

The undersigned has to announce that he has taken Mr. John A. Davidson into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be Jones & Davidson.

Guelph Evening Mercury
TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 3, 1874.

Matters to be Looked Into.

The elections last week have taught Reformers, not only in this county, but elsewhere throughout the Province, that they must in future give more heed to several matters, apparently of minor importance, but which are often found to have a most important influence on elections. It is an old and true saying that the Conservatives have always an eye to their own interests, while Reformers are very often slack and careless in looking after theirs. In the appointments to office we have in many cases known Reformers out of sheer good nature, or because they are indifferent to the interests of their own political friends, support and vote for Conservatives who in a few weeks after turned round and abused the very men to whom they were indebted for their appointment. But we would like to know of any case where Conservatives at any time gave the same support to Reformers, when there was one of their own party in the field. Their motto always has been to support their own friends first at all hazards, and if they can cajole a few Reformers who are weak-kneed, or who seek to curry favor with their opponents, so much the better. Reformers have been slow to learn this, but they are now beginning to find it out, and the sooner they are thoroughly awake to the fact so much the better for them and their party.

But as regards the elections, we wish to say here that if they are desirous of conducting Parliamentary contests on equal terms with their opponents, they must in future see that the necessary machinery is put in proper order. We do not mean that they should do aught which is illegal or savoring in the slightest degree of illegality. But there are preliminary steps which they ought to take right enough in themselves, which they have too often neglected, and which their opponents are generally very careful to attend to. For instance, last week we found that quite a number of names were omitted in the certified voters' lists which were on the assessment rolls. These men—mostly Reformers—were entitled to vote, but owing to the careless copying of the lists, they were for that election at least disfranchised. Now, this is a great injustice to such individuals, and the omission of their names might have a very serious effect in a closely contested election in turning the scale one way or the other. We do not say that the names were wilfully left off the lists, but every Municipal Council ought to take steps for a proper revision of them after being copied by their Clerk, so as to prevent the omission of a single name. This would take very little time, it would save trouble and annoyance, and secure to every legal elector the right which belongs to him of voting as he may see fit.

We have also heard it remarked by more than one, that the Conservatives are generally very careful in seeing that their sons' names are put on the assessment rolls with their own, thus giving to each the same power as an elector as their father. Why cannot Reformers do the same thing for their sons? If it is right in the one case it is right in the other. The son may have an interest in his father's farm or he may not, but the putting his name on the roll gives him all the privileges, as far as voting is concerned, of an owner, and if the farm or property is valued at a sufficient amount, it is not for the assessor to question or dispute the right of a father to compile his own name with that of his son. We know some cases where Conservative farmers have three or more votes on their farm, while perhaps their Reform neighbors, who have a large farm and as many sons, has only one vote on the place. This is by such timely outlook that many an election is secured, and Reformers in this respect would do well to take a leaf out of their opponents' book, and meet them with their own weapons.

LET HIM TRY IT.—The Herald says that Colonel Higinbotham has polled enough of bad votes to invalidate his election on a scrutiny. Col. Higinbotham, we believe, is not at all afraid of a scrutiny—in fact he is rather desirous of it, for he well knows, and Mr. Drew knows too, that if a scrutiny of all the votes was made, his majority would be 60 or 80. The number of bad votes polled in Luther and Amaranth for Mr. Drew was astonishing, and not only that, but we know of more than one case where parties voted twice for Mr. Drew, of course in different municipalities. These men are being looked after, and will be punished in due time. By all means, therefore, let us have the scrutiny.

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS.—The Herald shows its hatred of Messrs. Massie and McLagan by singling them out for abuse in connection with the North Riding election. These gentlemen went up and did fair, honorable and honest work for Mr. Higinbotham, and conducted themselves like respectable citizens. They did not, as Mr. Chadwick did in the Centre Riding, act the rowdy, nor did they use such language as he did at the Arthur nomination, for which he was nearly hissed off the platform. That's the difference between them and Mr. Chadwick.

Mr. Hatch and the Herald.
The Herald affects to be greatly surprised at Mr. Hatch's speech on Friday, and doubts the accuracy of the Mercury's report of it. Anyone who knows the sort of treatment Mr. Hatch has received from his so-called Conservative friends will not be at all surprised at his indignant exposure of their trickery and hollow pretences; and as to the accuracy of the Mercury's report, we and every person present can vouch for its literal correctness. We were well aware that the publication of this speech would trouble the Tories. It was like a bombshell thrown into their camp, and discharged too by one of their number, who in the simplicity of his heart believed their professions and promises, and who found to his cost that both were hollow and hypocritical to the last degree. Mr. Hatch we believe is as much a Conservative as ever he was. The Reformers did not try to make a convert of him—the statement of the Herald to the contrary notwithstanding—but he voluntarily came forward, made a candid avowal of the truth, and thereby earned the respect of Reformers for his fearless exposure, even though it was made at the expense of men with whom he was politically associated.

