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The Balance of our Stock of

**Christmas & New Year's GOODS**

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**Special Low Prices,**

**Day's Bookstore**

Plush Toilet Sets,
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Toys, Toys, Toys.

We don't want to carry them over, but will clear them out at low figures.

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All the Latest Novelties in the season in Toys and Fancy Goods,

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Dolls almost given away,

Beautiful Plush Cases.

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**For New Year's**

We are making a specialty of

**Albums AND Bibles.**

We have always been noted for selling these goods way below others, but this year we break the record.

Large Fancy Plush Album.....$1 00
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Large 12mo. Cloth Bound Book 21c.

Don't be misled. You get the best value in Guelph from

**J. A. Nelles**

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Women's German Felt Slippers for 20c. that cannot be had anywhere else.

All German Felt & Fancy Slippers must be sold at cost.

Rubbers and Overshoes at great reduction.

Moccasins at cost. All the above must go.

Boys and Girl's School Boots, our own make. The best in Canada at reasonable prices.

In fact, we sell everything so low that giving presents is out of the question.

**J. T. Brown & Co.,**

91 Upper Wyndham Street.
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**Commercial Travellers Association OF CANADA.**

THE new Tickets for 1890 are now ready and can be obtained from D. Barlow, at the office of Auld & Woodyatt, Guelph.

**Dr. STIRTON, Dentist,**

Graduate of the University of Toronto, and of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. The new process of inserting Teeth without a Plate and preservation of the natural Teeth a specialty. Nitrous Oxide Gas administered

Office—Tovell's Block, opposite Post Office, Guelph.
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**CHINESE LAUNDRY.**

SAM KEE, from the United States, will open a laundry in Tovell's Block, Kelly's old stand, opposite the Post Office, on MONDAY THE 23RD DECEMBER, when he will be prepared to do all kinds of washing and laundry work. The best work guaranteed. Family washing taken and done in short notice and in good workmanlike manner. Give me trial. dec18dlm

**C. C. C.**

CHOICE

**Christmas Candies.**

Cakes, Shortbread, Pastry, &c, also all kinds of Fancy Biscuits for 5 o'clock Tea.

**Table Delicacies.**

Relishes, Finest Dehesa Raisins, Eleme Figs, Malaga Grapes.

Palestine & Florida Oranges.

Nuts of every description.

**General and Fancy Groceries.**

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81 & 83 Upper Wyndham-st.,

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**ORANGES 17 FOR 25 CENTS**

Or 7 for 10 Cents.

Beehive Figs, Eleme Figs, London Layer Raisins, selected and Valencia Raisins.
Malaga Grapes 15c. per lb.
Holy Land, Florida and Valencia Oranges.
Granulated Sugar 11 lbs. for $1—very bright.
Yellow Sugar 15 lbs. for $1.
I give the best value in 25c. Tea in town, in Black, Green or Japan. I do not have to give samples, as everybody knows my Teas are good.
Best Mixed Pickles 15c. per quart.
Greening, Northern Spy, and Baldwin Apples by the barrel.
Be sure and get a pound of our special mixed Candies.

JOHN GRIFFITHS, West Mkt. Square.

**The Popular Price Grocery, Fruit and Oyster Mart.**

Special Values for the next 30 Days.

Special offer of Valencia Raisins.
Bosna Prunes, Provincial Currants and Eleme Cooking Figs, 5c per lb.

Special value in Teas. Samples free. Try our Young Hyson Tea at 25c. per lb., guaranteed as good as any 35c tea in the city. Yellow Sugar again lowered. Now 16 lbs. for $1.

Sweet Valencia Oranges 13 for 20c. Choice Spanish Grapes, 15c. per lb. Choice Mixed Candy 15c. per lb, 3 lbs for 25c Golden Dates 7c. per lb, 4 lbs for 25c. Selected Snow Apples in baskets.

Canned Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, Mackerel and Sardines only 10c. per tin.

Haddies, Ciscoes, Oysters, Lake Herring, Labrador Herrings, Green Cod, Boneless Cod.

Choice Table Raisins, Patras Currants, New Peels, New Figs, New Nuts all kinds, Cape Cod Cranberries, Layer Figs 3 lbs for 25c. The apple combine burst. They are now cheaper.

See our Goods and Prices and be convinced.

