

The Reason Why.

The reason why the magnificent Retail Grocery Establishments in the Alma Block and on Lower Wyndham Street, belonging to John A. Wood, are so very popular with the intelligent public:— Because the Goods are all of the best quality.

Because the Prices are invariably the lowest.

Because the Clerks are courteous and obliging.

Because the Stock is the largest to select from.

Because the goods are always clean.

Because the Weights and Measures are always correct.

Because, in fact, the proprietor understands his business, desires to please his customers, makes good use of his capital, and buys for cash in the best markets, and always deals liberally with those who honor his stores with their custom.

These and many other weighty reasons have contributed very largely to make the name of John A. Wood, as connected with the Grocery trade of Guelph, so well known, and his stores so very popular.

Guelph Evening Mercury

TURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 27, 1873

The Rejection of the By-law.

"Impolitic and illegal action of the majority." This is the text for a lengthy article in *The Fergus News-Record* of Thursday, upon the action of the Wellington County Council in refusing to submit the amended Credit Valley Bonus By-law to another vote of the grouped municipalities. The people of the South Riding, but more especially of the town and township of Guelph, are treated to another instalment of the scolding which the Fergus and Elora papers have been bestowing liberally upon them of late. They are told once more that they are a heartless, selfish set, caring nothing for the welfare of their northern neighbours; and the writer on to charge the representative of the town and township of Guelph with the sole blame of rejecting the by-law. This is a gross inaccuracy, which we cannot allow to pass without correction. An examination of the division list will expose it at once:—

AGAINST THE BY-LAW.—Messrs. Berry, Erin; Broadfoot, Nichol; Brohman & Roberts, Pilkington; Chadwick, Howard, Massie, Guelph (town); Darby, Laidlaw, Guelph (township); Dunfield, Rea, Erasmus; Flahiff, Arthur; Gibson, Mitchell, W. Garraux; Hamilton T., Henderson, E. Garraux; Kilgour, Mount Forest.

FOR THE BY-LAW.—Messrs. Dawson, Luther; Golden, Amaranth; Hamilton H., Elora; Hanson, Luther; Michie, Fergus; Prain, Minto; McManus, McGowan, Sutherland, Peel; McMillan, Erin; Nicol, Puslinch; Ogden, Robb, Maryboro; Stevenson, Arthur.

This division list will show clearly the absurdity of the cry raised against Guelph. It will be seen that there voted for the by-law, in addition to the five much-berated Guelph men, eight representatives from the townships directly affected by the by-law—or enough to have swamped entirely the Guelph and Eramosa vote put together! And besides this, the Reeves of Harrison and Orangeville did not consider the matter pressing enough to require a journey to Guelph. Gentlemen from these railway-seeking townships cry out about being persecuted by Guelph; but they are divided amongst themselves on this question; and if a large number of their own people oppose this by-law, they cannot reasonably complain of Guelph men following the same course, in the exercise of their own judgment as to what are the true interests of the county. Had the grouped municipalities been a unit upon the question there might have been some force in this outcry about Guelph opposition—but in that event they could have disregarded such opposition altogether.

The real reason for the rejection of the by-law is the uneasiness existing in the minds of many of the councillors as to the construction of the trustee clause. Upon this point there is a doubt which can only be set at rest by a judicial decision: the County Council by rejecting the by-law will enable such a judicial decision to be recorded. Proceedings will be taken against the Council to compel them to submit the by-law, and they will probably plead in defence that the by-law is defective on the clause in question. Should the Council be defeated, the by-law will then go the people; but the people will have the assurance that it is a perfectly sound and legal by-law, and they will be so far beholden to the County Council for having set the vexed point at rest. Should the Council be successful, their action will be entirely vindicated, and the people will have been prevented from voting away money which might after all have been devoted to the construction of a railway out of the county entirely. A by-law dealing with so large an amount of the hard-earned savings of our farmers should be like Caesar's wife—above suspicion; and that this by-law is open to much suspicion, is proved by the opinion of our County Solicitor, already published in *The Mercury*. True, it is attempted to set against this the opinion of Mr. Blake; but a moment's examination of Mr. Blake's opinion will show that it was given upon an *ex parte* statement from the Company. Mr. Blake was not asked to pronounce upon the trustee clause, but confined his statement to the general question of whether the by-law was such a one as the Council was bound to submit; and he expressly refers to the desirability of a judicial decision. Besides, Mr. Blake is retained on behalf of the Company; and those who lay so much stress upon this point are virtually asking the Council to act upon the advice of the Credit Valley Company's lawyer, and reject the advice of their own!

