

Guelph Evening Mercury

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Business Cards.

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work, prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, St. Stephens, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario. (dw)

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, March 1, 1871. (dw)

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.

DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. (dw)

WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington. (dw)

Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. (dw)

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRANER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Office. (dw)

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney
GUELPH ACADEMY
WILL RE-OPEN (D.V.)
On Monday, January 5th, 1874.
A few pupil boarders can be accommodated. JNO. MARTIN, 27rd St. Guelph, Dec. 30, 1873. (dw)

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT.
Opposite the Market, Guelph. First-class accommodation for supper parties. GEORGE BARKLESS, Proprietor. Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. (dw)

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph. (dw)

MONEY TO LEND.
On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to
FRED BISCOE,
Barrister, &c. Guelph. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all first-class lines in connection.
MAY 14th JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor (dw)

ENGRAVING.
Gold and Silver Plating
Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Pringle's Jewellers Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.
T. O. OLDHAM, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. (dw)

W. H. TAYLOR,
CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER,
Opposite Knox Church,
GUELPH.
The only one of this kind in Toronto. All work warranted the best. Please send or price list.
R. BILLIARD HALL.
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. (dw)

NEW COAL YARD.
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.
Guelph '74. GEO. MURTON (dw)

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.
Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st, Guelph. (dw)

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,
Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established at 1854. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Residence—opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGee, and Cowan, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto. Dr. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. (dw)

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale.
MOULTON & HISH, Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874. (dw)

New Advertisements.

LEATHER PURSE FOUND.
Enquire at this office. (dw)

HOUSE TO LET—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 24, 1873. (dw)

WANTED—A General Servant. Apply to
MRS. J. M. BOND,
Guelph, (dw)

WANTED—A good general servant. Well recommended. Wages liberal. Family small. Apply to Mrs. R. Taylor, Waterloo Road. (dw)

CHOPPERS WANTED.
Wanted—Two Choppers. Apply at this office. (dw)

FOR SALE—Guelph Gas Stock to the amount of \$2,000, in shares to suit purchasers. Guaranteed to pay 9 per cent. THOMPSON & JACKSON, Guelph, Jan. 21, 74. (dw)

NOTICE—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. (dw)

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.
For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office. (dw)

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
The partnership between the firm of Chance & Williamson is dissolved, and the business of the firm is being conducted by Chance & Williamson, Golden Lion, Guelph, 5th Jan. 1874. (dw)

MONEY TO LEND.
Ten Thousand Dollars for Investment in sums of from \$200 to \$2,000, at 8 per cent. interest. Charges moderate. Apply to
THOMPSON & JACKSON,
Land, Loan and General Agents, Brownlow's Block, Douglas Street, Guelph, Jan. 17, 1874. (dw)

COURT OF PERSEVERANCE,
A. O. F. No. 5856.
Meet every WEDNESDAY in the GOOD TEMPLAR'S HALL at 7.30 sharp.
G. A. COULSON, Sec. (dw)

CARD OF THANKS.
To Mr. Wm. J. Paterson, General Agent, Equitable Life Assurance Society, Guelph. I take the earliest opportunity of thanking you for the prompt payment to-day, of my claim on the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.
MARGARET REA, Guelph, Ont., 19th January, 1873. (dw)

NOTICE—All parties indebted to Caleb Chase, either by Note or Book Account, will please pay by the 1st of February, 1874, as I must have money. (dw)

FOR SALE—
1 excellent Family Pleasure Sleigh; also,
1 set Light Box Sleigh, first-class, box and seats complete; also,
Light and heavy Long Sleighs, new and second hand.
All the above will be sold cheap for cash. Call early.
C. CHASE. (dw)

TWO BLACKSMITHS.
For sale, one Iron Blacksmith (Arm's & Warwick) make, new, to be sold at a bargain, as I have two of them. Also, 1 splendid Lathe, both for foot and power, in good condition, and well got up. Apply to
CALEB CHASE,
Guelph, Jan. 22, 1874. (dw)

TOWN OF GUELPH.
Notice is hereby given that applications will be received till MONDAY, JAN. 21st, for the following offices, viz:—
Two Assessors, One Collector, and one Tavern Inspector.
JOHN HARVEY,
Town Clerk's Office, Jan. 21st, 1874. (dw)

