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D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN Guelph, March 1, 1871. *dw*

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.

DR. HEROD Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. *dw*

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We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & Macdonald.

THOS. ACHMUTY KEATING, M.D., M.R.C.S., England, M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin. Guelph, July 1st, 1873. *dim wcm*

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington. *dw*

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IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph. *dw*

RIE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall. Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. *3md*

THOS. WORSWICK MANUFACTURER OF

MACHINISTS' TOOLS Complete, with best modern attachments.

STEAM ENGINES of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap portable Stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

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RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES Family Sewing Machines (single thread) Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) No. 1, Foot Power, No. 2, for heavy work. Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH WARD.

GENTLEMEN—At the solicitation of a number of rate-payers of the above Ward, I have consented to become a Candidate for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year. If, gentlemen, you should deem me worthy of the honor of representing you, and should elect me to that position, I shall endeavor to the best of my knowledge and ability to serve you faithfully, and do all that lies in my power for the benefit of the Town in general and the North Ward in particular.

Soliciting from all that lies in my power, and vote, I have the honor to remain, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, M. HARVEY, Guelph, Dec. 13th, 1873. *dw*

ROBERT CRAWFORD, PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller

Wyndham Street, Guelph. Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clock and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. *dw*

HOTEL CARD. The Right Man in the Right Place.

THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodations, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The Hotel is well furnished with every convenience. Rooms, Wine, Cigars, &c., at moderate rates. A good hostler always on hand. Remember the spots—next door to the Post Office. *dw*

THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor, Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1873. *dw*

PARK HOTEL, GUELPH, ONT.

OPPOSITE MARKET, GUELPH First-class accommodation for travellers. Comfortable and attentive household. The Hotel is well furnished with every convenience. Rooms, Wine, Cigars, &c., at moderate rates. A good hostler always on hand. Remember the spots—next door to the Post Office. *dw*

New Advertisements.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailors' cases. Apply to E. Clayton. *184tf*

NOTICE—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. *dw*

SERVANT WANTED—Wanted a respectable servant girl, accustomed to do general house work. Apply to Mrs. F. Gow, Beech Grove, Guelph. *dw*

HOUSE TO LET—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 3rd, 1873. *dw*

LOCKET LOST—A gold locket was lost at the Old Mill, Wyndham Street, by the undersigned. Finder will oblige by leaving it at this office. *184tf*

CARETAKER WANTED—Wanted a Caretaker for the First Presbyterian Church. Apply to W.D. HEPBURN. *dw*

WANTED, AT ONCE, AN ACTIVE girl as nurse and housemaid. None but competent persons having good references need apply. *dw*

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. For sale, the house and lot on Northumberland Street, two doors from Burgess' Grocery. It is now, contains 4 rooms and summer kitchen. For terms and other particulars enquire of Mr. F. Knowles, Hat and Fur Store, Day's Block. *dw*

HOUSES TO LET. A good stone dwelling in the West Ward, containing 7 rooms, with good cellar and walled-in garden and fruit trees, with an abundance of good spring water, situated between the London Road and West Suffolk Street. Also, two small Frame Dwellings on Suffolk Street, convenient to the Western Station. For further particulars apply to the subscriber. DANIEL O'CONNOR. *dw*

ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating. Office Dundas Bridge. Orders left at Mr. Savage's Jewellery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. T. G. OLDHAM. *dw*

TOWN OF GUELPH. All persons having claims against the Corporation will please send in their accounts on or before WEDNESDAY, the 25th of DECEMBER, inst. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. *dw*

GIVING UP BUSINESS. The subscriber for various important reasons is constrained to give up his boot and shoe business on and after the first day of January, 1874. All those indebted to him by book account are requested to make payment at an early date, and those accounts remaining unpaid will be placed in the hands of the Clerk of the Court for collection. The remainder of the stock on hand will be sold cheap for cash. Repairing done for cash till the business is wound up. Dec. 20th, 1873. JAMES TINDAL. *dw*

Y. M. C. A. The Bazaar for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held

In the Town Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday the 23rd and 24th inst., Opening on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. All kinds of refreshments will be provided. Admission in the evening, when good music will be provided, 10c; Children 5 cents; during the day free to all. Friends sending donations for the refreshment Tables will please send to the Town Hall on Monday evening.

MRS. HIGINBOTHAM, Secretary and Treasurer Guelph, Dec. 16th, 1873. *dw*

Just Received, 100 Barrels Choice Labrador Herrings; 100 Half barrels ditto.

