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Valedictory of The Guelph Advertiser.

With this issue, our readers have the last of the GUELPH ADVERTISER in its present form. Hereafter the paper will be amalgamated with the Guelph Mercury, and the two will appear as one, under the title of the "GUELPH MERCURY AND ADVERTISER." This step has been taken with due consideration, and with a full conviction of its benefit to all parties concerned. The two papers have for a long time been strictly in accord on all essential matters of political and local import; have been uniform in size and general appearance; and have worked harmoniously together in the promotion of what we considered the best interests of the country, the county, and the town. The subject of amalgamation has been for some time under consideration, as we felt convinced that it was not for the best interests of either ourselves or the public to keep up two distinct establishments on the same basis, both professing to be exponents of the one political party and holding similar views in regard to local matters. Both papers having very large circulations, and having for many years been regarded as amongst the very best conducted and most influential provincial journals, the uniting of the two will give the Reform party an organ which will be in a position to wield more influence than perhaps any other outside of the large cities. And as a general newspaper for all classes of the community, the MERCURY AND ADVERTISER may justly claim to be excelled by none.

The ADVERTISER has been in existence since 1845, and during that time has undergone several changes in proprietorship. Except for a brief period, a few years ago, it has kept a uniformly consistent course as an independent, outspoken, exponent of the principles of the Reform party. That exceptional period was the result of unwise counsel and came near proving disastrous to the then publisher. It, however, recovered from the effects and we believe has since amply atoned for the error. The present publisher has worked hard and honestly to keep it up to the highest standard of provincial journalism, and if he has not succeeded in doing all that he might have wished, he has at least the satisfaction of knowing that he has done his utmost under the adverse circumstances which has surrounded him—and that he has nothing to reproach himself with, except it be, perhaps, at having undertaken too herculean a task with the limited capital at his command. He trusts he may be pardoned in indulging the belief that since the ADVERTISER came under his control, a year-and-a-half ago, it has at least not deteriorated in the opinion of its readers. He acknowledges many shortcomings, and has more than once felt humiliated at the apparent lack of careful attention to its practical details; but now, in writing its valedictory, he does so with a consciousness of having done his duty to his patrons, and of having expended his efforts in the cause of right and justice. While we have never looked or hoped for pecuniary reward from the party with which we are affiliated, we are not certain that we have even had the moral support or recognition of our services, that one would naturally suppose we were fairly entitled to. We don't say this in a spirit of complaint, but to disabuse the minds of the public from the generally received opinion that newspapers are largely sustained by political parties and by Government patronage. The days of "pap" are long since gone by, and newspapers now-a-days are usually published on purely commercial principles. If subscribers fail to pay up promptly, and if advertisers don't find it to their interest to give a paper sufficient patronage, the result is a financial failure, and it can only be sustained by the outlay of unlimited capital. We must confess that the publication of the ADVERTISER for a year-and-a-half has not been the means of adding many ducats to our private exchequer. It has been up-hill work to keep current receipts equal to current expenditures, and such being the case, it has been a very difficult task to give proper attention to editorial matters. We thus felt that the drags were greater than our resources would warrant us in sustaining. By amalgamating the subscription lists of the two papers, both would, we believe, be benefitted without detriment to the readers of either.

Mr. Innes will hereafter supply the subscribers of the ADVERTISER with the MERCURY AND ADVERTISER, and will collect all accounts due for the paper. All accounts for advertising and job printing to be paid to the undersigned, who will continue to carry on the jobbing business in the premises now occupied, in St. George's Square. We now say to the readers of the ADVERTISER, Farewell, hoping that we may often have the pleasure of meeting many of them in our job printing establishment, and of executing for them any style of plain or fancy printing.

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Town and County News

Business has been very brisk in Drayton lately.

The Fergus mills have commenced to run again, and gristing and chopping is now done every day.

A social in behalf of the Parsonage at Drayton is to be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, at Sergeant Fisher's, Creek Bank.

I. O. G. T.—Amongst the grand officers appointed in Toronto recently were Wm. Leech, G. W. Chap., Elora Miss Strange, G. W. D. M., Rock-wood; Mrs. D. Moulton, C. W. I. G., Guelph.

A son of Mr. Joseph Crittenden's last week set a trap on the farm of Mr. Weatherhead, 10th Con., Maryborough, and caught a splendid lynx about three feet long.

