

To the Electors and Ratepayers 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 Mayorship 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 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 like this, to discuss these important matters, but 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 with 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 1868. dwif

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, Sec. G. H. Society.

GUELPH TANNERY FOR SALE.

That available property situate in the Town of Guelph, consisting of Tannery, Dwelling House, and Office, all Stone; also, Wooden Stables. The Tannery has 9 Vats and 10 Leaches, and is run by Steam. The house is

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At M. Shewan's Old Stand,

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J. E. THORNTON, Manager of Sale; d w f

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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, at the premises, in the village of Acton, in one lot, as much in the 8, the Stock in Trade of the late firm of GEO. LESLIE & CO., of the said village of Acton, insolvent, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery, which, with certain Household Furniture and Book Debts, are valued at \$2,500. 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 to the Stock Book may also be seen at the office of the undersigned.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee, 83 Front Street, Toronto, dtd-w2

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FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain, CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.,

Cheaper than the Cheapest in Town.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.

JAMES CARTER, Guelph, Nov. 24. do tf

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DENIS BUNYAN, Guelph, 17th October. d

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Successors in Guelph to Trotter.

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is supplied with the best

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The rank of the Equitable among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1859 it was the fourth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the seventh; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second.

Insurances effected on the most favorable terms by GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph, Guelph, December 4th. dw

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AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straightedges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

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Guelph, Nov. 26. do 5w

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

MONDAY EV'NG, DEC. 28TH, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

A farmer of North Norwich has captured a bear, and wants \$16 for him.

St. Mary's has been for some time, and still is troubled with a gang of house-breakers.

Cody, who was shot in Chicago by a detective a few nights ago, originally belonged to Whitley.

FIRE IN OTTAWA.—Five storehouses were burned in Ottawa on Thursday night, together with the greater portion of their contents. Loss about \$5,000.

"My dear sir," said a candidate, accosting a sturdy wag on the day of an election, "I am very glad to see you." "You needn't be; I've voted," replied the wag.

A Milwaukee German shot himself the other day because he failed to receive a remittance which he expected. It arrived the next day, and paid his funeral expenses.

On Tuesday last an express train came in collision with a freight train standing at the St. Mary's station. One engine went down on its knees, the other reared up, both being pretty badly damaged.

CURED HIM.—A few days ago, a small-pox patient, in delirium, sprang through the double window of the hospital ward, Montreal, and ran almost naked to Griffintown, where he was captured. He is now recovering.

The vigilance committee which hung the four express robbers in New Albany, Ind., recently, have published a circular warning those who threatened them that if their threats are carried into execution, the committee will deal summarily with them.

Scotland will now vote almost in a block for Mr. Gladstone, and the Scotch vote is a vote precious to the Prime Minister whether in triumph or in difficulties—for it is a vote certain, unanimous, silent, and carrying with it the prestige of the support of a nation.

SMALL-POX.—The small-pox is said to prevail very extensively, and in a very malignant form, in Montreal. In consequence of this state of things, the vaccinating physician has issued a notice in relation to the practice of vaccinating children, and the necessity of its occasional repetition.

BOY DROWNED IN TORONTO BAY.—A very melancholy affair occurred on Saturday afternoon on the Bay, a young lad of 13 years of age, named Alex. Edwards, son of Mr. Edwards, engineer of the heating apparatus at Ogroode Hall, having met with his death by drowning. He fell through the ice while skating.

Frank Reno alone knew of the place where he deposited \$90,000, the proceeds of one of his many robberies. His sister visited him some days before he was murdered, and tried to induce him to tell where this hoard was concealed, but he refused, telling her that if he could not live to enjoy it no one else should. The secret died with him.

China is to have its prejudices butted against by that terrible fellow, Civilization. The East India Telegraph Company expects to have the wires connecting all the chief coast cities of that country in operation by January, 1870. The business coming and going through these cities is reckoned at 16,000 millions of dollars per annum.

A young New Yorker recently gave \$40,000 towards the erection of a church. He owned a fine country seat on the Hudson; an elegant establishment in New York; had his fast team on the road; made seldom less than \$25,000 a day. Thirty days ago his name was good for any amount at the banks. His country house has gone, he has given up the city establishment, and he has not now money enough to buy a bag of oats for his fast team. Eric and Pacific Mail has carried him under.

AN INSTANCE OF LONGEVITY.—The Perth Courier says: "There is now living in the Township of South Sherbrooke, with his son-in-law, Wm. Curley, a man named Edward Comar, who has attained the remarkable age of 112 years. This person evinces considerable vitality and vigor, for during the past summer he hoed potatoes and performed several offices of labor. Very few attain this extreme age; while still fewer retain, in connection with this advanced stage of life, so much physical vigor.