A. J. FITZSIMMONS.
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**10c. STORE**

The old Reliable Spot for Xmas Gifts

AT THE

**Lowest Cash Prices.**

10 CENT STORE. Jas F. Kidner.
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**HAIR STORE.**

A. F. SODEN, Dealer in all the latest styles in Hair Goods, Dr. Dorenwend's Hair Magic, Dominion Hair Restorer, Bleach Blonde, Dr. Scott's Electro Combs Curling Irons, Wigs, and Beards for rent. Ladies' and Children's Hair Cut. A F. SODEN, 12 Upper Wyndham street Guelph, Canada. unefdwfp

**Wood Wanted.**

2000 Cords Soft Wood, to be delivered at D. Kennedy & Son's Lime Kilns, Guelph, will also take it F. O. B. cars, or cut in the bush.

Parties having Soft Wood Bush for sale, might also communicate with us. Parties having same for sale, either call or address to

D. KENNEDY & SON, Guelph.
dw Office, Market Square.

**Coal Oil Wholesale and Retail**

By Wm. Read, 95 Macdonnell-st

Also Agent for

**Clark's Wooden Picket Wire Fencing.**

NOTICE—I still carry on my Lorry, Teaming Express business in all its branches

**Our Work is our Advertisement.**

**LAST WEEK.**

1,000 Collars alone laundried at the Wellington Steam Laundry, and every customer was satisfied. It is the cheapest and best work in Canada. We can do a family washing for what you pay for starch and soap, as we manufacture our own.

Leave your orders at the Office, 56 Quebec street, and the wagon will call.

Telephone 184.

d w R. HACKNEY, Proprietor.

**MONEY TO LEND**

AT Six per cent on real estate. Mortgages bought and sold.

W. H. WARDROPE,
Barrister, Solicitor, &c., Guelph
Telephone 108.

**KENNETH MACLEAN,**

BARRISTER &c office over Bank of Commerce. Entrance on Quebec street.

Money to Loan at six per cent on mort ag security


### To the Electors of St. Patrick's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

In thanking you for the confidence you have shown me in the past, I beg to say that should you elect me again, I will endeavor to serve you faithfully as in the past. Soliciting your vote and influence in the coming election,

I remain, yours truly,
dtd THOMAS PEPPER.

### To the Electors of St. George's Ward.

GENTLEMEN—Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for Dr. Henry Howitt, as Alderman.—Reports having been circulated that Dr. Howitt will not return in time to attend to Municipal duties, we, the undersigned, beg to assure the electors that he will be home this month, and we ask all friends to record their votes in his behalf—

GEORGE SHORTREED,
dtd ANGUS MACKINNON.

### St. George's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your Votes and Influence respectfully solicited for

**C. KLŒPFER,**

As Alderman for St. George's Ward for 1890.
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### To the Electors of St. George's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Having been nominated as your representative at the Council Board for the coming year, I beg to say that should you elect me I shall use my best endeavors for the interest of your Wards as well as for the whole city. As a business man, I am interested in the growth of the city; as a property owner, I am interested in keeping taxes at a minimum. Soliciting your support, should you deem me worthy of the position, I am your obedient servant,

dtd FRANK DOWLER.

### St. James' Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I have been requested by a large number of the electors of this Ward to stand as Alderman for 1890. If elected, I will serve you to the best of my ability.

dtd R. B. WOOD.

### To the Electors of ST. JAMES' WARD

GENTLEMEN—

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited on my behalf as Alderman for St. James Ward for 1890.

Yours respectfully,
d4 WM. SLATER.

### St. John's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your Votes and Influence respectfully solicited for

**ANDREW CROSBIE,**

As Alderman for St John's Ward for 1890
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### To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

**W. G. SMITH,**

As Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward for 1890.
dtd

### To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

**DATID SCROGGIE,**

As Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward for 1890.
dtd

### St. Andrew's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I hereby thank you sincerely for the liberal support you gave me as Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward in the Municipal Election of 1889. I trust that I may receive like treatment at your hands in the election of 1890.

Yours very truly,
dtd W. H. WARDROPE.

### To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me this year and should you again elect me as your representative at the Council Board, I shall endeavor to serve you faithfully to the best of my ability.

Again soliciting your votes and influence,
I remain, yours faithfully

dtf PETER KERR.