The periodical we noticed yesterday is called "The British Workman." It was misprinted "Workman"—no doubt puzzling some of our readers, and causing others a hearty laugh.

On the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway on Thursday the noon train from Hespeler to Guelph ran off the track. The delay, and damage to the engine, were the only serious results.

In Elora, on Wednesday, Mr. Thomas Grey had his nose broken by a handspike, which was accidentally caught by a circular saw and thrown against Mr. Grey's face. Jas. Grey was holding the handspike at the time.

INCORPORATION OF DRAYTON.—An application is to be made at the forthcoming sitting of the County Council for a by-law to incorporate the village of Drayton. A census has been taken, and shows that the inhabitants number above what is required by law to become incorporated.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT OF GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—We record to-day the death of Benjamin Homan, who came to this country in 1830 with the late William Tolton, and remained with him or in the family up to the day of his death. Quiet and unobtrusive, he was held in great respect by every resident in the section.

DESTRUCTION.—There are many unemployed workmen seeking for employment at the present time. We hear from several of the Guelph manufacturers that they have frequent applications for work which it is not in their power to give. A large proportion of the applicants come from the other side.

Y. M. C. A. BAZAAR.—The Ladies' Committee for the Bazaar in connection with the Building fund of the Association held their regular meeting in the Rooms of the Association yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance. The reports from the different congregations with regard to what they have done are still doing is very encouraging, and we hope in every respect the Bazaar will be quite a success.

A WELLINGTON MAN KILLED.—Mr. Ralph Marshall, died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Tuesday the 25th inst., from injuries received in the lumber woods, while felling a tree. It appears that the tree had lodged and while taking it off the stump, it in some way struck and crushed him to the ground, breaking his thigh and causing other severe injuries. Mr. S. Marshall was at once telegraphed the sad news, and his brother and wife immediately left for the place. The body was sent to Drayton for interment.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular meeting of the Association was held last evening. There was but a small attendance. W. Anderson read an Essay, "To be or not to be," which called out remarks from most of the members. The new Secretary, Mr. True, gave a few good pointed remarks on the work of the Association. The Association decided to have a welcome meeting to the Secretary, Mr. True, in the Rooms of the Association next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, to which all are very cordially invited.

The December number of Wood's Household Magazine has reached us from the publishers. It is replete with good reading—entertaining sketches, stories, poems, &c., &c. In addition to the main articles are several pretty poems, a charming little cottage design, and editorial departments embracing our Housekeeper, Correspondence, Literary Notices, Laughing Stock, &c., &c. The engraving for this month is entitled "Old Folks." All the above is for one dollar per year—or with chrome Yosemite one dollar and a half. The publishers' address is Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N.Y.

CHASE AFTER A DEER.—One day last week Mr. Austin, of the Forest Mills, near Galt, while working about his mill, was very much surprised to see a fine buck dash through the woods that border on his mill dam, and take refuge for a few moments in the water of the dam. It was followed in a short while by a hound belonging to Mr. McQuillan, of Puslinch, and when the buck heard the dog it left the water and bounded off in a westerly direction. It appears that Mr. McQuillan had started the deer close to his own place, and that it had started off in the direction of the spot where it was seen by Mr. Austin. After a lengthy chase, the hunters had to give it up, the animal after crossing the creek taking a course that would lead north of Guelph. — Reporter.

Local and Other Items

The Galt Teachers' Association will hold its next meeting in the Central School on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 2 p.m.

A movement is on foot to purchase an organ for the use of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Berlin.

Goderich has just had a golden wedding, the parties who have completed their 50th year of wedded life being Mr. George Andrews and his wife.

A preliminary meeting of a number of the old members of the Waterloo literary association was held in the village on Monday evening last, to arrange for the reconstitution of the Society for the winter.

A BAND OF MUSICIANS of a very superior character has been formed in the Indian village adjoining Southampton. It is composed of thirteen members—all Indians. The instruments are all new brass, of the best description, and cost some three hundred dollars. The musicians have been in training but three months, and have made excellent progress.

Coal is being substituted for wood in Kincairdine. The Reporter says Messrs. Gray & Scott have just imported 500 tons of coal, for use in their extensive salt works. The rapid consumption of cordwood in that vicinity, and the small quantity of land remaining uncleared, already obliges a number of farmers to buy their own fuel.

