

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Trains leave Acton as follows: GOING WEST. Night Express 1:04 a.m. Toronto mail 9:10 a.m. Day Express 1:57 p.m. Express 3:30 p.m. Galt mail 7:07 p.m. GOING EAST. Night Express 5:35 a.m. Galt mail 9:10 a.m. Day Express 11:34 a.m. Western mail 5:20 p.m. London mixed 10:10 p.m.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Glorious weather. The grass grows green. Christie, Henderson & Co., sell cheap. School boys have caught the "Spring fever." Try Kenney & Son for a good fitting book. Planting gardens seems to be the order of the day. The earth has been refreshed with gracious showers. Five dollars a cord for tanbark at Beardmore's tannery. A fine stock of boots and shoes just to hand at Kenney & Son's.

Advertising is the engine which impels the machinery of trade. To-morrow will be a suitable day to hand in that unpaid subscription. Ingersoll has invented a social outrage in the shape of parlor concerts. Job printing of all descriptions promptly done at this office. Don't forget it. The snow-shovel has been suspended in this region by apathy, hoed and raked. Meeting of baseballists this evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Temperance Hall.

Now is just as good a time as any other to lean over the fence and tell your neighbor what to do. "Clean your premises" is about as good a piece of advice as we can give anybody now-a-days. The planet Uranus was occulted by the moon shortly after midnight Saturday. No harm done. Now that Hectors have been discarded, there is not so much difficulty in telling a man from a woman.

Spring goods are arriving in large quantities, and our stores are presenting a fine display of seasonable drapery. Toronto Slaughter Sale Prints. Choice Patterns, fast Colors, for 5c per yard and up, at Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton. The picnic season commences as soon as the children cease to take cold and become sick from natural causes at home. A good house and lot belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Clark, to be sold by auction to-morrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

The dry goods store of George Jeffrey in Guelph was broken into on Friday night and silks and laces stolen valued at \$1,500. Cut a spring from a lilac bush and plant it in a bottle of water, if you want to enjoy the blossoms several weeks before they appear in the natural order. District Meeting. We learn that the semi-annual meeting of Methodist ministers in the Guelph District will be held in Acton about the 15th of May. The steeple of the new Congregational Church is towering up high into the air, under Mr. Cameron's skilful manipulation. It is likely to present a very handsome appearance when finished.

Farmers are jubilant at the crop prospects, to say nothing of "big rates." The early spring weather has been exceedingly favorable for seeding, and the fall wheat never looked better. Wheat has gone up to a figure which ought to gladden the heart of any farmer who has it to sell. We hear that as high as \$1.75 has been offered, and refused. We have known persons to regret not having sold when a fair price was offered. The beneficial effects of the rain are already apparent in the rapid growth of the grass, which has shot up as if by magic, and in the swelling of the buds upon the trees, which seem almost ready to burst into leaf. Mr. D. D. Christie made a "big push" last week to secure all the bargains offered at the great trade sales in Toronto for his firm. We are privately informed, however, that he did not quite succeed in getting the whole of the \$85,000 worth of goods. He got a big pile though.

Guelph jubilee Monday to its heart's content. All the small boys and girls were regaled with oranges and things, and the larger folks with speeches, street parades, lots of gurgles, and base ball. A brilliant illumination in the evening wound up the pleasant day. War Declared! The first shot fired! Christie, Henderson & Co., of Acton, having taken advantage of the immense slaughter sales in Toronto during the past week, are enabled to offer the cheapest lot of seasonable dry goods ever brought into Acton—all new, fresh and comprising this season's importations. It is rarely such opportunities occur, and no one visiting their store this week will fail to realize the very great advantages they have gained and which they are prepared to give their customers the benefit of. We would specially recommend all those in need of good, reliable and cheap goods to give them an early call. To regular customers they sell 10 lbs beautiful sugar for \$1.00.

A by-law granting a bonus of \$15,000 for the encouragement of local manufacturers was carried at Mitchell on Tuesday by 39 to 158.

A good suit of clothes made to order at the East End Clothing Store. Fyfe & McNair. Queen's Birthday. The Committee who have in charge the arrangements for the celebration of the arrangements for the celebration will be able to announce particulars in a few days. It is expected that the leading features of the evening will be a grand promenade concert in the Drill Shed, under the joint auspices of the Acton Social Club, Brass Band, and the Knights of Pythias.