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
ON THURSDAY EVENING next, 22nd inst., a Tea Social will be held in the basement to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the above Church.
Tea to be served from 8.30 till 10 o'clock. During the evening various readings, recitations, and musical selections will be given.
Admission 25 cents.
Guelph, Jan. 20, 1874. (dw)

VICK'S
Floral Guide for 1874.
200 pages, 500 engravings and coloured plate. Published quarterly at 25 cents a year. First number for 1874 just issued. A German edition at the same price. Address
JAMES VICK,
Jan. 19, 1874. w261 Rochester, N.Y. (dw)

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.
All accounts against the undersigned up to 1st January to be sent in immediately. All accounts of the undersigned will be collected by the new firm. All parties so indebted will please call and settle immediately.
WM. TAWSE,
Day's Block, opposite the Market, Guelph, Jan. 11, '74. (dw)

ANNIVERSARY
—OR—
BURNS'S BIRTHDAY.
Mr. H. K. Maitland has the honor to announce that he will give
A CONCERT
In honor of the anniversary of the Birthday of Scotland's Bard, in the Town Hall,
On Monday Ev'g, 26th inst.
He will be assisted by Mrs. Cuthbert, Toronto; Miss Young, Berlin; Messrs. Berlin, Murray, Bridgeport; Spriggins (the English tenor) and Yule, Guelph, and by Val's Band.
The programme will consist of a choice selection of Scottish Songs, Duets, and Glee.
Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert to commence at 8. Tickets 25 cents; Reserved seats 50c.
For sale at the Book Stores.
Guelph, Jan. 19, 1873. (dw)

NEW SAW MILL, &c.
The subscriber begs leave to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has erected a new Saw, Shingle and Lath Mill (three miles from Guelph) and that he is now prepared to cut Lumber any length from nine to twenty-five feet. Parties having logs to bring in can do so at any time. He is also putting in a Run of Burr Mill Stones, large size, for choppings feed for stock, which will be in operation about a week.
JAMES CAULFIELD,
Jan. 21, 1874. st. Fustinch, Guelph P.O. (dw)

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Town and County News

ANNIVERSARY TEA SOCIAL in the Congregational church to-night.

Messrs. TUNIS & Co., wholesale book-sellers, Chilton, send us a copy of Harper's Magazine for February.

THE FERGUS Y. M. C. A. is prospering and the Sunday night meetings are crowded to the door, and great interest is taken in meetings.

Y. M. C. A.—The adjourned sale of the periodicals and newspapers for the current year will take place in the Rooms this evening at 7.30. A general business meeting will be held after the sale. As there is important business to transact a full attendance of members is requested.

SAD ACCIDENT IN NASRAGAWEYA.—Mr. Hugh McTavish met with a severe accident while at a bee at a neighbor's. He by some means got his hand in the horse power cutting box while the machine was in motion, cutting and mangling his arm in a fearful manner. Drs. Carter and Winn were promptly in attendance and found it necessary to amputate at the shoulder joint, which was performed in a very skillful manner. Good hopes are entertained of his recovery.

WE ARE GLAD to see that the *Canadian Monthly* is beginning 1874 with promise of great excellence. In the January number a new and original story is begun by the well-known novelist Wilkie Collins. It is entitled "The Dead Alive," and is published by arrangement with the author. The other departments of the magazine are well up to the high standard that the monthly has set up for itself. A handsome portrait of Mr. Goldwin Smith accompanies it. We are indebted to Mr. John Anderson for the number before us.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for February is varied and entertaining in its contents, which are embellished with over eighty engravings. The "Legend of the Cascades"—a beautifully illustrated poem, with which the number opens—gives a rendering of one of the grandest of Indian traditions, and is very fitly published in the same number with Mr. Northoff's illustrated paper on the Columbia River and Puget Sound. The two serial novels, "My Mother and I," by Miss Mulock, and "The Living Link," by Professor De Mille, both of which are beautifully illustrated, and well sustained in interest. George Wm. Curtis, in the *Editor's Easy Chair*, discusses Tweed's fate and the question of the co-education of the sexes, and gives some very interesting gossip of the Lyceum group.

South Riding Nomination.