FRN. On Monday the house of Wm. Scarr, on the 8th con., Maryborough, caught fire and but for the timely assistance of Mr. Samuel English and family, would have been in ashes in a short time. The fire was caused by the pipes disjoining below the roof, and the blaze catching along the ridge board, in a few minutes the roof was in flames ten feet high. Mr. Scarr was in the barn killing a beaver at the time, and his family being inside the house they did not discover it until the house was given by Mr. English. Fortunately water was handy and the flames were arrested before any damage was done besides burning a large portion of the roof.—Enterprise.

THAT LITTLE AFFAIR.—The Hamilton Spectator having denied the correctness of the report that Sir John made a brutal attack upon Mr. D. A. Smith, the editor of the Woodstock Sentinel, who appears to have been a witness of the affair, declares: "The naked truth is, that Sir John did not rush into the lobby, he did shake his fist at Mr. D. A. Smith, he did call him a traitor, he did threaten him, and having done all this, he informed Mr. Smith in true Chesterfieldian phraseology, that he (the Freeman) could lick him (Mr. Smith) quicker 'n he could scorch a feather." Now what does the Spec say to this concise statement?

A HORRIBLE EVENT occurred lately in Morris township, on the night of Tuesday week. The Brussels Post says that about the middle of the night, Mr. C. King was awakened by the shrieks of his twelve year old boy, who slept above. Hastily arousing Mrs. King, he rushed up to his son, and pulled the blankets off the little fellow, when six or seven huge rats leaped out of the bed, and dashed wildly around the room. An examination revealed the fact that the larger portion of one of the unfortunate boy's ears had been eaten off by the hungry rodents. One of his cheeks were marks of the teeth of the animals, from which blood was streaming. Although the wounds are likely to heal, fears are entertained by some that poison from the fangs of the rats may have entered the youth's blood.

FEARS FOR A STEAMER.—Apprehensions are entertained for the safety of the Gulf Ports Company's screw steamship Picton, Captain James, which left Montreal on the 11th inst., bound to Pictou and Halifax with a cargo of flour. Since leaving Quebec nothing has been heard of her. It is believed at the Company's office here that her engine has broken down, and that she cannot make her way into port under sail. The steamer Albatross is searching for her. There was no cabin passengers on board. She underwent extensive repairs while here, to enable her to go on the route between Halifax and Portland this winter.

A CHARITABLE PARTY got badly sold in a neighboring county recently, after making an unprofitable noise and conducting themselves generally like lunatics, for half an hour opposite the residence of a newly married widower, they knocked at the door. Receiving no reply, they entered, and searched the house, but found it empty. Information was received that the objects of their search were over on the next occasion. Away they went, through river and swamp, and tried to find them "over there," but they weren't there, and after making a discordant party for a short time they returned to their former scenes of operations but still the objects of their attention were missing, and finally despairing of finding them these youths returned to their respective places of abode, "sadder, madder, and more tired" than when they went away. We think you can say now, "score one for the widower."

INCENDIARY FIRE.—On Thursday evening Thorold was startled by the alarm of fire from the Lybster Cotton Mills, the pickle-room of which was enveloped in dense smoke. On examination it was found that a quantity of cotton waste in the boiler was on fire, and it was only after a severe struggle by the employees of the mills and some of the villagers it was subdued; loss only nominal. It has since transpired that the fire was the deliberate act of the boys employed in the mill, named Gunning, Cain, and another, who were more than sixteen years old, and the youngest seven or eight. The younger applied the match at the instigation of the two elder, but frightened at the act has confessed. All the boys are in custody. Their reasons for the deed are that they were tired of working the long hours which have lately come in force there, their parents refusing to allow them to leave their employment.

A missionary meeting will be held in the Congregational Church, Georgetown, on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Jackson, M. D. of Zion Church, Toronto. Rev. Mr. Dav. Stoneville, Rev. Mr. Manchee, Guelph, and others.

GAMES.—Checker boards, chess boards, solitaire boards, checkers, chessmen, building blocks, games of authors, conversation cards, a large stock opened out at Anderson's bookstore.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Hoosac Tunnel Completed.

Cartagena Bombaraded.

New Russian Loan.

New French Ministry.

Steamer Ashore.

New York, Nov. 28.—The famous Hoosac Tunnel, connecting the Eastern and Western railway systems, opened yesterday.