The cheapest boots and shoes in town to be found at Kenney & Son's. "Cash and small profits" make 75 cts equal to \$1.00 if you invest your money at the right place. You can have a practical illustration of the fact free of charge by calling on Christie Henderson & Co., Acton. Their stock of millinery this season is very choice and will be sold cheap. Ten pounds good sugar for \$1 at the Glasgow House, Acton, where you also get the famous 50c tea sold only by Christie, Henderson & Co. A splendid melton coat for \$5 at East End Clothing Store. Fyfe & McNair.

As the season advances, the cry of fan dubs grows fainter, and the game of marbles ceases to have the same attraction that it used to have. The Acton youth now practices the "round arm," "curve," "acc," in anticipation of his first game of base ball. BIRDS AND BUDS.—We saw a tree trying to bud and blossom one day last week and it put us in mind of the bird who thought spring arrived, simply because we were favored, with a few warm days. The first bird of spring attempted to sing. But ere he had uttered a note, He fell from a limb, a dead bird was him. For the music had froze in his throat.

The Printer's Misdeedling is the title of a very neatly printed and well edited monthly, printed at St. John, N. B. It is full of useful information to printers, and is well worthy of the support of those engaged in the printing business in Canada. Price \$1 per annum—to apprentices 50 cts. Here is a puzzle that has been handed to us to submit to our readers for edification. It appears to be very simple, but we are told a great many people get things mixed in trying to unravel it: A person was appointed agent to sell a certain class of goods. On assuming the office he received cash \$32.17. Value of goods at same time \$7.74. Cash received from sales 102.97. Amount paid for fresh goods 59.91. Amount of Agent's Salary 25.00. Value of goods on hand 31.37. Did he owe his employer at settlement, or did his employer owe him, and how much?

Horse Bills. Parties wishing Route Bills printed neatly and expeditiously, should try the Free Press office. Died from Disease, Exposure and Cold. Weston, April 21. Yesterday morning an old man named James McCann was found lying on the roadside in a dying condition. He was carried by some men into an old house where he died about two o'clock in the afternoon. Deceased had been in Guelph, hospitalized for about five months where he had been treated for dropsy. He had come from Guelph by the Grand Trunk Railway to take the Toronto, Grey & Bruce train for Orangeville, where he said he had friends. It has been found out since his death that his wife resides in Alton. Coroner Watson held an inquest on his body last evening. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased, James McCann, came to his death through disease hastened by exposure and cold.

JOHN CHINAMAN ON HIS MUSCLE. A fight occurred at Toronto last week between Ah Sing and Sam Ling, two recently arrived celestials. There are five Chinese laundries in Toronto, and it appears they are trying to cut each other's throats by cutting down prices; so Ah Sing visited Sam Ling and protested against any further reduction in rates. A quarrel ensued, and Ling snatched up a knife and tried to stab Sing; but the latter caught the knife by the blade, nearly severing his fingers, and assaulted Ling, slightly cutting him. Both were arrested, and arraigned before the Police Magistrate. After vain efforts to get at the merits of the case, they were both discharged, the magistrate being unable to make anything out of their statements.

Important discoveries of mineral wealth are being made in different parts of Canada. A dispatch last week announced the discovery of gold in the Muskoka District, and a report from Nanapano says gold has been discovered in the Township of Richmond, ten miles from that town. The specimens are pronounced equal to the best Lackawanna, in which case the importance of the discovery cannot be over-estimated. There are also indications of petroleum in the same neighborhood. Judging from newspaper reports, the district around Ottawa abounds in mineral wealth. The latest discovery is that of silver on Mr. Wright's property, which is said to be richer than that at Silver Island, Lako Superior.

I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and See our Handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-Shooting & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER. Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

At J. Ryder's Factory for a Stylish Buggy or Serviceable Wagon. Now is the time to leave your order. I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and See our Handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-Shooting & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER. Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

30 CASES

NEW SPRING GOODS

We have opened up recent extensive purchases, and are prepared to show a Magnificent STOCK OF NEW GOODS.

STOCK OF NEW GOODS.

We Invite Inspection from every Lady.

A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, April 2, 1877.