Upon the merits or demerits of the scheme itself it is not necessary for us to enter at this juncture. But it certainly appears to us that the County Council can make out a good case for postponing the submission of the by-law.

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

OPENING OF OUR MILLINERY & MANTLE SHOW ROOMS

To-day (Saturday) the 27th inst.

A. O. BUCHAM

Desires to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he will open his Mantle and Millinery Show Rooms

To-day—Saturday—at 10 a.m.,

AND WILL EXHIBIT A LARGE AND SELECT STOCK OF

NEW PATTERN HATS,
NEW MANTLES,

NEW PATTERN BONNETS,
NEW SHAWLS,

FURS AND FANCY WOOLEN GOODS.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

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Native Rubber.

(From the London Advertiser.)

We observed this morning at the Provincial Exhibition a mass of odd looking material, which Mr. Ellis was informing the numerous visitors is a sample of native rubber, manufactured from the common milk-weed, which grows abundantly in this country and from time immemorial has been recognized as a nuisance to the farmer. The substance as shown at the Exhibition is an unvulcanized state, attaches to the finger when touched and when drawn out flies back quickly, and indicates that it possesses all the elasticity of the South American rubber. Experiments have proven that the gums will bear vulcanizing, when it may be wrought into any of the many useful articles which vulcanized rubber is now made for. It is impossible to fully estimate its value, as many articles now made of wood and other materials in consequence of the high price of foreign rubber will shortly be made of the native material which, we learn, can be produced in quantity required at less than one-fifth the cost of the other, and is much more servicable than wood for many articles now made of that substance. The milk-weed, it has been discovered, when cultivated will yield more abundantly than when gathered wild, and a single acre may be made to produce from ten to fifteen tons of weeds, or on an average of from ten to twelve hundred pounds of gum. Foreign rubber is now sold in Canada, at from 50 to 90 cents per pound, which is considerably higher in comparison with what the native rubber may be made for, and yet leave a fair margin for the producers. It is said that the price will not exceed 15 cents per pound—a figure which must at once, as soon as it is placed upon the market, revolutionize the trade.

Some months ago Mr. D. Lamb, of Strathroy, discovered that by a chemical process he could prove to be a fact what had long been suspected, that the milk-weed would produce a material similar in every respect to the South American rubber. He laid the result of his experiments before Mr. M. Knowlton and Dr. McKenzie, of this city, who, recognizing the importance of the discovery, joined with him in obtaining letters patent in Canada, which have since been secured also in England and several European countries.

This is undoubtedly one of the greatest discoveries of the age, which ultimately will affect the entire globe. Rubber is a substance which is now in universal use, and in the course of time the foreign must give way to the Canadian article, which can be marketed at such an extraordinarily low figure, and, of course, Canada must reap untold benefit from the discovery. We hope the promoters will be able to get all the necessary apparatus ready to convert the next season's growth of weed into gum and that their success may be complete.

BIRTHS.

STICKNEY—In Pilkington, on the 25th ult. the wife of Mr. Thos. Stickney, of twin daughters.

PROMPT

PAYMENT.

In future I intend to render all my accounts quarterly. I am now making them out to the 1st of October, and shall expect immediate Payment.

JOHN HORSMAN,
GUELPH.

TOWN HALL.

Hamall's Serenaders
AND BRASS BAND.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Monday, Sept. 29th

18 First-class Artists!

Selected, collected, and combined for the present tour of Canada, comprising one of the strongest organizations on the road. Everything new and brilliant. Doors open at 7 o'clock, commence at 8. Cards of admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c.

HUGH HAMALL, Manager.
J. T. MORSE, Agent.
Guelph, Sept. 27, 1873. dw

New Advertisements.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

Our Stock is now fully assorted for the Fall and Winter Trade, comprising all the Newest and Most Stylish Goods in the Country.