ORANGEVILLE ELECTIONS.—We have already referred to the municipal nominations for the village of Orangeville, and published a rumour that reached us that the old Council were re-elected by acclamation in consequence of their opponents neglecting to bring forward their men within the hour prescribed by law for making nominations. We learn from the Star that the report was correct, and that the following gentlemen were declared duly elected: For Reeve, Mr. T. Jull; for Councillors, Messrs. J. Anderson, P. Jackson, P. McNab and J. Paterson.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.—It may be of interest to inventors in Canada to know that the Government of the Argentine Republic has offered to pay a premium of eight thousand dollars in gold, to the inventor or introducer of the best system of preserving fresh meats in a manner adapted to their export on a large scale. This offer will be open until May 2, 1869. The proposals will be received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Buenos Ayres; but any information on the subject will be furnished to applicants at the New York Consulate of the Argentine Republic.

SUICIDE.—A farmer named Edward Hardy, residing near Coleridge, in the township of Amaranth, committed suicide on Saturday last, by hanging himself to a beam in the stable. The body was discovered a short time after the distressing occurrence and speedily cut down, but the spirit that animated it had fled. For some time past financial embarrassments seemed to prey very hard on his mind; and it is supposed that his difficulties accumulating, temporarily dethroned his reason, and induced him to commit the rash act. An inquest was held on the body by Dr. Hewit and a verdict in accordance with the facts rendered.

THE DELAWARE MURDER.

The Condemned Man, Thomas Jones, to be Hung to-morrow.

NO HOPE OF A REPRIEVE!

(From the London Free Press.)

It is now beyond any doubt that the murderer, Thomas Jones will be duly executed to-morrow morning. The clemency of the executive, though sought for unremittingly by the prisoner's counsel, Mr. Glass, has been pre-emptorily refused, and no prospect now awaits the condemned man but the scaffold. On Wednesday evening, the sheriff was apprised of the determination on the part of the Crown; and soon after the prisoner, for greater security, was handcuffed and manacled, and placed in a strong ward in company with an Indian, whose duty it is to keep an eye on his movements. Jones received the announcement of his doom with that dogged fortitude which is characteristic of the man, and without betraying any peculiar emotion, allowed himself to be chained by the officers. During the night, however, he managed to free himself from the handcuffs by breaking a rivet which secured the chain to the left link. His wrists seemed very much swollen and inflamed, showing that he must have made powerful exertions. The flesh appeared in ridges on his wrists.

If any expectation remained on Saturday morning that the convict Thomas Jones would be reprieved, that hope was dissipated in the afternoon by the reception of the following despatch from Ottawa by telegraph:—

OTTAWA, December 26th,

To W. GLASS, Sheriff.—

Sentence of death passed on convict Thomas Jones to be allowed to take its effect on 29th December instant.

E. PARENT, Under Secretary of State.

Loss of the "Hibernian."

The Liverpool Post has the particulars of loss of the *Hibernian*, and what afterwards befell a portion of her passengers and crew.

The ship sailed from New York, on the 14th of November, and the voyage was pleasant until a gale rose on the 22nd, which resulted in an accident to the machinery on the 24th.

Certain passengers who escaped in the captain's boat, say at two o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, the 24th ult., they were awakened by a crash. Some went to the cabin, and the captain met them, and assured them there was no danger—Having confidence in him they went to bed. As the captain did not appear at breakfast, however, suspicions were awakened, and shortly afterwards he told them to get ready to go into the lifeboats. The crew, meanwhile, were working at the pumps. The gale kept increasing, and the water in the hold gradually rose. When first informed of the danger in which they were placed the passengers manifested some excitement. They all felt distressed, and those who could weep wept; but as the day wore on the excitement gradually subsided, and during the night of Tuesday it had altogether disappeared. All were perfectly quiet that night, and one or two even slept. They all had confidence in Captain Munro—he was so collected, and managed so well. He frequently came into the cabin and spoke a cheering word to everybody. About four o'clock on the Wednesday morning it was determined that the boats should be launched. Owing to the high sea this work was accomplished with difficulty, but fortunately they were all got down at last.

The cause of the lifeboat, under the charge of the chief mate, capsizing, was the imprudent hoisting of a sail in a strong breeze of wind. It now appears that some of the seamen struggling in the water managed to right the boat, and that between eight and ten persons recovered their places in it. Of course the provisions were lost, but the three casks of water which had been allotted to this boat were secured to its bottom, and might be saved. If the eight or ten persons soon to get into the boat when it righted were not rescued within a short time, they must have perished through hunger and extreme cold. The second officer's boat was last seen shortly after leaving the ship astern of that occupied by the captain. The third officer's, though not a lifeboat, had been recently lined with cork, and rendered almost as good. She was a fine tight boat, was in excellent trim, and had only twenty-two passengers on board. On the Wednesday afternoon, so late as four o'clock, she was seen going before the wind with a small sail set; and as the weather by that time had considerably abated, there seems reason to hope that she may have during the night of Tuesday, had a fair prospect of making the coast of Ireland; but the painful consideration here comes in, that, if baffled by contrary winds, the party would, within a week, find themselves getting short of provisions.

