

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 1869. TOWN OF GUELPH

Mr. ROBT. MELVIN FOR MAYOR.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET
SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 2, 1869.
THE MAYORALTY.

The canvass for the Mayoralty may now be said to be ended, and the result will be known on Monday. For our part we have little doubt but that the vote on Monday will place Mr. Melvin in office by a handsome majority. It is not necessary now for us to go over again the grounds of our preference for Mr. Melvin. Almost every elector has by this time made up his mind for whom he will vote, and we trust that every man will record that vote as his judgment dictates, and not be influenced by any party or personal or other feeling, which should not come into play at all in a matter of this kind. In looking at the merits of the two candidates, it is not difficult to arrive at a correct conclusion as which of them has the best claim to the support of the ratepayers. Dr. Herod himself narrowed the question down to a very small compass at the nomination, and in this respect was much more honest and ingenuous than his mover and seconder. He had not a single objection to make to any part of Mr. Melvin's conduct since he entered public life. On the contrary, he frankly acknowledged the valuable services he had rendered the town both at the Council Board and in the County Council. The only reason the Doctor gave why he should be elected was that he had served the ratepayers longer than Mr. Melvin, and that he considered he had a better claim to their support than his opponent. Against this we have Mr. Melvin's own statement—which is correct, for it has not been contradicted—that he has actually served the town longer than Dr. Herod, and when in addition we consider the nature and value of these services, no man who wants to judge the case on its merits can have the slightest difficulty in pointing out the one who has done the town most good, because he has done the most work. We hold that acting as councillor for so long a period, discharging the duties of chairman of the Market House Committee with credit to himself and advantage to the ratepayers, and rendering many valuable and important services to the town in the County Council, gives him a far stronger claim to any office in the gift of the ratepayers than any which Dr. Herod can bring forward. We are satisfied that the large majority of the ratepayers will view the matter in the same light, and return Mr. Melvin at the head of the poll as an endorsement of their approval of his conduct, and as a mark of their recognition of his services.

We feel sure Mr. Melvin's friends will work with a will on Monday.—Let them vote early, and then bring their friends up to vote also. By a united and energetic effort, they can soon place his election beyond the shadow of a doubt. Mr. Melvin, owing to the dangerous illness of one of his children, which since this morning has assumed a fatal aspect, will be prevented from seeing the electors personally on Monday, but that will not detract from his strength, but rather nerve his friends to greater efforts.

Tapering Off.

We admire the extreme good nature and accommodating disposition of the Conservatives in the Centre Riding—especially those of Ferguson, who do all the wire pulling and touting for the rest of the family. They have buried the hatchet, they have laid aside their weapons of warfare, and proclaimed a temporary political millennium in the Centre Riding! Happy Riding! No more shall we see that famed and fiery Esculapius on the political war path, ready for a tilt with all comers who do not wear the Shibboleth of Toryism. No more shall we behold that young but aspiring politician, and erudite limb of the law taking a systematic saunter through the Riding, partly for the benefit of his health, and partly in the interest of some pet Conservative candidate. No more shall we see the Hercules frame and determined visage of that dour man of wheels and axes stumping his darling Garafaxa to try if perchance he can secure a few votes for his Tory protégé, and a reversionary promise of a few more on his own behalf for some future municipal election. All that is gone. The days of hot contention and fierce conflict are over; for did not the Conservatives of the Riding on the 28th ult., then and there assembled—Mr. Mathew Anderson, chairman, and Mr. J. Fletcher Cross, secretary—pass the following resolutions:—
Moved Dr. Orton and seconded by Mr. Cross and resolved—“That the promotion and consolidation of the Provinces of British North America are, in the opinion of this meeting, of greater importance, politically and otherwise, than the continuation of old party issues.”
Moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by

Mr. Kennedy and resolved—“That this meeting view the recent action of the Reform Convention in nominating Mr. Ross, Crown Lands Agent, by a majority of one over a Toronto candidate as a proof that Mr. Ross as the recipient of a salary or commission from Government is not likely to give a factious opposition—deem it inexpedient at present to nominate a candidate in opposition.”
We congratulate the Conservatives on the happy frame of mind they now enjoy, but would in all delicacy hint that they might have saved themselves the trouble of passing the second resolution, inasmuch as Mr. Ross had previously announced that he intended to resign his office, thus removing what our good friends in Fergus considered would prevent him from giving the Government a factious opposition. But after all, we won't quarrel with the Conservatives about this. If they were desirous of getting themselves down easy by passing this unbecoming resolution, we have the good taste to accept it for what it is worth, and wish that they may long continue to cherish such feelings of brotherly love for the Reformers, and the Reformer's candidate.

