

The Vote on Monday.

On Monday the property holders in Guelph will be called upon to vote on the By-law providing funds for the erection of a Town Hall and Market House on the east angle of the Market Square. Since the By-law was first published in the Mercury, the scheme has engaged a large share of public attention, and quite a number of letters for and against it have appeared in our columns. We suppose those who have a right to vote have for the most part made up their minds on the question. The opinion is generally entertained that the By-law will be defeated. Had the Council—or rather the majority who forced through the present scheme—adhered to their first resolution to extend the present market accommodation and enlarge the hall by building a wing at the west side, we believe the scheme would have carried. Many of the ratepayers who favor the extension of the present hall are opposed to the erection of a new and more costly structure, especially on the site proposed, which would place the building too near the railway, and where, moreover, on one side at least there is too little room for market purposes. Some object to the scheme on the ground that a corporation has no right to spend the money of the town in building a Music Hall. The Council has partly done away with this objection in devoting the ground floor to market purposes in order to provide increased market accommodation. The present Hall is large enough for all municipal purposes, but the present accommodation for the butchers is quite insufficient, and is unworthy a town of the size and pretensions of Guelph. It is for the ratepayers to say whether they will sanction the present scheme with all its defects, or require of the Council to make other arrangements for securing better and more commodious stalls for our butchers.

Some again are in favor of the Council building a Music Hall in another part of the town, away from the railway, in St. George's Square, or in some other central locality. If the objection is valid in regard to the Council having anything to do with the construction of a Music Hall on the Market Square, it is certainly much stronger when a change of site is proposed, and when the building could not be utilized for market purposes. The Council may have some ground to go upon when they favour the proposed building, were it only on the plea that they are endeavoring to improve the market, but they would have no such argument were the site changed, and they would have no excuse whatever for entering into a speculation for building a Music Hall anywhere in town because such a place was required. If such a place is absolutely necessary, let it, be erected by a joint-stock company, as is usually done in other cities and towns.

With regard to the jealousies existing between one section of the town and another in this matter we have nothing to do, nor do we take into account the interested motives which no doubt actuate some of the ratepayers in both sections in favouring or opposing the scheme. It is a settled point that the market must remain where it is. The questions then for the ratepayers to consider are whether we require more market accommodation. If such a necessity is admitted, then whether it is better to put up the new building, or enlarge the old one, or let things remain as they are at present until the matter is at some future time forced on the attention of the people.

With regard to the question of expense, and anticipated revenue, some who favor and some who oppose the scheme, have gone to extremes. We think Mr. Davidson in his letter which we published the other day is far too sanguine in his calculation of revenue which would be derived from the new hall and market sheds. That an additional revenue would be derived we freely admit, but not to the extent he calculates, though we think that a considerably larger sum would be realized than the town at present receives. A correspondent in to-day's paper puts the question of expense in a fair light, and shows what amount every year would be required for the payment of interest and sinking fund, and what extra taxation would have to be imposed. It is for the ratepayers to say whether the advantages offered in the construction of the new building will be a sufficient compensation for the outlay. There are many who think that the sum asked, or a great part of it, should be expended in the repair of our streets and sidewalks, which are confessedly in a deplorable condition. But this money has been asked for a specific purpose, the Government have consented to the town issuing debentures for that purpose, and it cannot be applied in any other way. The money which will be required this year for repairing streets and sidewalks must come out of the ordinary funds of the town, and even if this By-law is carried none of the principal or interest

pertaining to these debentures will be payable this year. The question in all its bearings has now been sufficiently ventilated. We have tried to set forth the advantages and disadvantages of the scheme in order to help the ratepayers to come to a just decision, and in their hands we now leave it.

SOUTH OXFORD.—At the meeting of the Reform Convention for this riding on Friday, Mr. J. D. Edgar, late M. P. for Monck, was nominated as a candidate in place of Mr. Bodwell, lately appointed Superintendent of the Welland Canal. The nomination has given great satisfaction at Ottawa, Mr. Edgar being very popular among the members. He is at present in British Columbia.