This is the finest Lot we have seen this season.

Massie, Paterson & Co. Guelph, Dec. 19, 1873. *dw*

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS. A very large and choice selection of Christmas and New Year's Presents.

At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Don't fail to examine the fine display in the window, and the Christmas Tree inside. Lots of Presents and Toys for the little folks. Also on hand, Berlin Wools, all colours; real and artificial hair, and a great variety of slipper patterns. I. & J. ANDREWS. *dw*

WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL Anniversary. THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING will be held on FRIDAY EVENING, the 26th inst., in the church. An excellent programme, composed of Singing by the scholars, 30 in number, staging by the infant class, duets, recitations, dialogues, etc., etc., has been prepared, and every effort is being made to render this an interesting occasion. Friends of the Sunday-school are cordially invited to attend. Tickets 25 cents; children under 12, 15 cents. Exercises to commence at 7:30. J. D. HUTTON, Sec. *dw*

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1866, AND AMENDMENTS THEREON. In the matter of HENRY METCALF, of Guelph, Saddler, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his store in Guelph, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Assignee. *dw*

Dated at Guelph, this 11th day of Dec. 1873. *dw*

NEW GOODS

CRANBERRIES PRUNES RAISINS CURRANTS FIGS

SULTANA RAISINS SEEDLESS RAISINS TABLE RAISINS JORDAN ALMONDS ENGLISH FILBERTS SQUARE CUT LOAF SUGAR BON BONS SWEETS OF ALL KINDS

AT JNO. A. WOOD'S Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

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Town and County News

The approach of Christmas made the market a crowded and lively one to-day as it will no doubt be to-morrow.

On account of the Bazaar, the usual meeting of the Bible Class in connection with the Y. M. C. A. will not be held this evening.

SAD BEHAVEMENT.—We regret to hear of the heavy family affliction which has been sustained by Mr. David Chambers. Our obituary column yesterday contained a notice of the death of his youngest son. This is the third child that Mr. Chambers has lost within little more than a year. The second death occurred about a month since, and the cause was we believe the same as that of the last—congestion of the lungs.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.—We record to day the death of Mrs. Macdonald, relict of the late Hugh Macdonald, a very old and much respected settler in Guelph. The deceased came to this section 40 years ago, and resided on the farm of her son, Mr. Evan Macdonald, up to the day of her death. She attained a ripe old age, and died in great peace, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

POLICE COURT. (Before the Police Magistrate.) Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Richard Stinson, cooper, was charged by Elizabeth Breckon with assault and battery in Guelph yesterday. Defendant was fined \$5 and costs. Stinson was also charged with assaulting Henry Pearson, stage-driver and was bound over to keep the peace, himself in \$200, and two sureties in \$100.

County Court. MONDAY, Dec. 22.

This Court met to-day for the trial of cases without jury. The following cases were tried:—

GUTHRIE vs. BILTON.—Action for damages against Joseph Bilton, of London, for illegally seizing and detaining the plaintiff's property. Verdict for defendant. Mr. Oliver for the plaintiff, Mr. Guthrie for the defendant.

GRANGE'S BAIL.—Action by Mr. Sheriff Grange against Mr. Ball, of Galt, for \$180, being charges and expenses of putting Mrs. Gray out of possession of a farm in Maryborough. Mr. Ball paid no notice to the sheriff. Judgment reserved. Mr. Oliver for plaintiff, Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

Ontario and Quebec Railway. Orangeville, Dec. 22.—Public meetings were held in the Town Halls of Elora and Feergus on Saturday last, to hear explanations from Mr. Fowler, respecting the construction of the Ontario and Quebec Railway from Montreal direct to Guelph Harbour, when resolutions were passed unanimously favourable to the scheme.

A SHARP RASCAL CAUGHT.—A man named George Miller was recently arrested in Detroit whilst carrying away some hides he had stolen from the premises of the Grand Trunk Railway, in whose employment he was. For a long time past the Grand Trunk and Central Railroads have been aware that their freight cars were frequently robbed. The Central, Grand Trunk and Lake Shore Roads have for the last year offered a stinging reward of \$500 for the arrest of the guilty party or parties. Miller has been the principal actor in these robberies, and it is hoped to secure his accomplices soon.

