

LOCAL MATTERS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Grafting—John Crewson. New Groceries—Secord Bros. New Spring Goods—A. O. Bucham. Public Examination of Acton School. License for 1877-78—Jas. A. Fraser. To the Ladies—J. D. Williamson & Co. Travelers Insurance Co.—C. F. Russell. Prepare for Wet Weather—Craine & Son.

O, for the balmy days of Spring! This is much better than owing for your paper.

The best days of a man's life are those in which he accomplishes the most good.

Read Secord Bros.' new advertisement announcing the arrival of fresh goods for the spring trade.

Avoid colds and coughs by getting a pair of new Boots at Craine & Son's.

We notice that Mr. John Ryder, of Erin who shipped from a hay-mow two or three weeks ago, and sprained his ankle, is again able to be about.

The commodious premises on Main street, recently owned and occupied by Messrs. Kennedy Bros. has been purchased by Messrs. John Kenny & Son, boot and shoe dealers, into which they will shortly remove.

Coal Oil down again. Only 20 cents per gallon at Secord Bros.

Spring is here. Now is the time to plant your advertisements. People are getting ready to purchase their spring goods. Don't wait till the enterprising merchant has secured all the trade before you begin.

The Public School Examination will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week, as stated in an advertisement elsewhere. No other notice will be given by circular. Parents and friends of education should make it a point to be present.

Craine & Son have just received a large assortment of Boots and Shoes suitable for this weather.

We learn that at a meeting of the creditors of Mrs. McNair, held at Milton on Monday, Major W. Allan, of Acton, was appointed assignee to wind up the affairs of the insolvent estate. Messrs J. D. Williamson & Co., of Guelph, are amongst the heaviest of the creditors—their claim amounting to nearly \$2000.

To parties thinking of getting their life insured, or of taking out an accident policy, we have pleasure in recommending the Travelers Insurance Company, whose advertisement may be seen in another column. Mr. Wilson Irwin, well-known in Acton, is travelling agent for the company. He took a large number of risks in this vicinity recently.

No Easter holidays for the public schools in villages and rural sections are allowed under the new regulations from the Education department, with the exception of Good Friday only. Children and teachers who were calculating upon a week's holidays, will be somewhat disappointed. The Act further says "the summer vacation shall be from the 5th day of July to the 17th day of August inclusive; the winter vacation from the 24th day of December to the 2nd day of January inclusive."

A young man from the country who attended an entertainment in Acton a few nights since, got into rather an awkward fix before he reached home. He had taken the young lady who accompanied him to her residence, and had left his horse standing by the road side while he went into the house to warm himself and talk "politics" with her. He remained rather longer than suited the animal's ideas of the fitness of things at such a late hour of a cold night, and when he returned to the road, he found his horse was gone. The horse had either broken loose, or had been unfastened by some mischievous individual, and travelled off homewards. The young man was thus compelled to trudge four or five miles through the snow and slush.

Knight of Pythias. A Lodge of this Order is to be organized in Matthews Hall, this (Thursday) evening, by Dr. J. S. King, of Toronto, Grand Chancellor of Ontario. It is expected that he will be accompanied from Toronto by some twenty or thirty Knights of Pythias in full uniform. They will be met at the station here by the Acton brass band and a number of the friends of the Order. We understand that there will probably be about twenty candidates for initiation.

Look out for our boot and shoe advertisements next week. 1000 pairs to hand, balance in a few days. Remember the 5 per cent off our low cash prices for five pair and upwards.

Leaky boots should be cast off now, and a new pair be purchased at Craine & Son's.

A well made boot is the cheapest, even if it does cost a little more at first. It lasts longer and gives better satisfaction. Try Craine & Son's well made boots.

The display of Felt Hats this season is in advance of any former effort.

A very nice style of ladies and Children's Boots and Shoes just received Craine & Son's.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Parties receiving pictures with Monthly Magazines or weekly papers should call at the Ontario Photo Gallery and have them framed up in the best style.

