

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 1869.
TOWN OF GUELPH
 THE VOTE AND INTEREST OF THE Electors are respectfully solicited in favor of
Mr. ROBT. MELVIN
 FOR MAYOR.

Guelph Evening Mercury
 OFFICEMADDOXNELL STREET
 MONDAY EV'NG, DEC. 28TH, 1868.

It is reported that the remains of the late Earl of Elgin are about to be removed from India to the family vault in Dunfermline Abbey.
 It is believed that the highest price ever paid for a single book was at an auction sale in London in 1811, when the Marquis of Blandford paid £2,260 for a copy of Valdafor's first edition of "Boecaccio's Decamerone." It was issued in 1471, and is supposed to be the only copy in existence.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—Some time ago Mr. Sanfield Macdonald ordered an enquiry into the accounts of the Board of Agriculture by Mr. White, of the Hamilton Spectator. We understand that Mr. White's report is nearly ready, and that it will show the accounts to have been kept in a very defective way. The report will, we presume, be submitted to Parliament on its reassembling.

The reason Mr. Bright had for declining the position of Secretary for India, was that the state of his health was not such as would allow him to encounter the labour involved in that position. Like Mr. Gladstone, he said on his re-election as a Minister of the Crown, that the proceedings connected with the late general election pointed strongly to the necessity for the ballot.

The pen is said to be mightier than the sword. So is ink mightier than the pen. People who sling printers' ink are the mightiest of all—the monarchs of mankind. He who understands this art in all its ramifications travels the shortest and best route to the head and understanding of human nature. Printers' ink has made more names and fortunes than any other—perhaps all other—things put together.

ANOTHER TITLE.—It is reported in Montreal that the Hon. John Rose is to be made a baronet. On this the Hamilton Times remarks: "This fondness for small titles is the smallest and meanest feature among Canadian statesmen. It is a shocking bad symptom. Baronet—a little baron! The acceptance of such titles is a tribute to the weakness of poor human nature. Would John Bright, William Gladstone, Benjamin Disraeli, John Lowe, Bernal Osborne, or even smaller English statesmen stoop to accept the little title of baron? Yes, just as soon as they would accept the commission of shoe black to His Majesty's household. Sir John A., Sir George E., Sir John Rose—bah! We have no patience with such Lilliputian hankering after Lilliputian titles. We suppose the next thing will be Sir Sanfield. Well, when it comes to that, the general disgust it would create might work a cure."

EXAMINATION OF THE JUNIOR GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The Junior Girls' School taught by Miss McRoberts was examined on Monday. Six girls were promoted to the Senior Girls' School. The Superintendent expressed himself very much pleased with the progress of the pupils and the excellent order maintained.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Our obituary contained a few days ago the notice of the death of Mary Jane McEwen, of Guelph Township. While on her way home from a visit to her brother in the Township of Sullivan, she suddenly expired at a village on the Sauguen. The cause of her death is supposed to have been disease of the heart.

OPPOSITION.—The Conservatives of the Centre Riding are about to bring out opposition to Mr. Ross, in the person of Mr. James Wilson, the owner of a flour and a woollen mill at Ferguson, and of a distillery somewhere else.

New Year Stationery and Envelopes to match, Pocket Diaries for 1869 and a large quantity of books suited for New Year gifts at Day's Bookstore.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
 If you want superior LAMP OIL that will give a cheerful light call at
JOHN HORSMAN'S.
 If you want first-class LAMP GLASSES that will not easily break, go to
JOHN HORSMAN'S.
 If you want good WICKS go to
JOHN HORSMAN'S.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE,
 GUELPH, Dec. 28th, 1868
 J. M. Campbell, St. Catharines; David McTavish, Paisley; G. W. Smith, Simcoe; A. Valance, Beverley; Peter Robinson, Paisley; J. McBride, Toronto; Dr. L. Bumer, Victoria; Mrs. Erb and daughter, John Perry and wife, Ferguson; K. Goodman, New Hamburg; H. W. Goodman, San Francisco; F. Anderson, C. Haines, Acton; George Crookshanks, Trenton.

New Advertisements.
MASONIC FESTIVAL.
HOOVER'S CAB LEIGH
 Will be found at Mr. Miller's Hotel, West Market Square, to convey ladies and gentlemen to and from the Masonic Festival, at a very moderate rate. Orders left at the Hotel, or at the new Stone Stable, Macdonnell-st., will be promptly attended to.
 Guelph, December 28, WM. HOOVER.