Week of Prayer.

At a meeting of Ministers this morning, the following arrangements were made for observing the week of prayer.
Monday, Congregational Church, at 7.30 p. m., Tuesday, Baptist Church, 2 p. m., Wednesday, Knox's Church, 7.30 p. m., Thursday, Primitive Methodist Church, 2 p. m., Friday, Wesleyan Methodist, 7.30 p. m., Saturday, Mr. Torrance's Church, 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Ministers intending to co-operate will please give notice on Sabbath first. The following are subjects as recommended by the Evangelical Alliance of London.
Sunday, January 3.—SERMONS. Subject:—The intercession of the "High Priest over the House of God," the motive and model of united prayer.—Heb. x. 19-22.
Monday, January 4.—CONFESSION OF SIN, and THANKSGIVING for special and general mercies during the past year, to Nations, Churches, and Families.
Tuesday, January 5.—NATIONS: for their temporal and spiritual prosperity; edifying intercourse, and the maintenance of Peace; for increased openings for the Gospel; for the removal of social evils; for the better observance of the Lord's Day; and for kings and all in authority.
Wednesday, January 6.—FAMILIES: for children of Christian parents; for a blessing on home influence; for all Seminaries of Christian learning; Universities, Colleges, and Schools; for Sunday Schools, and private instruction for our youth abroad; and for a blessing on Christian literature.
Thursday, January 7.—THE CHURCH: for more knowledge of God's word, and increase of spiritual life; for sound and faithful preaching adapted to rich and poor; growing love to Christ; a more earnest love to Christians of varied name, and of all nations; and for the sending forth of more laborers into the harvest.
Friday, January 8.—MISSIONS: for the conversion of the heathen and Mohammedans; for the growth of missionary zeal; for the removal of hindrances to preaching the Gospel among all nations; for recent converts; and for all who are suffering persecution for the truth.
Saturday, January 9.—GENERAL: for the conversion of Israel; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian and Philanthropic Societies; and for the outpouring of the Spirit on Christians and Christian Churches throughout the world.
Sunday, January 10.—SERMONS. Subject: The duty of the Christian Church in relation to the Religious Wants of the world.

SOCIAL SUPPER.

Messrs. Bell Wood & Co. of the Melodeon Factory in this town, entertained their employees at an oyster supper in Miller's Queen's Hotel, on New Year's eve. After the good things which Mr. Miller provided had been duly discussed, an hour or two was spent by the company in friendly chat, during which the most cordial feelings were expressed by both employers and employed in regard to the pleasant relations which existed between them. The proprietors bore willing testimony to the uniform sobriety, intelligence and ability of the men, and to the interest they had always manifested in doing all they could to further the prosperity and extension of the Factory, while the men on the other hand were equally warm in speaking of the liberality and honourable dealing of their employers. Such reunions have an excellent effect, for they tend to bring both employers and employed into more friendly relations with each other, and to impress more and more on both the mutual benefit which flows from a careful regard to each other's interests and welfare in the positions in which they are placed. We are glad to learn that this Factory, which little more than two years ago employed only one or two men, now gives steady work to fourteen besides the employers, and that every month the work increases, the supply of instruments being inadequate to the demand. Six first class instruments are now turned out weekly, some of which are sold in the County, but many of which are sent to all parts of the Province. Factories like this are of great benefit to any town, and our wish is that the Melodeon Factory of Messrs Bell, Wood & Co. will continue to prosper as much as it has done, and that before long they may be able to turn out double the number of instruments they now do.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.

