

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 22ND, 1893.

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

The Municipal Elections and the "Mercury's" Dictation.

We were greatly amused at the arguments brought forward in support of Dr. Herod's candidature by his mover and seconder at the nomination on Monday. Mr. Peterson expressed his profound sorrow that Mr. Melvin was throwing himself away on the Mayoralty, when he—and no one else that we know of—had the Warden's chair reserved and laid apart for him. When Mr. Peterson urged this as a plea for his support of Dr. Herod, he must have looked upon the ratepayers as a lot of ninnyes if they believed it. What ground has Mr. Peterson for saying that Mr. Melvin would be elected Warden next year? It is a very hazardous guess at any time to say who is to be Warden—especially when it is not yet known who are to compose the County Council. We know nothing on which Mr. Peterson could predicate Mr. Melvin's elevation to that position. The prospective honour is a bit of refined buncombe, such as only Mr Peterson could imagine, and we are surprised that he could stand up and gravely tell the ratepayers that this was one excuse for his opposing Mr. Melvin. His second plea was that the Mercury brought Mr. Melvin out—that till he was spoken of as a likely and deserving candidate in our columns, no one knew or dreamt of his coming out. Mr. Melvin effectually answered that statement in his speech, when he told the ratepayers that among the members of Council, and even outside that body, his and Dr. Herod's name had been freely mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty. If Mr. Peterson did not hear it also, he must have been very ignorant of Municipal matters this year. We heard Mr. Melvin time and again, mentioned weeks ago as a likely candidate, and because we did so, and because we considered he had the strongest claim to the office, and would discharge its duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the ratepayers, we brought him under their notice as one entitled to the highest honour which they had the power to confer. Besides, Mr. Peterson stated what was not correct, for the same day he was announced in the Mercury the Advertiser also included him in its list of probable candidates. Mr. Peterson tried to make the ratepayers believe that Mr. Melvin was one of a ticket prepared by the Mercury, and sprung upon them without the slightest warning. We beg to tell Mr. Peterson that there was no ticket in the sense in which he meant it. We mentioned those who were likely to be candidates for the different offices, or who in our opinion should be brought out, and we would like to know from Mr. Peterson upon whom such a duty should devolve, if not on a newspaper. It is strange how some people change their minds with regard to candidates. If we mistake not Mr. Peterson, some two or three years ago, considered Mr. Melvin's claims so good that he was strongly in favour of him running at that or some future time for Mayor; but now these claims must be thrust aside—and for what?—for the more than remote chances of the Wardenship. Mr. Charles Davidson also appeared in his role of grumbler on Monday. Disappointed ambition must have soured his temper, for it seems to be getting worse every year. On nomination day last year he got the colic by walking on the iron plates of the market house stairs, on which "Mills & Melvin" were stamped, and this year he uttered some solemn nonsense about Mr. Melvin disregarding his oath of office in the County Council. He was effectually answered and silenced on that point, and was soundly rated and deservedly condemned for his unmanly insinuations, which he had not the courage to frame into a direct charge. In order to embitter the feelings between the two opponents and their friends, he tried to introduce politics into the contest, and so set the ratepayers by the ears on questions which do not, and should not, come into play in a municipal election. He was promptly rebuked for this by Dr. Herod himself, who deprecated in the strongest language the introduction of this element. Mr. Davidson then fell foul of the Mercury, which he said wanted to dictate to the ratepayers whom they should elect and whom they should not.—This is an old complaint with Mr. Davidson. It was preferred last year when we recommended Mr. Higinbotham as a fit person for the Mayoralty, it was preferred again when we said that Mr. Massie would make an excellent and influential Deputy Reeve, and we expect it will be preferred every year in which Mr. Davidson is not included in the programme. That's where the trouble lies, but we can assure Mr. Davidson, that though the Mercury and ten more papers backed him up, it would still be exceedingly up-hill work to elect him to any office in the gift of the ratepayers. Mr. Davidson is very indignant at the dictation of the Mercury in the case of Mr. Melvin, but when nominating Mr. Goldie he said nothing about dictation in this case, though the Mercury was the first to mention his name in connection with the office of Deputy Reeve. To be consistent he should have accepted all or rejected all who were brought into the field by the Mercury. This talk about dictation is all fustian. It casts a reflection on the intelligence, judgment and independence of the ratepayers, while it seeks to gag the press and prevent it from being the organ and leader of public opinion. To say that one or more individuals are well qualified for office is not to force them on the electors, for we should

