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To Our Patrons.

We have received a great number of notices from our patrons, complimenting us on the fine appearance of the Free Press since it has come under our control, for which we thank them.

THE ELECTIONS.

The greatest excitement prevailed throughout the whole village on Monday, over the election. The most energetic efforts were put forth by the candidates and their friends to secure their election.

REEVE.

W. H. Storey, ... 74
Dr. McGarvin, ... 70

COUNCILLORS.

John Coates, ... 131
C. T. Hill, ... 124
John Speight, ... 104
J. H. Smith, ... 92
Eli Snyder, ... 35

The elected candidates are—

Reeve—W. H. Storey.
COUNCILLORS—Coates, Hill, Speight, and Smith.

It will be seen by the above

that we have an entire new Council for the present year. Every one of the members of the new Council are energetic and business-like men, and are men of good common sense.

ESQUELING.

Reeve—W. Clay, (by acclamation). First Deputy Reeve—W. McEneaney. Second Deputy Reeve—John Lindsay. Councilors—R. Graham, J. H. Shorttred.

NASSAGAWEYA.

Reeve—John Runsey, (re-elected by acclamation). Deputy Reeve—James Menzies, (re-elected by acclamation). Councilors—J. Wheelright, D. Hutcheon, W. Watson.

MILTON.

Mayor—G. Smith.

TORONTO.

Mayor—Angus Morrison

GUELPH.

Mayor—Geo. Howard (elected by acclamation). First Deputy Reeve—George Sheenan. Second Deputy Reeve—Rich. Mitchell.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Acton, according to appointment, on the second Tuesday of January. The names of members present were put upon record. The minutes of former meetings were read and sustained.

Stabbing a Girl.

The first of the year was a Saturday evening last, a young man about twenty-eight years of age, son of Mr. Wm. Patterson, of the West End, Guelph Township, was stabbed by an old man usually known as "Red" McCrae.

The money stolen in the United States

during the past four years—beginning at a period just prior to the panic of 1873—by reason of defalcation, embezzlements, and breaches of trust on the part of city and county officials, bank officers, executors of estates, &c., foot up to over \$3,000,000.

A singular accident occurred on Friday last

in the blacksmith shop of Ranton & Best, Pilkington. A young man, named Hedley, was standing with half a pound of gunpowder in his coat pocket, near to an anvil on which a workman was hammering a piece of hot iron, a spark from which entered the pocket, burnt through the paper and caused the powder to explode.

Schools in the County.

From returns received from these it appears that 21 schools had been opened in the county during the year, giving 2,699 pupils on the rolls as pupils; 273 teachers, of whom 217 were communicants, of the schools, 16 were kept open during the year, and five between six and eight months. Total number of volumes in libraries, 8,020.

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