We are sorry to learn that sickness lies heavy on Mr. Melvin's family at present. His two youngest children are only recovering from an attack of measles. Mrs. Melvin has had scarlet fever, and is getting better, and his son is now lying at the point of death of the same complaint.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Sisters, St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, gratefully acknowledge the following Christmas donations: Mrs. Cushman, a bag of flour, a side of sheep, and 8lbs. of butter; Mrs. McCann, a sheep and a turkey; Mr. Harris, sr., a bag of flour, a turkey, tea, coffee, confectionery, and two gallons of ginger wine; a friend, \$5 and a hog; a friend, \$1.50.
This is the season of the year when people want good, substantial reading matter and it is an excellent time for subscribing to the Guelph Mechanics' Institute, where the very best of useful and instructive books are to be had in great abundance. Subscriptions received at the Institute.
Mr. R. A. Goodenough is making a noise in England about his patent horse-shoe. He has secured an article in the Times a column and a half long.
Many will learn with regret the death of the Rev. Mr. Hope, formerly of a newspaper publisher in Toronto; but who has been for many years laid aside by illness.
Commander Vanderbilt, with his family, owns \$15,000,000 of the \$27,000,000 stock of the New York Central Railroad.

New Advertisements.

BOARDING.

Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good bedrooms in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post Office. Address A. B., Guelph Post Office, or apply at this Office. Jan. 2. do 6

HOUSE TO LET.

To let, on the Erasmus Road, next to Mr. Webster's, a rough-cast house, containing seven rooms, with a well, cistern and other accommodations in connection. Apply to ALEX. CRICHTON. Guelph, Jan. 2, 1869. do 6

TOWN OF GUELPH. STORE LICENSES.

All persons having obtained Store Licenses, are hereby notified that said Licenses expired on the 31st ult., and that they are requested to renew them immediately. JAMES ROUGH, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, January 2nd, 1869. do 6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER.

The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. H. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. & T. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court. GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 2. do 6

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE Dwelling House for Sale.

That eligible and commodious Stone Dwelling House and Lot, containing nearly half an acre of ground, with large Stables and out-houses complete, the residence of the late Dr. Parker, situated on the corner of Market and Dublin Streets. This property is but a short distance from the Market and business part of the Town, and is an admirable location for a professional or business man. The above property will be sold on easy terms, which may be known by applying to GEORGE ELLIOTT, or N. HIGINBOTHAM, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 2. do 6

ARRIVED.

The first Lot this Season

Fresh Haddock, Fresh Lobsters in the Can. ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY SUPERIOR HADDIES. Platt & Co's Baltimore Oysters, Select, Arriving daily, sold to the Trade AT HAMILTON AND TORONTO PRICES. GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent Guelph. Jan 2. do

ARRIVED

One Case Clouds,

At 20c. 25c. and 30c. AT W. STEWART'S. Guelph, 31st December. do

GUELPH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

J. M. DUNN, B.A., LL.B., Head Master. G. H. PORTER, Assistant. The above School will be re-opened after the Christmas holidays, on MONDAY, 11th JAN. Fees in both Classical and English Departments 25 cents a month. H. W. PETERSON, Chairman Board School Trustees. Dec. 30. do

THE WHEEL OF LIFE!

ZOETROPE and PLANCHETTE

AT CUTHBERT'S. CUTHBERT'S ATTRACTIONS For the Present Holiday Season Exceed anything that has ever been in Guelph. CALL AND SEE. Guelph, December 23 do

MUSICAL GEM.

Just published a beautiful collection of Vocal and Instrumental Music, entitled THE OPERA ROUFFE, Comprising the choicest pieces from Offenbach's celebrated Opera of La Grande Duchesse, La Belle Helene, Barbe Bleue (Blue Beard), Orpheus, Genevieve de Brabant. Bound \$1.50, Cloth \$2, Cloth, full gilt, \$4. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. Also in press, a new book, entitled WREATH OF GEMS, comprising nearly 100 of the choicest songs, Ballads and Duets of the day. Price same as the "Opera Rouffe." O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. G. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COM'Y.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices in Montreal, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of January next, at one o'clock, p. m., to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and generally to transact the business of the Company. A Dividend of five per cent, for the half-year ending 30th November, has been declared upon the capital stock, which will be payable at the offices of the Company on and after Friday, 8th January. The Transfer Books will be closed from 31st December till after the General Meeting. By order of the Board. JAMES DAKER, Secretary. December 31. do 7


THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868.

