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GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Trains leave Acton as follows: Night Express, 1:03 a.m.; Toronto mail, 9:10 a.m.; Day Express, 1:30 p.m.; Express, 5:17 p.m.; Galt mixed, 7:07 p.m.; Galt mixed, 9:33 a.m.; Galt mixed, 9:42 a.m.; Day Express, 11:30 a.m.; Western mail, 5:17 p.m.; London mixed, 9:30 p.m.

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

LOCAL MATTERS.

1878! Snow! Slippery sidewalks. Who stole the cakes? Election next Monday. Lot of drunks Tuesday. Did you start your diary New Year's Day? You vote for me and I'll vote for you. Try C. W. Hill for a stylish Photograph. Big crowds on street corners Monday afternoon. Spring is coming—An organ grinder in town Saturday. The candidates for municipal honors are particularly friendly just now. Your vote and influence in behalf of J. E. McGarvin's Worm Powders. Go to Galloway's Bakery for the best Bread in town. It is free from drugs. If you have anything to sell or buy through the columns of the FREE PRESS. C. W. Hill is turning out some fine Photos. now. You should just call and see specimens. Eureka Baking Powder at J. E. McGarvin's Hall of Pharmacy, 40c per lb. Try it. Elder D. Campbell will preach on Sunday next, in the Temperance Hall, at 3 o'clock p. m. The best Tea cakes and Buns in town are to be had at Galloway's Bakery. We have a large quantity of waste paper on hand, suitable for wrapping purposes, which we will sell cheap. There will be a polling place at the Dublin School House this year, for electors west of the 3rd line, En-quesing. We have for sale one of Betty's celebrated Pianos that will be disposed of at a great bargain. For particulars apply at this office. Dentistry. D. Echlin Lee, Dentist, in town for two weeks. All requiring first class dentistry should call at English Church Parsonage. The skating rink has been flooded and will be ready to skate on by Monday night, provided the weather keeps cold. Be sure and poll your vote next Monday for the men you think will do the most for the advancement of the Village. We understand that Mr. Jno. Secord has purchased the bankrupt stock of Secord Bros., and will open in their old stand in a few days. The second and third departments in the Acton Public School will open on Monday, 7th of January, 1878, and the first department on Tuesday, 8th January. On Sunday last the ministers of the several churches referred to the fact that the old year was near closing, and implored on the hearers the necessity of turning over a new leaf with the New Year. INCORPORATION.—The County Councils of Wellington and Grey have granted the petition of the people of Shelburne, for incorporation as a village. It has not yet been decided to which of the counties it is to be attached. We have received from the publisher, Mr. W. S. Johnson, the first number of the Port Elgin Busy Times. It is a neat sheet, new and well printed. In politics it will advocate Progress and Liberal-Conservation. We hope times will be busy with the new paper. 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. COLLECTION.—At the nominations on Monday one of the retiring Councillors intimated that as he had in contemplation a trip to Europe, he would, if again elected, be unable to give his full attention to the affairs of the Village, and thereby might manifest an indifference to public business. We think he should have said "his contemplated trip to the United States."

At the regular meeting of the Calanthe Lodge, No. 18, K. of P., on Thursday evening, Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: Bro. J. P. Scott, C. C.; Wm. Smyth, P. C.; C. S. Smith, V. C.; Geo. Hynds, R. of R. & S.; W. H. Storey, M. of E.; F. H. Storey, M. of E.; Thos. Eblage, P.; W. Cummer, M. at A.; Jas. Willis, J. G.; U. G.

At the regular meeting of Acton West Grange last Friday evening, the following officers were elected: R. B. Campbell, Master; Chas. D. Wilson, Overseer; Paul Kennedy, Treas.; John Shaw, Secretary; Alex. Kennedy, Lecturer; Wm. Moore, Chap.; Maggie Gordon, Ceres; Annie Ross, Pomona; Mary J. Nichol, Flora; Allan McDougall, Steward; Daniel Whitty, Ass't Steward; Ellen Shaw, Lady Ass't Steward; John Arthur, Gatekeeper.

