

**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**  
OFFICE .....MACDONNELL STREET  
THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 24TH, 1868.

Notice—Hereafter local editorial business notices will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line in every edition of the Mercury.

**CHRISTMAS.**  
This is our subject because the season has made it so, but the efforts of writers for some centuries having worn it threadbare and left but little hopes of saying anything original we may be excused if we do not indulge in a long repetition of stale platitudes. So all of you, gentle readers, burn your Yule logs, or any other kind of timber you choose, and make yourselves as happy as circumstances will permit. Procure that for which your souls long, and enjoy a feast of fat things—if they agree with your stomachs. Bid care lift its oppressive weight from your minds, and experience for a day that buoyancy and elasticity of spirits which amid the troubles and turmoil of busy life are experienced far too seldom. But let mirth be chastened and modified by sympathy for those on whom the dark shadow of sorrow has settled, for all cannot be merry even at Christmas. The old Latin proverb has it, "Death beats with an equal foot at the huts of paupers and the towers of kings," and it might have added, that he is not very particular at what season he stalks in, an unwelcome and unbidden guest. Let the hand of charity also be opened if occasion require, so that the satisfaction of having contributed to the relief of necessity may add a relish to the feast which affluence enjoys. The celebration of Christmas is of worldly advantage. People consider it incumbent upon them to be good natured, and they consequently throw of the dregs of vexation and ill-humor which has been gathering about them, for months, and they start on the new year with fresh energy, brighter hopes, and in many instances with better resolves. Readers of the Mercury we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and trust that no cloud of domestic trouble may darken the halo of pleasure which is supposed to come with the dawning of the 25th of December.

**A Right Move.**  
To the Editor of the Mercury.  
Sir:—It gives me pleasure to inform the readers of the Mercury that a petition is being prepared which we have no doubt will be numerously signed, requesting our Town Council to refuse to grant licenses to Saloons, which are mere drinking holes, and provide little or no accommodation for travellers. Also a petition to the Legislature requesting it not to pass the License Bill, the design of which is to increase the number of taverns and do away with the law that requires them to be closed on Saturday evening and the Sabbath. If Ministers and Sabbath School Managers would also get up petitions from their congregations and schools, it would be a step in the right direction.

**TEMPERANCE.**  
THE EUROPEAN MAIL.—This is a weekly periodical published in London, England, which gives a full and complete summary of home and foreign news. It contains forty octavo pages, with a supplement, and as mercantile matters receive particular attention merchants would find it of much use and value. The agent, Mr. A. F. Shillingford is in town, and will be happy to receive subscriptions.

The National Land Association have sold 20,000 acres of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company's land to a colony of Swedes from Northern Illinois, and two hundred families will occupy the new purchase in the spring. The same company have sold to actual settlers, within ninety days, 60,000 acres of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company's lands.

The Huzzars at Montreal are being served out with blue pilot overcoats.

**COULSON HOUSE,**  
GUELPH, Dec. 24th, 1868  
A G Markle, J Preston, Harrison; G Mortimer, T Mortimer, W G Elworthy, Montreal; M Stephenson, St Mary's; W Moir, Mr Rainer and wife, D McKenzie, John Bell and wife, Elora; J P Laurason, St George; S H Ormond, G Ferguson, Pergus; R Omer, Port Huron; D Campbell, Miss Hauson, Hamilton; W Weeks, Bosworth; F T Graffie, I Shape, Mr Freelan, Wm Bonnell, Thos Wilson, Toronto; P Zeytler, Clifford; Miss Ireland, J Dawson, Mount Forest; N McLean, Manilla; Mrs Gun, Walkerton; P Gourlay and wife, J Gourlay, Buffalo; J W Ferguson, London; G S Frolick, Plattville; Wm Watson, Egremont; P R Ryan, G T R.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
The Law Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned in this day dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Webster, who has been appointed Deputy Registrar for the County of Wellington.  
Mr. Saunders continues the practice of the law in all its branches.  
Office, for the present, No. 4, Day's Block.  
Dated at Guelph, 24th December, 1868.  
THOMAS SAUNDERS, JAMES WEBSTER, JR.

**GUELPH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**  
The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Ellis' Hotel, Guelph, on  
**Wednesday, 13th January, 1869**  
At two o'clock, p. m.