have a very poor opinion of our fellow citizens if they would follow the lead of any paper independent of their own judgment. In this instance, however, as on former occasions, the Mercury and public opinion have been in harmony, for its ticket—to use Mr. Peterson's pet phrase—has already been elected—all with the exception of Mr. Melvin, and we feel confident that he will also be returned by a handsome majority, to Mr. Peterson's chagrin and Mr. Davidson's extreme vexation.

Henry P. Nash, lately in the employ of B. & S. H. Thompson, of Toronto, on a charge of embezzlement. About three weeks ago he absconded to St. Louis with \$4,015.

Two young men convicted at the London Central Criminal Court the other day, of garrotting, received forty stripes each at the hands of Calcraft, the hangman.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, Dec. 22d, 1893
John Walsh, J. B. Thornton, J. F. Gurnett, Toronto; D. Sinclair, Southampton; J. G. Burner, Buffalo; O. C. Hayward, Kenilworth; L. McCann, Walkerton; R. G. Pole and wife, T. F. Kingsmill, Hamilton; C. H. Harris, Strathroy; M. J. Middaugh, Durham; Mrs. Capt. Shaw and son, Picton; John Howorth, manager, Mrs. Howorth, Geo. Cruickshank, agent, Smith, agent, Howorth's Tables, the Holy Land.

SKATES.
Skates, skate straps, skate gimlets, skate screws, a large variety of skates suitable for ladies and gentlemen, quite cheap, at

JOHN HORSMANN'S,
Hardware Merchant, Guelph

New Advertisements.
ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 1894.

TOWN OF GUELPH
THE VOTE AND INTEREST OF THE Electors are respectfully solicited in favor of

Mr. ROBT. MELVIN FOR MAYOR.

SHOOTING MATCH.
A grand shooting match will take place at the Bull Frog Hotel, Erasmus Road, on FRIDAY, 25th of December, when a number of capital turkeys, geese and ducks will be shot for. Ranges for both rifles and guns will be provided. Sport to begin at noon.

Guelph, 22nd Dec. dw JAMES TOOD.

WANTED.
Wanted a teamster and a farm hand. Apply on Wednesday at this office.
Guelph, 22nd December. d1

TENDERS WANTED.
Tenders for cross-cutting a quantity of hardwood logs into short lengths. For particulars apply at my office.
Guelph, 22nd Dec. DAVID ALLAN, Guelph Mills. d4w1

AMUSEMENT.
TOWN HALL, GUELPH.
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
December 23, 24 and 25.

MATINEE on Christmas afternoon at 3. Children admitted to Matinee for 10 cents each. Every child receives a Christmas present.

M. E. HOWORTH'S
Grad Tableaux of
THE HOLY LAND,
AND PARADISE LOST.

Painted on 144,000 feet of canvas, have been visited by thousands in Europe, Canada, and the United States. For particulars see programme.
Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents. No reserve seats.
Doors open at 6.45, to commence at half-past seven.
G. SMITH, Business Agent.
J. HOWORTH, Manager. d3

HARTFORD
Fire Insurance Company
Of Hartford, Conn.
INCORPORATED IN 1816. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.
E. MORRIS, Agent.
Guelph, Dec. 21. d1y

WELLINGTON LUMBER YARD,
GUELPH.
Notice to Farmers and Others.
No. 1, Sawn Shingles, @ \$1.85
No. 2, Sawn Shingles, @ 1.65
No. 3, Sawn Shingles, @ 1.45
No. 4, Cut Shingles, @ 0.85
GOWDY & STEWART.
Guelph, Dec. 21. d4w1f

ASPEED LODGE, No. 180.
An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd, at half-past 7 o'clock.
JOHN CRIBBORD, Secretary. dtd