We are opening this day our first stock of Ready-made Clothing, comprising the newest English and American Styles in Men's, Youth's and Boys' Tweed and Pattern Goods. See those 88 Men's Suits at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

See the new styles of Felt Hats at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

Every Person Read!

Another Grand Promenade Concert given under the management of the Acton Social Club, will be held in the Drill Shed, Acton, on Thursday Evening, the 24th May.

The success of our last summer entertainments and the satisfaction we gave to the large crowds which attended them is a good advertisement for this future one. Further notice will be given through the columns of this paper.

Respectfully, ACTON SOCIAL CLUB.

Presentation Address. The following is a copy of the Address read on the occasion of the presentation to Mr. Secord, at Crewson's Corners, as related in last week's FREE PRESS:

To JOHN P. SECORD, Esq., Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch.

We, the members of this Division, have for a long time felt a great desire to show our appreciation to you for the valuable services which you have rendered to our Society since its organization, and also for the success which you have rendered to the temperance cause in this vicinity. The people in this district had long felt that a great want existed, owing to there being no society which had for its object the suppression of the liquor traffic, and the reclaiming of our fellow-men, who were in the broad way to ruin and poverty; and in order to remedy this defect, and that this want should no longer exist, you came speedily to our aid and organized our Society, which has now assumed such large proportions, and up to the present time has always kept a helping hand towards the temperance cause. And we have now the satisfaction of seeing our Hall perfected, which stands as a lasting monument to bear testimony of the result of your labors in this vicinity. But it would be ungrateful on our part were we not to show our appreciation to you in some tangible form, and in order to do so we now present you with this medal (not on account of its intrinsic value, which is small when compared with the good which has been accomplished by your mission among us) but as a token of our affection towards you, for the aid which you have rendered to us. And we trust that "He who knows the secrets and intents of all men," may grant unto you strength and vigor to go forth boldly and fearlessly advocating the cause you have so long espoused, and at last gain the glorious reward which awaits all who labor faithfully and diligently in their Master's cause.

Signed on behalf of the Division, D. W. SKEEDIE, W. P. D. D. MANN, R. S.

To prevent any misunderstanding in the matter, Mr. J. P. Secord wishes us to say that it was Mr. John Speight who performed the ceremonies at the institution of Crewson's Corners Division.

A meeting of the committee of the Acton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Methodist Church on the evening of Tuesday, the 13th inst. In the absence of the President, Mr. P. S. Armstrong acted as chairman. The committee decided to adopt the precedent established last year in inviting the resident ministers to address the annual public meeting, instead of procuring the services of a paid agent. The following collectors were appointed to take subscriptions in aid of the society, viz: 1st and 2nd lines Erin—Messrs Alex. Kennedy and Alex. Lashy. 3rd and 4th lines Erin and 3rd line Esquimaux above the crossing—Messrs. E. S. Armstrong and Christopher Swackhammer. 5th and 6th lines Erin, and 6th line Esquimaux above cross road—D. Henderson and Peter Mann, Senr. 1st line Esquimaux and town line below Acton cross road—Messrs. John Secord and Saml Moore. 1st and 2nd lines Esquimaux and town line above Acton—Messrs A. Campbell and Duncan Kennedy. 2nd and 3rd lines Esquimaux below Acton—D. D. Christie and John Warren. 4th line Esquimaux above cross road and 4th and 5th lines below—Wm. Gordon and John Mann Jr. 5th and 6th lines below—Jas Matthews and R. Campbell. Acton north of Mill St.—Messrs J. Steel and J. Cameron. Acton south of Mill street—Messrs Nicklin and Speight.

The committee request the collectors to visit their respective divisions, and make their returns to the Treasurer at least two days before the annual meeting, which is fixed for Tuesday, the 27th inst. The collectors will also give due publicity to the time of holding the annual meeting, and extend a cordial invitation to all to attend. The Secretary, D. Henderson, will be happy to supply collectors with books, on application, or will transmit same through the post office.

The total receipts of the Branch for last year as paid over to the Depositor in Toronto, amounted to \$91.65, and the committee are hopeful that this year's efforts will be equally as satisfactory.