The following gentlemen were nominated at one o'clock to-day:—
Mr. DAVIS STURTON was nominated by Mr. Geo. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Wm. Wm. Reynolds, seconded by Dr. McGregor.
Mr. HENRY HATCH was nominated by Mr. John Carter, seconded by Mr. John A. Wood.
Mr. Wm. WILKIE was nominated by Mr. Joseph Ryan, seconded by Mr. Herbert H. Maddock.
Dr. McNAUGHTON, of Erin Village, was nominated by Mr. A. B. Petrie, seconded by Mr. J. A. Sharp.
Mr. JAS. LAIDLAW was nominated by Mr. P. Gow, M. P. P., seconded by Mr. John Hogg.
Mr. WALTER COOPER was nominated by Mr. Jos. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hatch.
Mr. Geo. ELLIOTT was nominated by Mr. Wm. Whitelaw, seconded by Mr. John Horsman.
Hon. P. Gow was nominated by Mr. Jps. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. William Wilkie.
Dr. Clarke was nominated by Mr. Chas. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Thos. Hefferman.
All the candidates having withdrawn except Messrs. Sturton and Hatch, the meeting adjourned to the Drill Shed for delivery of the speeches.

Newfoundland & Confederation

An important item of news comes to us from Newfoundland. It seems probable that before long the Reform Government may have to welcome into confederation the coyest of our sister colonies of British America. The following telegram is published in this morning's *Globe*:
HALIFAX, Jan. 21.
A despatch received from Newfoundland states that the Bennett Government has been defeated. Mr. Carter, who is favorable to union with Canada, has been called upon to form a new Government.

WHAT A LOWER CANADIAN GETS FOR TALKING IN CHURCH.

A curious affair occurred in the Three Rivers District lately. Reverend Mr. Proulx, curate of St. Tite, had been preaching politics in his church, when a farmer of that parish, Mr. Marcelin Desy, rose in his pew and exclaimed, "I beg your pardon, Mister Curate, what you are saying is not correct." For this offence the daring habitant was arrested and brought before the court. In self-defence he summoned the priest in order to have him interrogated upon the nature of his assertions and instructions to his parishioners. The curate did not appear, but, nevertheless, the magistrate proceeded with the case. It was, of course, proved that the accused had interrupted the sermon. The latter desired to prove that there was intense political agitation among the inhabitants of the parish, and that by taking part on one side the curate had given sufficient provocation for the interruption. It was pleaded against the defence that Jesus whipped out of the temple the vendors and Pharisees. The debate was suddenly interrupted by the magistrate, who condemned Desy to pay a fine and costs amounting to \$146.00!

BY TELEGRAPH

Gladstone in Favor of Extending the Franchise.

The State Granges.

A Swindling Operation.

Defeat of Spaniards.

London, Jan. 21.—A deputation of workmen headed by Joseph Arch, today dined upon Gladstone, and argued the propriety of extending the elective franchise to agricultural laborers. Gladstone expressed himself in favor of their object, but advised them to be patient, pointing out the magnitude and weightiness of the measure, and the brief duration of Parliament.

Jameville, Wis., January 21.—In the session of the State Granges to-day, the Secretary's report shows that there were 803 granges organized up to October, 1873, and thinks there have been a sufficient number formed since to make a total of 850, and the order is constantly gaining strength.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—In the State Grange which met to-day there were 275 granges represented.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—Sage & Co., representing themselves as a branch of the extensive Detroit House of the same name, absconded after swindling extensively. One bank advanced them \$5,000 on warehouse receipt for two hundred barrels of whiskey. The barrels proved to be filled with water. The exact amount they realized is not known.

London, Jan. 22.—Prof. Goldwin Smith in a speech at an educational meeting in Manchester last evening, explained and commended the common school system of the United States. He defended Cornell University from the charge of irreligion, and maintained that the religious spirit of that institution was quite equal to that of Oxford.

The *Times* published the substance of a note from Prince Bismarck, which holds the French Government accountable for the violence of the Ultramontans press in France.

New York, Jan. 22.—A fog so dense that objects fifty yards distant cannot be seen, hangs over the city. Navigation both in the city and on the rivers is very difficult.

