

An Important Vote.

On Friday the ratepayers of this Municipality will be expected to record their votes at the polling places of the several wards in which they are assessed, in favor of or against the by-law under which the Council propose to raise the amount required of them by the Board of School Trustees for the erection of the new Central School building. We think it to set plainly before our readers some of the reasons which we think should lead them to vote for the proposed by-law, and some of the issues which must follow from the course they take.

We shall not pass in review the history of the steps taken by the Board of School Trustees in past years to procure a site on which a Central School should be erected—how the very lots which have ultimately been chosen were set apart for that purpose long ago—nor how, in the movement that has been more recently made, the selection has again fallen upon them after they had passed out of the possession of the Board—nor the measures that were adopted to force the sale of the half acre from the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, to get the Town Council to close up a portion of Cambridge street and convey it to the Board for school purposes—or the purchase that was made from the Canada Company of an adjoining town lot, so that there might be all the land that could be procured for the new school site. Some of these things are of recent occurrence, and must be still fresh in the memory of our readers. After looking at these circumstances, all we can say is that if the Board do not proceed with the building on the ground selected, they will show no little vacillation, and will condemn—unreasonably, as we think—the action of their predecessors and of themselves—for the majority of the members of the present Board were parties to most of the transactions to which we have referred. We will not debate the question whether the present site is the most eligible or whether it is the only convenient one that could be procured. It is too late for that now. We do not know of any better. The Board have not been able to satisfy themselves that there is a better. Nor do we think any better can be found among the few, the very few, that have been spoken of by those who speak most loudly against the present one. The position is airy, near the end of the town, elevated and commanding, and yet retired from street bustle. The proposed building will appear to advantage from it, be conspicuous, and reflect credit on the town.

That there is need of such a building will be admitted by every one who knows the school population of the town, the extent of accommodation at present existing, the nature of much of this accommodation, and the obligation which the present school law lays upon the Board to provide adequately for the educational wants of the municipality.

It may be assumed that in round numbers there are in the town thirteen hundred Protestant children of school age, that is, between five and twenty-one years; and the law declares that the Trustees "shall" provide school accommodation for all such. No allowance is made for those who do not attend school; for, under our present system of free education and compulsory attendance, the theory is that every child between the ages we have mentioned is attending our public schools. Now our readers will, perhaps, wonder when we inform them that there is not adequate accommodation in all the public school buildings of the town for much more than half of that number! To speak only of the interior of the schoolroom—though that is not by any means all that is denoted by adequate school accommodation—for each child there should be an allowance of nine square feet on the floor and an hundred cubic feet of air. If we recollect aright, the Local Inspector in his reports to the Board has called attention to this fact. It has also been brought before them by letters from the Education Department; and only a few weeks since the Department wrote our Board announcing that the Legislative Grant for the year would be withheld on account of the insufficiency of the existing school accommodation. The Board had thus the law before them enjoining them to furnish accommodation for the children whose parents or guardians were not supporters of the R. C. Separate School; the local inspector was pressing them, as was his duty, to fulfil their obligations; and the Department was threatening to withhold its annual legislative grant. Thus, apart from the desire for the educational welfare of the town which we give each of them credit for, the influences brought to bear upon them from without imperatively required them to take some such steps as they have at last taken.

What is the nature of the existing school accommodation? It may be granted that the school houses which are the freehold property of the Board are all they should be—and this is allowing more than facts warrant. It may be conceded, too, that the old Baptist chapel, which has been rented and fitted up as a school room, has all requisite internal suitability. Yet no one will dispute that the large building which has been for a number of years rented from Mr. Day, is utterly unsuitable for a school house. Not one of the six rooms occupied is properly ventilated. Some of them are so low in the ceiling that a man of little more than ordinary stature, standing on the floor, could reach it with his upstretched hand. Into rooms scarcely large enough for a moderately sized parlor or bed-room between sixty and seventy children, sometimes even more, are crowded day after day. Will not their parents feel that a grievous wrong is being done, that the health of their little ones is being endangered, and that seeds of disease may have been sown which will perhaps ripen in death? There is not a square yard of play ground attached to the building, and the yard

has scarcely space to hold a winter's firewood. The building stands on the corner of two of the town's most public thoroughfares. The railroad runs at only a few rods distance, and the interruption from the screech of the whistle and the rumble of the trains often stops entirely the recitation of lessons. The lives of the scholars, too, are in danger when crossing the track, going to and from the school. And for this building, so unfit, so badly located, without play-ground—which cannot have separate offices, as required by law—the Board are paying a rent of \$400 a year. Have they not been doing so too long? Is it not more than time that they should effect a change? Do not parents expect this from them? We call upon all parents to stand by the Board in their praiseworthy efforts, and to sustain them by attending at the poll on Friday and voting for the by-law then to be submitted. Of several of our public buildings we have reason to be proud: our Public Schools are a disgrace. Let the ratepayers help to sweep away this disgrace for ever.

