

## Guelph Daily Mercury

SATURDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 2, 1886.

### The Work on Monday.

The ratepayers of this city have an important and responsible duty to perform on Monday. In the first place they have to elect a Mayor, who during the year will preside over the deliberations of the Council, and in all respects see that the interests of the city are carefully looked after. It is impossible for us to indicate in what way this can be done because opportunities may, and do, arise at any moment when the suggestions of the Mayor may be of signal benefit to the municipality. As far as the Mayor is concerned he can only make suggestions, for it is left with the Council after all to take action in any movement that may have for its object the well being and future prosperity of the city. The Mayor has not, therefore, so much power or influence as some suppose, or as some would make out that he has. He is after all but the servant of the Council, and as its impartial president, and also as the servant of the ratepayers, it is his duty to be ever on the alert to not only make suggestions to the Council, but also to take advantage of everything that may transpire which may be turned to account for the benefit of the city.

We have already said that Mr. Stevenson as Mayor for 1886 has fully and satisfactorily fulfilled all requirements in these respects, and that on these grounds, if on no other, is he entitled to a renewal of the support and confidence of the ratepayers for Mayor for this year. He appeals for these on the ground that he has faithfully and conscientiously done all his duty, that the interests of the city materially, intellectually and morally have been his paramount concern, that he has neglected nothing that would tend to bring this about, and that he has devoted all his time and abilities in furtherance of this object. Such being the case, and animated as he is with the same desire for the year on which we have now entered, he relies with good hope and confidence that his fellow citizens on Monday will mark their approval of his conduct in the year just closed by electing him for another term. And in this we feel sure he will not be disappointed, that they will rally to his support on Monday and keep on working till they secure his election by a handsome majority.

It appears that the contest for Aldermen is narrowed down to four wards. We hope the ratepayers in these will select the best men for the work in hand, and that we shall have a Council competent and able to deal with the various important questions which are so intimately connected with the well being of our good city.

PARLIAMENT has been further prorogued until February 13. This, says the *Mail*, means a meeting early in March. There are a good many members of Parliament who will not only fret, but lose financially through this delay, as it will involve their being at Ottawa at the time when their private affairs most require them at home.

The return of Mr. Foster for King's County is not surprising. Mr. Donville, his opponent, a former representative of the County, opposed him doubtless out of personal feeling, for he has always been a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, and must have known that Mr. Foster was straight against his policy.

London announces that the late Mr. Edward Blake has been named as the chief trouble maker in the House of Commons. It is a position of honor and chief trouble maker in the House of Commons. It is a position of honor and chief trouble maker in the House of Commons. It is a position of honor and chief trouble maker in the House of Commons.

Toronto barrister, Superintendent of the city, and a representative of the city. It says the government has not intended to not knowledge of political contentment, and often appear to know the chances of the city.

that the principal member's intention to help the Pacific railway. Nevertheless, as the Independent is led to observe, the inglorious departure which was scarce the reason given is the

### Mr. Innes' Extra Sessional Income.

Mr. Innes has distributed his extra sessional income, passed last session of Parliament, as follows:—\$40 each to the Erin, Eramosa, Guelph Township and Puslinch Agricultural Societies. Along with these grants is made the suggestion that the Directors of these societies should, if they think well of it, apply the money in one, or two or three prizes for the best kept, best cultivated and most improved farms in each Township. If the Directors of any of the societies are of opinion that this proposal cannot well be carried out, they are at liberty to use the money in any way they think best for the good of their societies, and in the interests of agriculture in their respective Townships. In the case of the Guelph Township Agricultural Society, if the Directors do not apply the money in the way indicated, they are empowered to hand it over to the South Wellington Agricultural Society. He also grants \$100 to the Free Public Library, for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a Museum in connection with it if the Directors so determine, and if not they are empowered to spend the money in any other way they think best for the good of the Institution. Also \$50 to the Guelph General Hospital, \$50 to St. Joseph's Hospital, and \$50 to the City Benevolent Fund, under the charge of the Chairman of the Council's Relief Committee.