A despatch from Havana, dated 17th inst., via Key West and Washington, says the Spaniards under Esponda, number 650, met 1,800 insurgents at Los Meloles, and after fighting six and a-half hours the Spaniards retired with the loss of fifty-four wounded. Private Cuban advices report that Esponda had 1,200 men, only 250 of whom escaped death wounds or capture.

The forced loan of thirty millions is disagreeable to all nations and foreigners; the latter pay because their business depends thereon.

As the United States man-of-war *Warcaste* sailed from Havana on the 15th, with the band playing, a rabble congregated at the wharf and hissed as she passed, dipping her flag to Morro Castle and the Spanish war vessels.

London, Jan. 21.—The Government has decided to prosecute several persons for conspiring to obtain a British Registry for the French barque *Malfrate*, which was destined to convey arms to the Carlists in Spain.

London, Jan. 22.—George H. Whalley, member of Parliament, has written to the papers persisting that the statements made by Jean Luis, during his examination as a witness for the defendant in the Tichborne case, were true, and expressing his belief that the confession made by Luis at his subsequent trial on a charge of perjury was obtained by bribery. For this Mr. Whalley has been summoned to appear for contempt of court.

London, Jan. 21.—Private letters from the Gold Coast report that great sickness prevails among the troops of Sir Garnet Wolseley, proving fatal, in many cases, within a few hours after the attack.

The Canvass in North Wellington.

Fahey on the Light Fantastic.

Special to the MERCURY.

MOUNT FOREST, Jan. 21.

A meeting was advertised to be held at Dowd's School House, Kerry settlement, Arthur Township, on Tuesday evening, on behalf of the corruptionists, at which the redoubtable Fahey was to hold forth in advocacy of charter-selling and similar transactions. A few of the faithful attended, together with a number of the friends of Col. Higinbotham, who were prepared to give the orator a warm reception. To the disappointment of these, no Fahey was on hand, and his few abettors departed suddenly, fearing that some evil fortune had befallen the lad. It was subsequently discovered that he had for the nonce thrown politics to the winds and attended a dance at one Michael Maddigan's, in the neighbourhood. Instead of glowing oratory he indulged in fantastic capers; the excitements of political debate gave place to indulgence in the mad dance. As a dancer Fahey is said to be a success. When he next performs may we all be there to see.

A meeting was held the same evening at Horman's School House, Clare settlement, Arthur, on behalf of Colonel Higinbotham. A large number of the electors were present. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. McMullen and Sheppard, of Mount Forest; O'Callaghan and Murphy, of Arthur. The gathering was exceedingly harmonious, an unanimously in favor of the gallant Colonel.

South Wellington Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the South Wellington Agricultural Society was held at the agricultural office on Wednesday, January 21. There was a good attendance. Mr. John Hobson, President, occupied the chair.

Mr. Murton, Secretary-Treasurer, read the annual report of which we give the following synopsis:—

The Directors commence by congratulating the members and patrons on the continued success of the Central Exhibition. They presented a comparative statement of the amount offered and paid for prizes, and the number of entries, in each class during the three years, which was read in full to the meeting. We give merely the totals:—

1871.	1872.	1873.
Prize money offered... \$7,597	\$7,600	\$8,460
Prize money paid..... 5,549	5,421	6,285

