Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EV'G, DEC. 24, 1874.

North Wellington.

We give elsewhere the report of the proceedings of the Reform Convention at Harriston, which nominated Mr. Robert McKim as the candidate of the party at the forthcoming election. From the first the feeling was strongly in favour of Mr McKim, who was regarded as the strongest and most available candidate, and who from his past services as a faithful representative of the Riding, had a strong claim on the electors. We are heartily glad that the Convention came to this decision. During the seven years that Mr. McKim represented this Riding he was a most active and valuable member, and to our knowledge made many sacrifices of his time and means in the discharge of his duty, and in order to further the interests of his constituents. So attached were they to him that not a few blamed him for resigning his position as member, and accepting the nomination as a candidate for the Dominion Parliament in the Centre Riding. But we must remember that, in a sense, he was urged to accept that nomination against his will, and that it was made and announced throughout the Riding before he was aware of it. Under the circumstances he left himself in the hands of his friends, willing to do whatever was best for the party. We think, therefore, that he should receive all credit for his patriotic spirit, and that now, when he is free once more to accept the nomination from his friends in the North Riding, they should rally round him as one man, determined to put him in his old position.

By the Redistribution Act, Amaranth and Luther have been taken from this Riding, which leaves the Reform element stronger than under the old arrangement. Still, Reformers must not rest on their oars, and say that all is now safe. Palmerston, recently incorporated, will form part of the Riding, and the Wallace lambs in that section are not all dead yet. It behoves our friends, therefore, to give instant and vigorous aid to Mr. McKim, to perfect the Reform organizations in all the municipalities, and to enter on the canvass with spirit and determination. We all know that Mr. McKim will do his share, and more than his share, of the work. But co-operation can do a great deal also. We feel assured that he will have this, and that every Reformer will do his part as though he was working for himself.

Communication.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir:—The statement in the *Mail* of to-day, saying that I am opposed to Hon. P. Gow in the coming Elections for the Legislative Assembly, is entirely without foundation.

I remain, yours &c.,
GEORGE HOOD.

Dec. 24th 1874.

That Envious Old Neighbour Again!

To the Editor of the Mercury.

DEAR SIR,—I take the liberty of again trespassing on your space. On this occasion I rise to defend my own character, as "Old Neighbor" has chosen to call in question the truth of my assertions in reference to the general success of Mr. J. Stirton as a farmer.

Now, sir, as I make no pretension whatever as a critic or censor, nor yet to the learning and courtesy of "Old Neighbor," I am forced, reluctantly, to pass over a large portion of his letter, as his reasoning is too profound for a simple-minded individual to comprehend; but confine myself to the charges of untruthfulness contained therein, and which I am anxious to refute. I said before, most of Mr. Stirton's business transactions were satisfactory. Will "Old Neighbor" point out one single instance, which he can record as a failure?

"Old Neighbor" exhibits a sad deficiency some place, and which the "best teachers cannot supply," in expecting success in every instance. Should every speculation prove successful in farming and mercantile life, people would soon become rich. Profit and loss would no longer be taught in the Academies, as the necessity for that sheet would, in our book-keeping, cease to exist.

In conclusion, I may state I am still prepared to substantiate my first statement, but not till a more important end is to be attained than merely gratifying the meddlesome curiosity of a prejudiced "Old Neighbor."

Thanking you for your forbearance thus far.

I am, Mr. Editor,
Yours Truly,
VERITAS.

Puslinch, Dec. 23.

Liquor at Auction Sales.

To the Editor of the Mercury,

SIR,—Allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to make a few remarks, in reference to the use of intoxicating liquor at auction sales of farm stock, &c. On Monday, the 7th inst., I attended one of these sales, at which a well-known Guelph gentleman officiated as auctioneer, and was very much pleased with the way in which things were conducted, it being the only sale I ever attended where there was no liquor of any kind; and at the same time every thing that was sold went for the very highest value.

Now, sir, I think a man who calls a sale, and carries it through in that manner deserves great credit for the example shown, for there are many who think that a sale cannot be carried on successfully without continually passing around the whiskey bottle until the buyers become intoxicated, and as a general thing, as far as I know, one-third of the people who attend these sales go for the express purpose of getting a few horns of this accursed poison; but in that farm house, hanging upon the wall, incased in a neat frame, was what I took to be a form of the Sons of Temperance pledge, which told the story, "No liquor here now."