Objections have been urged to the erection of the new building on the ground of expense, and appeals have been made to the merchants to vote against the by-law because of the burdens it would impose. We think these objections will not bear intelligent consideration. The By-law itself states that the assessment is to be at the rate of 14 mills a dollar, so that every one who knows the rate of his assessment can calculate the payment he must make yearly. Is he rated at \$400? Then the yearly payment will be 50 cents. Is he assessed for \$800? Then the payment will be \$1. And for this he will enjoy the benefits of a free education for his children—all school fees having been abolished.

It must be remembered also that increased efficiency will be given to our schools from having them in one building, under the management of a Principal, who can see that the whole machinery is running properly. A considerable sum will be saved in heating, and this is no small item in our present school expenditure. Besides this, nearly \$500 a year of rent will be saved—rent that is now paid for wretched accommodation.

Should the By-law be defeated on Friday, what will be the result? Either the Town Council must again submit it to the ratepayers, in the same or in a modified form, thus incurring the expense of a new election; or they must proceed to levy from year to year the sums necessary to meet the expense of the erection as it proceeds. Suppose this latter process to occupy a period of four years, then the \$80,000 applied for must be raised in that time, thus making the yearly rate to be levied for this purpose alone nearly seven mills in the dollar, instead of one and a quarter mills, reaching over a term of twenty years. Is it not right, too, that our children, who will enjoy the benefit of the accommodation contemplated, should bear a proportion, when they attain to manhood, of this necessary outlay?

We will not now speak of expenses that have been incurred by the Town for objects not by any means of so much importance as the one we now advocate. The property of ratepayers has been made liable for this, and we have not complained. Some of it has been of a questionable character and the ratepayers were not consulted. We hear of further outlays projected. Shall our children be crisscrossed in small ill-ventilated rooms in their tender years, unfavorable to the development of their minds and to their health of body? While money can be easily procured for much less necessary matters? Too long have the Board of School Trustees allowed themselves to be put off making provision for the school wants of the municipality. Let them now go forward.

We ask the ratepayers to ponder carefully these facts, and to let nothing prevent them from turning out to vote next Friday.

PAISLEY STREET
Grocery No. 1.

ROBERT S. KING
begs to announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened out in the store lately occupied by Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Paisley street, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he intends keeping a nice assortment of stock of groceries, which will be sold at prices equal to any store in town. The public generally are cordially invited to call and examine my stock and prices.

Guelph, Aug. 8, 1873. R. S. KING, dwim

EDUCATIONAL.

THE MISSES McDONALD
Will open a school for Young Ladies in Mr. Hatch's Block, Woolwich street, on Monday, 1st of September. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence, Queen st.

Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873 dw6v

TEACHERS WANTED—

During the Summer Vacation, to attend the **TEACHERS' CLASSES** IN THE **Georgetown Academy**

Teachers will find this an excellent opportunity for brushing up in their own subjects, as well as for obtaining a thorough commercial course.

Considerable prominence given to Book-keeping, Telegraphy and Photography.

Be sure to send for circular and terms before determining to attend a Commercial school.

Holiday Term commencing 15th July, 1873.

NOTICE TO OFFER!
Gold Medals given to the candidates from the Academy, who pass the best examination at the December Board, in 2nd and 3rd class subjects.

TAIT & CAMPBELL
Georgetown, 18th June, 1873.

PLOUGHS.

Just received, a quantity of the celebrated **Gray Ploughs,**

From Scotland, manufactured by Gray & Uddington, near Glasgow.

THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTORIA

Steel board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Iron Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30.

A good assortment of Stoves and Tinware for sale cheap.

W. HEATHER,
Corner Woolwich-st. and Erasmus Road,
Guelph, 2nd April, 1873. dw

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.