### To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have been requested by a large number of the electors of this Ward to stand as Alderman for 1890. If elected I will do my best to serve your interests.

dtd JAMES PALMER.

### To the Electors of St. David's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Having been requested to offer myself as a candidate for the above Ward, I have consented to do so. Requesting the liberal support of the electors.

Yours very truly.
dtd J. A. MOWAT.

### To the Electors of St. David's Ward.

I beg to thank my friends for the nomination as Alderman for St David's Ward, and regret that through press of business, I am unable at present to comply with this request.

d1 R. E. NELSON.

### To the Electors of St. David's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Having served you to the best of my ability for the past two years I would again request your vote and influence in my behalf as Alderman for 1890.

Yours respectfully,
dtd ROBERT BARBER.

### To the Electors of St. David's Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your vote and influence respectfully requested for

**J. W. KILGOUR,**

As Alderman for St. David's Ward for 1890.
dtd

### BIRTHS.

JONES—At Guelph on December 30th, the wife of Mr. Fred Jones of a son.

LAMONT—On 29th Dec., the wife of T. H. Lamont, Principal of the High Bluff schools, Manitoba, of a son.

### DEATHS.

MURTON—At Guelph on the 31st Dec., Emma Neeve, relict of the late Edward Murton, in her eightieth year.

Funeral from the residence of her son, H. Murton, Waterloo Avenue, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### Wanted.

WANTED AT ONCE—Good General Servant. Apply to MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS, 133 Northumberland street. dec30tf

WANTED—A good general servant. Apply to Mrs. Clearihue, 50 Woolwich St.
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### CITY OF GUELPH.

**Take Notice.**

A COURT of Appeal to hear and determine appeals from the Court of Revision of the City of Guelph will be held by the County Judge of the County of Wellington at his Chambers in said city at

**11 o'clock in the Forenoon of the 10th Day of January, 1890.**

RICHARD MITCHELL,
Clerk of the said Court of Appeal.
Guelph, Dec. 28, 1889. d11

### Re-Opening of Schools.

THE Collegiate Institute and Public Schools, Guelph, will re-open after the Christmas holidays on

**Tuesday, 7th January**

ROBERT TORRANCE,
d5w1 Secretary Board of Education

### AUCTION SALE.

TO be sold by public auction, on the premises on

**Saturday, January 4th, '90,**

at 12 o'clock, that valuable property on the east corner of Dublin and Oxford streets. On the premises is a double rough cast house.

Terms—Ten per cent on day of sale, and the balance on the 14th January.

d4 P. SPRAGGE, Auctioneer.

### L. C. WIDEMAN.

Carpenter and Building Contractor and Estimator.

Jobbing promptly attended Buildings raised and removed.

SHOP ERAMOSA BRIDGE.

Address P O Box 173, Guelph. dwtf

### South Wellington Agricultural Society.

THE annual meeting of the members of the above Society will be held at the City Hall, Guelph, on

**WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY NEXT,**

at half past two o'clock, p m, for the election of Directors and other general business. A full attendance is particularly requested. Also on the same day at one o'clock, p m, the annual meeting of the Guelph Township Agricultural Society will be held at the American Hotel, Guelph.

ANDREW WHITELAW,
d2w1 President S W A Society

### Gas Stock for Sale.

THE undersigned have for sale fifty shares of stock in the Guelph Gas Company, $20 per share, fully paid up, belonging to the estate of the late John Mackenzie. Tenders for same addressed to the undersigned will be received up to 16th January, 1890. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES CORMACK,
ROBERT MITCHELL,
dtd Executors, Guelph

$8 Reward for a more suitable Christmas Present for my mother than a pair of Gold Spectacles purchased from Pringle the Optician in Guelph. dw

LOST—A great deal of valuable time by not knowing what o'clock it was. Go to Pringle's Jewelry Store and buy a watch for your son or daughter for a Christmas present. dw

FOUND—At Pringle's Jewelry Store in Guelph, the best stock of Plush and Leather Dressing Cases, Fans &c., suitable for Christmas presents in the city. dw

### For Sale and To Let

TO LET—A brick cottage, containing five rooms, on Ontario street. Apply at Rickaby's Grocery store. jan2d6

HOUSE TO LET—On Northumberland street. Apply at Dr. KEATING'S. decdtf

### House to Rent.

STONE house with 10 rooms, hard and soft water, nearly half an acre of land and good stable on corner of Paisley and Yorkshire streets. Apply to J. WILLCOCK, Paisley street. dec18dtf

### Houses for Sale.

A great many houses for sale in the city cheap all kinds and sizes; call at our office or send for our list, which gives particulars and price of every house.