**NOTICE.**  
In accordance with the provisions of the new Agricultural Act, it will be necessary for all who intend to vote at the Annual Meeting to pay their subscriptions for the ensuing year prior to the 1st of January, 1869.  
GEORGE MURTON,  
Guelph, Dec 22  
Sec. G H Society.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**  
SETS OF CARPET BALLS  
MUSTACHE CUPS  
MOTTO GIFT CUPS  
CUPS OF KINDNESS  
CUT WINE GLASSES  
CUT GLASS GOBLET  
CUT GLASS TUMBLERS  
FANCY STONE WATER JUGS  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES  
BRIER ROOT PIPES

**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S**  
Guelph, 24th December. dw  
**LIQUORS.**  
Hennessy Brandy  
Martell Brandy  
Chery Brandy  
Ginger Brandy  
Old Tom Gin  
Dunville Irish Whiskey  
Stuart's Scotch Whiskey  
Old Jamaica Rum  
Bernard's Ginger Wine  
Very fine Pale Sherry  
Very Old Port Wine  
Old Rye Whiskey  
Malt Whiskey  
Toddy Whiskey  
Windsor Whiskey,

**AT JOHN A. WOOD'S**  
Guelph, 24th December. dw  
**GUELPH RIFLE RANGE.**  
The Guelph Rifle Range will be open to all comers on Christmas day, from 10 a. m., under the Rules of the Association.  
Pool Target, 8 inch bull's eye, 300 yards.  
Position, Standing—Military Regulation for Shooting.  
Military Rifles, open-sights.  
Ten cents a shot. One-third to be deducted for the expenses, the remainder to be divided at 12.50 and 4.50, among those scoring bull's eyes, in proportion.  
E. NEWTON, Secretary.  
Guelph, 24th Dec.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
We place before an intelligent public this notice, and bespeak for it a kindly reception from young and old, rich and poor.  
Our Platform is sufficiently broad and comprehensive, that every one can stand upon it to advantage. We simply seek the general good of the whole community by giving good advice and showing how to SAVE MONEY, which, we take it, is something every intelligent person is desirous of doing.  
In the first place we wish to inform the public that we are in

**The Grocery, Liquor and Crockery Trade**  
at our usual stand, Wyndham-st.  
**20 lbs New Currants for One Dollar.**  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
In order to meet the wants of all classes, our Stock has been greatly enlarged and improved. Every line of Goods has been carefully classified and made us complete as possible, and now we flatter ourselves that our Stock is equal in every respect to any in the Dominion.  
Everything in stock is fresh, new and sparkling. No old shop-keepers' rust and decay upon our shelves is to be palpable on the unsuspicious. We buy the VERY BEST GOODS which the markets of Europe and the Dominion afford, and sell at the very smallest margin of profits.

**12 lbs. New French Prunes for \$1.**  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
The success which we have already met with since commencing business in Guelph warrants us in the belief that our efforts to conduct a First-class Grocery Establishment is fully appreciated by the public.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
The Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching, when all make an effort to obtain good cheer wherever it is to be enjoyed. It is of importance that purchasers should get value for their money, and a visit to **E. O'Donnell & Co's** will convince the most skeptical that it is just the place to obtain the choicest Goods at the very lowest prices.

**11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins for \$1.**  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO.**  
During the past two weeks we have been in DAILY RECEIPT of large quantities of Goods, which are now opened and offered for inspection at  
**E. O'DONNELL & CO'S,**  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, 23rd December. dw

**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.  
E. MORRIS, Agent.  
Guelph, Dec. 21.

**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!**  
For large and small. Come one and all, come all, and see for yourselves.  
**H. BERRY.**  
Guelph, Dec. 23, 1868. daw 17

**R. RAE & CO.**  
IMPORTERS OF  
**China, Crockery, Glassware, AND FANCY GOODS.**  
ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH, ONT.  
HAVING purchased of Messrs. JAMES MASSIE & CO. their stock of Crockery and Glassware, imported this Fall, and rented the large and commodious premises adjoining their wholesale Grocery Store in the New Alma Block, we propose carrying on a large and exclusively Wholesale business in the above line.  
From the facilities we possess in a practical knowledge of the business, and by buying for cash in the best markets of England, France, Germany and America, we are prepared to offer our Goods at prices that will compete favorably with any House in the Province.  
Guelph is a specially central point, offering facilities for the transmission of Goods in all directions. Under such circumstances we have confidence in soliciting an examination of our stock before purchases are made elsewhere, confident that we can offer inducements unsurpassed in the Trade. We are now opening

