

LOCAL MATTERS.

The best job printing in the County at the Free Press Office. Call and examine our specimens.

Mr. J. W. Ryder announces an auction sale of vehicles at his carriage shop on Tuesday next. Now is the time to secure bargains.

The Annual Meeting of the Acton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening.

Second Bro's have just received a fresh lot of this celebrated 50 cent tea, also a full assortment of all other choice brands of tea, choice and fresh.

We are requested by Messrs. Nicklin to say that they have secured the bakery owned by Mrs. Haam, and that they will shortly commence the baking business on the premises.

We are requested by the Township Clerk of Nassagawaga, to say that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday, the 20th inst., and not on the 6th as previously announced.

We would most respectfully suggest to the Trustees, that a complete catalogue of the library would be a very convenient thing to have. Every one who makes use of the library should have a full catalogue of the books.

A lively snow-storm yesterday has brightened things up considerably. Still people will grumble. They talk now of the roads being blocked with snow drifts. If every one were satisfied, what a happy world would be!

I am sorry that I have again to complain of the school children running to the post office so often each day, and three and four of one family asking within five minutes of each other. It may be more for them but not for the Postmaster.

We notice by a paragraph in the Guelph papers that Mr. Theo. Gowdy, recently of Lincolnshire, has given out the various contracts for the building of a magnificent private residence in that town. The structure is to be of Glen Williams brick, with massive iron facing, richly carved, and will cost about \$20,000.

A MAX SHOR—Mr. Messrs. S. West Bro's have just received a new lot of tea for \$2 cents, 50c tea for 25 cents, 75c tea for 50 cents, good quality 25 cents, and a great many other goods at equally low prices. He then shot off again, and he is now telling his friends that if they want to get the lowest possible margin, they ought to go to Second Bro's.

Mr. Barker of Belleville telegraphed to our office yesterday, that he would be here on Friday evening, to examine the proposed new line of reference to the establishment of a brick manufactory. The Revue has consequently called a meeting of the ratepayers to take into consideration the question of a loan to be held in Matthews' Hall tomorrow evening.

On the first of January Second Bro's advertised that in future their business would be conducted on a basis of three months credit. They say if they can get a settlement of their accounts every 3 months it will be as good as cash to them, and they have accordingly made a great reduction in prices. This is a move in the right direction, and we are sure the people will see the benefit this will be to them in a pecuniary way. They close all accounts as present running on 1st March by either cash or note and interest. The above arrangement will greatly increase their business.

Acton School.—The following memoranda for the month of January is furnished by Mr. Egan, head master of our school: Number of pupils enrolled during the month 180; Boys 110, Girls 70. Number in 1st Department, 57; 2nd Dept., 62; 3rd Dept., 65. Average attendance 1st Department 46; 2nd Dept., 51; 3rd Dept., 47. The total average attendance was 144. Average of children in School Division not yet enrolled this year, 78.

Fatal Accident.—On Tuesday, Mr. Ransom Adams, of this village, was driving in the neighborhood of Barber's paper mills, Georgetown, when his horse became unmanageable and started to run away. The buggy was upset, and Mr. Adams thrown to the ground and rather badly injured. He was lying senseless when picked up, shortly after, by some party, but he was passing, but soon revived and proceeded to Georgetown station, where he sought a train for home. He arrived in a weak and exhausted condition, and on examination by Dr. Morrow, it was found that some of the ribs were displaced, and his elbow, joint injured, besides some slight scalp wounds. We learn to-day that he is in a fair way for recovery, and that his wounds are not considered dangerous. The horse he was driving had only been bought by him the day before. The buggy was smashed to pieces.

To the Editor of the Free Press.—Dear Sir, On Monday last an incident occurred in our village which convinces me that there is considerable barbarian about some of our inhabitants. Two enterprising youths, investing twenty cents in a large dog, and having tied the poor beast up, proceed to play some trick on it, with revolvers. After some time, the animal, which was played out, and the poor animal was left to expire. Several spectators of the chief performers, enjoyed the sight amazingly. If there is any law in Canada to punish such miscreants, I think it would not be amiss to put it in force, and if not, the disgraced follow-up such actions will be a light, though insufficient punishment. It is said, that some of our youths exhibit a taste of morals that would dishonor a Hobbit. Yours, H. C. A. S. V.

Magistrate's Court.—Cupidating was laid before the Reeve last week, against Mr. G. E. Morrow, druggist, for selling liquor contrary to law. The case was tried last Thursday afternoon and was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence of illegal act. The same complaint was subsequently laid against other information, and the case was to be tried yesterday, but Mr. Morrow applied for an adjournment until 10 o'clock to-day on account of his counsel not being able to attend in time.