The Acton FREE PRESS only published a half sheet this week, but it managed to get in five items stolen from the Herald.—Guelph Herald, Dec. 27. We would inform the Herald that the FREE PRESS was the only paper that was published in the County of Halton last week, and we think it showed enterprise on our part to publish even a half sheet Christmas week. "But it managed to get five items stolen from the Herald!" We would like to know where the Herald stole the same items from. The funny local editor of the Herald must not think they are the only newspaper that exchange with the Detroit Free Press. Do you see the point, Mr. Herald?

Congregational Church concert. On Thursday evening, December 27, the Guelph Christian Temperance choir, under the leadership of Mr. Pfeifer, gave a concert in the Congregational Church, to an appreciative audience. Mrs. Budd presided at the organ with great skill. The choir consisted of about twenty voices, and their singing throughout was excellent. The first part included the cantata "Christ the desire of all nations." The second part was opened by a song, "Will it pay," excellently sung by Mr. Jas. Paton. He was followed by the choir with the part song "Bye and Bye" and the anthem "Praise ye the Lord," spiritedly rendered a quartette, "Nearer Home," by Mrs. Haines, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Clements and Master Clements was much admired, as was other anthems by the choir. A song, "Far away," by Mr. Haines was very pleasantly sung. The national anthem completed the programme. Mr. Armstrong proposed a vote of thanks to the choir, and hoped that this was but the first of a series of such pleasant evenings. It was seconded by pastor, Mr. Davies.

Crowson's Corners. Coroner's Inquest. An inquest was held at Crowson's Corners, on Thursday 27th Dec, by Dr. Freeman, of Georgetown, over the body of the man who was killed on the track the night previous. A jury was empanelled, and enquired into the facts of the case, but could not come to anything definite as to his name, or where he was from. The back of his skull was crushed in, which, coupled with the fact, that his hat was found on the track, led the jury to conclude that he had been struck by a passing train and thrown into the culvert. The jury therefore, returned a verdict to that effect. The remains of the deceased were interred in the cemetery in this Village after the inquest.

Tra Meeting. A very enjoyable entertainment was given last Wednesday evening, at Crowson's Corners, under the auspices of Crowson's Corners' Division S. of T. After supper in the old hall the audience adjourned to the substantial new building which was erected by this prosperous division, where addresses were delivered by Rev's Calvert, Hobbs, Thurston and others. Readings, recitations and dialogues were also in order. The entertainment broke up about 11 o'clock with only half of the programme enacted.

Dramatic. Last Friday night, Dec. 27th, Rockwood Dramatic Club favored a large and appreciative audience, at Crowson's Corners, with the thrilling temperance drama, entitled "Ten Nights in a Bar-room." The different characters were ably filled by the several members of the company. This company intend giving a series of these entertainments through the winter, and are well worthy of patronage.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Thursday evening last, by the members of Walker Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at the Masonic Hall, in this Village. After the installation of officers, and the regular business had been finished, the brethren adjourned to Agnew's hotel, where an excellent supper was provided for them. After ample justice had been done to the good things at the table, a pleasant time was spent.

We learn that Mr. Charles Cook, who left Acton about eighteen months ago to attend Spurgeon's College, London, England, is doing well. He has become an excellent young preacher, and lately preached to a congregation of over 8,000.

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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 seasonable goods their stock will be found complete.

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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 Lustras and Mourning Goods. The Famous Tigre Brand Black Lustras is unsurpassed.

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ACTON, DEC. 5, 1877.

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PLANING Promptly attended to. D. W. CAMPBELL, Acton, Dec. 4th, 1877.

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TRADE MARK—THE GOLDEN MAN.

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

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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.

BERKSHIRE BOAR. The undersigned has still the Berkshire Boar, "Wellington," bred by Mr. Geo. Rudd, of Guelph, which will be kept for service, at the farm joining the Grand Trunk Station. Price \$100. Cash. C. S. SMITH, 22-1/2

OYSTERS received daily by express. Acton, Dec. 5, 1877.

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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. 20-23m

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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

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Pringle's Jewellery Store, Guelph. TO FARMERS AND EVERYBODY ELSE. Why is Pringle's Jewellery store in Guelph the best place to deal at? Because all the watch, clock and jewellery repairing is either done by himself, or under his personal supervision. He being a first-class workman in all the branches, and having the greatest interest in keeping his customers, it follows that all the work will be done well. Every job which comes into the shop is examined by him before it is taken away.

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