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 Innes & Davidson.

All accounts against the undersigned, either personal or against the office, up to the 1st of January, to be sent in immediately.

JAS. INNES.

Guelph, Jan'y 1, '74.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 4, 1874

Jimuel Briggs in a New Character.

Mr. Thompson, better known as Jimuel Briggs, D. B, from his letters to the *Coboconk Irradiator*, sometime published in the *Mail*, is now before the public in the character of editor of the *National*. This paper takes its stand upon the platform of the "Canada First" party, and therefore holds itself free to criticise the doings of both the old political parties from an impartial standpoint. Its editor, however, does not think it necessary to drop his old character of "D. B.," or "dead-beat," and his edifying effusions to the imaginary *Irradiator* reappear in the columns of his own newspaper; although in order to keep up his assumption of impartiality, Jimuel Briggs has a rap at the Tories as well as the Reformers, by making fun of the slander against Mr. Wilkes. The same attempt at playing the independent *role* is made in the editorial articles, but the character evidently sits clumsily on Jimuel. Amongst the editorials is one denouncing the foolish clap-trap of the Chinese cheap-labor cry, and one on the reorganization of the Senate. Another article on the "Warfare of Parties" cannot but provoke a smile. From his lofty height of non-partyism, the editor "talks like a father" to the two political parties of the country, rates them soundly for their "disgusting" partizanship, and talks about the "disgraceful vices and petty personalities characteristic of Grit and Tory contests." Such talk as this is delicious, coming from a man like Jimuel Briggs Thompson, who has been the buffoon and hack of the Tory party, and who did not hesitate to give currency to the vilest and most unfounded slanders that seemed likely to tell against the Reformers. If such a man thinks his words will carry any weight as an impartial and independent critic, he is mistaken.

The Local Legislature.

North Riding Reform Convention.

No sooner is the North Riding out of one contest than it is into another. Mr. McKim was pitched upon by the Reformers in the Centre Riding to be their standard bearer, and was in consequence obliged to resign his seat as member for the Local Legislature. He was very unwilling to do so, but at the urgent solicitation of the Reformers in the Centre Riding, and solely in the interests of the party, he consented, and went through the labour and turmoil of a contest which he might, had he chosen to consult his own comfort and convenience, avoided. Although he was unsuccessful, he is no less deserving the thanks of the Reformers for his readiness in acceding to the wishes of the party in the Centre, especially when—had he consulted his own feelings—he would have preferred to remain as the representative of the North Riding in the Local Legislature.

The Reform Convention meets at Rothsay on Saturday first, to choose a candidate. We trust the delegates will come to the meeting with a desire to sink all local differences, and with a determination to make a unanimous choice of the strongest and most available candidate they can find, who will receive the support of Reformers in every section of the Riding. If this is done he will be able to enter into the contest with full assurance of success.

The nomination takes place at Arthur on the 13th inst., and the polling comes off on the 20th. There is, therefore, very little time to lose, and as soon as the candidate is pitched upon, our friends in the North must be up and doing. Let them work as heartily in the coming election as they did for Mr. Higinbotham, and their success is assured.

The Elections in Britain

The excitement attending the elections in Britain is now at its height. At present it is not possible to say what will be the numerical strength of the two parties in the next Parliament. So far the Gladstone Government have lost some important constituencies, while on the other hand several constituencies which at last election returned Conservatives, have now elected Liberals. Messrs. Gladstone, Lowe, Chambers, Vernon Harcourt and E. Cardwell have been returned. Bribery is said to have been extensively employed in Wakefield. Mr. Hughes, yielding to the advice of prominent Liberals, has withdrawn from the contest in Marylebone, and thus prevented a split. Rioting is reported from all parts of the Kingdom; in Lincoln the military had to be called out, and the authorities at Dudley had to telegraph for assistance in quelling the disturbences. Similar outbreaks occurred at Nottingham, Greenwich, and Wolverhampton, as well as in the metropolis.

It does not appear that the Home Rule Party will enter upon a contest in England at the present election. It is said by a Dublin correspondent of the *Times* that there is want of funds and organization among the friends of Home Rule; and the party cannot enter heartily into the present contest.

Mr. Carling is urged to protest the return for London; but declines.

Official returns of the Kingston election give Sir John A. Macdonald's majority as 38, but a scrutiny has brought to light more than that number of bad votes.

THE RESULT SO FAR.—East Peterboro election took place on Tuesday, when Mr. Jas. Hall (Reform) was elected by 146 majority. This Riding has been redeemed from the Conservatives. Up to the present writing the result of the elections in Ontario is as follows:—Government, 64; Opposition, 19; Independent, 3. In Quebec Dr. Robitaille, a member of the late Government has been elected for Bonaventure. This makes the roll-call in that Province, Government, 44; Opposition, 16; Independent, 3.

