

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GOODS.

At J. E. McGARVIN'S HALL OF PHARMACY

MILL STREET, ACTON, ONTARIO.

Comprising Shells, Bronzes, Papier Machie Goods, Jewel Cases, Companions, Purse, Albums, Cruets, Folios, Perfumes, Scent Bottles, Shell Pockets, Vinaigrettes, Skates, Mats, Razor Cases, Briar and Meerscham Pipes, Ink Stands, &c., &c.

CALL EARLY AND SECURE YOUR CHOICE.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes Night Express, Toronto mail, Day Express, Express, Galt mixed, Night Express, Galt mixed, Day Express, Western mail, London mixed.

Service in the Methodist Church every Sabbath evening at half-past six o'clock and both morning and evening on the first Sabbath of each month. Rev. H. H. Jones, Pastor.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Nomination next Monday. The girls are just dying for a skate. Have you pledged your vote yet? See Hynds' Election notice on first page. Snow-snow—let's see; what is snow, anyway? Try C. W. Hill for a stylish Photographs. Congregational Church entertainment to-night. The FREE PRESS from now to Jan. 1st, 79, for \$1. Look out for Leith's new advertisement next week. The Public Schools closed on Friday last, for two weeks holidays. Special meeting of the Village Council this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Your vote and influence are solicited for—whomever you choose. Go to Galloway's Bakery for the best Bread in town. It is free from Drugs. The man who was born in a barn is around just now. Shut that door, will you? If you have anything to sell invite buyers through the columns of the FREE PRESS. The election of Public School Trustees takes place on Wednesday, 9th Jan. 1878. The latest coal stove is named the "Oscar." The dealers ought to do a Russian business. C. W. Hill is turning out some fine Photos, now. You should just call and see specimens. G. T. R. time table is a little changed this week. See time table in another column for changes. We had better discharge Vennor, and hire some one who will see that winter comes along in its turn. A question often asked, "Where do you buy your bread?" The answer always comes, "At Nicklin's." We have a large quantity of waste paper on hand, suitable for wrapping purposes, which we will sell cheap. Over \$1,000 of the Village taxes have already been paid to the collector. He is looking anxiously for the rest. We have for sale one of Beatty's celebrated Finnes that will be disposed of at a great bargain. For particulars apply at this office. Williamson & Co., of the Golden Lion, Guelph, will open a branch store at Fergus, on the 28th instant. Your table does not look well unless it has some of Nicklin's cakes upon it. They are pronounced boss by every one. Vennor says the present weather is all borrowed from February and March. A bad loan. Let's return it at once. The opinion prevails that snow is a whitish substance, and that it is used for sleighing purposes in certain hyperborean regions. Members of Acton Division will please bear in mind that Division will be held to-night (Thursday) this week, instead of Tuesday. They say that the Indian name for editor is "Worak-to-che-nesh-ka-kaw-haw." That's what we always thought it was. It means "tired and hungry," probably. It would surprise people who think Canada is an Arctic region to see ploughing on the 27th of December, as was the case to-day in the vicinity of this village. Some men were just foolish enough to buy five or six tons of coal in November, and imagine they had hit winter right by the nose. Nothing like waiting a while. The time is almost here for young men to buy and start to keep diaries, and a little further on in the same young man's history, the time will arrive to give up the attempt in disgust. On the evening of New Year's Day a grand Soiree will be held in the Temperance Hall, under the auspices of the Acton Division, Sons of Temperance. It promises to be a success in every way.

Fred, our carrier boy, will be around with his New Year's address along with next week's paper. We hope the subscribers will open their hearts—and pockets—and "Come down handsomely," as George Brown says. A public meeting will be held in Campbell's Hotel, Acton, on Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of choosing a candidate to represent Ward No. 5, as Councillor, in place of Mr. John Warren, retiring member, when a full attendance will be expected.

Mr. Wm. Dunning, who has been operator for the Dominion Telegraph Co. in this village for the past few months, left here the latter part of last week. We understand he will take charge of an office in either Baden or Rockwood about the first Jan. Mr. Thos. Christie takes charge of the telegraph office here.

At the regular meeting of the Walker Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held on Monday evening, 17th inst., the following officers were appointed: Bro. Harry Hunt, W. M.; A. B. Wright, J. W.; Jas. Matthew, J. M.; B. Carrell, Ch.; Jas. Ryder, Tr.; Jno. Shaw, Sec.; C. Cameron, Tyler.

The best Tea cakes and Buns in town are to be had at Galloway's Bakery. The road from Nassagaweya to Acton, between Mr. Arch. Campbell's and the Catholic Church, is almost impassable at present. This being one of the principal roads leading to this village, it has a tendency to make business rather dull just now. Esqueving Council should see that this road is made, as every spring and fall it is in the same condition.