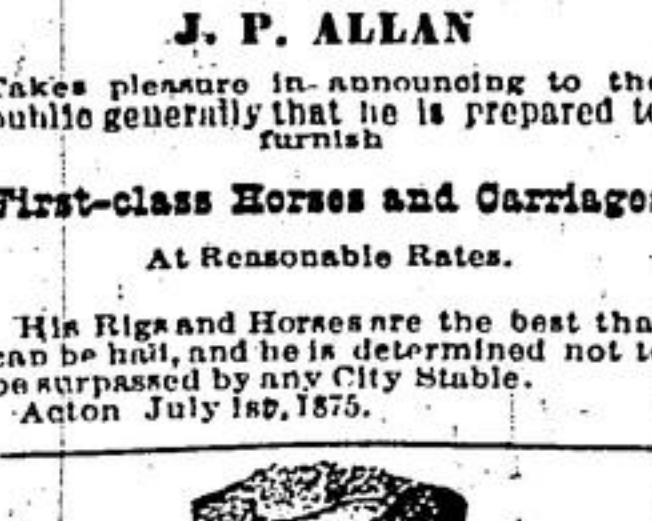
UNDERTAKING. The undersigned begs leave to inform the people of Acton and surrounding neighborhood that he has procured a magnificent HEARSE and is prepared to attend and conduct Funerals on the shortest notice and most moderate terms. Caskets, Coffins, Burial Robes, and all kinds of Funeral Furnishings kept in stock, and supplied on the shortest notice. Hat Bands and Lovers supplied when required. JOHN SPEIGHT. Acton, Feb. 10, 1877.

STEAM Carriage & Wagon WORKS. Main Street, Acton. MICHAEL SPEIGHT, General Blacksmith, Carriage and Wagon-maker. Best Horse-Shoers in the County. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed or no price charged.

First-Class Plovers and Colliard's Patent Iron Harrows always on hand. A good stock of Carriages and Wagons. Repairing promptly and properly attended to. Acton, July 18, 1876.



ACTON LIVERY & SALE STABLE. J. P. ALLAN. Takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that he is prepared to furnish First-class Horses and Carriages at Reasonable Rates. His Rigs and Horses are the best that can be had, and he is determined not to be equaled by any City Stable. Acton July 1st, 1875.



AND WAGGONS. Now is the time to leave your order. At J. Ryder's Factory for a Stylish Buggy or Serviceable Wagon. I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and See our Handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-Shooting & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER. Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

GLENLAWSON MILLS.

Having thoroughly repaired our Mill, and put in a new Middlings Purifier, we are now prepared to give a better yield of flour than formerly, with quality quite as good. GRISTING AND CHOPPING promptly attended to. The patronage of the public respectfully solicited. The highest price always paid for any quantity of wheat. A quantity of seed barley for sale. G. & E. TOLTON. Acton, April 10, 1877. 41-32a

ONTARIO SADDLERY, ACTON.

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 A SPECIALTY. R. CREECH. Acton, Feb. 14, 1877.

LIST OF MUSIC BOOKS

Sold wholesale and retail by John Anderson Bookseller, Guelph. Barrow's' Pianoforte Primer. Jousse's Musical Catechism. Bertini's New Method for the Piano. Clarke's New Method for the Piano. Hunton's Piano Forte School. How's Piano without a Master. Richardson's New Modern School. Gitze's Parlor Organ. Silver Wreath (Vocal). 100 different Music Books. A Big Discount on all MUSIC BOOKS AT ANDERSON'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE On the East side of Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

CASH FOR WHEAT.

Any quantity of good merchantable wheat wanted at the Acton steam mills, for which the highest market price will be paid in cash. B. & E. NICKLIN. Acton, Feb. 7, 1877. 32-H

JOB PRINTING of all kinds

neatly and promptly executed at the FREE PRESS OFFICE, Next the Post Office, Mill Street.

THAT WONDERFUL MAN.

FIRST ARRIVALS

Direct Importations—Important to the Public—Great Sensation among the Ladies. 187,320 YARDS OF RIBBONS

Bought by Mr. David Hogg, in London, England, at half value, now offering exactly at half-price, at our store, Guelph. 4 yards beautiful silk ribbon for 10 cents, 3 yards beautiful silk ribbon for 10 cents. Come and see. Crompton's Adjustable Corset is only \$1 per Pair. These are the best goods in the market. Ladies see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Ladies' New Dress Goods, Ladies' New Black Silks, Ladies' New Plain and Brocaded Colored Silks, Ladies' New Mantle and Jacket Cloths, Ladies' New Mantles—very beautiful goods.