SEVERE ON CHISHOLM.—The Hamilton *Times* has a cutting article on Chisholm, the member elect for Halton. It says that according to his own representations he should be classed as Ministerialist Opposition and Independent, for he played all the three roles during the contest in Halton. It says:—"Mr. Chisholm will have a freedom of action which few other members of the House can have. His seat may be directly behind that of Mr. Mackenzie, on the left hand of Sir John, or on the cross benches, if, indeed, he should not have a seat set apart for him in all those positions,—so that, whether as Chisholm (Ministerial), Chisholm (Opposition), or Chisholm (Independent), he may always have a place ready for him." It also states that he excelled himself on the temperance question. "He came out specially as a strong advocate of temperance, and so approved himself to the people therein that every tavern-keeper in the county (with the exception of less than half-a-dozen) not only voted for him but distributed unlimited quantities of native Canadian whisked to secure the return of the stern apostle of Prohibition."

Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Toronto, Feb. 3.

The House re-assembled after its recess yesterday, but a very small proportion of the members had returned to town up to the hour of adjournment.

Bills were introduced providing for voting by ballot, for the inspection of railways, and for consolidating the laws relating to the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors.

A vote on account for the current service of the year was taken in Committee of Supply, and the House then went into Committee on the Bill to amend the law respecting escheats. After a discussion, in which the Attorney-General, M. Cameron, and Mr. Hodgins took part, the Committee rose and reported the Bill.

The two Bills introduced by the Attorney-General, to admit of the Incorporation of Charitable Institutions, Benevolent Societies, and other Associations, were then read a second time, and the House adjourned.

Fergus Correspondence.

The elections have so far been favorable to the present Government, but Centre Wellington has lost its character as a Reform Riding through bribery, intimidation and corruption. Orton's majority is forty-nine, and there is some talk of sending in a protest. If so there is little doubt that the Doctor will be unseated.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.—The new Council at their last meeting resolved to dispense with the services of the present faithful Constable Charlie Mason, with the excuse that the village does not require a constable, and that they cannot pay one. Let our village fathers keep on in the path they have chosen, and they will find themselves nowhere next year.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Saturday last, while David McHardy, jr., Nichol, was attending a threshing at his father's house, his foot slipped into the machine while in motion, but happily the axle gave way, and the horses stopped, saving McHardy from a terrible death. Wonderful to relate, he escaped with a bruised leg and side, and without any broken bones.

INTEMPERANCE. — Intemperance was manifesting itself in all its dreadful colours during the time the crowd was in town to hear the result of the elections. The old, middle-aged and young were alike affected with this dreadful curse. It is high time that a law was in force doing away with this dreadful traffic.

Fergus, Feb. 3, 1874.

Hespeler.

The Reformers of Hespeler had an oyster supper at Mrs. Baker's Hotel on Friday evening in honour of the Reform victory. The chair was occupied by A. Shaw, Esq., Reeve of Hespeler. The evening was spent pleasantly in singing songs and making speeches. Messrs. Brown, Conklin, Bennett, Perrin and others were the speakers.

Messrs. Schofield & Co. are negotiating for the purchase of the Hespeler Knitting Mills from Messrs. Randall, Farr & Co., and report says with prospects of success.

THE GUELPH

Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms $4 per annum in advance; credit $5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents.

Rates of advertising—first insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional.

Paragraph advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—$1.50 a year in advance; credit $2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING:—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpariel space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement are 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as locals, inserted after the reading matter, but not among it, 50 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; $1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional.

Contracts for the Daily and Weekly separately, or for both, at special rates. Contract advertisements changed oftner than once a month charged extra.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co.,

ARE CLEARING FROM BOND

Every Package of their Large Shipments of

NEW GOODS

AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.

TORONTO

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of February, 1874.

Persons calling will please ask for advertised letters.