**John J. Bailey & Co.**
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### To Let

THAT very central and commodious stone dwelling opposite the Court House, lately occupied as a first class boarding house by Mrs. Easton, containing 11 rooms, with kitchen and wash house; also excellent stable. Immediate possession can be given. For further particulars apply to CHARLES DAVIDSON.
dwdtf

### News Items.

Temperatures considerably below zero were recorded in the Northwest on Wednesday.

In Trenton there are twenty-one candidates for the office of Mayor. Brockville, on the other hand, has elected the entire municipal outfit by acclamation—the aldermen for one ward excepted.

At Cobourg on Wednesday, Grace Armour, daughter of Chief Justice Armour, was married to Mr. Stewart Gordon, of Dumfries, Scotland, who is at present residing in Portland, Oregon.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

### Cloudy with Rain and Colder.

Cloudy, mild weather, with occasional rain, followed to-night or tomorrow by westerly winds and lower temperature.

ADJOURNED meeting of the City Council tonight.

ALL plush goods at actual cost prices. B. SAVAGE. d2

THE Guelph St. Andrew's Society is taking primary steps for the due celebration of Burns' Anniversary.

OLD residents say that this weather has not been paralleled since the year of the Rebellion. The water in the river was very high yesterday and overran the filter again.

PLUSH Brush and Comb and Shaving Cases at cost price. B. SAVAGE. d2

MR. Robert Forester had a sheep severely worried and some badly torn, by dogs belonging to a party of about half-a-dozen from the city hunting in his neighborhood.

THE rain forced people to spend New Year's very quietly yesterday. Calling was at a discount, and this old custom, which has been dying out gradually, was but little observed.

MR. E. J. O'Brien has returned from the meeting of the Executive of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A., just concluded in London. The next meeting will be held in Montreal, on the 2nd September.

SEVERAL farmers in the vicinity of Guelph were plowing sod today.

Ladies' plush Dressing Cases, Glove Boxes and Jewel Cases at cost price. B. SAVAGE. d2

NEW YEAR services were held yesterday in Knox, Chalmers and Our Lady's churches, but the rain prevented a very large attendance.

A FAMILY fallout came up for adjudication at the police court this morning, and the case was withdrawn on payment of costs. Jealousy and liquor were the two principal ingredients of the mixture.

ST. Andrew's Society made their annual New Year's distribution Tuesday to eight or ten families and the hearts of the recipients were made glad by this kindly remembrance of their fellow countrymen.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.—The watchnight services held on New Year's Eve were, in most cases, well attended. The Church of England service commenced at 11:30 and Holy Communion was administered after the birth of the New Year. All the Methodist churches had services from an hour and a half to two hours, while there was an increased attendance over last year at St. Andrew's service which began at 11:15.

MR. E. A. Shaw, Cambridge, and Dr. Herbert, Oxford, England, who are at present visiting friends here, gave a select ball last night in the city hall. No expense was spared to have all the arrangements of the very best and they were admirably carried out, to the great enjoyment of the party.

THE service of Prof. Maitland has been secured by the Toronto Caledonian Society to take part in their celebration of Burns' Anniversary, which they will hold on the 23rd January, the day falling on Saturday, the 25th.

THE monthly cattle fair falling on New Year's Day, few animals were offered, and these were confined to butchers' cattle, no exporters being on the ground nor none sought after.

THE curling clubs are said to be seriously contemplating the advisability of appointing a deputation to wait on the chaplains about this weather. If ever their services were needed it is just now, when a change of weather would be so eagerly welcomed by some long suffering curlers.

THE Sons of England have engaged Miss Sullivan, vocalist of Toronto, and Mrs. Wilcocks, of Guelph, to assist Miss Alexander, the celebrated elocutionist, at the entertainment to be given here on Friday evening, 10th January.