SOME people have very mistaken ideas about the Scott Act, or how it affects the public at large. It was, we think, one speaker at the municipal nominations who talked about his candidature for Mayor seeing fair play done for the hotel keepers and all other classes in the city. Why, after the Scott Act comes in force all are put on the same level as regards liquor selling. The person who keeps a public house will have no more right to sell liquor than any other resident in the municipality. The law prohibits every one, unless duly licensed, from selling liquor of any kind. How then can any Mayor or Alderman, or any civic functionary whatever, see fair play to any hotel keeper or any one else for that matter in the matter of selling liquor? The whole thing is narrowed down to the simple point that if any one sells liquor contrary to the law, and the fact is proved, he will be fined. If he does not sell of course he does not come in within the pale or grasp of the law, but to talk about fair play in such a case is absurd.

Mr. Howard Replies to "Workingman."

To the Editor of the Mercury:—  
Sir,—It was my intention, beyond accepting the nomination for Mayor, not to take any steps to secure my election, nor to pay any attention to what might be said or written regarding myself personally. I am compelled, however, to ask space in your paper to put myself right before the electors with reference to the only objection raised by "Workingman" in his letter of Thursday evening. I am inferentially charged with cowardice and being afraid to express my views on the public platform. Surely my old time supporter, as he claims to be, must have struck the wrong key this time.

When, during the whole time I have been before the public, did I ever fail to urge or defend any position I felt to be my duty to take on any public question? Much as I regret having to do so, I am compelled in self defence to give fully the reasons why I did not address the ratepayers on Monday last. One of Mayor Stevenson's most prominent supporters informed me that a gentleman wished to see me and that he had just gone out. I at once left the hall only to discover when I interviewed the party named that this was a ruse to get me away from the meeting so that I should not speak. On my return I was nearly twelve o'clock and the people were already leaving the hall. I prefer, if possible, to avoid addressing empty benches. I hope this explanation will satisfy "Workingman" and the electors generally with reference to this part of his letter.

Your correspondent, referring to Mr. Chase's speech, quotes him as saying that the city would lose from \$7,000 to \$10,000 revenue from licenses and particularly asks "Is not this a stretch?" I am informed that Mr. Chase was referring at the time to the future financial prospects, in so far as direct revenue to the city is concerned, and in the sum he named he included the loss from reduced assessment on hotel property, which must take place after the 1st of May next. I must accept this information as correct, and I hope for his sake that "Workingman's" other objections to my candidature have something sounder to rest upon than this one, which is an absurdity on the face of it. I do not propose to go into the indirect question of how far the city will be benefited financially by the change which will come into effect this year.

With reference to the license system other correspondents are playing their views on this question, but they are only opinions after all. The proof of the pudding is always in the eating, and as we shall soon have to eat the pudding, so shall we soon be in a position to speak of its quality.

Your correspondent in concluding says he has supported me in many a contest, and does not give any reason why he should not do so in the present one. I regret that one who has heretofore given me his support should not be inclined to do so still, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that a large majority of the workingmen of the city are not afraid to trust their interests in my keeping, and I can assure them that so far as the position of Mayor will enable me to assist them in securing full justice I shall be willing to do it with energy and earnestness at least equal to my opponents. Thanking you for your valuable notice,  
I am, Yours, &c.,  
Geo. Howard,  
Guelph, January 2, 1886.

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And so all through my stock. Attractions for man, woman, and child and prices the very lowest.

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for the current half year, being at the rate of

SEVEN PER CENT PER ANNUM

on the paid up capital stock of this institution has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Society's office, in Guelph, on and after

Saturday, the 2nd of Jan. next

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 28th inst., no days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

G. A. SOMERVILLE,

Secretary.

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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd,

We begin our Annual Clearing Sale of all kinds

Of Felt and Warm Lined Boots and Shoes,

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## Jorden & Son

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