A
Adams Jno
Amblig Miss M
Ansley J H
Armstrong Jno 2
B
Baine W C
Batoward J
Beadwin E
Bell J
Belson Mrs
Beney J
Bluet Wm
Bolton Miss
Boulding G 2
Bowers Robt
Bowers Wm
Brisbin Josh
Broadfoot & Miller
Brown Miss E
Buchan Jas
Budgeon Jno
Burns Miss M
C
Calesom K
Cardy Jno
Carter Miss L
Centgorf Miss M
Chace Miss C
Chamberlain Mary
Chipchase M
Collis Emma
Colson J P
Connors Jas
Cook Jacob
Cook Robt
Cope B 3
Cowan (Wellwood)
Cox & Co Wm
Crawly J
Crawly Peter
Crosbie Jas
Cross Miss J
Crotty J G
D
Dalrymple Wm
Darby F G
Dawes M
Davin Mr
Davis N H
Davies Mrs
Decker D
Dobbertson H
Douse Rev J
Dunbar Mrs R
F
Flannery F C
Flick Josh
Forbes F S
G
Geroff Fred
Gones Jno
Gordon T A W
Grace Mr.
Green Hd
Green Isaac
Grote J W
H
Hale Mr
Hamilton Sarah
Hawkins Mrs J
Head Mrs J
Heath Henry
Heiss Martin
Henry C
Heron James
Hodgins M
Hodgins John
Hodgson, Mrs Jas
Hooke Mrs M
Howd W
Howe Miss M
Hughes J A
Hughs P
Hustler Joseph (2)
J
Jackson G & H
Jackson Josh
Jacques J A
Jagger W H
James Simon
Jarvis Robert
Johnstone J
Jones Wm
Jones Samuel (2)
K
Kelcher Wm
Kelly F
King Miss E
Kretcher Fritz
Kuhry G J (2)
L
Lanair M
Lavine J N
Lee Wm
Leonard Robt
Levein J
Lewis Chas
Logan Miss J
Lynch John
Lynch Josh
M
Machall R I
Mackie Miss M A
Manes Mrs J
Martin Miss M E
Martin Miss M A
Martin M
Martin G R
Mason
Mattimore Mrs M
Mickle A
Millard Rev D L (4)
Mills S
Mitchell H
Morgan Miss E
Morris Wm
Morrow Miss M
Morton Mrs J
Morton Keneth
Moore J O'L
Murphy Miss A
Murray H H
Murray K
Murton & Carscallen
Mc
McArthur Don
McBride Neil
McCaig P
McClelland Miss M
McCracken
McDonald R A
McDonald Neil
McDougal H
McFarquhar John (3)
McGinnis H
McGregor Langlin
McKinnon H
McLean L
McLean Miss K
McLean Robert
McRae Miss J
McWilliamson
N
New Thos
Newman, Wright & Co.
Newton Wm. H
Newton S
O
O'Donnell Catharine
Oils Mrs Anne
O'Leary J M
O'Neil Miss M
P
Patterson Mrs
Peach Dr
Perks George
Perufus Miss A
Pinch Richard
Pinegar Geo
Porter John
Purvis Alex
R
Ramshaw Thos
Reid Wm
Robinson Mrs B
Robbins Miss A
Rodgers C R
Rogers Miss M
Ross R W
Ross Miss J
Rye Jas
S
Saville Miss M (2)
Scott W S
Schwign Capt T W
Searle G W
Severight Miss
Sexton Thos
Simmons S
Simpson J S
Simpson Miss E
Sloan J S
Smith Chas
Smith Miss
Stephen Wm
Stewart Andrew
Stewart G B
Stewart Jas
T
Taylor James
Taylor Robert
Taylor Wm
Taylor Wm T
Thompson Jas J
W
Waddell & Co
Walshe John
Walsh F
Wardley Tim
Warmington
Warnock & Co Jas
Warren T
Washington Mrs C
Webster D W
Welshe Patrick
Wilcox Chas
Wilson Andrew
Willson Jas T
Woolverton Mrs
Workman Miss E
REGISTERED
Campbell D

A. WELLS, Acting P.M.

GUELPH

COAL DEPOT

C. Kloepfer

Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard, and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

HARD and SOFT COAL

OF THE BEST QUALITY

At the Lowest Prices.

Coal delivered in any part of the Town.

Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory

Orders left at Mr. Horsman's Store will receive prompt attention.

C. KLOEPFER,

Guelph, Nov. 18, 1873. d3m

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON,
Golden Lion.

Guelph, 5th Jan. 1874. dw

JUST RECEIVED

AT

G. B. McCullough's

NEW

DRUG STORE

A LARGE SUPPLY OF

"Handy Package Dyes"

In all shades, comprising

Scarlet, Bismarck, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue, Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc.

Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods.
See sample card in window.
Price 15 cents per package.

ALSO, THE

Depilatory Powder

Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin.

G. B McCULLOUGH,
Dispensing Chemist,

No. 3, Day's Block,

Next door to J. E. McConkey's and directly opposite John Horsman's.