OF THE British Workman Infants' Magazine Children's Friend Band of Hope Sunday at Home Leisure Hour TO HAND AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE Opposite the Market. Guelph, 30th December. do

R. J. JEANNERET,

FROM ENGLAND, Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863. WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER DAY'S BLOCK, Opposite the Market Guelph. Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. Guelph, December 17th. do

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.



Wholesale and Retail AT THE MEDICAL HALL! E. HARVEY & CO., Guelph December 24 do

A Select Dramatic Entertainment.

Opening of the Season 1869. W. ANDERSON, President. THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager. PROF. VALE, Leader of Orchestra. The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will make their first appearance this season in the TOWN HALL, Guelph, on the evening of MONDAY, the 4th of JANUARY. On which occasion will be produced the great MORAL TEMPERANCE DRAMA, in 5 Acts entitled THE DRUNKARD! Or, The Fallen Saved! Being a powerful and vivid picture of the fall and downward progress of the victim of intemperance. The Scenery to be used on this occasion is all new, and has been painted expressly for the Club. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50c. For particulars see programmes. Guelph, 24th Dec. do

COTTAGE TO LET.

To let a cottage opposite the farm of P. Gow, Esq., M. P. E., containing four rooms and a good cellar, 21 acres attached, splendid garden well stocked with fruit. A stable and cow shed are attached to the house. Apply to MISS SMITH, Dressmaker, near Hatch's Block. Guelph, 23rd Dec. do 6

New Advertisement.

COME EARLY TO-NIGHT

AND SECURE A KEG OR CAN OF THOSE FAMOUS BALTIMORE OYSTERS! THAT CAME DIRECT TO HUGH WALKER.

EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND!

TREMENDOUS ARRIVALS.

Tremendous arrivals. Express heavily laden daily with Oysters for H. WALKER. HADDIES that are Haddies. None of your stale trash kept. ORANGES AND LEMONS—Beautiful Oranges and Lemons just arrived this day. HUGH WALKER, Guelph, 31st December. do Wholesale and Retail, Guelph.

Retiring from the Retail Trade.

ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT.

WM. STEWART,

In returning thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on him for the last thirteen years, respectfully intimates his intention of retiring from the Retail Business. In order to facilitate the entire clearance of Stock, he will on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, commence the GREAT SALE, when Goods will be offered at Cost, and in many cases under. The public should take advantage of this rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at the Lowest Prices ever offered in Guelph. The reputation of the Stock being so well known for extra quality, and being composed of New and Fashionable Goods, all may rely on extraordinary Bargains. On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH. N. B.—This is no clap-net sale, as the subscriber is positively retiring. WILLIAM STEWART. Wyndham Street, Guelph } Dec. 30th, 1868. } do

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

WHOLESALE.

NOW OPENING. OIL Another Shipment of Glassware! CONSISTING OF IN PART Tumblers, Goblets, Wines Decanters, Celery Glasses Butters, Sugars and Creams Spoon Holders, Salt Cellars Preserve Dishes, in great variety Cruet Bottles, Cruet Frames Bird Fountains, Bird Seed Boxes, Bird Baths Lamp Chimneys Specia Jars, Japanned Covers. &c. &c. &c.

R. RAE & CO.

IMPORTERS. Guelph, 25th December do

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church, Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 30. do 6

NOTICE.

SILVER CREEK BREWERY.

Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged. GEO. SLEEMAN Guelph, Nov. 20. do 6

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds. The subscriber respectfully requests a share of public patronage. Guelph, Dec 23 do B. B. PRESENT.

GIFTS AND PRESENTS FOR NEW YEAR.

Notwithstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at J. HUNTER'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph, not only the largest and most select, but also the cheapest assortment of general FANCY GOODS AND TOYS, suitable for this season of the year to be found west of Toronto. Call and see. Writing Desks Dressing Cases Work Boxes Ladies' Companions At less than Toronto Prices. Slippers, Ottomans, Wools, Toys and Fancy Goods and infinitum at J. HUNTER'S, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St. Guelph December 29th. do