The Debating Society, which was started in Nassagaweya a short time ago, is largely patronized by the farmers of that vicinity. The debate which takes place next Monday evening is entitled, "From which do we receive the most information—By Reading or by Travelling." Mr. Arch. McMillan will lead the side for Reading, and Mr. Hugh Reid the Travelling side.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Thos. Elzaga, carpenter and joiner, which appears in another column. Mr. Elzaga has just opened out at Mr. Overton's old stand. He has been appointed agent for Mr. Mitchell, of Milton, for the sale of sash, doors, frames etc. We bespeak for him the patronage of our citizens and others in this neighborhood.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Acton, on Wednesday evening, 19th inst. The church was well filled. Rev. D. B. Cameron occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. M. Hamilton, Winterburn, and Rev. A. D. McDonald, Elora. A statement of the congregational contribution, for missionary purposes, for the last nine months, was read by Mr. Arch. Campbell, which showed a slight increase over the corresponding period of last year. On Thursday a similar meeting was held in Rockwood, Rev. D. Strachan presiding, and addresses were delivered by Rev. A. M. Hamilton and Rev. D. B. Cameron. The meeting was well attended, and the addresses were listened to with manifest interest. The Acton Presbyterian Church choir was present and rendered the proceeding by their beautiful singing.

Public School Examination. The Public Examination of the pupils of the Acton Public School was held on Friday, 21st inst. Quite a number of the parents, and those interested in education, were present and manifested great interest in the proceedings. The examination commenced at nine o'clock in the second and third divisions, the latter of which is under the charge of Miss Moore. The children behaved splendidly, and answered the questions put to them without difficulty. The second division, Miss McKellar, was examined in reading, geography, &c., and were fully conversant with those subjects. The reading of some of the pupils was excellent. The first division, which is under the charge of Mr. Ross, was examined in the afternoon. The pupils were thoroughly examined in spelling, reading, geometry, etc., and showed great proficiency. The teachers in all the departments are well qualified for the work, and the pupils showed by the readiness with which they answered questions, that they were receiving a thorough instruction in the different branches which were being taught. The different departments are arranged in excellent order, and the programme of studies is well adapted to the capacity of the pupils. It is gratifying to find that we have such an efficient staff of teachers in the schools of this village, and that the system adopted is so satisfactory in every respect. If the children do not make the progress desirable, parents may rest assured that it is not the fault of the teachers or of the system, but of the pupils themselves.

Your trade and influence are respectfully requested by Christie, Henderson & Co. All who accord them their patronage can depend on having their interest properly attended to. Their famous 50c Tea is par excellence—N. B. Please tell your neighbors about it so that they may also share in the benefits you enjoy.

FIENDISH AMUSEMENT.—Last week some scoundrel amused himself for one or two nights by dressing himself up in sheets, and passing by the house of the late Mr. Jas. Elliot. Some of the family being perhaps a little more superstitious than usual on account of the recent death amongst them, were frightened almost into convulsions. The wretch who would choose such a field for his practical jokes ought to be made an example of, but we are sorry to say, he has not been discovered.—Milton Champion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ACTON PLANING MILLS. D. W. CAMPBELL, Prop.

Having purchased the above named establishment, I am prepared to manufacture

SASH, DOORS, MOULDINGS, &c.

All kinds of PLANING

Promptly attended to.

D. W. CAMPBELL. Acton, Dec. 4th, 1877. 23-3m

SPECIAL

DRY GOODS

ANNOUNCEMENT.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO

ACTON

Take pleasure in assuring their many customers that the share of business accorded them during the Fall Season has been unusually large, notwithstanding the depressed state of trade generally, and that during the remainder of the season no pains will be spared to retain the confidence reposed in them. By regularly assorting their stock they hope to be able to fill all orders with the utmost promptness, and at the very closest prices. In all lines of reasonable goods their stock will be found complete.

Millinery and Mantle Room

Is in charge of experienced hands only, and is regularly supplied with all the newest designs, so that satisfaction can be guaranteed. No fancy prices charged for Millinery as is usual in large towns and cities. A fact which the Ladies should remember.

READY-MADE OVERCOATS.

In great variety and cheap from \$5.00 up. BOOTS & SHOES—Large variety and cheap. RUBBERS, OVERSHOES, LADIES' GENTS' & Childrens' Felt Goods—Just opened. Special drives in Dress Goods. Full Stock of Black Lustres and Mourning Goods. The Famous Tigre Brand Black Lustres is unsurpassed.

THEIR FAMOUS 50c TEA

Is too well known to need further mention, only to assure all lovers of a good sweet cup of tea at a very reasonable price, that this line will be kept up to the full standard. In 5 lb lots put up in a neat caddy at 45c, and money refunded if not satisfactory.

COAL OIL

By the gallon, 5 gallons, or Barrel—Special price for large purchasers.

Good Goods, Low Prices, and Square Dealing are among the inducements offered

No Threads put in for the purpose of extorting one or two cents more per yard.

CALL AND SEE US. CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO. Acton, Dec. 5, 1877.

THAT WONDERFUL MAN.

TRADE MARK—THE GOLDEN MAN.

Mantles, Jackets, Coats, Evening Silks, Evening Kid Gloves, Real Honiton and Limerick Laces, PER STEAMER CELTIC.