SHEEP STRAYED.—From the premises of the subscriber, rear half of Lot 21, con. 8, Puslinch, about the middle of December, 2 old ewes, 1 yearling ewe, 1 ram lamb, and 2 ewe lambs. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded.

14-3t ROBERT BOYCE, Aberfoyle P.O.

New Advertisements.

Co-Operative Store.

The following Goods have been reduced in price in order to effect a Clearance:

FUR MUFFS.	BED BLANKETS,
FUR SETTS,	HORSE BLANKETS,
FUR CAPS,	HEAVY QUILTS,
WINTER JACKETS,	HEAVY OVERCOATINGS,
WINTER SHAWLS,	HEAVY CLOAKINGS,
WOOL PANTS,	MENS' OVERCOATS,
WOOL VESTS	BOYS' OVERCOATS,
WOOL SHIRTS,	FELT OVERSHOES,
WOOL DRAWERS,	FELT GAITERS,
WOOL HOODS,	FELT BALMORALS,
WOOL CLOUDS,	FELT SLIPPERS,
WOOL SCARFS,	PLAIN WINCEYS,
WOOL GLOVES,	CHECKED WINCEYS,
WOOL STOCKINGS,	FANCY WINCEYS,

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Feb. 1874. dw

FAMILY MOURNING.

A. O. BUCHAM devotes particular attention to this department of his business, and Families requiring Mourning Goods of any description can always find a full stock from which to make appropriate selections at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END.

New Black Paramattas,
New Black Crape Cloths,
New Black Baratheas,
New Black Wool Repps,
New Black Empress Cloths,
New Black French Merinoes,
New Black Cobourgs & French Twills,

New Patent Crapes, Crape Trimmings, Crape Veils, Crape Collars and Sets, Hat Crapes, etc. etc.

We have always on hand a lot of CRAPE HATS AND CRAPE BONNETS in the latest styles.

Fashionable Dressmaking on the premises. Orders for Family Mourning promptly attended to.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End, Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

NOTICE.

Parties indebted to us are requested to settle their Accounts on or before Tuesday, the 10th of February.

SHAW & MURTON.

GUELPH, Jan. 31, 1874.

THE GOLDEN LION

THE GREAT SALE

Goes On with Zeal Unabated at

THE LION.

Store Crowded from Morning till Night!

GREAT BARGAINS STILL

And More Terrific Reduction so as to Clear Out by the First of February.

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 Wincey to be sold at 8 cents, worth	12c.
Granite and all other mixtures at $1 the dress, and plenty to choose from.	
The best Wincey 18c worth	30c.
Rich black Silk 65c, worth	87½c
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
3 Beaver Overcoating for or half price.	1.50
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	40c
Heavy Tweeds worth $1 for	75c
Grain Bags, worth $4.75 for	4.00
Sealskin for Mantles and Overcoats 62½c. worth 1.25.	
Hats and Caps at half price.	
Horse Blankets from 75c a pair, worth 1.25.	
Buffalo Robes much under cost.	

We would remark that we nor any House could maintain the above low prices, as many of the Goods are much under cost, the object being to sell the Stock previous to dissolution of firm, which will shortly take place.

The LION is the spot to get value for your money, and those that buy elsewhere throw away so much cash.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1874 dw

ALL READY

FOR THE

COLD WEATHER

In every Department

AN

Immense Stock

OF

NEW GOODS

AT

WILLIAM STEWART'S,

Who is now offering some of

The Cheapest Lines of Goods ever Offered in this Town.

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

10 to 15 Cents can be Saved

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

DRESS GOODS

A SPECIALTY.

New Flannels, all qualities;

2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels a 25c., worth 35c.

475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department

THE NEWEST

Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings

and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

FURNITURE AT RETAIL.

BURR & SKINNER

Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warerooms

At the Factory, Oxford st.,

ALL KINDS OF

FURNITURE

Spring Beds, Mattrasses, &c.

Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices.

Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice.

BURR & SKINNER,

Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. dwtf

GARDEN AND FLOWER

SEEDS

Sent by Mail to all parts of the Dominion.

Our Chromo, "THE LITTLE FLORISTS," a beautiful Parlor Picture, 17x22 inches, is sent free to all who favor us with orders to the amount of FIVE DOLLARS.

Send for CATALOGUE, which we mail gratis to all who wish.

CHASE, BROTHERS & BOWMAN,
SEEDSMEN,
Oshawa, Ont.

Jan. 28, 1874. w4d1

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

PRESENTS.

Just Received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

For the Young Folks

BERLIN WOOLS

And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual.

All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT.

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET,

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1873. dw

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.

THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.

Guelph, Dec. 11th, 1872.