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Morning Mail	9:10 a.m.
Day Express	2:00 p.m.
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Mixed	7:15 p.m.
Night Express	12:45 a.m.
GOING EAST.	
Night Express	3:37 a.m.
Mixed	4:15 a.m.
Day Express	11:35 a.m.
Mixed	5:20 p.m.
	8:32 p.m.

**LOCAL NEWS.** — We shall be glad, at all times, to receive items of local news, such as special church services, meetings of temperance or other societies, donations to charitable institutions, &c., interesting either in this locality or in the country generally. Matter of this kind may be sent marked "Printer's Copy," at the rate of one cent per oz., and so sealed. In order to insure its publication it is necessary for us to receive it by Wednesday morning, at the latest.

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

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

—Acton Monthly Fair next Thursday. We hope to see a large quantity of live stock.

—We are requested to announce that Mr. Rawbone, of Toronto, will preach in the Baptist Chapel on Sunday next, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Grand Reunion under the auspices of Acton Division Sons of Temperance will be held on Tuesday evening March 7th. For particulars see bills and programme.

Now is the time for everybody to lay in large stocks of winter seeds, for the merchants are rushing them off at extraordinary low prices. They don't want to carry them over another season. A little money will now go a long way.

A very interesting and successful entertainment was held in Pine Grove School House, Nassagaweya, last Friday evening. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. A lengthy report of the proceedings has just been received from a correspondent, too late for this issue. It will be published next week.

—Mr. Baker, the prosector of the proposed brick factory, is expected to be in Acton to-day or to-morrow, to ratify the agreement with the Corporation. If the agreement is satisfactory to all concerned, it is likely the By-laws will be prepared at the regular meeting of the Council on Saturday evening.

—A meeting of the Committee of the Acton Branch Bible Society will be held in the vestry of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening next at 6:30 o'clock, sharp, for the purpose of appropriating the recent subscriptions for the various purposes aided by the Society. A full attendance is requested.

Council Meetings.—Ermous, Friday, Feb. 25th. Nassagaweya, Saturday, 26th. Acton, Saturday evening, 26th. Erin, Monday, 28th. Exquagous, Tuesday, 29th. Halton County, Tuesday, March 7th.

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In view of the prevailing hard times behoves every person to make their money go as far as possible. How do so is no longer a secret. The following figures, must convince every person that Secord Bros. is the place to go to for a bargain. A customer bought a Secord Bros. 5 lbs. mtoor Tea, at 50c per lb. \$2.50 11 lbs. brighton Sugar ... 1.00 12 lbs. medium bright Sugar ... 1.00 1 lb. best Tea ... 1.75 1 set Knives and Forks ... 1.50 1 set China, 44 pieces ... 4.00 Brought down ... 10.85 Another party didn't buy at Secord Bros. and had to pay the following prices for the same goods: 5 lbs. mtoor Tea at 75c per lb. \$3.75 11 lbs. brighton Tea ... 1.75 12 lbs. medium bright Sugar ... 1.00 1 lb. best Tea ... 1.75 1 set Knives and Forks ... 1.50 1 set China, 44 pieces ... 6.00 Brought down ... 14.19

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—Messrs. Secord Bros. desire to remind their clientele that all accounts now owing running at their store, in accordance with their published terms, will become due on the first of March. They consider accounts paid every three months as good as cash, and that being the case, they have made a great reduction on all their prices, which were already as every person knows, the cheapest to be had anywhere, and go double the time now given. Please pay us, and when we will carry out in every case, and in all exceptions, the terms they have published of collections every three months. Any accounts not paid will then be settled by note with interest. They feel assured no reasonable person objects to this, when they know that the merchant only gets an average of 70 days credit, and if he gets longer time, than this he has to pay interest for it, and it is only fair that consumers should do the same. However, in the event of a general panic, we will not carry out in every case, and in all exceptions, the terms they have published of collections every three months. Any accounts not paid will then be settled by note with interest.

By buying for cash and taking advantage of trade discounts, we will be enabled to sell goods at but a slight advance on importers' and manufacturers' prices, and decidedly lower than can be obtained by Grangers and others from city jobbers. To do this we adopt the Cash Principle, and we will assure that our numerous customers and the public generally will accord us a hearty support in our effort to advance their interests by supplying them with a good article at a decidedly LOW PRICE.

This change, we feel, whilst resulting largely to the benefit of our patrons, will not in any way result in any material loss to ourselves, as we will effect a great saving in keeping books, collecting accounts, interest on outstanding moneys, &c.

A decided reduction will be made in the price of all goods handled by us, and we trust the difference will be such as will result in a material advantage to all parties, and receive general approval.

In the meantime special inducements will be offered to all CASH BUYERS.

Produce will be taken in exchange at market prices, and when required for the purposes of our trade will be paid for in cash if desired.

In buying Butter we will carefully grade and pay a price according to quality, thereby offering a premium for the best production.

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