EVERYTHING THAT A LADY WANTS. Is to be found at the WONDERFUL MAN'S STORE.

Best quality of Brussels, Tapestry, Kidderminster and Dutch Carpets are on exhibition at our Carpet Room. We quote London prices, styles, colors, and designs of which are unequalled in town.

CARPETS, CARPETS. Ready-Made Clothing. Ahead of all former efforts. Best assortment of Overcoats to be met with. Prices warranted 20 per cent under anything in town. An early call solicited.

WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED A large lot of Ladies' Jacket and Coat Cloths, best and newest—prices extremely cheap. An immense variety of Fancy Goods, Fancy Dress Silks, Black Dress Silks, at marvelously cheap prices.

JOHN HOGG & SON, Nov. 26, 1877. Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Blast Number Two.

Acton, December 26, 1877.

NEXT WEEK.

JAMES SYMON.

CALL AT CHASE'S CARRIAGE WORKS,

144 & 145 Woolwich Street, GUELPH, Ont. For first-class Carriages or Pleasure Sleighs, of the latest Patterns at low prices. For Neatness, Cheapness, and durability, they cannot be surpassed. Call early. MUST BE SOLD 24-26

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL, ACTON.

This well-known house has recently undergone a thorough renovating and repairing, is now furnished with new and modern furniture of the best description, and is prepared to provide first-class accommodation to the public. The present proprietor has received a license, and he will keep the bar well supplied with the very best of liquors and cigars. The stabling is large and well-fitted up; also ample shed-room. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. JOHN MANEY, Acton, June 26, 1877.

GEORGE LEVENS, Barber and Hairdresser,

adjoining Secord Bros' Store, Mill Street, Acton. Hair switches and combings prepared to order.

OYSTERS received daily by express.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. We hereby give notice that we intend to dissolve partnership on the 31st day of December, 1877. All accounts due to the firm must be paid on or before that date, in order to save costs of collection. WILSON & JOHNSON, Acton, Dec. 19th, 1877. 24-26

VALUABLE PROPERTY IN ACTON For Sale or Let.

The Stone Dwelling on Main street, adjoining the entrance to the school grounds, is offered for sale or rent. There are nine rooms and large cellar, and a quarter of an acre of garden. For further particulars apply to HORACE J. HALL, Esq. Acton, Nov. 20, 1877. 20-13m

A LECTURE TO YOUNG MEN.

We have recently published a new edition of Dr. Carter's Celebrated Essay on the Radical and permanent cure (without medicinal or Nervous, Debility, Mental and Physical Incurability, Impediments to Marriage, etc., resulting from excesses. Price, in a sealed envelope, only 5 cents or two postage stamps. The celebrated author, in this admirable Essay clearly demonstrates, from thirty years' successful practice, that alarming consequences may be averted, and cure effected, by the application of the "KIDNEY CURE," a mode of cure at once simple, certain and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically. This lecture should be in the hands of every youth and every man in the land. THE CULVERWELL MEDICAL CO., 41 ANN ST., NEW YORK. Postoffice Box 1086. 4-ly

REMOVAL.

Mrs. Carter begs leave to inform the inhabitants of Acton and the vicinity, that having removed to more extensive premises, she is prepared to receive a larger number of pupils, and having the assistance of her son in the musical department, she has more time to devote to other branches of education. Acton, Dec. 12th, 1877. 23-3c

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

The undersigned has still the Berkshire Boar, "Wellington," bred by Mr. Geo. Bailey, of Guelph, which will be kept for service, at the farm joining the Grand Trunk Station. Price \$1.00, Cash. C. S. SMITH, Acton, Dec. 5, 1877. 22-4f

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

The undersigned has a pure bred Berkshire Boar, for service, on his premises, in Acton. Terms \$1 cash. J. B. BURNS, 18-2m Acton, Nov. 1, 1877.

LOOK OUT FOR

WM. LEITH

NEXT WEEK.

KENNEY & SON

Wish to call the attention of the inhabitants of the Village of Acton and vicinity to their immense stock of

BOOTS, SHOES & GROCERIES. Comprising all the latest styles in Boots and Shoes.

Order! Work receives prompt attention. Repairing promptly attended to.

Our Grocery Department is well supplied with

Teas, Sugars, Fruits, Biscuits, Tobaccos, Soap, Coffees, &c., &c.

Please call and examine our stock. KENNEY & SON, Acton, Dec. 12, 1877. 23-3m

BEATTY'S PIANO & PARLOR ORGAN

INSTRUCTOR. Containing the elements of the art of playing the piano or organ, to which is added a full and complete course of instruction, by Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey, one of the best works of its kind ever published, and should be in the hands of every piano and organ player. Sent by mail to any part of the United States or Canada for only fifty cents, the price having been reduced to half price ever since. Address DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey.

NEW DOMINION BOOT & SHOE STORE

Opposite A. Gagnier's Hotel, Main Street, Acton.

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