

000, providing for all the claims created on behalf of Railway enterprise, wiping off the whole burden of Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, erecting public buildings, or providing for their erection to the amount of nearly \$3,000,000, the Province will probably enter upon 1875 with the handsome surplus in hand of not less than two millions of dollars.

### Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 23, 1874

#### The late Contest in the North Riding.

It was of course to be expected that the Tory papers would raise a great shout of victory over the election in the North Riding, especially as the result was an agreeable surprise to them, and one which they never anticipated. But in the exuberance of their joy, they attribute that result to other causes than those which operated in securing the election of Mr. McGowan. The Mail for example takes it as a gauge of the strength and popularity of the Government, and tries to make it appear that since the election of Mr. McKim in 1871 by a majority of over 600, the feeling against it has grown so strong that that majority has been swept away. Now, any one who knows the North Riding of Wellington, who is acquainted with the circumstances attending the election in 1871, and with those which came into play in the late election, is well aware that the inference drawn by the Mail is entirely wrong. We are bound to say that the feeling in favor of the Government is as strong now as it was in 1871, and any one who has been through the Riding, and is willing to give truthful testimony, will bear us out in this statement. We have therefore to search elsewhere for the causes which led to the change, and we have not far to go to find them.

Mr. McKim in 1871 had then represented the Riding for five years with much acceptance. He had made himself a most useful, as he was a hard-working, member. He had rendered valuable service to farmers in all parts of the Riding, and the feeling, even among the more discreet Conservatives, was that he should be allowed to go in again by acclamation. But a few extreme men induced Mr. Jas. Cross to come out against him, well knowing that he had not the remotest chance of success. The result turned out as was expected; Mr. McKim was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The late election presented a very different phase. Mr. O'Callaghan was a new and untried man, though in this respect he was on a par with Mr. McGowan, who was also new to public life. But the fact of him being a Catholic, while it strengthened his position in one part of the Riding, weakened it greatly in other parts, as may be seen by the votes in Amaranth, Minto and Maryboro; and we speak advisedly when we say that Mr. McGowan and his friends first raised, and made the most of, the sectarian cry wherever it could be introduced with any chance of success. The prejudices of ignorant men were excited and inflamed to an extraordinary degree, and when they could not be induced by any argument to vote for Mr. McGowan, they were in many cases prevailed upon to stay at home, the plea being urged on them—that they surely would never vote for a Catholic. Some of the speakers who aided Mr. McGowan rendered themselves conspicuous in the earnestness with which they urged such objections. Mr. M. C. Cameron, the leader of the Opposition, in his speech at Harrison, went so far as to say that while there might not be great danger in electing to office some obscure, uninfluential Catholic, it was dangerous to trust a Catholic of ability and influence with power. Mr. D'Arny Boulton, too, in Luther rode the high Protestant horse; and other speakers, both directly and indirectly, worked on the prejudices of many who if left alone would have voted for Mr. O'Callaghan.

The agitation and jealousies of rival claimants for the capital of the proposed new County seat did much to injure Mr. O'Callaghan. Himself a resident of Arthur, the friends of Mr. McGowan were constantly insinuating or openly asserting that he would throw his influence in favor of his own village, and leave the others in the lurch. With the honorable exception of Harrison, this underhand work had its due effect, and lost Mr. O'Callaghan many votes. Fly sheets and lying telegrams were sent over the Riding, which contained the most infamous lies, and these were kept back till there was no time to answer them or counteract the harm they did. Here is a sample of these disgraceful electioneering documents which emanated from Mr. Drew's political workshop, the Elora Standard:

#### BEWARE!

It has just leaked out that an arrangement has been made between McKELLAR, O'CALLAGHAN and McKIM, for a

#### NEW COUNTY

With Arthur as County Town—O'Callaghan to be Sheriff; McKim to run at the next general election.