Number of entries..... 5,421 5,272 5,810

With the exception of a slight falling off in the number of cattle, nearly every other class shows an increase this year in the number of entries, the total excess being 538, whilst \$387 cash has been paid in premiums this year over 1872. The number of entries is not always an indication of success, as many more are frequently made than come on the ground; but when we find an increased amount has been paid for premiums, we may then be sure that a fair advance has been made. In Dec. 1872 a petition was forwarded to the Ontario Government, asking for a more liberal grant to our Central, and other similar Exhibitions. The Minister of Agriculture replied that owing to the season being so far advanced, and so much business of grave importance demanding their attention, the Government would not be able to consider the said petition this session. The Directors therefore recommended that a similar petition be presented this session, and we hope with better success. A committee was appointed to lay before the Directors an estimate of what might be required in the way of additional buildings for the accommodation of the coming Exhibition. As a subsequent meeting, the committee made a verbal report, recommending some additional cattle sheds, and horse stables, and the alteration of the poultry coops. The latter part of the report only was adopted, as most of the Directors are of opinion that there would be accommodation sufficient. A committee was appointed to meet the Exhibition Committee of the Town Council, to consider in what way this Association could have a joint recognized interest in the Exhibition Building and access to the grounds. The committee were not able to come to any definite arrangement, but the Town Council subsequently passed a by-law in reference to the grounds and buildings. The Directors, jointly with the Town, invited the Governor-General and the Lieut.-Governor to open the Exhibition last year. The Mayor, Warden, and President of the Association waited on Lord Dufferin at Quebec, but he was unable to comply, as matters of State required his presence in the Lower Provinces. During the summer the roof of the grain shed fell in, and the Town Council very liberally had it replaced, at their expense. At the expiration of the time for receiving entries it was found that the accommodation for horses and poultry would be insufficient, and it was agreed to put up twenty-five additional sheds, and one hundred and fifty poultry coops. The work was done by Mr. Robt. Stewart; although the time was short, in a very creditable manner. The Town Council generously agreed to pay half the expense of erecting the twenty-five horse stalls, the cost of which was \$425.27. The report proceeded to remark at some length on the different departments of the Exhibition, a report of which appears in our columns at the time. The Directors hoped that a hearty vote of thanks would be conveyed to the Warden and members of the County Council for their continued liberality in contributing towards the friends of the Central Exhibition; and they felt sure that after witnessing the extensive display of agricultural, horticultural, arts and manufactures they must feel gratified that, partly through their munificence, so great results have been achieved. The report concluded as follows:— This report would be hardly considered complete were it not to acknowledge and congratulate its members and the farming community upon the establishment of the Agricultural Farm and College in the vicinity of Guelph, and we sincerely trust that the farmers of Ontario will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of obtaining for their sons a thorough scientific and practical knowledge of farming, for we hold it to be a great advantage to the farmer to understand the different soils and their adaptability to the several kinds of cereals, grasses, and roots usually grown on the farm. Another very useful branch of study is a practical knowledge of draining, for however well our farms are tilled, there are few that would not be benefitted by being underdrained. Lands liable to water stagnation, and water allowed to remain on them till evaporation takes place, would by a system of draining be turned into the most productive portions of the farm. Another advantage would be that the farmer would be enabled to commence operations several days earlier in the spring; when every day so gained is worth two or three a week later. Another very important branch of study would be a scientific knowledge of breeding, for no man can be a thoroughly successful breeder without some experience on this subject. Your Directors earnestly hope that the future management of this valuable institution may reflect most highly to the cause of agriculture, towards which the County of Wellington has already contributed so much.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance last acct.....	\$ 206 17
Discount, Bank.....	293 17
Do do.....	896 18
Wm. Sordy, special prize.....	10 00
County Grant.....	1,000 00
Government Grant.....	700 00
Balance forward.....	425 00
Superintendent horse stalls.....	172 00
Side shows, etc.....	274 25
Sale of Hay.....	125 13
Receipts at Gate.....	5,675 90
Special prizes.....	137 00
Refund.....	10 00
County subscriptions.....	735 00
W. T. A. Society.....	231 00
Town Council.....	230 00
Refund from C. Watson, 1873.....	30 00
Total.....	\$10,844 10

EXPENDITURE.

Printing account.....	\$ 478 30
Miscellaneous.....	1,134 63
Building.....	677 92
Expenses.....	2,922 54
Petty Cash.....	63 81
Prize.....	615 50
Christmas Fat.....	23 50
Easter.....	38 00
Total.....	\$10,742 68
To balance in hand.....	\$ 101 48

The report was adopted.

Election of officers was the next business, and resulted as follows:—

President, J. B. Armstrong; * Mr. Swinford, First Vice-President; Mr. Chas. Sharpe, Second Vice-President; Mr. George Murton, Sec.-Treas.; Directors, Messrs Thos. McCrae, Richd. Young, John Hawes, John Reading, Lazarus Parkinson, George Hood, James Anderson, George Ridd, James Loghrin; Auditors, F. W. Stone and A. Baker, representative to the Provincial Board of Agriculture, Mr. Geo. Murton.

Messrs Jas. Laidlaw and John Hobson were nominated for Directors, but declined to serve for saying that he was entitled to a year's rest after long service. Mr. Cowan, Guelph Township, was also nominated and declined.