SERVANT WANTED.
 Wanted a servant girl. Apply at the Mercury Office.
 Guelph, 26th Dec. d1

COTTAGE TO LET.
 To let a cottage opposite the farm of P. Gow, Esq., M. P. F., containing four rooms and a good cellar, 2 1/2 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, 28th Dec. d0w1

TO SAW OWNERS.
 Tenders wanted for cross-cutting a quantity of arduous logs into short lengths. For particulars apply at my office.
 DAVID ALLAN, Guelph Mills.
 Guelph, 22nd Dec. d4w1

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.
 An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 28th, at half-past 7 o'clock, for installation of officers.
 JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
 Guelph, Dec. 23. dtd

APPRENTICE WANTED.
 Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apply at once.
 Guelph, 3rd December.

MONEY TO LEND.
 The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.
 LEMON & PETERSON,
 Barristers, Solicitors, &c.
 Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dwt7

MORTGAGE SALE
 OF A
VALUABLE PARK LOT!
 There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale,
ON FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1869,

at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz:—Park Lot No. 45, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub-division of the South-west half of Lot No. 3, in the 3rd Concession of Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, P. L. S., and duly registered, the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McTague's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-western limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to
 DONALD GUTHRIE,
 Vendor's Solicitor, Guelph.
 Guelph, 28th December. dwt4

G. A. D. C.
A Select Dramatic Entertainment.
 Opening of the Season 1869.

W. ANDERSON, President.
 THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager.
 PROF. VALLE, 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 programme.
 Guelph, 24th Dec. do

THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868
 OF THE
British Workman
 Infants' Magazine
 Children's Friend
 Band of Hope
 Sunday at Home
 Leisure Hour

TO HAD
AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE
 Opposite the Market.
 Guelph, 26th December. dw

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 25. w4 B. B. PRESANT.

HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company
 Of Hartford, Conn.
 INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
 Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.
 Guelph, Dec. 21. E. MORRIS, Agent. dly

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
 SETS OF CARPET BALLS
 MUSTACHE CUPS
 MOUTH GIFT CUPS
 CUPS OF KINDNESS
 CUT WINE GLASSES
 CUT GLASS COBBLETS
 CUT GLASS TIMBERS
 FANCY STONE WATER JUGS
 MEYERSCHAUM PIPES
 BIERER ROOT PIPES

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S
 Guelph, 24th December. dw
LIQUORS.
 Hennessy Brandy
 Martell Brandy
 Cherry Brandy
 Ginger Brandy
 Old Tom Gin
 Duval's Irish Whiskey
 Stuart's Scotch Whiskey
 Old Jamaica Rum
 Bernard's Ginger Wine
 Very fine Pale Sherry
 Very Old Port Wine
 Old Eye Whiskey
 Malis Whiskey
 Tolly Whiskey
 Windsor Whiskey.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S
 Guelph, 24th December. dw

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.
WHOLESALE.
 NOW OPENING.

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, 28th December. dw

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.



E. HARVEY & CO.
 No. 1
WHITE GOAL OIL
 Of the best quality.
Wholesale and Retail
 AT THE
MEDICAL HALL!
E. HARVEY & CO.,
 Guelph, December 21. dw

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68
Wools, FANCY GOODS TOYS, &c.
 JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin, Zenby, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American

A Splendid assortment of Braids, Frillings, Ruffles, and General Fancy Goods.
 A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns Ottomans, &c.
JET and RUBBER GOODS.
 Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.
Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.
J. HUNTER,
 Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St
 Guelph, September 12th. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE.
 The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING-ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as
New RUSTIC Accessories.
 He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds
From the Locket to Life-Size
 Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion. Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.
 In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.
 Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimen and prices.
 Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.
 Guelph, December 12. WILLIAM BURGESS. dw

PLANCHETTE,
The Maquette Fortune Teller
 Hundreds of thousands of this the greatest curiosity of the age have been sold in the United States and Canada. To be had at
SHEWAN'S OLD STAND.
 Wyndham Street.
 Guelph, 23rd December. d2

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE
 A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
 S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph.
 November 197 dw if

R. J. JEANNERET,
 From England,
 Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER
DAYS 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. dw

DYEING DAILY.
 The subscriber, having purchased the most complete recipe for a Hair Dye ever invented, turning red or grey hair to a most beautiful dark brown or black, invites all
PERSONS WHO DYE
 To give him a call. Resuscitation guaranteed to perfection.
 J. MIMMACK, Hair Dresser.

FURTHERMORE, read, the subscriber also intimates to the public that he has in good working order one of the best machines in the Dominion viz **Grinding all kinds of Cutlery,** viz: Razors, Knives, Scissors, &c. Charges moderate, and WORK WELL DONE.
 JOSEPH MIMMACK, Hair Dresser,
 Guelph, December 4. dw Next Post Office

Undertakers!
MITCHELL & TOVELL
 Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have
A full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS always on hand.
 Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.
 JOHN MITCHELL NATHAN TOVELL, Jr
 Guelph, December 12. dwly

