

LOCAL MATTERS.

Halt County Council, in session on Tuesday.

The Champion says there are at present ten prisoners in the County Jail.

The Spring Show of the Halton Agricultural Society, will be held at Milton on Friday, 21st of April.

Mr. R. L. Meade, who kept a small store at Hallowville, Nassagawaga, recently became insolvent, and his affairs are now in the hands of the official assignee at Milton.

Last Friday two youths from the country furnished the leaders of our village with a free entertainment. Aner considerable amount of enthusiasm they were separated, and both parties are expected to hear are doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

On Tuesday evening last a "razing" was held at the Exchange Hotel. The attendance was more numerous than usual, and after their sports had been crowned with the most signal success, they sat down to a banquet, generously presided over by Miss H. The little diversion was kept up far into the evening, when the victors retired in good order, as far as long as are concerned, as a reformer or quiet residents can testify.

Mr. Harry Atkins was entertained at Campbell's Hotel on the evening of the 20th ult. A small but select company of his most intimate friends sat down to an evening supper, to which they did full justice. The manner in which it was spread reflects great credit on Mr. Campbell. About the company broke up much pleased with their entertainment, but regretting the extra, as Mr. Atkins is about to leave town where he will be much missed.

The Acton Division Sons of Temperance will hold a grand Reunion, in their Hall, on Tuesday evening next, 7th inst. The entertainment is expected to be first-class. For particulars see posters and programmes.

Mr. Baker, the promoter of the brush factory, was expected to have been here last week to enter into a formal agreement with the Council, respecting the proposed loans. He has not yet arrived, but a letter was received from him by the Reeve, yesterday, stating that he would be here in a few days.

A serious accident, which may prove fatal, occurred yesterday afternoon, a boy about seven years of age, son of Mr. William Thompson. A number of boys coming from school jumped upon a wood shed, and when nearly opposite Scott's store, young Thompson either fell or was pushed off, and the hind body of the shed passed over his head. He jumped up, but in a moment became too weak to walk. He was taken home in a chair, and at last succumbed in a critical condition. What makes the matter worse, is that his mother is just now confined by her with serious illness.

James Thompson, lot 7, 1st concession of Erin, will have a sale of farm stock and implements, Friday March 24th, (to-morrow).

Joseph Ferris, lot 32, 5th of Esplanade, farm stock and implements on Wednesday, March 15th.

Geo. Gibbs, auctioneer, at both sales.

Acton School. The total number of pupils enrolled in the Acton Public School during the month of January and February is 106, being 52 in the first department, 53 in the second, and 71 in the third. Average attendance in the first department for February 51, in the second 49, and in the third 47. Total average attendance for February, 147. There are 62 children in the school, of school age who have not yet been enrolled this year.

Sons of Temperance. Division of Sons of Temperance has recently been formed at Crawford's Corner, with the following officers for the ensuing quarter:

Bro Wm. Crewson, W.P. Bro S. B. Smith, R.S. Bro D. McEwen, R.S. Sister Margery Mann, A.R.S. Bro Allan Mann, P.S. Bro Thomas Doehring, Treas. Bro Wm. Plank, C. Sister - Doherty, A.C. Bro Morgan Croston, I.S. Bro R. Lamb, O.S. Bro Samuel McJormann, Chap. Bro John Stewart, D.O.W.P.

Acton Council. The Council met last Saturday evening, 20th ult., all the members being present. On the minutes of previous meeting being read, Mr. Christie wished to have the words "exclusive of fees" inserted in the By-law relating to the appointment of Constables. On motion, the words were added, and the minutes adopted.

On motion of Mr. Secord, seconded by Mr. Smith, leave was granted to introduce a By-law relating to shop licenses. The By-law provides for the granting of not more than two licenses in shops; that the license fee be \$200, and that such shops be restricted to the sale of liquors only, and have no connection with any other kind of business. It passed the several readings and was adopted without amendment.

rose and the By-law was adopted as amended.

On motion of Messrs. Hamilton and Secord, the Treasurer was authorized to pay \$2 to Z. Hall for the benefit of Mr. McPherson.

