

## Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1872

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The stock AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE for this season of Presents, is very full. Purchasers should call early and examine the Goods and Prices.

### Mr. Harris and the Herald.

We do not think that Mr. Harris can approve of the style of argument employed by the Herald in supporting him for the Mayoralty. It gets quite angry at Mr. Robertson because he has consented to run, talks in such a way as though that gentleman had no business to be a candidate, and boldly asserts that "he is being run in spite of himself by a few political and other fanatics, who care nothing for Mr. Robertson's wishes or feelings, and are intent only upon gratifying their own narrow prejudices, and heaping defeat and annoyance upon one of Guelph's oldest and best citizens, in the person of Mr. Harris." Now, this is a piece of impertinence which while it provokes a smile cannot fail to rouse the indignation and contempt of every sensible ratepayer. Because Mr. Robertson from the first was unwilling to run, is that any reason why he should be blamed for finally acceding to the wishes of his friends. We believe that we might truthfully say the same of Mr. Harris, but even though at the last moment he did consent to run, we would never dream of finding fault with him for doing what most candidates do—hesitate before accepting a nomination. As to the spiteful attack made on Mr. Robertson's friends, who are denounced as "political and other fanatics," we might with equal justice retaliate by branding Mr. Harris' friends with the same epithets, but we would scorn to make such a malignant charge. The Herald in doing this seeks to rouse the worst passions of our nature. Mr. Harris we are sure will never approve of such sentiments, and we hope he will not allow the Herald to persist in the use of such language, or it may be all the worse for him on election day.

The Herald whines because Mr. Robertson's friends seek to heap "defeat and annoyance on Mr. Harris." This is a poor plea for Mr. Harris. Does the Herald suppose that no one but that gentleman has a right to run for Mayor? It would seem so from the way it speaks of him. We always supposed that every duly qualified ratepayer had a right to run for any office in the gift of the people, and that in doing so he had to stand his chance of being opposed, and even being beaten. This is exactly the case with Mr. Harris. He has been brought out by his friends, who will no doubt do their best to elect him. Mr. Robertson, on the other hand, has been brought out by his friends, who are also working hard to elect him. Both gentlemen have a right to be candidates, and it now rests with the citizens to say which of the two they prefer, and which of them has the strongest claims to the office. These are the grounds on which this and every other election should rest, and it is therefore foolish and wicked in the Herald to try and raise side issues which have no foundation in fact, and which in the end can only militate against its candidate. As far as we are concerned, we are determined to carry on the contest on its true and just grounds, and on these alone, and make the claims of the respective candidates the test of support. If Mr. Harris, the Herald or his friends do otherwise, the responsibility rests with them, not with Mr. Robertson or his supporters.

### Harrison Correspondence.

ACCIDENTS.—When Wm. Preston, hostler at Mr. Collison's hotel was driving from the station on Thursday last, a dog ran out barking at his team. The horses became frightened, and, in having lost command of one of the reins, became unmanageable and ran away. The sleigh was smashed to pieces, and Mr. Preston had one of his arms broken and sustained considerable injury otherwise. On Friday last, Mr. Frederick Revere, Minto, while chopping, cut one of his feet very severely. The axe went through an iron protector on the tip of the boot, cut through the centre of the large toe, and only stayed its progress when it had reached the centre of the foot. Dr. Rutherford attended both cases. One evening last week, as Mr. Henry Rayson, of Minto, was driving home, his team was furiously driven into by another, the pole of the high entering his horse and killing him on the spot. It is well that if other accident occurred, and, as it is, the party violating the law—he having been on the wrong side of the road—will likely learn a lesson not to be forgotten. Harrison, Dec. 24th, 1872.

In the Quebec Supplementary Estimates, the Local Government grant \$3000 for a bridge over the Ottawa River, provided the adjacent townships and the Province of Ontario will each give an equal amount, and the Dominion Government will grant the sum of \$6000, making a total of \$15,000. It is understood that the bridge is to connect the two Provinces somewhere near Pembroke.

MAN EATEN.—A correspondent of the Delhi Gazette at Munson says: "There is a perfect reign of terror in these parts at present on account of the depredations of a family of tigers that seem to be slaying men and women indiscriminately. It is said that these have been emboldened to commit such havoc by the villagers at this season picketing their cattle in the open air. I hear that two men and one woman, within the last week, have been killed within a few miles of this, and now cows and buffaloes are falling a prey to the man eaters. It is to be hoped that the Government will do something to rid the country of these tigers. At present people are afraid to travel except in gangs."

Mr. Gladstone has thought it necessary once more to contradict the absurd statement as to a change in his religious faith, and adds his regret that "it is not in his power to save the credulous from the annoyance caused by the impudent repetition of a falsehood."

### BIRTHS.

O'BULLIVAN—In Guelph, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. James O'Bullivan of a daughter.

HEWITT—In Mount Forest, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Hewitt, hotel keeper, of a son.

### MARRIED.

SMITH—MAY—On the 16th inst., by the Rev. E. Barker, at his residence in Fergus, Mr. Edward Smith, of West Guelph, to Miss Elizabeth Ann May, of East Guelph.

ALLAN—MOON—On the 4th inst., by the Rev. E. Barker, at his residence in Fergus, Mr. William Allan, to Miss Anna Moon, both of Guelph.

HALL—CURRIE—At Chamber's Hotel, Harrison, by the Rev. George McLellan, on the 16th inst., Thos. Hall, widower, to Mrs. Christina Currie, all of Minto.

JORDAN—EVERLEIGH—By the Rev. R. F. Tindall, in the M. E. Church 5th line of Guelph, on the 11th inst., Mr. John L. Jordan, to Miss Rebecca Everleigh, both of Guelph West.

### DIED.

GREEN—At Arthur Village, on the 14th inst., Isaac Green, eldest son of G. C. Green, Esq., aged 31 years and 10 days.

SCOTT—At Minto, on 17th inst., Ann, wife of Mr. Wm. Scott, aged 67 years.

FAWCETT—On the 14th inst., at Drayton, Mr. Wm. Fawcett, aged 68 years.

HARVEY—At Chicago, on Friday the 20th inst., Matilda, wife of Alexander Harvey, Esq., Kensington, near Fergus.

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