BOMBARDIERS G. T. Looker and J. McGregor, and Gunner J. Kelcher, of "A" Battery, and Gunner Skinner, of "B" Battery, left this morning for a three months course at the Royal School of Gunnery, Kingston.

A GUELPH BOY TO THE FRONT.—At the Separate School Trustee elections in Toronto yesterday, Mr. Hugh F. McIntosh, editor of the Catholic Review, defeated the redoubtable D. P. Cahill, the leader of the anti-clerical section of the Board, for St. John's ward by 155 to 63. Mr. McIntosh was brought up and educated in Guelph, and is the son of Mr. Daniel McIntosh, of the former firm of Hill, McIntosh & Innes. The clerical or anti-ballot candidates made a clean sweep, not one candidate favorable to the use of the ballot in Separate School elections securing his return. In the wards in which there were contests the candidates opposed to the ballot polled 585 votes, and the supporters of the ballot but 180 votes.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

35 cents will buy a Christmas number of the Illustrated London News, and 20 cents the Christmas Saturday Night, whilst the present stock lasts, at 1 Wyndham street.

Dolls worth 50c for 25c, 30c dolls for 20c. Toys away down in price, plush cases, fine fancy goods will be cleared out cheap at Day's Bookstore.

Plush toilet, pet cups and saucers, photograph albums, glass fancy goods, leather writing cases, scrap albums, dolls, drums, toys, toys, toys. We don't want to carry them over but will clear them out at low figures. Day sells cheap.

The balance of our stock of Xmas and New Year Goods will be sold off at special low price, Day's Bookstore.

We have the finest line in the city of Dolls, Carriages, Sleighs, Rocking Horses, Horses on Wheels, Toy Banks, Games, &c., &c. Just the thing for a New Year's present and prices way down, at the City Bookstore. J. A. NELLES.

FINNAN HADDIE, first of the season Kippered Herrings and Bluebacks Fresh Oysters at Geo. Williams, 81 and 83 Upper Wyndham street.

Plated ware, cutlery, carvers in cases, ladies' companions, skates, brass fire irons, a full stock suitable for the Christmas trade. John M. Bond & Co.

### Not a Candidate.

EDITOR MERCURY:—I beg to thank my friends for the nomination as Alderman for St. George's Ward, and regret that through press of other duties I am unable at present to comply with their request.

E. R. BOLLERT.

Guelph, Jan. 2, 1890.

REMEMBER the Sacred Concert in St. Andrew's Church tomorrow evening, when a first class programme will be provided. Silver collection at the door. d1

REV. J. K. Hester, of Mount Olivet, Kentucky, now pastor of the Disciples of Christ here, arrived in the city on Tuesday night.

MR. Joseph Beck, wife and daughter of Easton, Pa., who have been paying a short visit to Mr. Alex. Mackenzie, of the Surrogate Court, left for home this morning.

WILBER Nicklin, son of Mr. Charles Nicklin, Deputy Reeve of Pilkington, while hunting in Nassagaweya, on Tuesday, got his fine young hound shot in Mr. Thos. Simpson's swamp. Mr. Nicklin had refused $50 for the dog.

Dr. Ernest Hall, will be at the Wellington hotel, on Monday evening, Jan. 6th, from 6 to 9 and on Tuesday, from 9 to 11. d2 t s

PRESENTATION.—On New Year's Eve a handsome testimonial was presented to Mrs. James Kelcher on behalf of the Fathers of the Rectory, and many members of the congregation of the church of Our Lady, in grateful recognition of her devotedness and efficiency as directress of the church choir for the last four years.

Booklets and cards, the remaining stock at half price for a few days only. Plush goods at one third reduction, at Smith's Bookstore. d1

DEATH OF MRS. EDWARD MURTON.—We record today the death of Mrs. Edward Murton, which took place at the residence of her son, Mr. Harry Murton, on Tuesday, in her eightieth year. The deceased had been an invalid for about two years, but it was only about ten days ago that there were evident symptoms of the break up of her constitution. The deceased was well known and highly respected by the older residents of Guelph and the township. She was a native of Suffolk, Eng., and came to Canada with her father, the late Wm. Neeve, in 1832. She was married in the following year to the late Edward Murton, who was well known in the township as the owner of what is now known as the Kennedy and Fox farms, on the Elora Road. After the death of her husband in 1859, she resided for a short time with her son George, now living at Portage la Prairie, and for the last twelve years with her son Harry. These two with Mrs. Wilson, living at Vincennes, Indiana, are her only surviving children. Thus one by one of the early settlers are taken away and soon very few will be left to tell of the early struggles and trials of pioneer life in this section. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon.