We gave the report of Mr. Hatch's speech as he delivered it, and we are free to confess that we place more reliance in his statements than in the denials of the Herald. Mr. Hatch may be hot tempered and impulsive, but we have never heard of his veracity being called in question, and on Friday he spoke with a candour and force that carried conviction to the mind of every one who heard him. The Herald quibbles at some points of difference between its story and Mr. Hatch's statements, but these are of a very trivial character. At all events the matter lies between Mr. Hatch and the Herald, and we doubt not the former will be able to hold his ground with the latter. It is not our business to dispute the statements of the one more than the other. It is a family quarrel with which we have no business, and in which we have no wish to interfere. All we know is that Mr. Hatch, like a man, became the standard bearer of the Conservative party, when the heads of that party asked him to come forward—that he went into the fight boldly, and fought it out honourably and squarely—that the men who brought him out basely deserted him when he most required their help—that they even laughed among themselves at his folly in so willingly becoming their dupe while they had other and far-reaching designs in getting him into the field. He knows now, and they know all along, that his candidature was a sham; and as he truthfully said he was offered up a sacrifice to Drew and Orton. All the hair splitting of the Herald won't make Mr. Hatch or the public believe anything else; and though it now attempts to mollify him by soft words, it cannot remove from his mind the conviction that he has been sold, and it will take many a day to repair the injury which such dastardly conduct has inflicted on the Conservative party in this Riding. Mr. Hatch was sincere, but he was misled; he believed himself to be a real candidate while his pretended friends regarded him as only a sham one; but we would fifty times sooner be in Mr. Hatch's position to-day than in that of the Herods and Judases who sought his political ruin. Mr. Hatch has the respect—and we may add the sympathy—of Reformers and honest Conservatives; while the handful of intriguing and double-faced Tories who under pretence of friendship induced him to be their tool are looked upon by both parties with loathing and contempt.

Mr. H. H. Stovall, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, Mount Forest, has been presented by the scholars with a friendly address and a handsome writing desk.

Mr. Jos. Trux, of Arthur township, had drawn a couple of logs to the saw mill yard, and was unloading them, when they rolled off. His right hand was caught between them and three fingers badly crushed. It is thought the fingers may be saved.

A course of Sabbath evening sermons is being delivered monthly in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, by Rev. M. M. MacNeill, on "The Christian idea of God."

The members of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, visited the new parsonage to which the minister, Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, had that day moved, and presented Mrs. Mackenzie with a handsome parlor carpet and floor mat. The visiting party spread a sumptuous supper and spent a lively and agreeable evening.

BIRTHS.
SIMPSON—In Guelph, on the 2nd inst, the wife of Mr. Thomas Simpson, of a daughter.
McCANN—At Guelph, on the 3rd inst, the wife of Mr. Patrick McCann, (late of Buffalo, N.Y.) of a daughter.

MARRIED.
RUSSELL—MORRISON—At the residence of Wm. Stewart, Esq., Guelph, on the 2nd inst, by the Rev. Thos. Wardrop, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Atken, cousin of the bridegroom, Mr. Wm. Russell to Agnes Clarke, only daughter of James Morrison, Esq., both of Guelph.

The Paisley Advocate says:—During the late freshet a number of fish were swept on the ice by the force of the water, which, spreading over the surface, left the unfortunate travellers on the wrong side of the ice.

