

McKenzie, formerly of Puslinch, he had seen onions fourteen inches round, no rare occurrence—and from eight to twelve potatoes fill a patent pail to the handle; and finer grain of every description he never saw anywhere. He spoke in strong terms against the mosquitoes and black flies, and likened them to the description Wesley gave of the evil spirits—"They throng the air and darken heaven," and are the curse of this "Western World." He never saw finer pasture than there was on the prairie, and he was sure that those well acquainted with cattle raising could make an unlimited fortune there. The herds of buffalo that lived on this pasture were innumerable, they reminded him of "the cattle upon a thousand hills." The beef of the buffalo was as good, as sweet, and in as good condition as any home beef he had ever tasted. Dr. Taylor then referred to a great drawback to Manitoba. There was no timber. There wasn't timber for one-tenth of the population; but near the Rocky Mountains they had all the various specimens of timber, and when they had the proposed Pacific Railway built, which he was sure the new Government would push forward, they would have easy access to the great timber field; but until they had railway and water communication there would be a scarcity of timber. But though there was a scarcity of timber, he believed in the future of the bush. He was sure they had the largest and richest coal field in British America, specimens of which he had sent to Toronto for analysis. Another drawback was the summer frosts. He believed those to be the same as were prevalent in Canada some years ago. When the land was cultivated and drained he expected these frosts to entirely disappear. He then gave a graphic sketch of the Indians and the great work the missionary had been doing among them, and of their personal appearance and character. He had seen 800 of the flowers of Prince Bismarck's soldiers, and for stature and muscle they could not equal some of the Indian tribes. He was in the camp of the Stoney Indians and not a man of the warriors but ranged from 5ft 9in. to 6ft 2in. In conclusion he remarked that he hoped soon to return, when he would be able to give his lecture in full.

The choir gave some excellent pieces of music during the evening. The meeting was brought to a close at a late hour by singing the doxology and Rev. Mr. Howard pronouncing the benediction.

Notice of Partnership.

The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken Mr. John A. Davidson into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be James & Davidson.

Guelph Evening Mercury
TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 20, 1874

Guelph "Gentlemen."

At the Fergus meeting on Tuesday night, a knot of men stood together amongst the great crowd of listeners to Mr. Blake's speech. Mr. Blake is a man who has made himself a claim to be heard with attention by all classes of his countrymen. On Tuesday night his voice had been severely tried by continued speaking, and he asked the indulgence of his hearers on this score. One would think these reasons sufficient to secure him a quiet hearing. Not so thought the knot of men who speak of. They were delighted that Mr. Blake's voice was not so strong as usual. It would give them a better chance of answering him by the brute force of lungs. Answer him by force of brains they could not. So, with inflated cheeks and hands to their faces, these persons kept up during the evening a groaning and hooting that would have done credit to any menagerie.

But who were they? Some drunken rowdies, some street-corner loafers, who ought to have been ejected by the police, our readers will naturally suggest. Bless you, no. They were good clothes. They had an air of swaggering self-consciousness, and a fine sense of their own superior position in society. They were gentlemen from Guelph, the elite of the Tory party, the leading members of the Liberal-Conservative Association; and they were marshalled and led on by Mr. F. J. Chadwick, the proprietor of the *Herald*, that pisk of propriety and good manners, and representative of all that is aristocratic and genteel. Common people would think that decency and humanity would alike forbid the taking advantage of a slight physical infirmity to howl down one of the foremost speakers of our country; not so these gentlemen.

The Cry About Free Trade.