1877. SPRING. 1877. McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO., GEORGETOWN.

Take pleasure in announcing to their customers and the public that they have received and opened out for sale the largest, finest, and best assorted stock of DRY GOODS, MILLINERY and MANTLES, CLOTHING, TWEEDS, HATS and CAPS, &c., in this section of the Dominion. We have ransacked the markets of the world and think that we can suit every one who wants to buy good Goods, cheap. Ladies, we have all the new leading colors and styles in Plain and Fancy Dress Goods, Black Silks, Colored Silks, Poplins, Matelasses, Cashmeres, Persian and Oriental Fabrics, Grenadines, Percalés, &c., with trimmings and Buttons to match. Prints an immense variety. Our Millinery and Mantle Department has been entirely reorganized and improved, it is well worth your trouble to call and see our magnificent stock of Stylish Millinery. ORDERED CLOTHING.—We have the latest styles and patterns direct from the mills. Gents, if you want a really superb fitting suit at a moderate price, call and see our stock of Tweeds, Coatings, &c., we cannot fail to suit you. Hats and Caps, Gents Furnishings, &c., a splendid stock, very cheap. Our Staple Department has had our very best attention, having bought our Cottons, Tickings, Shirtings, &c., last December when Cotton Goods were so very low; we can offer and are selling goods less than we can buy them today. Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Lace Curtains &c., and House Furnishing Goods of all kinds. Housekeepers you should call and see our splendid stock of Carpets, etc. Boots and Shoes.—We are this season selling very cheap and keep a very fine assortment on hand. We propose to sell everybody who has any money to lay out this spring, the very best of Goods at the very lowest bottom prices. We would return our thanks for the very large and increasing patronage hitherto so liberally bestowed upon us, and we are prepared to sell Goods cheaper than ever for Cash only.

McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO., MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN April 8, 1877.

GEORGE HYNDS, Watchmaker and Jeweller,

POST OFFICE STORE, ACTON, ONT. My work is all giving satisfaction, and you will find this is the place to bring your. To get Repaired. THE FINEST SELECTION OF JEWELLERY, THE LATEST STYLES IN JEWELLERY, AND THE BEST STOCK OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, Will always be seen at

Watches, Clocks and Jewellery

GEORGE HYNDS' Jewellery Store, Acton. February 7, 1876.

OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

SHOW GOODS. Ladies' and Misses New Hats in all kinds—white, brown, black, navy blue, cardinal. Also novelties in new shapes and styles, only to had at our store. New Flowers, new feathers, new Ribbons, new Silk Ties. Our House Furnishing Department embraces everything that can be reasonably looked for. Call and examine this Department.

Ready-made Clothing.

Extraordinary value is offered in Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Men's Coats, Men's Trousers, Boys' Coats, Boys' Pants. We offer a good suit of Tweed, Men's size, for \$7—coat, vest and pants. JOHN HOCC & SON, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. March 8, 1877

SPRING HAS COME AND WITH IT

Immense Quantities of New Goods FOR THE LION. Our new purchases are coming forward from the Old Country by every steamer. Already we have

THE LARGEST, BEST ASSORTED AND CHEAPEST STOCK OF DRY GOODS

West of Toronto. This is no empty brag, but sober truth—which nobody can deny. Our aim has been, and always will be, to keep up the reputation that The Lion is the Cheapest Store in Ontario. As an instance we may mention—

Crompton's Celebrated Adjustable Corset. We have just received another lot which we are selling at \$7 a pair. This we guarantee to be the genuine article, and exactly the same as that for which others are charging One Dollar. Our whole stock is equally cheap. Come and inspect Our Dress Goods, Our Silks, plain and Fancy, Our Cottons, Our Prints, Our Clothing, Our Carpets, Our Millinery, etc. And in every branch you will find our prices fully 20 per cent. lower than any other house.

Ask for our New York 12 1/2 cent Dress Goods; very stylish; the new colors. SPECIAL NOTICE. Do not forget the Dressmaking Branch. We have the best Dressmaker in Canada, and our charges are lower than any other House. REMEMBER OUR CARPETS. We have a larger stock of Brussels Carpets, Tapestry Carpets, Wool Carpets, than all the other Stores in Guelph put together. Hard Times are never felt by those who deal at The Lion. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO. Guelph, April 8, 1877.

C. T. HILL, ACTON PLANING MILLS

DEALER IN Groceries, Crockery, Boots & Shoes, Wall Paper, Window Blinds, Nails, Glass, Putty, Lined Oil, Paints, Turpentine, Coal Oil, Salt, etc., All of which will be sold low for cash. BOOTS and SHOES Selling off at cost. Also agent for the RUBBER PAINT COMPANY of Cleveland, Ohio. Cash for Hides. Acton, July 18, 1876.

THOMAS EBBAGE, Manufacturer of Window Sash, Doors, Venetian Blinds, Mouldings, And other Building Requisites. Also Maker of IMPROVED SUTTON STAIRS. Lumber Planed and Dressed to order in the best manner. All work guaranteed. Acton, Jan. 1876.