List of Letters

- REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of February, 1874. Persons calling will please ask for advertised letters.
- Adams Jno
 - Ambley J H
 - Armstrong Jas 2
 - Baine W C
 - Batward J
 - Beattie E
 - Belson Mrs
 - Benny J
 - Bliss Wm
 - Bolton Miss
 - Boulding G J
 - Bowers Robt
 - Bowers Wm
 - Brislin John
 - Broadfoot & Miller
 - Brown Miss E
 - Buchan Jas
 - Budson Jas
 - Burns Miss M
 - Caesom K
 - Cardy Jno
 - Carter Miss L
 - Centour Miss M
 - Chace Miss C
 - Chamberlain Mary
 - Chisholm M
 - Collis Emma
 - Colson J F
 - Cannors Jas
 - Cook Jacob
 - Cook Robt
 - Cope E
 - Cowan (Wellwood)
 - Cox & Co Wm
 - Crawley Peter
 - Crawley Peter
 - Crosby Jas
 - Croft J G
 - Dalrymple Wm
 - Darby F G
 - Davis M
 - Davis N H
 - Davis Mrs
 - Decker D
 - Dobbertson H
 - Douse Rev J R
 - Dunbar Jas R
 - Dunbar J F
 - Flick John
 - Forbes F S
 - Garsell Fred
 - Gones Jno
 - Gordon T A W
 - Grace M
 - Green Hd
 - Green Isaac
 - Grote J W
 - Hale Mr
 - Hamilton Sarah
 - Hawkins Mrs J
 - Head Mrs J
 - Heath Henry
 - Heist Martin
 - Henry C
 - Heron James
 - Hodgins M
 - Hodgins John
 - Hodgson Mrs Jas
 - Hooke Mrs M
 - Howe W
 - Howe Miss M
 - Hughes J A
 - Hughes P
 - Hustler Joseph (2)
 - Jackson G & H
 - Jackson John
 - Jacques J A
 - Jagger W H
 - James Simon
 - Jarvis Robert
 - Johnstone J
 - Jones Wm
 - Jones Samuel (2)
 - Keeler Wm
 - King F
 - King Miss E
 - Kretcher Fritz
 - Kuhry G J (3)
 - Laird M
 - Lavinie J N
 - Lee Wm
 - Leonard Robt
 - Lovin J
 - Lewis Chas
 - Logan Miss J
 - Lynch John
 - Lynch Josh
 - MacCall B I
 - Mackie Miss M A
 - Manes Mrs J
 - Martin Miss M R
 - Martin Miss M A
 - Martin M
 - Martin G B
 - Mason
 - Mattimore Mrs M
 - Mickle A
 - Milner Rev D L (4)
 - Mills H
 - Mitchell H
 - Morgan Miss E
 - Morris Wm
 - Morrow Miss M
 - Morton Mrs J
 - Mortin Kenneth
 - Moore J O L
 - Murray Miss A
 - Murray H M
 - Murray K
 - Murton & Caracellan
 - McArthur Dan
 - McBride Neil
 - McCaig P
 - McClelland Miss M
 - McDonald R A
 - McDonald Neil
 - McDougal H
 - McGregor John (3)
 - McIntosh H
 - McGregor Laughlin
 - McIntosh H
 - McLean Miss K
 - McLean Robert
 - McRae Miss J
 - McWilliamson
 - New Thos
 - Newman Wright & Co
 - Newton Wm. H
 - Newton S
 - O'Donnell Catharine
 - Oils Mrs Anne
 - O'Leary J M
 - O'Sullivan M
 - Patterson Mrs
 - Pasch J
 - Perks George
 - Perfur Miss A
 - Pinchard
 - Pinogor Geo
 - Porter John
 - Porter Alex
 - Ramshaw Thos
 - Reid Wm
 - Robbins Mrs B
 - Robbins Miss A
 - Roberts C R
 - Rogers Miss M
 - Ross Miss J
 - Rye Jas
 - Saville Miss M (2)
 - Scott W S
 - Schwign Capt T W
 - Searle G W
 - Severight Miss
 - Sexton Thos
 - Simmons S
 - Simpson J S
 - Simpson Miss E
 - Sloan J S
 - Smith Chas
 - Smith Miss
 - Stephen Wm
 - Stewart Andrew
 - Stewart G B
 - Stewart Jas
 - Taylor James
 - Taylor Robert
 - Taylor Wm
 - Taylor Wm T
 - Thompson Jas J
 - Waddell & Co
 - Walsh John
 - Walsh F
 - Wardley Tim
 - Warrington
 - Warlock & Co Jas
 - Warren T
 - Washington Mrs C
 - Webster D W
 - Welsh Patrick
 - Wilcox Chas
 - Wilson Andrew
 - Wilson Jas T
 - Woolvort Mrs
 - Wortman Miss E
 - REGISTERED
 - Campbell D
 - A. WELLS, Acting P.M.

GUELPH COAL DEPOT

C. Kloeffer
Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard, and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

HARD and SOFT COAL
OF THE BEST QUALITY

At the Lowest Prices.
Coal delivered in any part of the Town.

Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory
Orders left at Mr. Horsman's Store will receive prompt attention.
Guelph, Nov. 18, 1873. C. KLOEFFER, d3m

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON, Golden Lion. dw
Guelph, 5th Jan. 1874.

JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE

A LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes" In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Bismarck, Falmoro, Rose, Slate, Blue, Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc. Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

LSO, THE Depilatory Powder
Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin.
G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist, No. 3, Day's Block, Next door to J. E. McElderry's and directly opposite John Horsman's.

New Advertisements. Co-Operative Store.