The Conservatives in the present contest have found it hard to get up a good cry against the Government or their supporters, and in utter hopelessness of finding any better subject for objection, they have trumped up the old cry that the Reform party are about to force free trade on the country, destroy our infant manufactures, and turn Canada into a howling desert. The alarm is altogether groundless, the charge is altogether without foundation, and in proof of this we give the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's positive assurance to the contrary, from his speech at Hamilton on Friday night. The Premier on that occasion said:—

"All parties in this country have long ago accepted the imposition of import duties as the proper and best means for obtaining a revenue for the purposes of the public expenditure. Remember, there is no dispute about that, and neither Sir John Macdonald nor any other man can point to a single line I have ever written, or to a single speech I have ever delivered, in opposition to that principle. (Cheers.) I see it stated in some newspapers that if my friends elected me, Messrs. Irving and Wood, are elected, and my Government articles will be taken off. Sir, this thing is perfectly absurd—almost too absurd to

require a word in refutation. As I have just said, all parties in this country have accepted the doctrine I lay down, that our revenue must be obtained by means of duties upon imported goods, and the distribution of these duties should always be in such a way as to confer the greatest amount of benefit upon our own people. (Loud cheers.) Then, Sir, with regard to the amount of duty: some say, at least it will be reduced. I do not contemplate the possibility of its reduction; and in view of the vast public undertakings to which the country is pledged, in the enlargement and completion of our canal system, and the construction of the Pacific Railway, we will be obliged, I fear, to increase it very materially at no distant day, unless the country becomes a great deal richer and more prosperous during years to come than we have any reason to expect, judging by the past. So that the question of protection or free trade does not arise in this contest at all.

Sir Francis Hincks stated last year on his election tour, and in the House of Commons, that he was in favor of incidental protection. I said I was also in favor of it. (Hear, hear.) It is a stupid phrase at best, but it means simply this, that as long as duties are levied upon articles imported, they should be levied upon articles produced by our own people. (Cheers.) I do not know a single man in the ranks of my own party who is opposed to that political theory. (A voice—George Brown.) No, not even George Brown. It is a political necessity accepted by every one in this country. I find that two or three in this meeting are constantly making use of the name of George Brown. I do believe that our Conservative friends have George Brown on the brain. (Cheers and laughter.) They go to bed thinking of George Brown; when they awaken in the night George Brown stands like a spectre at the foot of their beds—(loud laughter)—and when they rise in the morning, they rise but to renew their former study and dread of George Brown. (Renewed laughter and cheers.) If there is any physical influence required to assist them towards any end it must be George Brown; it is George Brown that hovers over them like an attendant spirit; and when they have nothing else to say in reply to solid argument they roar out George Brown. (Great laughter.) And thus they inform the world of the punishment George Brown must have inflicted on them in the past. There is one word more that I have to say in reference to this matter, because I know that our views have been utterly misrepresented by every one of our political opponents. It is this, that even if it were possible for us—which it is not—to reduce our import duties, it would not be fair to those manufacturers who have established interests in reliance on an existing system. Our commercial system will always be more or less controlled by the policy of the United States, as our immediate neighborhood to them may compel us sometimes for our own protection to adopt measures not in accordance with what may be deemed correct commercial principles. (Cheers.)

The Chinese Labor Scare.

Our contemporary, the *London Advertiser*, has been making some enquiry as to what Mr. Blake really did say at Stratford. The *Advertiser* says:—

"As to the talk about Chinese labor, that was simply another misrepresentation. Mr. Blake most emphatically said that one great object in building the Pacific road would be to settle the country through which it would pass; and that every effort would be made to effect that purpose by employing emigrants as well as Canadians in the work, and by giving them liberal grants to induce them to settle permanently in the country. But in those places where it would be impossible to get Europeans to go and labor—in the barren and inhospitable regions of the Rocky Mountains—they would have to do as the Americans did, and take the best substitute they could get, which would probably be the Chinese. With their usual promptness for misrepresentation, the Tories are twisting this simple statement into 'building the Pacific Road by heathen labor, to the injury of our own working people,' and calling upon workmen to rebuke this shameful attempt to degrade them to the level of these filthy heathens."

Town Council.

The Council met on Monday evening. Present the Mayor in the chair and all the members.