Now, as the country is being agitated by the liquor question, would it not be well if farmers who intend selling off their stock by auction would try this—"No liquor system." The idea that a man will not give as much for anything he wants to buy when he is sober as he will when he is drunk is to say the least, preposterous.

Thanking you for the space accorded me,

I am, &c.,
ABSTAINER.

Don't fail to make an inspection of the large stock of revovers and breech-loading guns at McBean's Hardware Store.

THE RIVALS.

A king of a most royal line
Stood at his gates, as History saith;
He stretched his hand, he made the sign
To put a captive there to death.

As those who can no further fly
Turn sharp and grasp the deadly swords,
So the poor wretch about to die
Abused the king with bitter words.

"What does he say?" the king began,
To whom his jargon was unknown.
His Vizier, a kind-hearted man,
Who knew that language like his own,

Answered him: "'Oh, my lord!' he cries,
'Who stay their hasty hands from blood—
God made for such men Paradise:
He loves, He will defend the good.'"

The king's great heart was touched at this
"The captive's blood shall not be shed."
Then—for a serpent needs must hiss—
A rival of the Vizier said:

"It is not decorous that we
Whose blood comes down from noble springs
No matter what the end may be,
We should speak truth before our kings."

"The man who kneels respited here
Abused our gracious, clement lord:
There was no blessing, O Vizier—
There was a curse in every word!"

Sternly to him the king: "I see;
You speak the truth, no doubt; but still
His falsehood better pleaseth me,
For he means good, and you mean ill."

"If I should punish, as I might
(Be thankful that I am not just),
Your head, when I commanded '*Smite!*'
Would roll before me in the dust?"

—R. H. STODDARD, in *Harper's Magazine for January.*

SOUTH GREY.—At a Reform Convention held at Durham on Wednesday Mr. J. H. Hunter was nominated as the Reform Candidate for South Grey.

AT a Reform meeting in Hamilton on Wednesday evening, Mr. J. M. Williams, M.P.P., was nominated as the Reform candidate for that city at the coming election.

NORTH VICTORIA.—Mr. Maclennan was elected for this Riding on Wednesday by a majority of three.

Mr. John McLeod has been renominated Ministerial candidate for West Durham.

If you want to keep your money then don't go to Day's Bookstore, for Day has such a splendid stock and his prices so low that away goes your money. Nice, tempting goods for a mere song at Day's Book Store.

A line of stages has commenced running between Wingham and Wroxeter, connecting with the trains at the Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway.

Robert Bonner, of New York, has added another trotter to his list of fast horses. The three year old filly which he has just purchased only cost him $25,000.

Burlington Bay is entirely frozen over.

Call and see the handsome Christmas presents in electro plated ware at McBean's Hardware Store.

One day last week a young man named Archibald McBride, living near Port Elgin, was out with his team, and one of the horses having kicked over the traces, he went to put it back, when the animal kicked him on the face and so injured him as to leave but little hope of recovery.

CROUP.—This disease is caused by the formation of a false membrane lining the wind-pipe, and obstructing the passage of the air, and is known by the shrill, croup-sounding cough and rattling in the throat. This membrane must be removed by expectoration. Take a double dose of the BALSAM every ten or fifteen minutes, which will reduce it, after taking a few doses. The BALSAM will and has saved the lives of thousands of children attacked with Croup, where it has been taken in season.

MARRIED.

TAYLOR—PARKER—By the Rev. I.B. Howard, on the 23rd inst., Philip Taylor, of Guelph, to Miss Sarah Parker, of the same place.

CRAWFORD—BLAIR—At Guelph, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Dr. Hogg, Mr. Edward Crawford, farmer, Guelph, to Miss Katie Blair, of Garafraxa.

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, Call Bells.
Tea Trays and Waiters.
Coal Scuttles.
Vases and Pardonians.
Fire Irons and Stands.
Skates, Sleighs for Boys and Girls.
Snow Shovels, 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.

TENDERS WANTED.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on

Thursday, the 31st December,

For the following supplies for the year 1875, for the

Ontario School of Agriculture,

—VIZ—

Butchers' Meat,
Prime Mess Pork, Hams and Bacon,
General Groceries,
Common Hardware,
Coal,

To be delivered in accordance with Specifications to be furnished. Each person tendering must be prepared to give two good and sufficient sureties for the fulfilment of the contract.

Forms of specification and tender may be obtained on application to the undersigned, to whom all tenders will be addressed.