SACRILEGE.—An attempt was made on Sunday night to rob the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Oshawa. The burglars forced one of the doors open, entered the church, and pried open all the drawers in search of the collection deposits and silver plate belonging to the church. Luckily they were not kept in the church. The chief constable has an idea who the thieves are.

HARRY GENTLE, who was found guilty of fraud on Friday last, has escaped since his conviction. He has been in the custody of Deputy-Sheriff Wm. Shields at his residence in Harlem. Up to the present time nothing has been discovered of his whereabouts.

On Tuesday, as a freight train on the Detroit and Milwaukee road was running through a piece of woods in Clinton County, the engineer observed a large bear on the track. Brain stood up and snuffed at the coming locomotive, but when it was within thirty feet of him he evidently concluded he would be worsted in a hux, and fled the track. The whistle blew and the bell in led, and a bear three snow until he disappeared in a swamp.

Christmas Party at the Guelph Academy.

The annual Christmas Party at the Guelph Academy came off on Monday evening. The attendance was large, there being present between fifty and sixty boys belonging to the school, and about the same number of girls—sisters and friends of the pupils. A number of the parents of the children were also present during the evening. Early in the evening the pupils presented to Mr. Martin a very handsome and valuable writing desk, accompanied by a short address, expressive of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by them. Mr. Martin accepted the gift and replied to the address in a few well chosen words, stating that the many repeated and tangible tokens of their esteem would long live in his memory, and hoping that the cordial relation hitherto existing between himself and them would long continue. Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mrs. Martin, thanked the pupils who had recently made her a presentation. The children betook themselves to promenade, dancing, and "doing as they pleased," until supper was announced. A large table was spread with a bountiful supply of those good things that little folks always do ample justice to. Supper being over the throng again entered upon their sports, which continued up to about midnight, when the "men and women of coming days" went home to dream of Christmas parties.

Presentation. The scholars attending Zion Chapel Sabbath School met in the Chapel on Monday the 22nd inst., and presented the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Borthwick, with an address and handsome writing desk.

Master John Simpson made the presentation, and the address was read by Master Henry Ainslie. It stated that the scholars of Zion Chapel Sabbath School wished, at this season of good wishes and happy meetings, to express their feelings of esteem and regard towards their superintendent, who had taken so much interest in the prosperity of the school, and had given so much of his time and attention in teaching the scholars to sing. Feelings of sincere gratitude were expressed, and the address concluded with a hope that Mr. Borthwick might find much success and satisfaction in his future labors among them.

Mr. Borthwick made a very feeling reply. Short addresses were delivered by the Rev. James Howie and Messrs. Tindal and Dowers. After singing a few melodies the young people separated evidently much pleased with the evening's work.

The Y. M. C. A. Bazaar. At ten o'clock this (Tuesday) morning the Y.M.C.A. bazaar was opened in the Town Hall. The number of ladies who have taken an active interest in the bazaar is large, judging both from the remarkable profusion and variety of articles displayed, and the full attendance behind the stalls. Even during the two or three hours after opening, there were no lack of visitors and purchasers, a fact which promises well for the success of the bazaar.

The appearance of the hall is very pretty. In addition to the decorations remaining from the recent balls, scarlet and blue have been stretched across the top of the walls as a background for the display of the "portable property" offered for sale by the fair saleswomen. Though not yet all in, the assortment looks inexhaustible, and includes not only fancy articles in woolen and other fabrics, but a large number of toys and other knick-knacks well suited for Christmas presents. The platform has been screened off and fitted up as a refreshment room. A bill of fare and tariff of prices has been drawn up, including both solids and delicacies, with tea, coffee, &c., and hot oysters in the evening; and the arrangements appear very complete. There will probably be a large attendance this afternoon.

Chalmers' Church Soiree. Following the anniversary services on Sunday came the annual congregational soiree, which was held on Monday evening. There was a very good attendance. The company were regaled with abundance of excellent tea and a great variety of most tempting refreshments, which, with their accustomed liberality, the ladies of the congregation had provided. After all were satisfied, an adjournment was made to the church. The Rev. Mr. Wardrop, Pastor of the Church, occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings in a few appropriate remarks. Excellent, instructive, and entertaining speeches were then made by Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Guelph; Rev. Messrs. Dickie, of Berlin; Fraser, of Barrie; and Cochrane, of Bradford. The speakers, while congratulating the congregation on their past success, urged them to greater efforts in the future, to cultivate unity and to practice liberality. At intervals during the evening the choir of the church, under the leadership of Mr. Maitland, gave some beautiful anthems in such a manner as showed that great care had been taken in their training, and that they had given every attention to their practice. Mr. Maitland also sang a solo, which was greatly admired. At the close the customary votes of thanks were given to the speakers, the choir, Messrs. Jackson for use of the melodeon, and the ladies who provided for the soiree; and after singing the Doxology and pronouncing the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Hogg, the meeting broke up, all being highly pleased with the proceedings.