The following Goods have been reduced in price in order to effect a Clearance:

- FUR MUFFS.
- FUR SETTS.
- FUR CAPS.
- WINTER JACKETS.
- WINTER SHAWLS.
- WOOL PANTS.
- WOOL VESTS.
- WOOL SHIRTS.
- WOOL DRAWERS.
- WOOL HOODS.
- WOOL CLOUDS.
- WOOL SCARFS.
- WOOL GLOVES.
- WOOL STOCKINGS.
- BED BLANKETS.
- HORSE BLANKETS.
- HEAVY QUILTS.
- HEAVY OVERCOATINGS.
- HEAVY CLOAKINGS.
- MENS' OVERCOATS.
- BOYS' OVERCOATS.
- FELT OVERSHOES.
- FELT GAITERS.
- FELT BALSORALS.
- FELT SLIPPERS.
- PLAIN WINCEYS.
- CHECKED WINCEYS.
- FANCY WINCEYS.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Feb. 2, 1874. dw

FAMILY MOURNING.
A. O. BUCHAM devotes particular attention to this department of his business, and Families requiring Mourning Goods of any description can always find a full stock from which to make appropriate selections at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END.
New Black Paramattas, New Black Crane Cloths, New Black Baratheas, New Black Wool Repps, New Black Empress Cloths, New Black French Merinoes, New Black Cobourgs & French Twills, New Patent Crapes, Crape Trimmings, Crape Veils, Crape Collars and Sets, Hat Crapes, etc. etc. We have always on hand a lot of CRAPE HATS AND CRAPE BONNETS in the latest styles. Fashionable Dressmaking on the premises. Orders for Family Mourning promptly attended to.
A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

NOTICE.

Parties indebted to us are requested to settle their Accounts on or before Tuesday, the 10th of February.
SHAW & MURTON.
GUELPH, Jan. 31, 1874.

THE GOLDEN LION



THE GREAT SALE
Goes On with Zeal Unabated at 'THE LION.'

Store Crowded from Morning till Night!
GREAT BARGAINS STILL
And More Terrific Reduction so as to Clear Out by the First of February.

SEE LIST OF PRICES UNDER:

WOMEN'S WEAR		MEN'S WEAR	
500 sets of Furs \$2.75, worth \$5.00		\$11 Overcoats for	\$6.50
Heavy Wool Shawls for \$1.40, worth 2.75		3 Pants for	1.75
A rich Poplin Dress for 50 cents, worth 75 pieces Check Challies for 5c.		3 Beaver Overcoating for or half price.	1.50
Over 200 pieces Heavy Aberdeen Wincey to be sold at 8 cents, worth 12c.		All wool Flannels in white, scarlet and fancy, in endless variety, now down to 20c	
Granite and all other mixtures at \$1 the dress, and plenty to choose from.		Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth one dollar, for 75c	
The best Wincey 18c worth 30c.		Strong Estimates, worth 65c, for 40c	
Rich black Silk 65c, worth 87c		Grain Bags, worth \$4.75 for 4.00	
993 Fancy Silk Dresses in the newest shades \$1, worth 1.50		Sealskin for Mantles and Overcoats 62c, worth 1.25.	
Horrock's best White Shirtings at 10c per yard.		Hats and Caps at half price.	
		Horse Blankets from 75c a pair, worth 1.25.	
		Buffalo Robes much under cost.	

We would remark that we nor any House could maintain the above low prices, as many of the Goods are much under cost, the object being to sell the Stock previous to dissolution of firm, which will shortly take place.
The LION is the spot to get value for your money, and those that buy elsewhere throw away so much cash.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.
Guelph, Jan. 6, 1874 dw

ALL READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER

In every Department
AN Immense Stock OF NEW GOODS AT
WILLIAM STEWART'S,
Who is now offering some of

The Cheapest Lines of Goods ever Offered in this Town.

A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from
10 to 15 Cents can be Saved
On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY.

New Flannels, all qualities; 2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels, a 25c, worth 35c.
475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department THE NEWEST

Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.
WM. STEWART,
Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

FURNITURE AT RETAIL. BURR & SKINNER

Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses
At the Factory, Oxford St., ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE
Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices. Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice.
Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. BURR & SKINNER, dwt

GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS

Sent by Mail to all parts of the Dominion.
Our Chromo, "THE LITTLE FLO-RISTS," a beautiful Parlor Picture, 12x22 inches, is sent free to all who favor us with orders to the amount of FIVE DOLLARS.
Send for CATALOGUE, which we mail gratis to all who wish.
CHASE, BROTHERS & BOWMAN, SEEDSMEN, **Oshawa, Ont.** wdl
Jan. 28, 1874.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Just Received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable
For the Young Folks
BERLIN WOOLS
And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual.
All orders promptly attended to.
MRS. WRIGHT,
UPPER WINDHAM STREET,
Next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1873. dw

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.
Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodations, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.
THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.
Guelph, Dec. 11th, 1873. dw