The Brantford Expositor says there is a rumor current that Dr. Wiggins, Principal of the Blind Institute in that town, is to be relieved of his duties on account of difficulties between him and his subordinates, who cannot work amicably with him.

Most of the leading members of the London Board of Trade have withdrawn from it on the ground that the majority of its members are political partisans, and exclude reformers from its membership simply because they are so.

A few days since an important expedition left Ottawa in charge of Mr. Horezky to explore the country between Stikona River and Bute Inlet in British Columbia, in order to find a route for the Pacific Railway.

RECTOR OF THE PROVINCIAL FARM.—We notice that the press generally highly approve of the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Clarke to the Rectorship of the Provincial Farm. The Dundas Banner, speaking of the appointment says:—"This is a capital appointment, and we presume no man could be found better fitted, or more worthy of such an appointment. Mr. Clarke has long been connected with the Press of Ontario, and is well known as an able writer on agricultural subjects—a fact which does not detract from his fitness for the position to which he has been appointed."

Archdeacon Patton of Belleville died on Friday after ten days illness.

The assessment of Dundas has been increased from \$700,000 to \$1,100,000.

The Black Horse Hotel near Ayr, was burned down on Friday afternoon; fully insured.

Two dwelling houses belonging to J. Maitland, Hamilton, were destroyed by fire on Friday.

No fewer than four surveys have been made for the line of the Hamilton and North Western Railway through Georgetown. It will probably be located on the west side of the town.

At the Bridal.
Wide stood the door, that morn'g,
Of the sombre and ancient church,
And gaily the yellow sunshine
Streamed in on its seldom search—
Streamed over the rustling satin,
Over jewel and waving plume,
Over smiling and confident gallants,
Over women all beauty and bloom,
And I paused to look at the pageant
In the midst of the shimmer and stir,
And to hear the priest murmur, "Forsaking
All others, cleave only to her."
Fair twinkled the taper-set altar,
And sweet blew the organ's breath,
While the lover bent and repeated,
"To love and to cherish till death."
The light from the great rose window,
Came splendidly sitting down,
On her face there fell a glory,
And over her hair a crown,
And I knew by the awful passion
With which he stood white and wan,
That he cut his heart before her
For her feet to tread upon.
But the bride was softly smiling,
Loveless and bright and fair,
He was but the ring on her finger,
He was but the rose in her hair!
And I would there had been a glamour
Over my eyes, and a blur
At that eager vow of forsaking
All others, and cleaving to her;
For out of the pillared shadow
I saw beside me start
A wide-eyed girl, with her baby
Clasped over her breaking heart,
And down from the porch she flying—
The wreck of a rupture unhealed—
With only the river before her,
With only the river for rest!
—Harriet Prescott Spofford, in Harper's for May.

BIRTHS.
DALL—In Guelph, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. Geo. J. Brill, of a son.

DIED.
BELL—In Guelph, on the 1st May, Matthew Bell, aged 20 years.

The funeral will take place from his father's residence, Water street, on Monday at 2 o'clock, p.m. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

TOWN OF GUELPH.
TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders for forming and grading a Driving Track on the Central Exhibition Ground, are for altering and enlarging the Ticket Office, will be received at my office till Thursday, the 14th inst. Plans and Specifications may be seen on and after the 7th inst.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, May 2th, 1874. d3w1

AT
JOHN A. WOOD'S

- MARMALADE ORANGES
- MESSINA ORANGES
- MESSINA LEMONS
- GREEN GAGES
- GREEN PEAS
- LIMA BEANS
- SUCCOTASH
- TOMATOES
- PINE APPLES
- BARTLET PEARS
- BLACKBERRIES
- PEACHES
- RHUBARB
- MAPLE SUGAR

JOHN A. WOOD'S
Guelph, April 29, 1874 dw

MONEY TO LEND.