Condensed cable despatches say that Cartagena was bombaraded for eight hours on Thursday by the land batteries. The town and the man of war, Mendez Nunez, replied with vigor. The outlying fort, Don Julian, was silenced by the fire of the besiegers; it is reported that its commandant and several others were killed. It is believed that propositions for the surrender of the city will soon be made.

The Rothschilds announce a Russian five per cent. loan of \$75,000,000. The following is the official list of the French Ministers, announced yesterday: Minister of the Interior, Duke de Broglie, Foreign Affairs, Duke de Cazex, (was Gen. Dubarail); Finances, Pierre Magne; Justice, DePeyre; Minister of Public Institutions and Worship, Fourtieu; Agriculture and Commerce, DeSaligny; Public Works, DeLarcy; Marine, Admiral De Hornoy. M. M. Beule, Ernoul, and Balbic, are the members of the previous Ministry who have retired.

The steam ship Koeni Wilhelm, from New York, has gone ashore near Neive Dep, on the coast of Holland. Passengers all safe. It is expected that it will be necessary to unload her before she can be got afloat.

Work was vigorously kept up at Brooklyn Navy Yard all day yesterday. Ex-U. S. Senator Richard Yates of Illinois died suddenly at St. Louis last night.

Notes from Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.

The Government steamer Lady Head has been ordered to proceed to the relief of the belated vessels in the Lower St. Lawrence.

The election of one Minister after another by acclamation, is noted here as a sure indication of the strength and popularity of the Mackenzie Government.

There is no truth in the report that Mr. Droure, Q.C., has been offered the Chief Justiceship of Manitoba. This matter has not received the attention of the Government yet.

There is no authority for the rumors set afloat for sometime past of a threatened dissolution.

Advices received here state that there will be no opposition offered in Grenville to the Hon. Mr. Fraser's return to the Local House.

The calumny published by the Opposition press against Hon. M. Letellier de St. Just is utterly without foundation. The hon. gentleman met Mr. Larmanth, of Lorraine, courteously, and told him frankly that while he appreciated his ability and integrity, he believed the immigration from that Province can be better secured by the employment of competent Canadian agents. Mr. Larmanth denies that he received other than the most courteous treatment from M. Letellier.

Owing to the late snow storms, building operations are now at a stand still. There is a heavy fall of snow again to-day.

The Young Men's Christian Association here intends organizing a course of lectures for the season.

Full ownership of the Free Press of this city has been purchased by C. W. Mitchell.

Mr. O'Connor, late Postmaster-General, has entered into law partnership with Mr. Roman, late of the firm of Lyon & Roman, of this city. He will continue to reside at Ottawa.

Toronto Notes.

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There is a current rumor that Grip, whose issue has now reached 3,000 copies, is likely ere long to be published by a joint stock company in an enlarged and improved form.

A party of twenty-three young Americans—mechanics, machinists and laborers—have arrived and are in search of work. They give accounts of a sad prospect for laborers and others during the approaching winter, and state that but few large works are contemplated in the cities of the west.

The New Siding.

The action initiated by the petition of Mr. Goldie and others for a siding near the G. T. R. passenger station has about reached a practical termination. In accordance with the promise made by Messrs. Brydges and Potter at their interview with three of our leading shippers, the Company's engineer, Mr. Brotherhood, visited Guelph yesterday. He was met by the Mayor, and Messrs. Davidson, D. Allan, Chadwick, Massie, and others. Accompanied by Mr. Oxnard, the party went over the ground at the south of the track, and inspected the proposed site for the siding. It is understood that Mr. Brotherhood will recommend the construction of a siding forthwith to hold twenty cars on the terms previously stated, by which the town will make the leveling and grading of the siding. It is suggested that it would be desirable to commence the work at once, in view of the number of unemployed laborers about, as from the nature of the ground the frost would probably not be a great obstacle. The new siding will be a great accommodation to our millers and others.

The Hamilton Times reports that the Great Western Railway just now is losing \$20,000 a week by the diminution of American travel on account of the money panic in the United States.

Scott's Murder.

The Winnipeg Nor-Wester publishes a communication from one of the French Metis on this subject. The correspondent—who signs himself Metis Loyalist—openly asserts that a Reverend Father was deeply implicated in the Scott execution; nay, more, that he expressed himself at the time of that execution, as being desirous that half a dozen more prisoners should have the same fate allotted to them. Commenting on this the Nor-Wester says:—A statement like this, if true, is not likely to be passed over. We have always suspected that if the particulars of the Scott tragedy were thoroughly sifted—it would appear that Riel himself was only a tool, and that greater guilt rested on other parties than on him.