W. JOHNSTON,
Rector O. S. A.

O.S.A., Dec. 22nd, 1874 d3t

TO THE ELECTORS OF

The East Ward.

GENTLEMEN—

I again ask your support for Councillor for the East Ward. My position in the Mutual Insurance Company prevents my personally waiting on you at this season.

If elected I will act in the future as in the past.

Will do my part to reduce taxation — consistent with the interests of the town.

On nomination day I will have an opportunity of more fully explaining my views.

Yours, etc.
CHARLES DAVIDSON.

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1874. d

CHRISTMAS

—AT—

The FASHIONABLE WEST END!

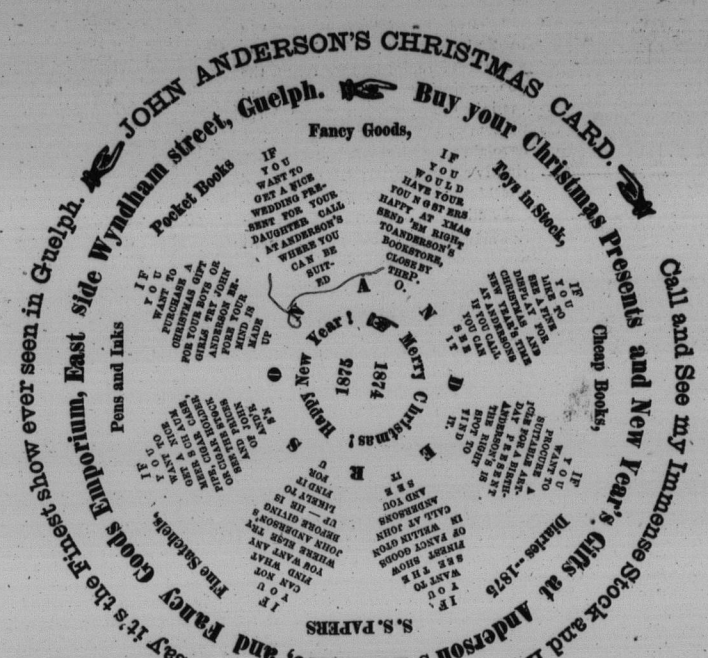
We are showing all this week the following goods suitable for Christmas Presents at Reduced Prices:

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Furs, at REDUCED PRICES.
Fancy Woollen Goods, at REDUCED PRICES.
Ladies' Ties and Rufflings, at REDUCED PRICES.
Linen Setts and New Styles in Cuffs and Collars, at REDUCED PRICES.
25 dozen Kids, usual price 75 cents, REDUCED to 50 cents.
25 dozen Kids, usual price $1, REDUCED to 75 cents.
Our entire Stock of Trimmed Millinery, at REDUCED PRICES.

Will open to-morrow morning six cases New Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas Presents, all of which will be rushed off this week at astonishing prices.

☞ Come direct to the Fashionable West End.

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



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Is now Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices, Dress Goods, Millinery, Shawls and Mantles; Blankets, Sheetings, Counterpanes and Furs

AT AN IMMENSE REDUCTION.

WILLIAM STEWART.

SANTA CLAUS'
HEADQUARTERS.

At MRS. WRIGHT'S
DOMINION STORE
Will be found a large assortment of

TOYS, DOLLS,

and other goods, suitable for holidays, which will be sold very cheap.

Wools and all kinds of Fancy Goods constantly on hand.

Stamping done on the shortest notice.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between the undersigned, as Chemists and Druggists, under the name and style of Herod & Co., was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 14th November last. All parties indebted to the late firm are to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the new firm of Herod & Co.

Guelph, 4th December, 1874.

Signed, GEORGE S. HEROD. E. HARVEY.
Witness DON. GUTHRIE. JOHN A HOGG.
Witness to E. Harvey.

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have entered into partnership, as Chemists and Druggists, at Guelph, under the name of Herod & Co.

The business will be continued in the same premises, corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets. Creditors of the late firm are requested to present their accounts to the undersigned for adjustment, and all persons indebted to the late firm, are requested to make payment to us.

Guelph, 4th December, 1874.

Signed. GEORGE S. HEROD. JOHN S. MOORE.
Witness—DON. GUTHRIE. dc23d6t

CRAWFORD'S Jewellery Stock is SELLING OFF QUICK. Parties wishing Watches, Clocks, or Jewellery, will save money by calling at his Store, next the Post Office.