#### Depend on This

Information as reliable. Is any one surprised, after reading the above, that Mr. O'Callaghan has been beaten? The Herald, of this town, as was to be expected, makes use of the elec-

tion to have a rap at the "Protestant Grits" as it calls the Reformers, and in order to let Mr. Fahey easily down after his defeat. With characteristic inconsistency, it abuses those Reformers who would not vote for Mr. O'Callaghan, and extols the men who opposed Mr. Fahey's candidature on the sole ground that he is a Catholic, and who all through the late contest ranted and raved against Catholics. The Herald may pretend now to say that Mr. Fahey was withdrawn because "the Conservatives were not prepared to set up a Catholic for the pleasure of having him knocked down again." But the fact is that the Conservative leaders themselves—or at least a large majority of them—were opposed to Mr. Fahey personally, just because he is a Catholic; and it is also a fact that out of a meeting composed of two delegates from each municipality, he received only four votes when his name was up for nomination. Are we to accept this as a sample of the much-vaunted liberality of the Conservative leaders? It suits the Herald now to play this role, but such were not the reflections of the disappointed editor of the Herald when he returned to Guelph a rejected candidate—rejected, too, because of the strong prejudices which existed among the Conservative leaders because he is a Catholic. We can point with pride to the contrast exhibited between these men and the Reform leaders who brought out Mr. O'Callaghan. In all their deliberations not a word was uttered about his or any other man's religious belief. Composed as the Convention was of men of all shades of Protestant belief, when he received the nomination, they united in making it unanimous, they worked for him heartily and earnestly till the last, and if they could not overcome the prejudices of many whom they considered should have voted for the Reform candidate, the fault was not theirs, for they did their best to secure them. Mr. O'Callaghan, we are sure, is satisfied with the honesty of purpose and sincerity of the leading men of his party, which is more than Mr. Fahey can honestly say of those who pretended to be his friends, but whose prejudices were too strong to warrant them in running a Catholic in the Conservative interest.

#### British Columbia Elections.

A telegram to the Globe from Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, gives the result of the elections in that city as follows:—  
DeCosmos.....308  
Rosee.....304  
Morton.....299  
Harris.....97  
Mr. DeCosmos, it will be remembered, was bitterly attacked by the Opposition, when Premier of the Local House, for wishing to modify the terms of union with Canada, more especially in connection with the Pacific Railway; and the telegram respecting the popular disturbances in relation to this matter will be fresh in the minds of our readers. The election of Mr. DeCosmos and his colleague Mr. Rosee, however, may be taken as an indication that the people of Victoria at least, approve of Mr. Mackenzie's common-sense policy as to the Pacific Railway; and although a break in the wires prevents us receiving news from other places, it is likely that the other British Columbia constituencies will be found to have taken the same course as the capital.

A WARNING.—The lively joker Grip is down on our excessively smart contemporary of the Tory persuasion in this town. Under the above heading it says:—"A little wit is as dangerous as a little learning. Just see what humiliation the editor of the Guelph Herald has brought upon himself by over-indulgence. It appears his contemporary is a man of few words, and the Herald satirizes this misfortune (?) by affecting to give a report of his remarks at a certain meeting 'in full,' in this way:—'Mr. Innes, having taken a seat on the platform, said:—(Here follows a blank space; this is where the laugh comes in.) Now, whatever the procedure at public meetings in Guelph may be, it is certainly not expected elsewhere that a gentleman who takes a seat on a public platform will say any more than that—at least till his turn comes.'"

MORE BURGLARIES.—In Brantford, on Thursday night, a couple of burglars effected an entrance into the house of Mr. John Harris, Market street. The last of the family retired about eleven o'clock, and when Mr. Harris looked to ascertain the time, about two, he discovered that his watch, valued at \$40, had been taken from a table in the sitting room adjoining his bed-room. A light was burning alight on the table. The key of the front door had been turned in the lock by a pair of burglar's pincers. Four other private residences were also broken into on Thursday night. In Hamilton, on the same night, there were five unsuccessful attempts at burglary.