In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitors fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
April 16, 1874. Guelph

SEED BARLEY AND SPRING WHEAT

FOR SALE.—At the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.
Guelph, Apr. 24, 1874. d4wtf.

Garden Tools,
Garden Tools,
Fishing Tackle,
Fishing Tackle,
Bird Cages,
Bird Cages,
Large variety of each
—AT—
JOHN HORSMAN'S,
HARDWARE MERCHANT,
GUELPH.



List of Letters

REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of May, 1874.

- A
Allen H
Anshley H
Anthony Geo
Armstrong Geo
B
Bainbridge Jno
Barbour J
Barclay V
Bathgate P
Bensley John
Bibby Wm
Bittle W
Black R
Bluhm F
Bolton Jno
Bonner H
Boniter J
Bowl John
Boynton Miss M
Bradley B
Breckon Miss M
Brown G L
Brown Mary J
Brown Jno
Brown S
Byam W H
C
Callum Miss M
Campbell Mrs
Campbell James J
Carlton A E
Carroll Frank
Cass Thos
Cass A
Chancey A B
Connors J
Cox W
D
Daley T
Dedryple W
Daniels A
Davidson Mrs E
Davies Geo
Decker D
Dolanough Dr
Dickson John S
Dodd Mrs J
Donaldson & Vincent
Dunn P D
E
Easton T
Eames Miss L
Evans C
F
Fleming Miss J (3)
Fleming Miss Jessie
Fraser J (4)
French M
G
Gates E
Geehan Thos
Gercan Mr
Gibson Jas
Gillchrist Miss J
Gillies D
Graham Mr
Gray Isabella
Green George
Green D M
Gregory Mrs C
Grey Wm
H
Hagan Thos
Hall E H
Halls Wilson
Hamilton W L
Hansen C A
Healey John
Heindl E M
Henderson Mrs
Henessy John
Henry E
Ezizing Jas
Hill Miss M J
Hodg John B
Hodgson W
Houtt C
Hurd H
Hynds C
I
Jackson Mrs Ann
Jacton Mrs
Johnson Wm
Johnson Mrs
Johnson Mary
Jolly Miss M
K
Katon Wm
Kay James
Kilcher James
Kelliker D
Kelliker Mrs E
Kelly E
Kensinger Miss M
King G (2)
Kirby R
Kirland Miss M
L
Lafranc D
M
Persons calling for any of the above will please say they are advertised.
A. WELLS, Acting P.M.

LIST OF
BASE BALLS
FOR 1874 AT
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Ryan No. 1 (professional for 1874) dead white ball
Dead Red
Dead White
Bouncing Rock
Maple Leaf
Dominion Regulation
Star
Red Stocking
Practice
Junior Red and White
Young America

A FULL STOCK OF THE ABOVE AT
Day's Bookstore.
DAY SELLS CHEAP.

Brass Castings

MADE TO ORDER BY
HARLEY & HEATHER,
IRON FOUNDERS,
Huskisson street, east side Market house,
Guelph, April 27th, 1874. dw3m

R. Campbell, L.D.S.

Having recovered from his recent illness, is again prepared to attend to the wants of all who may require his services.
Office at the old stand, Wyndham street,
Guelph, April 23rd, 1874 dw

New Advertisements.
GREAT CLEARING SALE
—OF—
FURNITURE
—AT—
MITCHELL & TOVELL'S
Warerooms, next door to the Post Office.
A large assortment of first-class Furniture to be rushed off in the next few weeks, consisting of

Parlor Suites, Bed Room Setts,
Dining Room, Hall,
AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF FURNITURE.

Parties may rely on getting cheap bargains. TERMS CASH.
MITCHELL & TOVELL,
Guelph, April 30, 1874.