**500 Crates of Granite and Common Ware, And 300 packages of Glassware, China & Fancy Goods**  
Comprising a complete assortment in those lines.  
Prompt attention given to all orders, and all Goods carefully packed by experienced warehousemen.  
Guelph, 19 December. daw-w17 **R. RAE & CO.**

**Christmas and New Year's Gifts.**  
For Christmas and New Year's Presents go to  
**JOHN R. PORTE'S**  
JEWELLERY AND FANCY STORE,  
Next door to Mr. Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street.  
The following choice articles will be found in Stock:  
**Ladies' Companions  
Ladies' Work Boxes  
Ladies' & Gents' Writing Desks  
Chessmen, Chess, Draught and Cribbage Boards, Inkstands, Book Slides, Vases, Parian Figures, &c.**  
**WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELLERY**  
Of every description, and at all prices, to suit purchasers. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.  
Guelph, 17th December dw **JOHN R. PORTE.**

**G. A. D. C.**  
**A Select Dramatic Entertainment.**  
Opening of the Season 1869.  
W. ANDERSON, President.  
THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Acting Manager.  
PROF. VALE, Leader of Orchestra.  
The Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club will make their first appearance this season in the TOWN HALL, Guelph, on the evening of  
**MONDAY, the 4th of JANUARY**  
On which occasion will be produced the great MORAL TEMPERANCE DRAMA, in 5 Acts, entitled

**THE DRUNKARD!**  
Or, The Fallen Saved!  
Being a powerful and vivid picture of the fall and downward progress of the victim of intemperance.  
The Scenery to be used on this occasion is all new, and has been painted expressly for the Club.  
Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50c. For particulars see programme.  
Guelph, 24th Dec. do

**IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE**  
OF  
**DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c., in the Village of Acton.**  
Public notice is hereby given that on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, I will offer for sale by public auction, on the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, as much in the 1/2, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, Insolvents, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at \$2,900. The Store is large and convenient, with a Dwelling House above, and a large garden in the rear. The rent, which is paid up to March next, is only \$120 per annum. The Stock and Stock Book may be viewed on the premises up to the day of sale, by application to Malcolm or Donald Kennedy, residents of the village, and a copy of the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.  
THOMAS CLARSON, Official Assignee.  
33 Front Street, Toronto. do-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. dw

**FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE**  
A good factory for sale or to let. Apply to  
S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph  
November 19. daw 17

**MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.**  
**ARRIVED**  
**The First Lot this Season**  
**FRESH HADDOCK  
FRESH LOBSTERS,** in the Shell  
ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE VERY  
**Superior Haddies**  
PIATT & 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.**

**E. HARVEY & CO.**  
**No. 1**  
**WHITE GOAL OIL**  
Of the best quality,  
**Wholesale and Retail**  
AT THE  
**MEDICAL HALL!**  
**E. HARVEY & CO.,**  
Guelph, December 24 dw

**HOUSES TO LET.**  
To let 4 dwelling houses. There are seven apartments in one and four in the other. Apply to  
DAVID McCRAE, Senr., London Road.  
Guelph, 23rd Dec. dw

**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, 23rd December. daw

**New Advertisement.**  
**FRUITS.**

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

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**  
**Beautiful Jewellery!**  
When you buy your Christmas Presents, DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE  
**D. SAVAGES**  
Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

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**B. L. S.**  
Lately with Messrs. James Massie & Co., and formerly with W. J. Brown & Co., has opened out a large stock of  
**Groceries, Wines and Liquors**  
**DINNER and TEA SETTS, GLASSWARE, &c.**  
Call and judge for yourselves as to quality and price, at the Store,  
**Next Door to THE ALMA BLOCK, Guelph.**  
**LANGDON** FOR WINES and LIQUORS. For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.  
**LANGDON** FOR TEAS. For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY  
**LANGDON** FOR SUGARS. For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE  
**JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. SALT: 100 Bbls and 1/2 bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 40 bbls. Labrador HERRING.**  
Guelph, 15th December. daw