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**Our Toronto Letter.**  
The Contest for the Mayoralty—Hip, Hip, Hurrah!—A Week from Date.  
It is many years since such a hard struggle for victory has centered around the Mayor's chair. The elements of bitterness and abuse have very largely entered into this contest. By an unfortunate slip of the tongue made by Mr. Howland towards the close of his speech on nomination day, he furnished his opponents with a stock of ready-made arguments capable of doing infinite mischief to his cause.

Mr. David Blain is waging relentless war on Mr. Howland, holding no less than three ward meetings on a single evening, and delivering a fresh speech at each meeting. His speeches are of the nature of a prolonged act of self glorification, with an occasional aside aimed at Mayor Howland. It is unfortunate for Mr. Blain that while himself an unobjectionable character, the liquor interest see in him—as they think—one who is more likely to deal gently with the failings of their class than Mayor Howland is prepared to do. Mr. Blain is President of the Central Bank. He will be generally supported by the commercial and manufacturing interests. Several efforts have been made to arouse sectarian and national feelings to the injury of Mr. Howland, by a newspaper which at present supports Mr. Blain, but which as every one believes would support Mr. Howland had his offer been as tempting as that of Mr. Blain's. The News gallantly stands by Mr. Howland, though its efficiency in the present contest as compared with the help it afforded him in his combat with Mr. Manning, has fallen away to a great degree. Its editorial columns are woefully weak and are not a factor worth counting, if effectiveness be the test. The Globe has, I imagine, fairly measured Mr. Howland, telling him in forcible and sober language the weak points in his last year's administration, yet concluding with an expression of confidence that he will remedy those weak points and use his last year's experience to the great advantage of the city if entrusted with a renewal of the citizens' favor.

Numbers of voters who under any other condition of things would cheerfully cast their weight against Howland, will I think take the opinion of the Globe as their guidance in this issue, or at least content themselves with a neutral standpoint and refrain from voting. In mentioning the Globe we cannot refrain from paying a tribute to the generally sound stand it is accustomed to take on questions of a municipal nature. On general politics it is easy to differ and still be true to one's principles. But to matters coming right under the eyes of every dweller in the city and within his power of thoroughly understanding such as city government, is the Globe is far ahead as the one newspaper in this city which treats these things in a way as admirable as it is fair minded and honest.

The Telegram is out strongly in favor of Howland, and working tooth and nail in his interest. One feature in his treatment of this subject is worthy of note. It announces itself as strongly opposed to the introduction of class and sectarian prejudice into the Mayoralty contest. We may all say Amen to this and pray that confusion may at all times and at all places await the men who drag such baseness into the light of day. Returning to the Telegram, a paper which, up to last Tuesday, did as much as any one could do to fan into flame the sectarian cry of the tag and bait of Toryism. The shameful and barefaced inconsistency of this however and nevertheless organ is what it is pleased to call in its own pleasant way a proof of its real independence; so might a weather-cock on a church steeple boast, driven hither and thither by winds from every quarter of the globe. The weathercock I am reminded is even more consistent than the Telegram can possibly be since the action of the winds proceed from some fixed and unalterable principle, which is not within the power of the weathercock to control. If the sectarian cry is allowable on Tuesday, what constitutes its depravity on Wednesday? If the Telegram used it, why can't the World? It's wonderful the amount of bamboozling the ordinary public can stand. Carlyle was not far out in his strong, biting way of estimating the national character. Oh Jeruiny what what fools we be!

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!  
"Twas a glorious victory, said my Uncle Toby." A victory containing an unmistakable meaning to those men who strove with the strength of despair to involve the population of this Province in the bitterness and agony of a prolonged religious strife. Mr. Mowat's government has been sustained. The sectarian cry has boomerang like recoiled on its advocates, striking them down into the dust. The unaccomplished work of the Mail's hand have, like their counterpart in nature, abortive, monstrous, or un-

kindly mixed, dissolved on earth, fled to the limbo of vain things there to meander till the final dissolution. Already the mercenary newspapers who fell in behind the Mail, have faced about, and can find nothing too bitter to lament their ally with. Such is the reward of defeat, and a striking illustration of the force of the hackneyed adage about the truth coming out when rogues take it into their heads to quarrel.

At times such was the fierce onslaught made by the bigot party, those of us who knew something of the effect to be dreaded by the slightest success of that party, must have feared for the future. What if after all our boasted progress towards better methods and loftier aspirations, on the cry of wolf the populace turning their eyes on some false leader should like a flock of sheep eyeing the foremost one stand fearfully, bending the eye and nose to ground, and what the foremost does that do the others, gathering around her, if she stops simple and quiet, nor the cause discern. The real underlying common sense of the people stood them in good stead, enabling them to thwart the schemes of the "unholy alliance."