The children's festival comes off this evening in the church at 7 o'clock. There will be addresses and singing by the children.

The London (Ont) police inspected the city bakeries last Saturday. They found in three shops no less than 342 loaves, the larger proportion of which were deficient several ounces in weight.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The "Virginus" Affair.

The Prisoners Released. Interesting Details.

The Virginus and the Flag. Famine in Bengal.

The N. Y. Canals. Fighting in the Streets.

London, Dec. 22.—Hon. Sir Gillyer Pigott, Baron of the Exchequer, is dead. The report of the death of the Ashantee King is false.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Commerce of this city has resolved to build a central railway depot, at an expense of £750,000.

Calcutta, Dec. 20.—One half of the supply of food in the Province of Bengal has been exhausted, and it is now believed that the famine can not be avoided. Thus far there has been no actual distress among the people.

Penang, Dec. 20.—The Dutch troops in Acheen are now in possession of all the country on the left side of the Acheen river. The march of the Dutch was strongly resisted by the Acheens.

Rome, Dec. 22.—In the Consistory to-day, the Pope delivered an allocution and appointed twelve Cardinals.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Tribune's Key West special gives the following account of the surrender of the Virginus prisoners to Lieut. Commander Bains, of the Junata:—It appears that the Spanish authorities to the last moment kept the poor wretches in ignorance of their prospective release, and with base inhumanity led them to suppose that they were to be executed. Priests were with them taking their confessions and doing declarations, and imploring them to look to God for pardon. They were taken out of prison in despair, but on way to the slaughter-pen, as they supposed, their eyes opened and they saw the Junata flying the flag of the U. S. When they realized the truth a scene occurred which beggars description: their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They were speedily transferred to the deck of the Junata and gave vent to the most extravagant, but touching demonstrations of joy, embracing each other, some crying, some kissing, and others audibly offering thanks to the Almighty for their deliverance from the horrors of their dungeon and the prospect of an ignominious death. On the night before the surrender the officers and crew of the Junata were stationed at quarters, her guns being turned on the city. The Spanish volunteers had been excited to an open riot by the rumour that the surrender was to take place. A large number of volunteers went in a body to the Governor's palace and begged permission to attempt the capture of the Junata, saying that they could do it with knives alone. The Governor refused to grant permission. Our officers believe that the application was made in earnest, and not a few regret that it was not favorably entertained, as the Junata alone—not to speak of the Kansas and Phinta—would have been more than a match for their assailants. On the arrival of the Phinta at Santiago orders came to the ship from Commander Bains for the Paymaster to issue all the blankets and pea jackets in his department to the prisoners, who were hardly fit to be seen in their rags. This was speedily done, but as there was still great destitution orders came for every man on board to give their own blankets and wearing apparel in the good cause, promise being made that all would be replaced on the arrival of the ship at Key West. The officers and men cheerfully complied with the order, every heart was touched by the pitiable condition of the prisoners. The poor fellows report that they were barbarously treated. The surrender took place at Morro Castle, six miles below Santiago, and a receipt was given for the prisoners. It was reported in Santiago that when it was found that the Virginus had been towed out of the harbor of Havana a large number of naval officers of high grade tendered their resignation to the home Government by telegraph.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The official opinion of Attorney-General Williams, as to the status of the steamer Virginus, dated the 17th inst., has just been furnished for publication. The Attorney-General holds her registry was false, and a fraud on the navigation laws; that she had no right to carry the American flag, but she was exempt from interference on high seas by another power. Spain has a right to capture any vessel carrying the American flag in Spanish waters, if endeavoring to assist the Cuban insurrection, but no right to capture such a vessel on the high seas upon the apprehension that she was on her way to assist the rebellion.