The Finance Committee reported the following accounts and recommended their payment: H. P. Moore, for services as poll clerk and other duties, \$3; R. Adams, wood for D. Minot, \$4.25; Sydney Smith, for lumber, \$12.15 - two latter accounts being for 1875.

On motion of Messrs. Secord and Hamilton, a committee was appointed to select the standing By-law of the municipality and ascertain the cost of printing them in pamphlet form.

Mr. Fisher, Licenses Inspector, reported that he had inspected the three hotels in the village, and would recommend that licenses be granted to them. H. Campbell, of the Rossin House, and Robert Agnew, of the Dominion Hotel; that the present occupant of the Exchange Hotel was about removing from it, and in the present state of the house he could not recommend the granting of a license to it.

Mr. Campbell, the proprietor of the house, here stated, that he was about having the building put in a thorough state of repair, and that he intended to occupy it himself. The licentia informed him that he would have to make application for license through the Government License Inspector, as the Council could not extend the license for two months to the present occupants.

On motion of Messrs. Christie and Smith, the report of the Inspector was accepted and the Clerk authorized to extend the license to the two hotels for two months, on receipt of the necessary fees.

The report of the Auditors was read by the Clerk, being an abstract of the accounts for 1875. Objection was raised by Mr. Christie, that the report was not given in detail as required by law. On motion, the report was referred back to the Auditors for further particulars.

Council then adjourned till Thursday, 23rd March, at half-past seven.

A Novel Temperance Society. To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR, - I understand there is a movement on foot to establish in this village what is termed a "Moderate Drinker's Society," the principles of which are these: No member is allowed to drink more than one glass of Spirituous Liquor per day, and any member going beyond this limit, is to be fined for the first, second and third offense the sum of twenty-five cents, and for the fourth offense expulsion from the society. These are the recited tenets of this proposed association. Efforts are being made to commend this society to people of sound temperance principles, and the ground should be well reduced the evils of intemperance, &c. It is hardly necessary to say that this is a most absurd and hazardous society, and is calculated to strike a serious blow at the temperance movement at present so strong in this village. It is also hardly necessary to say that no Son of Temperance, Dr. J. Temple, or other sound and loyal temperance advocate, would violate his pledge by becoming a member, or in any way countenancing any such society, till by doing so, they would be countenancing what they are pledged not to do; the principle of moderate drinking, and this is what the great evil of intemperance springs from. To the members or promoters of the above society I would say, if your intention are to do good, join with those who are rooting out the evil entirely and effectively, commencing at the root. Remember, the Sons of Temperance, I would say, don't give your countenance to any such movement. Sign it as you would a parchment.

Your Son of TEMPERANCE. Acton, March 1st, 1876.

STOCK TAKING. - Christie, Henderson & Co. are just now engaged in stock taking. Any person wanting a cheap, nice fitting suit of clothes, or a handsome silk dress at a very low price can have them with fully equal quality by calling early at the Glasgow House.

Money saved is money made and you can save money any day by leaving your orders at the Glasgow House. Remember that 20c tea.

In view of the prevailing hard times it behoves every person to make up his mind to do as he can. The following figures must convince every person that Secord Bros. is the place to have money. A customer bought, at Secord Bros.:

- 5 lbs. select Tea, at 50c per lb. \$2.50
1 lb. brightest Sugar, . . . 1.00
12 lbs. medium bright Sugar, . . . 1.00
1 lb. best Tea, . . . . . 85
1 set Knives and Forks, . . . 1.50
1 set China, 44 pieces . . . 4.00
\$10.85

Another party didn't buy at Secord Bros. and had to pay the following prices for the same goods:

- 5 lbs. select Tea, at 75c per lb. \$3.75
11 lbs. brightest Sugar, . . . 1.10
12 lbs. medium bright Sugar, . . . 1.00
1 lb. best Tea, . . . . . 1.00
1 set Knives and Forks, . . . 1.75
1 set China, 44 pieces . . . 6.00
\$14.60

Brought down . . . . . 10.85

Secord's customer thus saved \$3.84 more than the person who didn't buy from them. These are facts.

