-ing on me honestly and conscientiously, having the interests of my constituents and the welfare of the Town generally in view-irrespective of party or any other consideration. As the town grows (and it is a matter of congratulation to us all that its pro-gress has been healthy and steady) the receipts and disbursements must neces-sarily correspond. Improvements in our streets have to be made, new ones have to be opened and put in a proper state for yaffic. The present mode of expen-diture on our streets has been found extremely unsatisfactory. The amount of work done for sume annually appro-priated is far below what it should be, thus entailing direct loss to each rate-payer. I shall use my best efforts to perfect a better scheme whereby you will get greater value for your money, both-as regards quantity and quality. Should you deem me worthy of con-tinued confidence and support, and elect me to the office for which Taspire, depend on my best efforts being directed at both Boards to enforce ecomy and retrench-ment, so far as it may be found compat-ible with the interests of the Town and County, and keeping taxation at the lowest possible rate. The interests of the *bohole community*, so faras I am able to indee, will receive my best support. I have, therefore, to ask thoses who may favor my election, on the grounds I have already stated, to use their best efforts on my behalf; for all of which I shall feel grateful. I am, gentlemen, Yours faithfully,

I am, gentlemen, Yours faithfully, J. C. McLAGAN. Guelph, Dec. 6th. 1873.

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James Hazelton, April 4'78.-dwtf.

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