On motion of Mr. James Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. Lazarus Parkinson, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs C. & A. Sharpe for the use of the rooms occupied by the society as an office. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President, and responded to in a few well put remarks.

Votes of thanks were also given to the retiring Directors—responded to by Mr. Jas. Laidlaw; to the County Council for their liberal grant to the society; to the superintendents of the exhibition, Messrs Swinford and Sharpe; to the Town Council for the liberal manner in which they have treated the Society; and to the able and energetic Secretary, Mr. Murton.

The meeting then adjourned.

Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretences at Kethsay.

The *Rothsay* correspondent of the *Elora Observer* gives particulars of a case which was tried before a magistrates' court, held in the Anglo American Hotel, Rothsay, on the 7th inst., before A. Hunt, Esq., with whom was associated M. G. Miller and J. Landarkin, Esqs.

The matter has created intense excitement in this section of country from its known respectability and standing of all the parties. Mr. Edward Vaughan, some two or three years ago, rented the toll-gate north of Rothsay, Mr. John Ridd and Mr. W. Gubb becoming securities for the due payment of the toll. During the time that Vaughan was in possession of the gate he purchased and worked a farm in the Township of Minto, but receiving a lucrative situation in the State of New York, rented the farm and disposed of the stock and crops by auction, appointing Ridd as his agent to collect his outstanding accounts and pay all his liabilities, one of which was a sum of \$669.14, due the County Treasurer for rent of toll-gate on the departure of Vaughan to the States. Ridd presented to the County Council in the last June a petition signed by himself, on which also appeared the name of W. Gubb, praying for a reduction of the amount due by reason that Vaughan had left the country, not leaving enough in his hands to pay the debt. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the sum \$200 cancelled in favor of Vaughan. This winter Vaughan returned and demanded from Ridd an account of his stewardship, and was perfectly astounded on learning that Ridd went a begging from the County Council on his behalf, roundly asserting that he left, independent of the rent of farm, money and collateral security in Ridd's hands to the amount of \$800, more than sufficient to cover all his liabilities; and thereupon Vaughan made complaint before Mr. Hunt, who ascertained that John Ridd obtained the sum of \$200 from the County Council of the County of Wellington under false pretences. James Bobb and James Orden, Reeve and Deputy, W. H. Lows, Esq., Mr. Wm. Elliott and Mr. W. Gubb, were subpoenaed as material witnesses in the premises. Mr. Lows testified as to drawing up the petition at the urgent request of Ridd. Wm. Elliott stated that Ridd informed him in August last that he had \$400 of Vaughan's money in his possession. Wm. Gubb stated that he never signed said petition, and that his name was placed there without his knowledge or consent. J. Orden, Deputy-Reeve, was highly indignant to think that he should have been made a tool to victimize the County, while innocently imagining he was performing an act of benevolence in presenting said petition, and seemed determined to push this case to the bitter end. At this stage of the case Vaughan was missing, and the Cadi had to dispatch his scouts in all directions to hunt up the missing man. It would seem that all Vaughan wanted was to bring Ridd to a just settlement of his own private affairs, but on seeing the dilemma in which he had placed Ridd, he wanted to back down. About midnight the man-carriers arrived with him. He at first stoutly refused to be sworn, but on sober second thought and a large stone building looming up in the distance, consented. But it was like pulling teeth to elicit the truth, which was at last drawn forth by the questions put by M. G. Miller, Esq., which fully corroborated the above statement. After sundry adjournments, Ridd was held in two sureties of \$500 each, and Vaughan in his own bond of \$1,000, to appear at the next Quarter Sessions to be held in Guelph.

THEIR OLD TRICKS.—The Hamilton Times says:—An act of corruption committed by the late Ministry, in granting a contract for carrying the mails from Yale to Cariboo, British Columbia, has come to light. The contract was awarded to Barnard for twenty-two thousand dollars per annum, although there were other tenders lower, and with equally good security. The terms of the contract were precise. Four horses were to be run on the stage all winter. After the tenders had been sent in the Postmaster-General altered the terms of the contract without informing other tenderers, making modifications to suit Barnard, and granted him the contract. Mr. Nelson, late M. P. for New Westminster, obtained a very suitable timber limit in British Columbia for the firm to which he belongs, from the late Government on his own terms. Both these curious transactions will be thoroughly investigated before long.