Mr. McCrae presented the report of the Committee, appointed to strike Standing Committees for the year, as follows:— (The first named on each Committee is chairman.)

FINANCE:—Elliott, Robertson, Davidson, Heffernan.

MARKET:—Harvey, Howard, Elliott, Petrie.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:—Hood, Mills, Raymond, Hall.

FIRE AND WATER:—Heffernan, Davidson, Crowe, Mills.

RELIEF:—Bruce, Petrie, Coffee, Harvey.

EXHIBITION:—Robertson, Raymond, McCrae, Hall.

RAILWAY:—Davidson, Hood, Robertson, Howard.

LICENSE:—Heffernan, Crowe, Coffee, Bruce.

TREE PLANTING:—Raymond, Petrie, McCrae, Harvey.

PRINTING:—Crowe, Coffee, Mills, Bruce.

BY-LAWS:—Hall, Elliott, McCrae, Hood.

CEMETERY:—The Mayor and Reeve.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the report, Mr. Bruce in the chair. The only changes made were in substituting the name of Mr. Hood for Mr. Howard on the Market House Committee, Mr. Coffee for Mr. Hood on the Road and Bridge Committee, and Mr. Howard for Mr. Hood on the By-Law Committee. The Committee then rose.

In Council Mr. Petrie moved, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that Mr. Howard be put on the Finance Committee in place of Mr. Heffernan, and that Mr. Heffernan be put in the place of Mr. Howard on the By-Law Committee.

Messrs. Heffernan, Petrie, Davidson and Coffee objected to the change, inasmuch as it would leave the South Ward unrepresented on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Elliott argued that Mr. Howard had been put off all the principal Committees, and it was only justice to put him on the Finance Committee.

The amendment was carried on the following division:—Yeas:—Bruce,

New Advertisements.

LAMPS!

Mr. Heffernan wished the Mayor to give his vote as a member of the Council but His Worship said that it would be no use, as it would only negative the motion otherwise he would have voted for the motion.

Mr. Heffernan presented a memorial from the Fire Brigade, unanimously recommending that Mr. B. McCrae be appointed Fire Engineer, and Mr. Wm. Horning Assistant Engineer; referred to Fire and Water Committee.

On motion of Mr. McCrae the Clerk was instructed to advertise for applicants for the office of Assessors, Collector and Tavern Inspector.

The Council then adjourned.

A BIT OF RETALIATION.—A little bit of retaliation was accomplished at the Town Council meeting last night, which was well deserved and skillfully performed. When in committee of the whole, on the reports of the Standing Committees, Mr. Heffernan proposed, and it was carried, that Mr. Howard should be taken off the Market House Committee and put on the By-Law Committee—which latter is of little account. This left Mr. Howard, the Reeve of the Town—the representative of the whole people—off every important committee for the year. When the report, as amended, came up for consideration in Council, Mr. Elliott, in order to pay Mr. Heffernan back, moved an amendment to the motion for the adoption of the report, that Mr. Heffernan be taken off the Finance Committee and put on the By-Law Committee, and that Mr. Howard be made a member of the Finance Committee in his place. The amendment carried. Mr. Heffernan, it be remembered, was on the Committee which struck the Standing Committees, and agreed to the report which he in Council afterwards moved to change. The punishment was well deserved, and the business was neatly and effectively done. The three infantile legislators from the South Ward melted into tears at the result.

BIRTHS.

ORSON—In Morrison, on the 15th inst., the wife of Dr. R. Orton, of a son.

MARRIED.

KING—Frye—On the 20th inst., by the Rev. Robert Torrance, at his own residence, Mr. John King to Miss Susanna Frye, both of the Township of Puslinch.

DIED.

SCOTT—On Sunday, the 18th inst., at the residence of her mother, Township of Peel, Jane Johnson, the beloved wife of Mr. John Scott, of Guelph, aged 23 years.