A LIVE EXPRESS PACKAGE.—On Tuesday last a rather unusual express package arrived at the Dundas office, in the shape of a small boy weighing 60 lbs., who had been expressed through from Jonesville, Michigan, to Mrs. Brooking, Dundas. He was labelled in the usual way, and the charges paid, and on arrival was delivered safely by the express messenger. This is a new style of business altogether, and created no little amusement in our Express Office.—Banner.

The Gazette contains the following appointments: John Carruthers, to be Assistant Postmaster at Toronto; Thos. Bickerstaff, to be Inspector of grain at Montreal; J. B. Bruneau, to be Postmaster of Quebec.

An extra edition of the Gazette announces that Parliament is summoned to meet for despatch of business on the 26th of March next.

Why was Pharaoh's daughter like a bill-discounter? Because she got a little profit (profit) out of the rushes on the banks.

Men talk about drinking rum to drown their sorrows. It is cheaper, and a much surer way, to drown themselves in a mill pond.—Josh Billings.

It is a circumstance worth noting that the native British regiments who are engaged on the Gold Coast have been found to withstand the climate much better than the West Indian troops, all of whom are colored.

Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it; but it eases you wonderfully.

#### NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of March, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of March to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

ALEX. F. PIRIE, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Herald Office, Guelph, Guelph, Dec. 18, 1872.

#### BIRTHS

PENTLAND—In Elora, on the 16th inst., the wife of W. H. Pentland, M.D., of a daughter.  
DOWNSING—In Elora, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. J. E. Downsing, of a son.  
MIDDLETON—At Meadowbank, Nichol, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. James Middleton, of a son.  
WEBSTER—In Elora, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Samuel Webster, of a daughter.  
FEATHERS—At Clifford, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. John Feather, of a son.  
SAUNDERS—At Guelph, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. T. W. Saunders, carrier, of a daughter.

#### NEW GOODS.

Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.  
Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives.  
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.  
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.  
Electro-plated Butter Coolers.  
Tea and Coffee Pots.  
Table Napkin Rings.  
Bread Platters and Bread Knives.  
Tea Trays and Waiters.  
Coal Scuttles.  
Vases and Parlorianis.  
Fire Irons and Stands.  
Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs.  
Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells.  
Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,  
HARDWARE MERCHANT,  
GUELPH.

#### PAY UP.

All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

W. D. HEPBURN & CO.  
GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874.

#### POULTRY SHOW.

#### OPEN TO THE WORLD.

#### POULTRY BOOKS

The Illustrated Book of Poultry, by Wright.  
The Poultry Book, by Tegetmeier.  
Eggs and Poultry as a Source of Wealth.  
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Family Sewing Machine (single thread)  
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No. 1, Foot Power,  
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Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,  
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

#### New Advertisements.

### THE FASHIONABLE WEST END STILL BUSY!

Notwithstanding General Complaints, Business continues very good at The Fashionable West End.

We are now actively engaged taking stock and expect to finish on or about Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., after which we will be prepared to enter with great energy upon the

#### SPRING CAMPAIGN

### Remnants, Remnants, Remnants.

The balance of our Remnants must be sold off at once.

Extraordinary Bargains will be given during the Next Ten Days.

#### A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

#### Change of Business.

We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support.

W. D. HEPBURN & CO.

WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & CO., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days.

In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from, keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph.

Custom Work will receive special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.  
Repairing promptly attended to as usual.  
R. MACGREGOR & CO.  
Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.

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" Speckled Trout, Fresh Oysters, cans full.

#### HUGH WALKER,

Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 10, 1874.

### Elephant Clothing Store.

#### C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

We are now selling our stock of Ready-made Clothing and Furnishing Goods at COST in order to make room for Spring Stock.

THOSE IN WANT OF CLOTHING SHOULD CALL, FOR THEY WILL SAVE MONEY BY DOING SO.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,

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Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

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A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from

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On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

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New Flannels, all qualities;

2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels

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475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

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Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings

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WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town.

Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

ROBERTSON BROS.,

Guelph, Feb. 10, 1874.

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