West Toronto Nomination.

The Reformers are making an earnest and promising attempt to wrest West Toronto from the grasp of Sir John A. We learn from the Globe that a crowded and enthusiastic meeting of supporters of the Dominion Government was held on Thursday evening, nominate a candidate for the West Division in place of Mr. John Crawford, the present Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Alderman Thompson presided, and amongst those who were present were Captain W. F. McMaster, Dr. Aikens, Messrs. Dickson, Kenneth McKenzie, Q. C., Alderman Turner, D. Blain, M. P., H. H. Cook, M. P., J. D. Edgar, M. P., Hugh Miller, Thomas Nixon, Major Gregg, and other Reformers. The proceedings were marked by the greatest unanimity and enthusiasm, and Mr. Moss received, on entering the room, a perfect ovation. His speech was short, but to the point, and made a most favorable impression. At the close of the meeting, some fifteen were struck and preparations were made for an immediate and energetic contest. Mr. Moss would appear to have a good chance of winning the seat. He is first in the field, and is generally popular, whilst the opposition seems to be a long way yet from having agreed on a candidate.

A MEETING of the Reformers of South Simcoe is fixed to be held at Cookestown, on Friday, the 5th December next, to select a candidate in the Liberal interest.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.—The Hon. Mr. Dorion, Minister of Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Fournier, Minister of Inland Revenue, were on Thursday elected by acclamation. Mr. Dorion said the Government would build the Pacific Railroad, enlarge the canals, endeavor to obtain reciprocity with the United States, leave the New Brunswick school question with the Imperial Privy Council, as agreed to by the Council of Catholic Bishops; and if it be proved that Riel and his party were promised an amnesty, it would be a great point in favour of Riel. In Montmgay, Mr. Landry, the Conservative candidate for the Local House, has resigned, leaving the field clear to Mr. LANGRISSE.

SPEAKING of the Premier in his Department at Ottawa, the London Herald says:—

"As for Mackenzie, his persistent ignorance makes him the laughing stock of the youngest clerk in the service. We are not disposed to find fault with him for this, as it could hardly fail to be otherwise."

We knew that some awful young pigs had sprung up at Ottawa under the fostering care of the late Government, but had no idea things were as bad as that. Who is this youngest clerk that knows so much more than the first Commoner in the Dominion?

A relative of the Herald's, no doubt. But his light ought not to shine under a bushel. If this youthful prodigy were only to tell all he knew, who knows what might happen—he might be appointed premier in Mr. Mackenzie's stead! Trot him out, Herald! trot him out!

Hamilton & North-western Railway.

The shareholders of the Hamilton & North-western Railway met on Tuesday afternoon, at the Company's offices, for the purpose of permanently organizing. The chair was taken by Mr. John Stuart, President.

The report of the Provisional Directors was read by the Secretary. It stated that they called the shareholders together for the purpose of electing nine Directors to hold office until the first Monday in May next. The Company's Act of Incorporation was assented to on the 2nd of March, 1872, by which they were empowered to construct a railway from Hamilton to Barrie, thence to a point on Hogg's, Sturgeon, or Matedehash Bay, with power to extend so as to form a junction with the Canada Central and Canadian Pacific Railways. At the last session of the Provincial Legislature the Company obtained power to construct a branch line from some point on their main line to Collingwood. The first meeting of the Provisional Board was held on the 7th of March, 1872. Preliminary surveys were commenced in June, 1872, under W. Haskins, Esq., G. E., and various lines were run between the Grand Trunk Railway and Barrie and Collingwood. The surveys were not made between Hamilton and the Grand Trunk Railway until June of the present year, and these were made under C. F. Dutton, Esq., G. E., who is now engaged in locating the line in the County of Simcoe. Upon the whole, the result of the applications for municipal aid had been highly successful. The following bonuses have been received:—

Township of Innisfil	\$ 20,000
Group in the County of Simcoe	300,000
Town of Collingwood	25,000
Group in the County of Peel	50,000
Group in the County of Halton	50,000
Village of Georgetown	10,000
City of Hamilton	100,000
Total	\$574,000

The By-Law granting aid to the H. & N. W. Railway was read a third time and passed at the Peel County Council on Thursday.

The Georgetown Band, by an almost unanimous vote, on Tuesday evening last, decided to become the 20th Battalion Band.