F. M. WILSON,
Banking, Exchange & Passage
 OFFICE,
 No. 5, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.
 American Money and Silver Drafts on New York and Sterling Exchange Bought and Sold.
 Agent for the INMAN LINE of Steamships to and from Liverpool, London and Cork. Anchor Line of Steamships to Glasgow, London and all parts of Ireland. Also, to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Christiania, Havre, &c., via Leith.
 Upper Canada Agency of the Pacific Mail Line Steamship Company to California.
 Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

STILL ON THE MOVE.
H. METCALF,
SADDLER,
 begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STABLE.
IN THE NEW BUILDING,
 Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—
 Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and Cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts, Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my Stock of HORSE CLOTHING, Blankets, Surcingles. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.
 Guelph, December 4. H. METCALF. dw

THE GUELPH MELODEON COMPANY
 Beg to draw the attention of the public to their Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, which, in the opinion of all competent judges, are the best that are manufactured, and are sold at prices from 10 to 20 per cent. lower than those of any good American make. We do not make nameless or "metropolitan" Organs, on which we do not put our name, as those nameless instruments are made only for agents, who wish to sell cheap and inferior instruments. We were awarded
THE FIRST PRIZE
 on both MELODEONS and CABINET ORGANS at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, which was open to all the world.
 As we warrant all our instruments for Five Years, the public will easily see that it is to their interest to buy from us rather than from an agent of some distant New England firm, whose guarantee amounts simply to nothing, even on instruments which they consider good enough to put their names on.

LONG CREDIT given to responsible parties, or a liberal discount for cash in full. Usual discount to Clergymen, Churches, Schools, &c.
 Factory and Ware-room in the Old Gore Bank Building, East Market Square.
 BELL, WOOD & CO., Guelph, Ont.
 Guelph, December 18th, 1868. dwly

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company
HARTFORD CONN.

WOODBRIDGE S. OLMSTED, Secretary. | GUY R. PHILIPS, President. | ZEPHANIAH PRESTON, V. Pres.
 EDWIN W. BRYANT, Actuary. | LUCIAN S. WILCOX, Medical Examiner.
ORGANIZED IN 1846. - - - CHARTER PERPETUAL.
 The largest Mutual Life Insurance Company, numbering over 55,000 members. A purely Mutual Company—its Assets being exclusively to its members.
ASSETS, \$21,000,000.—Acquired by prudent and economical management of twenty-two years, without the aid of a single dollar of original capital.
SURPLUS ASSETS, \$6,361,967.—All profits divided among the members. Each policy holder is a member. There are no Stockholders.
ITS LARGE DIVIDENDS.—They have averaged over 50 per cent. annually. Total amount of dividends paid the members since its organization, \$4,397,142.
ITS SUCCESS UNPARALLELED.—It has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the Income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses. Total amount of losses paid by the Company, \$6,868,528.
ITS RESPONSIBILITY.—For every \$100 of Liabilities, it has \$154 of Assets.

LAST YEAR'S PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.
 Amount insured fiscal year 1867 \$45,647,191.00
 Income received " " " " 7,530,886.19
 During its last fiscal year this Company paid to its living members, and to the families of its deceased members, nearly \$2,000,000, and at the same time added more than FOUR MILLIONS to its accumulated capital. The whole record of this Company has been one of prudent management and prosperous advancement. Among the older and leading Life Insurance Companies its ratio of expense to income has, through its entire history, been the lowest of any.
ITS LIBERALITY.—It accommodates the insured by giving credit for part premium, and grants insurance to meet all the contingencies and wants to which Life Insurance is applicable. Its issues policies on a single life from \$100 to \$25,000.
 Amounted deposited with Receiver General of Canada, \$140,000.
 Medical Referee—DR. HEROLD. DANIEL D. SILLIS, General Agent for Canada.
GEORGE ROBINS, Agent for Guelph.
 Guelph, 28th December. d

FRUITS.
FRUITS SOLD
EXTREMELY CHEAP
DURING THE
HOLIDAYS
AT
E. CARROLL & CO'S.,
 Day's 2 Block.
 Guelph, December 21st. dw

ARRIVED
The First Lot this Season
FRESH HADDOCK
FRESH LOBSTERS, in the
 ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY
Superior Haddies
PTATT & CO'S
BALTIMORE
OYSTERS
 SELECT, ARRIVING DAILY.
SOLD TO THE TRADE AT HAMILTON AND TORONTO PRICES.
GEORGE WILKINSON,
 Guelph, 18th December. dw SOLE AGENT FOR GUELPH.

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED,
 And is superintending the RETAIL DEPARTMENT of the
Guelph CONFECTIONERY Works
 WYNDHAM STREET.
THE MAMMOTH CAKE
 To be Cut and Sold at 30c. per lb., worth 50c.
 Every person should have a piece of the LARGEST CAKE EVER MADE IN THE DOMINION. Please leave your order by Wednesday evening. Also, an endless variety of GOODS for
Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts!
 Per large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves.
H. BERRY.
 Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868. daw if