Messrs. Secord Bros. desire to remind their customers that all accounts now running at their store, in accordance with their published terms, 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 in all their prices, which were already as every person knows the cheapest to be had anywhere, and they intend to continue these prices, they must carry out in every case, and no exceptions, the terms they have published of collections every three months. Any accounts not paid then must be settled by note with interest. They intend to do the same. However, we intend in every case to carry this out, and on the first of March we will commence a fair amongst our customers, who will oblige by having the money ready for us. But if they should be going from home they will please leave the money with their family, so that we won't be disappointed when we call during the first week in March. All accounts not settled then will be handed over to the clerk for collection.

Cheap Clothing

EAST END.

DICKSON & McNAB.

CASH SYSTEM.

SELL FOR CASH! BUY FOR CASH!

SAVE MONEY AND BECOME RICH!

The Everywhere Popular CASH SYSTEM

Adopted by

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.,

ACTON.

Being convinced by observation and experience that the only true principle on which business can be successfully and satisfactorily carried on is the now Popular Cash System, we have determined in all transactions TO BUY AND SELL FOR READY PAY ONLY, commencing on the 31st day of March next, on and after which date we will adhere strictly to the Cash System.

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 feel assured 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. We cordially invite inspection by all, and assure our many friends that in no instance will we allow their interests to suffer by dealing with us.

Our famous 50c TEA will still maintain its reputation as second to none in the Dominion for purity, pungency and flavor.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.

Acton, Feb. 16, 1876.

N. B. - All overdue accounts and notes of hand must be settled forthwith without fail.

C. H. & Co.

THAT WONDERFUL MAN. NEW SPRING GOODS.

FIRST ARRIVALS IN GUELPH.

39 PACKAGES OF NEW GOODS. Bed Tickings, Sheetings, 500 Pieces New Handsome Prints, Table Linens, Towels, 5,000 Pieces Best American Cottons.

One Case Fancy Dress Goods. Newest Goods to be Found.

ONE CASE OF BLACK LUSTRES AND ALPAGAS. BEST VALUE IN THE DOMINION.

An Immense Variety of FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS Arriving Daily.

I would intimate to my old friends that my Agent in Britain has been able this dull season to obtain extraordinary bargains, all of which you should have the full benefit of. An early call is solicited.

JOHN HOGG, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Feb. 22, 1875

SECORD BROS., New Goods

CONSTANTLY ARRIVING AT THE CENTRAL EMPORIUM, MILL STREET, ACTON.

J. W. MANN'S Winter Stock of DRY GOODS AND READY-MADE CLOTHING

Is now SELLING OFF AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

GREAT BARGAINS! Are offered for cash or produce.

In Groceries, Crockery and Glassware Will be found a complete assortment of the best quality.

J. W. MANN. Acton, Dec. 29, 1875.

GEORGE MORROW, CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

Has removed to the Brick Drug Store on Mill Street,

Formerly occupied by the late DR. JARTER, which has been enlarged and refitted.

A large stock of Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Toilet Articles, &c. always on hand. Acton, Nov. 3, 1875.

OYSTERS, CLEARING SALE OF OYSTERS, WINTER GOODS

BEST BRANDS OF BALTIMORE FRESH OYSTERS, STODDARD'S Fruit and Oyster Bazar.

All kinds of Temperance Drinks and Cigars constantly on hand. Acton, Jan. 15, 1876.

THOSE who always have READY MONEY, To be rubbed off at VERY LOW PRICES.

are the most particular in their efforts to make their purchases at the Lowest Cash Price.

With Cash in Hand No Losses Are Made!

and you can afford to sell lower than your neighbors, who must make up their losses by greater prices to those who pay and thus MOST UNJUSTLY make those who always have money pay the bills of those who never have any.

T. J. DAY

ORDER AT ONCE. ANDERSON'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE

On East Side of Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

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 5c per lb. on all Teas except our 50c Tea, when sold in 5 or 10 lb. lots.

Of all goods capable of reduction, a few instances of which we give below

LOOK!

8 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. \$8.00 China Tea Set reduced to \$5.50. \$6.00 China Tea Set reduced to \$5. \$1.50 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1.35. \$1.25 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1. \$1.50 Granite Cups and Saucers reduced to \$1.25. 75 cent Toronto Bleach, by box, reduced to 7 cents. 20 pounds of Rice for \$1.

SECORD BROS. DAY'S BOOKSTORE, GUELPH.