TOPIC SOCIAL.—The young ladies of the Norfolk street Methodist church scored a great success with their Topic social on New Year's evening. There was a large attendance, the spacious lecture room being filled. Miss S. A. Smith occupied the chair and conducted the business most satisfactorily. The room had been tastefully decorated with bunting and evergreens, the motto "Happy New Year" greeting the visitor. A large and efficient corps of young ladies kept moving about, welcoming all, and other little details were most pleasant. The principal feature of the evening, which brought the social element into play, was ten minutes intervals for conversation, during which the audience were supposed to talk on the following topics: "The Weather," "Stanley's Trip," "Turning Over a New Leaf," and "Cranks." Whether the subjects were closely adhered to or not, everybody thoroughly entered into the idea, and made this the most social of the many social evenings held in this church. In addition literary and musical selections were rendered, the various performers acquitting themselves in excellent style. A piano duet was given by Misses Maggie and Edith Scroggie, vocal duet by Misses Brown and Marshall, vocal solos by Misses Scarff and C. Borthwick, vocal quartette by Misses Hudson, Simpson, Borthwick and Schofield, readings by Misses Maddock and Penfold, and two choruses by the young ladies. The proceedings were suitably wound up at ten o'clock, a vote of thanks being passed to the young ladies. The silver collection at the door, which amounts to a nice little sum, will be handed over to the General Hospital.

THE FIREMEN'S SUPPER.—The annual ball and supper of the Guelph Fire Brigade was held on New Year's Eve. It was a great success, and by far the most successful in every respect that has yet been for the last quarter of a century, or at any time since the ball and supper was organized. There were about 100 couple engaged in the dance, and that they enjoyed themselves to their heart's content in "tripping the light fantastic toe" is evidenced from the fact that it was about four o'clock before the ball commenced to break up. But while the more youthful of the large crowd enjoyed themselves thusly, several of the older heads participated in the amusements provided in the ante rooms with equal zest. The supper was held at John Haugh's Commercial Hotel, so that it is needless to say the spread kept up the reputation of the house. The tables were kept constantly filled from twelve to three o'clock, and fully 200 sat down. Notwithstanding this large number there was plenty of the best to eat at the last table. Ex-Ald. Skinner, seconded by ex-Ald. Hewer, and supported by ex-Mayor Chase, moved in most complimentary terms the health of Chief Robertson and the Fire Brigade. The Chief made a suitable reply on behalf of himself and men, stating that they were ever ready and willing to respond to the call, and if an alarm was sounded even while there it would find a ready response by one and all, even though it would mar the pleasure of the night. It is worthy of mention that quite a number of visitors were present representing neighboring brigades. Everything passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily.

The reduction of the United States debt for the calendar year ended Tuesday amounted to $81,481,253.

At Toronto, on Tuesday, the marriage of Georgie Manning, only daughter of ex-Mayor Manning, to Mr. Hume Blake, son of Hon. Mr. Edward Blake, took place at the house of the bride's father.

Detroit has now a natural gas supply from the Ohio field.

### Municipal Echoes.

The law allows those nominated two days in which to withdraw, so that their names will not appear on the ballot paper. Yesterday being a holiday candidates laid the matter over till this morning, and then they found that the Clerk would only accept their written withdrawals, subject to the opinion of the City Solicitor. The latter gentleman thinks the withdrawals can be accepted. The decks have therefore been cleared for action and the following is the situation:—

St. Patrick's—Messrs. D. Coffee, Wm. Slater, T. P. Coffee, David Little and Robert Smith have withdrawn leaving Ald. Kennedy, Pepper and Dulgnan, and Mr. S. Penfold in the contest.

St. George's.—Mr. Bollert having retired, Ald. Howard, Kloepfer and Howitt, and Messrs. D. K. Spragge and Frank Dowler will run. It is going to be very difficult to pick out the three fortunate men, and the contest promises to be a very keen one.