CATALOGUE
—OF—
NEW MUSIC

Instrumental.
20th Wellington Rifle..... price 30c
Cassell's Galop..... price 30c
U & I Galop..... price 50c
Dufferin Galop..... price 50c
Dufferin Quadrilles..... price 50c
Pleasantly Galop..... price 50c
Patchwork Waltz..... price 75c

Songs.
The Pilot..... price 25c
Tom Bowling..... price 25c
Her Little Bed is Empty..... price 35c
A Cup of Cold Water (a great Temperance song)..... price 40c
Baby's Dress of Golden Hair..... price 35c
The Old Musician and his Harp..... price 30c
Barney's Courtship..... price 35c

The Clandeboye Galop,
upwards of 500 have been sold.

Any of the above mailed to any address postpaid on receipt of price.

ANDERSON'S

Cheap Bookstore,

St. George's Square East side Wyndham-st.

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.

Residence for Sale.

That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bed-rooms, front and back parlor, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to

Guelph, July 30, 1873 D. SAVAGE, dw

BELTS, BELTS.

—Just opened to-day—

At J. HUNTER'S

20 dozen BELTS of the most fashionable kind from 20 cents up.

Chignons, Braids,

Coronets, Switches,

Combs and Fancy Hair Pins.

ALL KINDS OF

BERLIN and OTHER WOOLS

Slippers, Cushions, and

General Fancy Goods.

SMALL WARES AND TOYS

AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store,
Wyndham Street Guelph.

CENTRAL EXHIBITION, GUELPH.

During the week of the Fair.

Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.

Will offer the balance of their very large stock of

CARRIAGES,

BUGGIES, ETC.,

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

See Samples to be seen on the Fair Grounds.

Factory on Macdonnell street.

J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co.

Guelph, 6th Sept., 1873. w100

SEE THE STOCK OF

Canadian Ribbed

SHIRTS and DRAWERS

—OF—

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.

TORONTO.

BEFORE PURCHASING.

679 dozen Splendid Value.

FOR SALE—Allendale Cottage and Lands—the property of the late Richard Jackson, Esq., containing about 50 acres of land, about a third of it being well wooded with handsome shade trees, balance chiefly meadow, on which there is a convenient dwelling house containing dining room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, parlor and woodshed, with stable, coach-house and shed, having a good garden with some choice fruit trees. This property is situated on the Waterloo Road two miles from the Market, and is most pleasantly situated in the vicinity of Guelph, and is well worth the attention of parties desiring to purchase in this neighborhood. Price and terms liberal, and will be made known on application to CHAS. DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. s3-dw3m

NEW CAB.—The subscriber begs to announce to the citizens of Guelph that he has just purchased a carriage and is prepared to carry persons to and from any place in town at the usual charges. He has also a large pleasure wagon for pic-nics, excursions, &c. He hopes by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage. Orders can be left at Dr. Herod's Drug Store or at my residence, next door to the Primitive Methodist parlour. JOHN EWING, dw3m

COW LOST—Strayed from the premises of the Catholic Church, on Wednesday (Fair Day) a red and white cow, heavy and low set, and shaggy. Any person returning her, or giving information to the Parish Priest where she may be found will be rewarded. s4dw

New Advertisements.
GENT'S FURNISHING STORE
IN GUELPH.
WM. ANDERSON
Begs to intimate that he will open on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the premises
Adjoining Pringle's Jewellery Store,
a large, varied and choice assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, including a full range of **Perfect Fitting Shirts** in all sizes and prices, warranted to give complete satisfaction.
Fancy and Plain Flannels cheap.
Shirts in cotton, winey, and plain and fancy.
Bows and Ties, a large choice.
Scarfs in all the latest styles.
Collars in all the new shapes, in linen and paper.
Cuffs, new shapes, in linen and paper.
Underclothing, a large assortment.
Socks, in Lamb's wool, merino and cotton, plain and fancy.
Also, a choice stock of Ladies' Hosiery and Kid Gloves—the two button Kid from 75 per pair. Hosiery in all the new colors—Claret, Brown, Grey, Scarlet, White, Black.
Guelph, Sept. 9, 1873. s1m

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. dw

ALL ALIVE FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN
AT THE
FASHIONABLE WEST END!
NEW GOODS COMING FAST
Every Department Well Organized for Business!
We are determined to TAKE THE LEAD this Season.
The Various Departments of our stock will contain
UNPARALLELED ATTRACTIONS
The Ladies of Guelph and surrounding country are cordially invited to visit the Fashionable West End.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment
Guelph, Sept. 4, 1873 dwv