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Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory handled Table and Dessert Knives.
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Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.
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TO THE ELECTORS

The South Riding of the County of Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,
In consequence of the dissolution of the Dominion Parliament it devolves upon you to elect a representative. At the urgent solicitation of a large number of friends, I have consented to become a candidate for your suffrages. I do not offer myself as the nominee of any party exacting pledges, but as an Independent candidate.

I will support the present Government in all peaceful measures, and will not at any time offer a factious opposition. I am in favor of a Protective Tariff, and will give a hearty support to any measure introduced for the protection and encouragement of Home Industry, manufacturing and agricultural.

The Pacific Railway is a matter of grave importance. My opinion is that the Dominion Parliament is pledged to the construction of the Road through Canadian Territory, in order to keep faith with British Columbia. I shall, however, be guided to some extent by the opinion of practical engineers, and having always a regard to the maintenance of the Road as a thoroughly British and Canadian enterprise, and to the exclusion of undue American influence.

I am in favor of Legislative measures for the encouragement of Immigration.

I am opposed to the expenditure of money in elections, from whatever source it may be obtained.

I am in favor of a stringent Election Law.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY HATCH.
Guelph, Jan. 16, 74. A. & W. T.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of HENRY METCALF, an Insolvent.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

HENRY HATCH, Assignee.
Guelph, 9th Jan., 1874. 2w-2wd.

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.

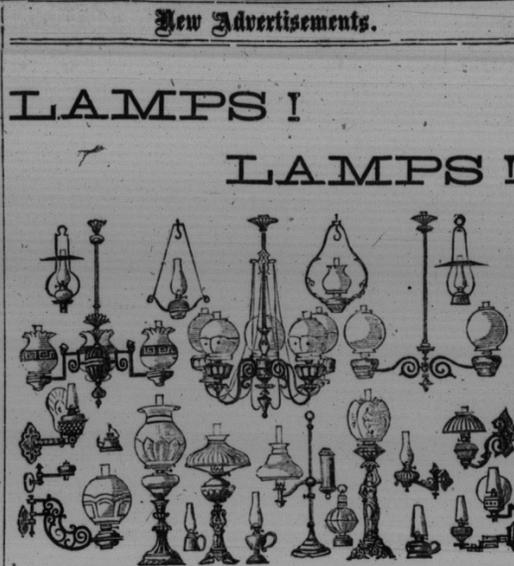
The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken his son, W. D. Tawse, into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be Wm. Tawse & Son.

Accounts against the undersigned up to 1st January to be sent in immediately. All accounts due the undersigned will be collected by the new firm. All parties indebted will please call and settle immediately.

W. M. TAWSE, Assignee.
Guelph, Jan. 11, 74. A. & W. T.

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For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new and cheap for cash. Apply at the MERCURY Office.



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SEE LIST OF PRICES UNDER:

WOMEN'S WEAR
500 Sets of Furs \$2.75, worth \$5.00
Heavy Wool Shawls for \$1.40, worth 2.75
A rich Poplin Dress for 50 cents.
75 pieces Check Challies for 5c. worth 15c.
Over 200 pieces Heavy Aberdeen Wince to be sold at 8 cents, worth 12c.
Granite and all other mixtures at \$1 the dress, and plenty to choose from.
The best Winsey 18c worth 30c.
Rich black Silk 65c, worth 87 1/2c
593 Fancy Silk Dresses in the newest shades \$1, worth 1.50
Horrock's best White Shirtings at 10c per yard.

MEN'S WEAR
\$11 Overcoats for \$6.50
3 Pants for 1.75
8 Beaver Overcoating for 1.50 or half price.
All wool Flannels in white, scarlet and fancy, in endless variety, now down to 20c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth one dollar, for 75c
Strong Satinets, worth 65c, for Heavy Tweeds worth \$1 for 75c
Grain Bags, worth \$4.75 for Sealskin for Mantles and Overcoats 62 1/2c, worth 1.25
Hats and Caps at half price.
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Guelph, Jan. 6, 1874

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