Matamoros, Dec. 22.—Throughout the city to-day the stores and public buildings were generally closed, and business suspended, owing to the unsettled state of feeling growing out of the fighting which occurred yesterday. The Government troops patrolled the streets, and occupied the place all last night and to-day, and maintained strict order and security. It is believed that Cortina will endeavour to be installed as

Mayor by the 1st of January, at which

time the terms of the present city officials expire; and should the efforts now being made to compromise the matter not succeed, serious fighting is likely to follow.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Commissioner Backley telegraphs from Schenectady to-day that 11 boats have passed here, towed by a steam tug—the ice is very heavy.

School Board. The Board met on Monday, Mr. Peterson in the chair; present also Messrs. Kennedy, Knowles, Newton, Bell, Murton, Inglis, Raymond, Richardson, Harvey, and Dr. McGuire.

Communications were read from Miss Addison and Miss Thexton asking for an increase of salary if re-engaged; from Messrs. Brunner and Simpson, stating their intention of remaining in the service of the Board during the ensuing year, and asking for an advance of salary; from Mr. Cooley and Miss Hutchison, stating that they do not intend to re-engage with the Board for next year.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT. The Secretary read the monthly report of the High School Master, enclosing the half yearly return for the Government. Mr. Leach called attention to a suggestion of his whereby the present attendance could be more than doubled, viz., by requiring all pupils attending the Senior Girls' and the Senior Primary Schools to pass the entrance examination required of pupils entering the High School.

The report was received, and the Secretary ordered to forward the half yearly return to the Government.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Newton read the report of the Finance Committee. They recommended the payment of these accounts:—Herald office, \$70.32; Mitchell & Tovell, \$3.25; Mercury office, \$58.95; J. H. Hacking, \$3.50; W. S. G. Knowles, \$13.15; G. & A. Bruce, \$5.30; J. T. Day, \$7.75; W. Sunley, \$66.57; Mahoney & Chase, \$55.75. The Committee recommend that the High School and the Ward Schools be insured in the "Western of Canada" and the "British American" of Canada as isolated risks. This could be done at half the present cost, or \$11.90 for the High School, and \$31.43 for the Ward Schools, with fees.

The report was adopted.

MR. FERDINAND'S CLAIM. Mr. Stevenson brought this matter before the Board.

The Chairman read a letter from Messrs. Oliver & Macdonald, whose advice he had taken on the question. They were of opinion that as the Board had made no condition with Mr. Black on his leaving, and did not release him from his engagement until Aug. 25, they were liable to pay him for the holidays; for though the Act did not provide for such payments, they were customary, and were well understood in this case. The Chairman's own opinion coincided with this.

Several members expressed a strong opinion that the Board ought not to submit to this claim of Mr. Black's, which was a very improper one under the circumstances; and it was agreed that Mr. Black's claim should be resisted.

JOURNAL OF EDUCATION. On motion of Mr. Murton, seconded by Mr. Inglis, the Secretary was instructed to take steps for the Board to be supplied with the Journal of Education, for the information of the Trustees.

THE HIGH SCHOOL. Mr. Harvey called attention to the high cost of education per head of the pupils of the High School, and suggested an alteration. After some conversation, the following resolution was moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Harvey, and carried:—"That the applications of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Brunner be referred to the School Management Committee with the view of considering the advisability of appointing the former to supply such classes in the High School as the High School Principal shall allot in addition to his instructions in German and French—the chief burden, however, to rest on the Principal, in view of the slender attendance at school; and generally that the said committee do report on the question of High School efficiency, and on the various communications referred to them at former meetings of the Board."

ADVANCE OF SALARIES. Mr. Stevenson moved, seconded by Mr. Bell, that the salary of Miss Thexton be \$350, and that of Miss Addison \$300, for the ensuing year, and that the remainder of the teachers be re-engaged at their former salaries. This is an increase of \$50 for Miss Thexton, and \$25 for Miss Addison. The resolution was carried.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for Miss Hutchison's successor, and the Board adjourned.

To the Electors of the Town of Guelph GENTLEMEN.—Having been solicited by a large number of the ratepayers to become a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1874, I now beg to offer myself for that position.

During the six years I have served you in the Council (half of which term has been as Deputy Reeve) I trust my conduct has been such as to merit your approval, and entitle me to a further expression of your confidence.

Should you honor me by electing me to the Reevship, I shall, without fear or favor, serve you to the utmost extent of my ability.

I am, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, GEORGE HOWARD.

Mr. E. J. Senkler, of Brookville, has been appointed Judge of the County Court in the place of Judge Mallock, deceased; and Mr. Ambrose, of Hamilton, Judge of the County Court of Wentworth, vice Judge Logie deceased.