New Clothing Store.
THE ELEPHANT ARRIVES
On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Hepburn & Co., and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING
and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.
These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.
Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store—You will save Money.
Further particulars in a few days.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
GUELPH, Aug. 1873 dw

COSSITT'S
Agricultural IMPLEMENT WORKS,
Door, Sash, and Blind Factory, and Planing Mill,
Manufactures all kinds of Agricultural Implements and Building Requisites:
Canadian Sifter Fanning Mills, Door and Window Frames, Paris Straw Cutters, Loors and Sash, Little Giant Straw Cutters, Mouldings and Blinds, Horse and Hand Seed Drills, Planing, and Planing and Matching, Ploughs and Turnip Cutters, Flooring, etc., etc.
The attention of Farmers and others is called to his Superior Horse Turnip Seed Drill, all of iron, sows two rows, and runs the canister with an endless chain, instead of friction wheels, therefore it is not liable to slip and miss sowing, and by raising a lever the sowing can be stopped at any time, thus preventing the waste of seed when turning at the end of drills.
Orders from a distance carefully attended to, and satisfaction guaranteed.
LEVI COSSITT,
Nelson Crescent, Guelph
Guelph, March 26, 1873.

TOWN OF GUELPH.
Debentures for Sale.
Offers will be received by the Treasurer of the Town of Guelph,
Up to Monday, 15th Sept., 1873
For the purchase of the following Debentures to be issued under authority of By-Law No. 236, a copy of which will be furnished to any one requiring the same, said offers to be endorsed "Offers for Debentures." Interest, 6 per cent payable by coupons, 30th June, and 31st December, in each year.
\$ 500 redeemable 31st December, 1874
\$ 600 " " " " 1875
\$ 700 " " " " 1876
\$ 800 " " " " 1877
\$ 900 " " " " 1878
\$ 1000 " " " " 1879
\$ 1100 " " " " 1880
\$ 1200 " " " " 1881
\$ 1300 " " " " 1882
\$ 1400 " " " " 1883
\$ 1500 " " " " 1884
\$ 1600 " " " " 1885
\$ 1700 " " " " 1886
\$ 1800 " " " " 1887
\$ 1900 " " " " 1888
\$ 2000 " " " " 1889
\$ 2100 " " " " 1890
\$ 2200 " " " " 1891
\$ 2300 " " " " 1892
\$ 2400 " " " " 1893
JOHN HARVEY,
Treasurer.
Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1873. dw

GREAT
CLEARING SALE
OF
Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Pictures, Frames, Fancy Goods, etc.
AT
PASHLEY'S
BOOKSTORE,
Day's Block.
Call early as the sale will only be continued for a limited time, closing on or before the 25th inst.

SCHOOL BOOKS,
—AT—
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
ALL THE
Readers, Algebras, Geometries, Arithmetics, Grammars.
Books on Philosophy, Books on Drawing, Books on Agriculture, Books on Mechanics, Books on Botany, Books on Anatomy, Books on Greek, Books on Latin, Books on Grammar, Books on French.
Splendid value in Drawing Books.

Day's 5c. Copy Book
THE BEST VALUE IN TOWN.
Day's stock is LARGE, and his prices are LOW.

PETRIE'S
DRUG STORE
No. 1 COAL OIL.
If you want to get the best White Coal Oil leave your orders at orders at Petrie's Drug Store. Oil sent to any part of the town.

Dye Stuffs,
Dye Stuffs!
A very large stock of carefully selected Dye Stuffs just received.
All colors guaranteed.
OIL, OIL, OIL.
Threshing Machine Oil—A very superior quality kept constantly on hand. Give it a trial.

PAINTS and OILS
A large stock will be sold very low.

Leeches, Leeches!
Medical men and Others can always get Leeches of the best quality by sending them to Petrie's Drug Store.

Orders by mail or telegraph promptly attended to.
Remember the place,
Petrie's New Drug Store
Nearly opposite the old store.

YOUNG LADIES SCHOOL.
MRS. WINSTANLEY
Intends re-opening her school for Young Ladies, on Monday, 1st September, in Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street. Terms on application at Mrs. Winstanley's Fancy Store, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. August 14th, 1873. dw