Complimentary supply.—An expression of good feeling towards our esteemed ex-Reeve and ex-Councillors, has been talked for some time, and last week it was decided, to call a meeting of our leading citizens to make definite arrangements as to the form it should take. On Monday evening a number met together, and after choosing Mr. C. S. Smith Chairman, and Mr. John Second Secretary, it was resolved that we tender to W. H. Storey, Esq., ex-Reeve, and Messrs. Hill, Speight and Nicklin, ex-Councillors, an oyster supper, as a slight recognition of their services during the past two years, in the Village Council. Mr. Matthews kindly offered the free use of his hall for the purpose. A committee was then appointed to undertake the management. It was resolved, that no intoxicating liquors should be introduced, and that the entertainment be open to all, on the payment of admission fee—the proceeds to be devoted to charitable purposes. The gentlemen named have been since invited to do so, and have accepted of the proposition. A number of invitations have been extended to prominent persons in the County and elsewhere, and it is expected that there will be a large gathering on the occasion. A general invitation is also given to the ladies. The committee, we feel sure, will spare no effort to render the entertainment an enjoyable one in every respect.

School Meeting.—A public meeting of the ratepayers of Acton School Division was held in the School House, on Saturday, the 29th inst., to consider the best means of settling a more just and equitable assessment of the rural and civil parishes of the Division. The meeting was called by C. S. Smith, Esq., Mayor, who acted as Chairman. Mr. W. H. Storey, Esq., was elected Secretary. The Chairman read the minutes of the meeting, and desired that the proceedings should be conducted harmoniously and with a view to removing the existing complaint of the ratepayers, and that the meeting be presided over by Messrs. Theo. Davidson, Samuel Moore, C. S. Smith, Major Allan Archibald, Campbell, and other gentlemen, and that the matter of the assessment be put in order of business. It having been resolved by a majority of those present from the rural part of the School Division that the addition of 60 per cent to the assessment of their property in order to equalize it with the assessment of the civil parishes, was unfair and unjust, it was moved by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the question of a fair and equitable assessment of the rural part of the Division, and that the committee consist of Mr. Davidson, W. H. Storey, Alex. Kennedy, Samuel Moore and A. Campbell.

Acton Council.—The Council met on the 27th ult. and after the usual reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the following resolutions were read and approved: A By-law for the appointment of an Assessor was introduced and read the necessary times. The blank was filled up with the name of Stephen J. Zimmerman as Assessor, at a remuneration of \$20. A By-law was introduced and passed appointing Christopher Masales as Constable at a salary of \$20. A By-law was introduced and passed appointing Robert Fisher as Inspector, with a remuneration of \$2 per day when on duty. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Christie, that By-law No. 33 for limiting the number of taverns in the village of Acton, for fixing the sum to be paid for certificates to obtain tavern licenses, to define the duties of License Inspectors and for other purposes therein mentioned, be and remain in force for the year 1876, and that this Resolution be signed by the Reeve, countersigned by the Clerk, and that the corporate seal be attached thereto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Smith, that By-law No. 31 for limiting the number of shops in the village of Acton, to fix the sum to be paid for a certificate to obtain a shop license, and for other purposes therein mentioned, be and remain in force for the year 1876, and that this Resolution be signed by the Reeve, countersigned by the Clerk, and that the corporate seal be attached thereto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Reeve, C. S. Smith, and the mover be a committee to ascertain the cost of a suitable fire engine, and also the cost of a hook-up. Council adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening, 20th inst.

Signs of the Times.—Only last night we got a splendid fall of snow, which has made excellent sleighing, and to prove that this was all that was wanted to make business good and our merchants happy, a visit to Messrs. Second Bro's store to-day is sufficient. They recently determined to make another effort to place cheap goods in the hands of their patrons, and with this object in view they advertised a great reduction in the prices of all goods capable of any reduction. And now since we have got good sleighing, a great reduction in the price of all goods, and people anxious to encourage their efforts, and at the same time avail themselves of the great reduction in prices. We would advise our readers to lose no time in calling and buying in a stock.

Eff's Cocoa.—CHAFRUP AND COMPANY'S—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Eff's Cocoa has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up, and strength enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal ailment by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame.—CHAFRUP & CO'S Cocoa. Sold only in packets labeled—JAMES FERRIS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London.

See that famous yard-wide cotton first quality, only 10 cents a yard, at Christie, Henderson & Co's. —Wanted at Christie, Henderson & Co's, a large number of genuine first-class purchasers who "will come down handily" and assist in making a "Big Push," as goods must be sold before stock taking. "Will you be one?"

Christie, Henderson & Co., of Acton, have decided to extend their Grand Clearing Sale so as to give visitors to next Fair full opportunity of getting twice the worth of their money. A trial of that famous tea, lately from New York direct, will surprise those from a distance who have not had the opportunity of buying a really fine tea at such a low figure. Don't fail to secure a 5 lb. lot, undoubtedly the best value in Canada.