SHAW & MURTON,
MERCHANT TAILORS

Guelph, Sept. 27, 1873

Wyndham St., Guelph.

JAMES CORMACK,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
No. 1, Wyndham Street,

Has now on hand a superior stock of

FRENCH SCOTCH ENGLISH
AND CANADIAN WOOLENS

Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS A SPECIALTY THIS SEASON.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS;

Also, a large and well assorted stock of

Ready-made Clothing at very low prices.

JAMES CORMACK,
No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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THE GOLDEN LION

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS!

Immense Importations! Immense Importations!

The Largest! Most Attractive! Most Fashionable! and the Cheapest Goods ever Imported by any one House in Canada!

The Golden Lion this season will have the most extraordinary Stock of Fancy and Staple Goods ever exhibited.

Over 560 Cases and Bales to Arrive; 340 Cases and Bales already received.

Containing Silks, Poplins, Fancy Dresses, French Merinos, Shawls, Mantles, Millinery, Furs, Prints, Flannels, Blankets, and an

Immense Stock of Household Furnishings

ALL TO BE ON EXHIBITION THIS WEEK.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873.

ROBERT CRAWFORD,

PRACTICAL

Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c. Hair Plait and Device Work. Clocks and Time pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Sept. 27, 1873.

NEW COAL YARD.

Hard and Soft Coal

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

OFFICE

DIARIES

ALL KINDS

FOR 1874

CHEAP AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

GUELPH

Pianoforte Factory

IS NOW

IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments. All new instruments

Warranted for Six Years;

Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any Imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed. Show Rooms and Office,

WEST MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. RAINER,
Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

OFFICE

DIARIES

FOR 1874

—AT—

ANDERSON'S

BOOKSTORE.

GO TO THE

RED MILL

Flour and Feed Store,

Opposite Alma Block,

WYNDHAM STREET,

—FOR—

FLOUR AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.

ROBERTSON BROS.,

Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873

MONEY TO LEND.

In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.
Guelph, Sept. 24, 1873. dw

DIRECT

IMPORTATIONS

AT

WILLIAM STEWART'S.

Invoices received of the following.

NEW FALL GOODS

WHICH WE WILL

Show in a Few Days

- 2 cases French Flowers,
- 1 case Feathers,
- 1 " Ladies New Felt Hats
- 1 " Lace Goods,
- 1 " Josephine Kid Gloves
- 1 " New Ribbons,
- 4 cases w Dress Goods,
- 1 case furs,
- 2 cases Gent's Hats,
- 2 " Braces, Collars & Shirts
- 2 " L. W Underclothing
- 2 " English & Sco. Tweeds
- 8 " Assorted Dry Goods

The above Goods have all been selected personally by Mr. Stewart, so will be found worthy of attention.

Don't buy until you see them

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Aug. 26, 1873.

GENUINE ENGLISH

BRUNSWICK BLACK

—FOR—

Blackening Stoves, Grates, Stove Pipes,

and all kinds of Iron work.

This composition is superior to any yet offered to the Public, possessing brilliancy and durability, and thoroughly protecting the articles.

For sale by

JOHN M. BOND & CO.,

Hardware Importers,

Guelph, Ontario.

THE
New Confectionery Store

The subscribers, in thanking the public for their patronage since they started business, beg to announce that they have constantly on hand a full assortment of

Confectionery

Which will be found equal to anything in Guelph.

Biscuits, Nuts and Cakes, of every description always on hand.

BRIDE CAKES MADE TO ORDER

Hot Coffee at all hours.

WARNER & SUTTON,
Wyndham Street, next door to Petrie's
Drug Store.
Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873

ARCADE OF MUSIC.

GUELPH

Intending Visitors to the Central Exhibition, don't go away without calling at our Establishment.

The Great Estey Cottage Organ,
Peloubet, Pelton & Co's. Organs
Simmons & Clough's Organs,

The Webster Sewing Machine

ARE ALL TO BE SEEN THERE.

These Instruments are conceded by all eminent artists and competent judges to be the best, and have taken the prize wherever they have been on Exhibition.

Warerooms:

Three doors from the Post Office, opposite the Wellington Hotel.

A. C. OSBORNE.

Guelph, Sept. 13, 1873