St. John's.—Ald. Dr. Kennedy, James Hewer, Robert Higham and Dr. Cowan have taken their names off the list. Alds. Dawson and Taylor, Messrs. Thomas Goldie, A. Crosby and Dr. J. H. Reed will be the candidates.

St. David's.—The retirement of Mr. R. E. Nelson leaves Ald. Kilgour, Kelly and Barber, and Mr. J. A. Mowat, barrister, in the field.

St. Andrew's.—Messrs. George Bruce, R. F. Maddock, A. J. Little, and C. Liphardt have retired, leaving five running, Alds. Scroggie, Wardrope and Kerr, and Messrs. W. G. Smith and James Palmer.

St. James'.—The five candidates nominated, Ald Lamprey and Hartnett, Messrs. J. B. Fischer, Wm. Slater and R. B. Wood, will all go to the polls.

On the whole the aldermanic elections promise a very exciting time; it is not often that every ward is so strongly contested.

I. O. G. T. SOCIAL.—On New Year's Eve, the members of Beaver Temple, No. 56, I. O. G. T., held a very successful parlor social in their lodge room, which was well attended and a very enjoyable time was spent. The programme consisted of music, both vocal and instrumental, readings, recitations, etc., by the members of the Order. A large number of the Galt brethren and visitors were present and were given a fraternal welcome. A number of the visitors also took part in the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served and at the conclusion of the programme the compliments of the season were extended one to another, and a vote of thanks concluded the pleasantries. The visitors were highly delighted with their reception.

THE ARMY WELCOME TO COM. ADAMS.—The Salvation Army in this city had large gatherings at all their meetings yesterday, especially the banquet and jubilee in the evening. The Commissioner and staff arrived by 10:30 a. m. train on the G. T. R., and were met at the station by the Army Band and a number of soldiers of the Guelph and neighboring corps and escorted to the barracks, and conducted a very interesting meeting. The afternoon meeting was in charge of Staff Capt. Mrs. Morton, formerly stationed here. Several of the visiting officers gave interesting testimonies. The march at 7 in the evening, considering the rain, was large, Commissioner Adams and staff to the front. The jubilee at 8 o'clock proved to be the best, and at the close, several came forward and joined their ranks. Com. Adams' address was appreciated by all present, and commands already the confidence and good will of the officers and soldiers with whom he has come in contact since his arrival in Canada. The members of the Guelph corps had the barracks neatly decorated with evergreens, mottoes, etc. The little soldiers of the Guelph corps are enjoying a treat this afternoon.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

### Mrs. Charles Crowe's Farewell Concert.

There was a very fair attendance at Mrs. Chas. Crowe's farewell concert in the Congregational church last evening considering the heavy rain that fell during the entire day and evening. The programme was commenced shortly after o'clock, and was carried out in every particular. Several well-[illegible] took part, and the programme was a pleasing one. [illegible] two organ solos by Mr. Harper, [illegible] quest [illegible] which [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] gave [illegible] accom[illegible] acquit[illegible] Mrs. C[illegible] trio "S[illegible] organ. [illegible] "Sonata" [illegible] fine solo [illegible] quartette [illegible] sound," by Mr. [illegible] Lyon, Mr. John [illegible] was well balanced [illegible] d. The doxology [illegible] audience. Mr. C[illegible] Crowe played the [illegible] programme conclu[illegible] all present being we[illegible]

### Rifle Match.

A match was to have taken place yesterday between five men each of the Eramosa and Guelph Companies. Only three of the Eramosa turned up, however, and four Guelph men shot against them, an average of the three shooting being the Eramosa men for the fourth score, which gave them the victory by six points. The match was for an oyster supper which was duly partaken of afterwards at the Commercial. The following are the scores:

| ERAMOSA. | 200 yds. | 400 yds. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corp. Atkinson | 30 | 29 | 59 |
| Pte. G Lillie | 28 | 30 | 58 |
| — Allan | 25 | 30 | 57 |
| Average for 4th man... | | | 57 |
| | | | 229 |
| GUELPH. | | | |
| Lieut Wideman | 28 | 31 | 59 |
| Sergt Lillie | 27 | 29 | 56 |
| Corp Young | 28 | 28 | 56 |
| Pte Marriott | 32 | 27 | 59 |
| | | | 230 |

This would have been a good score for fair weather, and considering the steady rain of New Year's Day, it is much above the average.

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