NOTICE.—Estate of Late John Sharp. All persons indebted to the late John Sharp, Esq., of note, book account, or otherwise, will please call and settle at once. And all persons having claims against said estate, will forthwith present their claims for payment. JANE SHARP, Executrix. Acton, Jan. 29th, 1876. 31-2t

FEED! FEED! PEOPLE'S MILLS GUELPH. Bran, \$10 per ton. Shorts, \$13 per ton. Middlings, \$15 per ton. JAMES GOLDIE.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. WM. STEWART & Co. C. T. HILL, Mill Street, ACTON. DEALER IN General Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Wall-Paper, Window Blinds, Crockery, Glassware, Nails, Glass, Putty, Linseed Oil, Raw & Boiled, Paints, Turpentine, Machine Oil, Coal Oil, Salt, etc.

ORDER AT ONCE. ANDERSON'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE. On East Side of Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS. Best Brands of BALTIMORE FRESH OYSTERS, AT STODDARD'S Fruit and Oyster Bazaar. All kinds of Temperance Drinks and Cigars constantly on hand. Acton, Jan. 12, 1876.

LIVERY STABLE. ACTON LIVERY & SALE STABLE. J. P. AILAN. Takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that he is prepared to furnish First-class Horses and Carriages at Reasonable Rates. His Hips and Horses are the best that can be had, and he is determined not to be surpassed by any City Stable. Acton, Jan. 12, 1876.

Wm. Stewart & Co. WYNDHAM STREET. GUELPH. Are showing now Special Lines in Cheap Jackets. Special Lines of Cheap Dress Goods. Special Lines of Cheap Cottons. Special Lines of Cheap Silks. Special Lines of Cheap Flannels. Special Lines of Cheap Blankets. A Special Lot of Canton Flannels. A Special Lot of Cheap Tweeds. A Special Lot of Winceys, Cheap. Black Lustres, Special Value.

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THAT WONDERFUL MAN SPECIAL TO THE PUBLIC. 103 PIECES CROSBY'S TAPESTRY CARPETS AT THE EXTREMELY CHEAP PRICE OF 75 Cents Per Yard, Worth \$1.20. 78 Pieces Assorted 2 and 3 ply Kidderminster Carpets BEAUTIFUL GOODS, AT A LARGE REDUCTION ON USUAL PRICES. The above goods have been bought by me at less than the makers' cost, and I offer for the next two months the cheapest carpets to be met with in the Dominion. Call early and select. JOHN HOGG, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Oct. 27, 1875.

SECOND BROS., STOCK COMPLETE In every Department at the FASHIONABLE WEST-END. A. O. BUCHAM, Silk and Dress Department. Shawl and Mantle Department. Millinery Department. Furs, Fancy Woolen Goods, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Blankets, Flannels, Tweeds, &c. All of which we are prepared to cut at the very lowest prices. A. O. BUCHAM. Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, Oct. 12, 1875.

NEW FALL GOODS ARRIVING DAILY AT DICKSON & McNAB'S. Do not fail to visit the EAST END. And examine those piles of WINCEYS, ranging from 10 cents upwards. Also those COTTONS, all best Canadian makes, ranging from 8 cents upwards. FLANNELS, from 25 cents upwards. And other Staple and Fancy Dry Goods in proportion. DICKSON & McNAB. Acton, Sept. 22, 1875.

CEO. E. MORROW, CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. Has removed to the Brick Drug Store on Mill Street, Formerly occupied by the late DR. CARTER, which has been enlarged and refitted. A large stock of Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Toilet Articles, &c. always on hand. Acton, Nov. 3, 1875.

THOSE who always have READY MONEY, HEIGH HO, STOP! What's the Matter? Lowest Cash Price. No Losses Are Made! Why any person who wants a good and cheap SET OF HARNESS should call on ROBT. CREECH, MILL STREET, ACTON. Who is always ready to supply customers with everything usually kept in a first-class Harness Shop. Harrows made to order on the shortest possible notice. COLLARS A SPECIALTY. ROBT. CREECH, Acton, Nov. 18, 1875.

It is a great and glorious thing to sell good goods cheap, and the man who has accomplished this has always been regarded as a public benefactor. If this be so, we think we can justly lay some claim to the title for our house has always been acknowledged one of the cheapest anywhere; and we are now making another effort to throw cheap goods and money into the pockets of our customers, and we are already convinced that the public hail it with pleasure. A further reduction of 50 per lb. on all Teas, except our 50c Tea, when sold in 5 or 10 lb. lots. \$3 Tea reduced to 85 cents. 80 cent Tea reduced to 70 cents. 75 cent Tea reduced to 50 cents. 40 cent Coal Oil reduced to 30 cents. \$25 Silver Watch reduced to \$18. \$18 Silver Watch reduced to \$12. \$15 Silver Watch reduced to \$10. \$6.50 China Tea Set reduced to \$5.50. \$6.00 China Tea Set reduced to \$5. \$1.50 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1. \$1.25 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1. \$1.50 Granite Cups and Saucers reduced to \$1.25. 75 cent Toronto Biscuits, by box, reduced to 7 cents. 20 pounds of Rice for \$1. T. J. DAY. Does business on the Cash Principle, paying money down. He possesses advantages in his fine excellent goods. Close Cash Buyers go to his Bookstore for their goods—he is satisfied with them. DAY'S BOOKSTORE, GUELPH.