Previous to launching No. 1 boat the captain came to the cabin and told the ladies to come on deck. The water was then ankle deep in the saloon. All the lady cabin passengers went to the front of the vessel. There was no hurrying or crushing. The boats were filled in the most orderly way, each when it had received its complement showing off to give place to the next boat. One old woman sturdily refused to leave the ship, being determined not to leave her husband, but she was put on board the lifeboat by force. She screamed loudly while being let down into the boat. When the last passenger had been got off, Capt. Munro, with the chief engineer, came off in the last boat. The passengers describe the capsizing of the boat, and the labour of the crew in the captain's boat in hauling out the water under the encouragement of the captain. At half-past seven on Wednesday night there was a great cry of "A sail, a sail!" The captain ordered lights to be put up, and told all the passengers to shout for their lives. All shouted lustily, and an answer was returned from the *Star of Hope*, Captain Talbot, who took them on board and treated them kindly, giving up his own cabin to the ladies. Between ten and eleven o'clock No. 3 boat was picked up, but nothing could be seen of the others, though the *Star of Hope* cruised round all that night and the next day. The *Hibernian* sank shortly after the boats left her.

Kincardine is to have tanks and a "fire-engine."

Brampton after paying all debts contracted during the present year, will still have a balance of over \$500 in her treasury.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Dec. 27th.—Burlingame's mission commenced its deliberations yesterday, and so far matters have been favorably discussed. The recent violence by a British man-of-war in Chinese waters came up for investigation. Mr. Burlingame held that such vessels should only be used to protect life and property, when immediately exposed to danger, but that otherwise the subject became properly a matter of diplomatic reference to the ambassador at Peking, before any act was committed that might lead to war. It is thought the English government will also regard the matter in this light.

The Oriental question absorbs all attention. That a conference will be held is not absolutely certain, and if held sinister results predicated upon similar attempts at conciliation are foretold. The Sublime Porte declines to yield the independence, or to make a sale of Crete, or to transfer that island to Egypt, or any other of the necessary basis for a compromise.

Lord Clarendon, as was to be expected, adheres to the old policy of England in regard to Turkey. Napoleon and the Emperor of Austria are undecided in their views, while it is thought Prussia leans towards those of Russia. It is certain that the Greeks count little on direct aid from Russia, but much on insurrectionists on the part of their own countrymen in Turkey. The Cretans seem quiet and indifferent.

A manifesto from Garibaldi tells them that the proclamation of Spain as a Republic will be the watchword for a new movement in Rome, and exhorts them to be in readiness for the event.

Henry W. Longfellow has declined a public dinner at Rome. It is said that President Sarmiento of the Argentine Republic has engaged the kind offices of Gen. McMahon, the American Minister to Lopez, for an attempt to mediate with Lopez, and that Don Pedro, the Brazilian Emperor, has in consequence threatened to withdraw the Brazilian envoy from the Argentine Republic.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—The semi-official journals say Spain will not even consider the sale of Cuba to the United States.—Additional troops have been sent to Cuba.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 26.—Later advices state that after the repulse of the Allies by the Paraguayans, at Ylletta, the Brazilian iron-clad were also repulsed.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—The Duke of Montpensier publishes a manifesto of his Liberal views. The *Impartial* suggests the nomination of his son for King of Spain.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The *Times* this morning publishes a very able letter from Mr. Dilke, son of the eminent journalist, denouncing the British authorities at Yanchow. Mr. Dilke thinks that a repetition of such acts would be more dangerous to the peace between Great Britain and the United States than the *Alabama* question. The *Times* in its comments agrees with the writer and pronounces the outrage a violation of the treaties in existence, and justly offensive to the Chinese Government.

The *Times* has another long editorial article on the subject of the *Alabama* claims. The people of both England and America, the *Times* says, are uneasy in regard to the relations which are to exist in future between the two nations. This feeling arises from ignorance of the true state of the negotiations now pending on the *Alabama* question. The *Times* believes that Secretary Seward himself obstructs the settlement, but that the question will be finally and amicably adjusted under the incoming administration of General Grant.

American Despatches

New York, Dec. 27th.—The liabilities of Lathrop, Ludington & Co. are stated at four millions of dollars. The steamships *United Kingdom* and *Europa*, from Glasgow, have arrived.

New York, Dec. 28th.—A special to the *Herald*, dated Havana, 23rd, says:—It is reported that eight hundred filibusters landed in the Bay of Cochina, at Santiago on the 18th; also that the Government has only 1,800 troops on that part of the island, and that they are surrounded by 10,000 of the revolutionary force.

Mazanillo, Dec. 10.—The Government force here, numbering 600, are closely besieged, and occasional skirmishes take place between the revolutionary forces and the Government troops, but lead to no important results. The Government troops are suffering from bad and insufficient diet, and in consequence cholera has broken out among them.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.