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**East York Election.**  
We give below the majorities obtained by Mr. G. B. Smith and Mr. H. P. Crosby in the different Polling Sub-Divisions in the Riding. They will be found to be nearly correct:

Markham Township		Scarboro	
No. 1, Thornhill	43	No. 1	18
" 2, Elgin Mills	33	" 2	22
" 3, Brown's Corners	9	" 3	51
" 4, Victoria Square	1	" 4	53
" 5, Unionville	3	" 5	55
" 6, Cashel	29	York Township	
" 7, Crosby's old store	40	No. 1	24
" 8, Milnesville	54	" 2	22
" 9, Cedar Grove	62	" 3	14
" 10, Mongolia	42	" 4	16
		" 5	28
		" 6	3
		" 7	32
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**THORNHILL**  
From our own Correspondent.  
The elections, both Provincial and Municipal, passed off without any excitement  
Death has entered two homes. Mr. W. Walker, after a few days illness, died on New Year's Day, and was buried by the A. O. U. W. on Monday. Miss Hord, who has been suffering from disease so long, was released on Sunday. The skating on the rink has been very fine this winter; a few accidents as usual have happened. The awkward squad causes considerable mirth to the professionals and spectators. The sleighing now being so good has caused many to abandon the rink for sleighing parties. The Tea & Concert in the Methodist Church was a success financially, upwards of \$80 was taken at the doors. The entertainment was very good; the recitation of Miss Hattie Adams was much applauded. The pieces rendered by Miss McGarry, "The Creeds of the Bells," and "A Settlers Story," were satisfying to the best of Critics. It is to be hoped Miss McGarry may be persuaded to give another evening's entertainment soon.  
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**Sherwood.**

From our own Correspondent.  
Some time has elapsed since Sherwood has been heard from. Why? Well, we don't like to venture an opinion, but we thought that we would not allow the holidays to pass without noticing them.  
Everybody is reported to have spent a jolly Xmas, doing full justice to the Turkey, Goose, plum pudding, &c., during the day.

In the evening, all the pleasure seekers for miles around were seen making their way towards the Lutheran church, where an interesting programme was rendered by the Sunday School and excellent out side talent. Mr. J. H. Ketchum and wife, assisted by Miss Bellis, all of Toronto, deserve special notice. Several fine duets by the ladies were sung. Mr. Ketchum and wife sang "Six months before marriage," in Dutch Dialect, which was loudly encored; after which they sang "Six months after marriage," filling the house with laughter. Miss Counts, of Toronto, rendered several very fine Scotch Solos. Miss Ida Husband, of Newton Brook, recited a very fine selection. Mr. Geo. Goulding, of Newton Brook, told in his comical way "How Sockery set the Hen." Mr. Joe O'Brien, of Lasky, recited "The Doctors Pills," which, to the amusement of the audience, turned out to be shirt buttons. The school are to be credited for the way in which they performed their part. The church was crowded. Proceeds amounted to \$95.

On Thursday, Dec 30th, 1886, the Downview foot ball team came to this place and defeated the Sherwood "Stars" by two goals to one. The game was a friendly one throughout. Mr. James Jackson, of the 'Varsity eleven, acted as referee to the satisfaction of both parties. After the match the players were treated to supper by the young ladies of this vicinity at the house of Mr. Chas White. Supper over, Mrs. White kindly opened her parlor, where a pleasant time was spent. Mr. Fred McGuire, of Weston, sang several solos. Several recitations were rendered by Messrs. W. J. McDonald, of the Downviews, and P. R. McLaughlin, of the Stars. The company broke up at an early hour, every one voting Miss White a splendid hostess.

The election passed off very quietly. The only thing to be noticed was some of the Tory party driving those voters to and from the polls who didn't care about voting. We wonder how much boodle they got? For all their hard work we are still to have our good old Dr. among us for a little longer.  
Rev. A. McLaughlin has been on the sick list for the past few days. He was unable to fill his appointment on last Sunday, but is convalescing slowly.  
Mr. Chas Whitehead and wife, of Port Perry, are spending the holidays with their son, Mr. Frank Whitehead, of this place.  
Matters have become more lively in our town since the opening of the new store. Mr. Thos. Pearson has opened a store in Sherwood, where almost every thing can be obtained.  
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" 9, Detective and Romances	" 25 "
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