BERKSHIRE BOAR JOHN A.

The subscriber begs to notify the breeders of swine that he has purchased the above boar, imported from England by George Roach, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve sows this season. Terms, $4, cash. Pedigree—John A. was sired by Sampson, out of Swindund, by 2nd Duke of Gloucester, dam Niper, out of Bobtail, by Tim Whiffler.

JOHN BUNYAN,
Macdonnell Street Guelph, Proprietor.
Oct. 28, 1874. dwemo

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

After seven years of close attention to business, have succeeded in placing the now well-known TEA DEPOT at the head of the list of first class Grocery Stores, in the Town of Guelph, and as they are determined to keep ahead of all others, are now showing the largest and best chosen stock of

Teas and General Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Crockery, China and Glassware, ever before exhibited in any one Store in Canada. For the Holiday Trade, they have in stock:

FRUITS

Valencia Raisins. Seedless Raisins. Sultana Raisins. Layer Raisins. Lemon Peel. Orange Peel. Citron Peel. Prunes. Soft Shell Almonds. Filberts. Good Walnuts. Brazil Nuts. Fine Turkey Figs in 2 lb boxes. Malaga Figs, 10c per lb. Broken Loaf Sugar. Good Bright Sugar, 11 lbs for $1.

WINES AND LIQUORS

The best Native wine, Pure Claret Wine, at $1.50 per gallon. Choice Alicante Wine, recommended by all physicians, at $2 per gallon. Good and Pure Port Wine, at $2 per gallon. Pure Port Wine, best quality, at $4 per gallon. A fine Light Port wine at $2 per gallon. Pure Port Wine, and Sherry, for hotel purposes, at $1.50. A very Extra Table Sherry Wine, at $2 per gallon.

We give everybody a general invitation to call at our EXTENSIVE TEA DEPOT. If you live in the country, we will pack your goods carefully in boxes; if you live in the neighboring towns, we will send your goods to the stations. Whenever you come to Guelph, be sure to call at the GUELPH TEA DEPOT.

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Best Young Hyson Dollar Tea, at 80cts per lb by the caddy.
80c Young Hyson Tea for 70c by the caddy
The 70c Tea for 60c by the caddy.
The 60c Green Tea for 50c by the caddy.
A very fair Green Tea 40c per lb.
The best Japan Tea imported, at 75c per lb.
A nice sweet Japan Tea, at 60c per lb.
A good Japan Tea, at 50c per lb.
The best Black Tea (very strong), at 80c per lb.
Fine Flavor Black Tea, 75c per lb.
A Good Black Tea, at 60c per lb.
A fair Black Tea, at 40c and 50c per lb.

E. O'DONNELL & CO
IMPORTERS.

GUELPH, December, 1874.

BOOTS AND SHOES

R. MACGREGOR & CO.

Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.

Mens' Dutch Boots and Shoes and Slippers,

The Warmest Covering for the Feet yet out.

Ladies', Misses and Children's Felt Slippers, with felt soles, very comfortable—something new.

Mens' Bismarck's or Shanty Boots, different kinds—some extra good.

Overshoes and Rubbers of all kinds in abundance.

CUSTOM DEPARTMENT

All work made to order in latest styles, of best material and workmanship.

We keep the largest stock and best goods in our line in Guelph. Prices very reasonable.

R. MacGregor & Co.
Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.
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GUELPH, Dec. 21, 1874.

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WM. NOBLE,
Opposite the Market, Guelph
NEXT TO HAT STORE.

Great Bargains for One Month!

Bound to Reduce His Stock

I am also prepared to make all ordered work, in the neatest style and of the best material, no misfits. 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.

WM. NOBLE.
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1874. d6wtf

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At John A. Wood's.

FINEST LAYER TABLE RAISINS,
LOOSE MUSCATEL do
NEW SEEDLESS do
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I offer the above Goods of better quality, and at lower prices than can be had at any other store in Guelph.

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FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,

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JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENT,

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Guelph, Dec. 9, 1874 dwtodc3

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Books, and all kinds of Fine Fancy Goods, at your own prices, at Day's Bookstore.

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SELLING OFF

HIS WHOLE STOCK OF

WATCHES, CLOCKS,

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At such prices as will cause an entire clearance.

Look out for Bargains

For Christmas and New Year's Presents.

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Guelph, Oct. 22, 1874. dwtf