Turn the FREE PRESS sideways, and read this carefully and critically.

Usual prices. Bogans price.

McDonald's No. 1 Scotch Tobacco, per lb. 50c 30c 15c

Non-Sweated Lump Chimneys 25c 20c 15c

Carpetmen hand seen 80c 60c 40c

Lath trimmers 25c 20c 15c

Claw Hammer (same eye) 25c 20c 15c

3 the Hyson Tea \$1.50

6 the Japan Tea \$1.50

10 the Curious Tea \$1.50

Also Syrups, Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Cheese, Spices, Groceries, &c., &c. No good changed.

See the new styles of Felt Hats at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

NEW SPRING GOODS WONDERFUL EXCITEMENT! TREMENDOUS RUSH!

Commencing to Arrive

AT THE

FASHIONABLE WEST-END

A. O. BUCHAM.

Fashionable West-End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, March 15, 1877.

SECORD BROS.,

ACTON.

NEW GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED,

FOR THE

SPRING TRADE

Bought Low, and will be

Sold at Prices never Heard of Before.

Barrels

Of White and Refined Sugars, Syrups, Molasses, Vinegar, Oat Meal, Corn Meal, New Caraments, Prunes, Coal Oil, Boiled Oil, Raw Oil, Spirits of Turpentine, Varnish, Japans, etc.

Kegs

Of Prunes, Soda, Red Lead, White Lead, Colors of all kinds, etc.

Cases, Boxes, Caddies and Sacks

Of Biscuits, Confectionery, Spices, Starch, Canned Fruit, Fish, etc., Tobaccos, Cigars, Raisins, Cheese, Soaps, Candles, Washing Crystals, Pickles, Jams, Jellies, Matches, etc.

Chests, Caddies and Boxes

Of Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Japan and Black Teas ranging in price from 10 cents upwards. The best value in the county.

SECORD BROS.

Acton, March 14, 1877.

THAT WONDERFUL MAN'S COST PRICE SALE.

The largest amount of Goods sold yesterday BY JOHN HOGG & SON Ever Sold in one day in Guelph. GREAT BARGAINS!

Best quality of Seasonable Goods less than Manufacturer's Prices

The great Sale continues each day. Hurry in and partake of the great advantages offered.

Feb. 8, 1877

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

On Strike!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

Christie, Henderson & Co., ACTON.

This Week will offer extra special values in the following Goods to reduce preparatory to Stock-taking:

- 2 dozen Cardigan Jackets, \$1.50, worth \$2.00
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22 pairs Blankets, \$2.50, worth \$4.00
17 pairs Blankets, \$3.50, worth \$5.00
20 pieces Full Cloth, at 55c per yd, worth 70c
16 pieces Full Cloth, at 60c per yd, worth 75c

WOOLEN GOODS, MILLINERY, At Give Away Prices.

Any one in need of Full Cloth for Men or Boys' Clothing, will find our stock well suited to the times. Positively free from shoddy.

Remember that Famous 50c Tea,

Cash paid for any quantity of really good Tub Butter.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.

Acton, Jan. 24, 1877.

TO THE FARMING COMMUNITY OF ONTARIO SADDLERY, ACTON.

I have added to my Mill a

Thirty Horse Power Engine

Also another

RUN OF STONE.

with other Machinery, and am prepared to do

Gristing and Chopping

Fine or coarse, to suit all parties, on the shortest notice.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

L. ROSE, Georgetown, Feb. 21, 1877. 34-4t

The subscriber takes this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage given him the past year, and would state that it is his motto to do a

Square and Honest Business

as heretofore, and hopes to retain the same liberal appreciation from the public.

All orders entrusted to my care will be

ATTENDED TO WITH PROMPTNESS.

As none but Good Workmen are

Employed,

Parties can rely on getting a good article and as cheap as good work can be done for.

Repairing Done with Neatness

COLLARS & SPECIALTY. R. CREECH. Acton, Feb. 14, 1877.