The Fashionable West End

Per Express DIRECT FROM NEW YORK
3 Cases Latest Straw Goods,
1 Case Buckram and Net Shapes,
6 Cases Sun and Market Hats, latest

WE WILL EXHIBIT TO THE LADIES OF GUELPH
On FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MAY 1st and 2nd,

A full and beautiful representation of all the new approved styles in
TRIMMED GOODS FOR THE SEASON.

Ladies are cordially invited to call and inspect our stock.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

NOW OPEN
Burr & Skinners'
NEW FURNITURE WAREROOMS

To meet the rapid increase in our retail trade, we have leased
The Large New Store lately occupied by
Mr. R. Clayton,

Next to Mr. A. O. Bucham's Fashionable West End Dry Goods Establishment, Upper Wyndham street, Guelph, which is now being filled with fine new furniture, cheap, consisting of

Parlor Suites, Chamber Sets, Dining Room, Hall, and all kinds of Furniture

Fresh from our Factory, where we have every facility to produce all that is new and stylish, and we invite all to visit our Warerooms, as we will make it their interest to do so, for there are bargains to be had every day.

BURR & SKINNER,
Manufacturers, and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture

AUCTION SALE, LAST CHANCE!

MR. G. B. FRASER
Being desirous that all classes should partake of the great bargains given at his Auction Sales, and in order to give the ladies an opportunity of buying Goods at their own prices, he will sell by auction,

ON SATURDAY, AT 2 and 7, P.M.
THE FOLLOWING GOODS, VIZ:

Tapestry Carpets, Wool Carpets
Stair Carpets, Mattings, Floor Oil Cloths, Window
Damasks, Window Curtains, Window Blinds, Table Damasks, Towels,
Sheetings, Piano Covers, Table Covers, Black and Colored Silks, Black Lusters and Merinos, Prints, White Cottons, Tickings, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, etc. etc.

Remember 2 o'clock, on Saturday, 2nd of May.

Intending purchasers are requested to inspect the Goods on the morning of the sale. Carpets and Oil Cloths to be cut to suit purchasers.

G. B. FRASER,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

ALE AND PORTER
In Prime Condition,
ALE AND PORTER
In Bottle and in Wood.

HUGH WALKER,
Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Apr. 13, 1874.

William Stewart
HAS
NOW OPENED
THE
First Lot's New Goods
for Spring!

Piles of Plain Lustres,
Lots of Striped Dress Goods,
Fancy Goods
The Newest Colors and Patterns.

THE
Print Department
IS CROWDED

With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at
LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 23, 1874 dw

AT BOND'S
HARDWARE

For the Season.

GARDEN SPADES AT BOND'S
LADIES' SPADES AT BOND'S
GARDEN TOOLS IN SETS AT BOND'S
GARDEN SHOVELS AT BOND'S
GARDEN RAKES AT BOND'S
GARDEN TROWELS AT BOND'S
GARDEN LINES AT BOND'S
GARDEN REELS AT BOND'S
GARDEN HOES AT BOND'S
GARDEN FORKS AT BOND'S

A complete assortment of Hardware of all kinds at BOND'S

John M. Bond & Co.
Hardware Importers, Guelph.

DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE STORE

SPRING STOCK
OF
BOOTS AND SHOES
FOR
Mens', Womens', Misses and Children's Wear.

We meet the demands of the times with the best goods and the lowest prices.

OUR SPECIALTY IS
Custom-made Work
Which is made in all the latest styles. Sure fit. Reasonable prices.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

WM. TAWSE & SON.
Guelph, April 23rd, 1874 dw

RETURNED TO GUELPH.

D. TRIPP
Begs to inform his old friends and the public that he has returned to Guelph and opened his
Boot and Shoe Store on West Market Square,
Next to Pallister's Hotel.

He begs to thank them for past favours, and hopes to continue to receive their patronage.

Guelph, April 27th, 1874. TRIPP, do

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st., Guelph. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Dr. Herod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new cheap for ash. Apply at the Mercury Office.