BOARDING. BOARDING.
A few respectable boarders can be accommodated with comfortable boarding on reasonable terms. Apply to MRS. BLOOMFIELD, at res of Baker Wright's.
Guelph, December 7. d2w

GALLERY OF ART.
R. W. LAIRD,
Looking Glass and Picture Frame
MANUFACTURER,
9 King-st. West,
TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate Country orders promptly attended to.
Toronto, 1st April 1893. d4w1

BILLIARD HALL!
Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.
Four New Phalanx Standard American Tables.
Guelph June 24. W O'CONNOR, Proprietor d4w1y

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 these lines.
Prompt attention given to all orders, and all Goods carefully packed by experienced warehousemen.
Guelph, 19 December. d4w-w1y **R. RAE & CO.**

The Sale of Cloths, Clothing,
AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
STILL GOING ON
AT JAMES CORMACK'S,
MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham
Street, Guelph.

now on hand the Largest, Best Assorted and
Cheapest Stock of Goods in the Province,
Being purchased by and the Clothing manufactured under the personal superintendence of the subscriber, he can with confidence recommend them to his numerous customers and the public. Another lot of these FINE

BEAVER OVERCOATS
Just made. Will arrive in a few days.
ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE CHEAP SHIRTS AND DRAWERS
For which there has been such a run. Keep up the demand, and I will keep up the supply at as low prices as can be bought at cost or under.

Guelph, December 19th. dw **JAMES CORMACK.**

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.**

THAT VENERABLE OLD GENTLEMAN,
OF THE
TOWN OF GUELPH.

After a number of years' services in your council, as well as in the Board of School Trustees, I have resolved, at the desire of many partial friends, to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the ensuing year. If the length of the term which I have spent in behalf of the interests of our good town can be a recommendation to your favor, I respectfully urge this claim. After nearly ten years' Municipal life, I think none will deny to me sincerity and fearlessness of purpose in the discharge of public duties, whilst I have ever sought to promote the welfare of the town in every possible way that lay in my power.

As there are many important and new questions affecting the public welfare likely to arise during the coming year, I have determined personally to interchange views with you during the short time left before the election. Amongst the most prominent of the questions, as you are aware, are the following, and which deserve the most anxious consideration:

1. The indebtedness of the town on account of the Municipal Loan Fund.
2. The question of Railway Extension northward.
3. The Union Station.
4. The change in the Municipal and Assessment laws.
5. The new School Law and Central School question.
6. Town Hall enlargement.
7. Increased economy in the expenditure on our roads and sidewalks, and the introduction of a thorough system by which they will be gradually made permanently good.

It is not possible for me in the scope of a brief address to discuss these important matters. I shall have ample opportunity hereafter to do so. I may briefly here observe that I consider no step should be taken involving the expenditure of any large sum of money without reference to any of these questions without the opinion of the ratepayers being first duly obtained. Our present liabilities are heavy, taxation sufficient, and our future, in a measure, fraught with perplexity. Still, I think, with prudence and judgment, the town of Guelph is bound to flourish, and increase in general prosperity.

Respectfully soliciting your kind support and influence,
I am your obedient servant,
GEORGE S. HEROD.
Guelph, 16th December 1893. d4w1f

A Sale To-night.
Guelph, December 18. dw

OPENING NOTICE.
The GUELPH BAKERY
Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST
Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store
NEXT DOOR TO M. SODEN'S,
Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.
A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker.
Guelph, Dec. 18.

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'S
Beautiful Stock of Jewellery.
Wyndham Street, Guelph, 18th December. dw

ARRIVED
The First Lot this Season

FRESH HADDOCK
FRESH LOBSTERS, in the Shell

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.**

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 SETS, 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.
LANGDON
FOR TEAS.
LANGDON
FOR SUGARS.
LANGDON
For the best Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.
LANGDON
For the Best Assortment of CROCKERY
LANGDON
For a splendid stock of GLASSWARE
JUST RECEIVED, 500 Bbls. SALT, 100 Bbls and hlf bbls. Lake Huron FISH; 40 bbls. BOULT, Quebec; Labrador HERRING.
Guelph, 16th December. d4w1f