GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Acton as follows:

GOING WEST.	
Night Express	1:03 a.m.
Toronto mail	9:10 a.m.
Day Express	1:42 p.m.
Express	5:17 p.m.
Galt mixed	7:07 p.m.
GOING EAST.	
Night Express	3:35 a.m
Galt mixed	9:42 a.m
Day Express	11:30 a.m
Western mail	5:17 p.m
London mixed	9:33 p.m

MAIL TIME TABLE.

MAILS CLOSED.

Going West—8:45 a.m.

Going East—3:00 p.m. Mail for Toronto, Hill's at 4 p.m.

Knatchbull mail 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Registered letters must be mailed 15 minutes before closing time.

MAILS RECEIVED

From the East—9:10 a.m.

From Toronto and the West—5:17 p.m.

From Knatchbull 11:30 a.m., on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Service in the Methodist Church every Sabbath, both morning and evening at 10:30 am and 6:30 o'clock, respectively. REV. R. HOBBS, Pastor.

—Subscribers who do not receive the FREE PRESS regularly will oblige by informing us at the office, at once, when all irregularities will be attended to and negligence on the part of any one enquired into.

—Parties desiring a change of advertisement, or having matter for insertion in the FREE PRESS, should hand it in by Monday morning and not later than Tuesday at 10 o'clock, a.m. We cannot guarantee to insert matter received after that time in any particular issue.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Wedding and Birthday presents in Cruets, Butter Coolers, Napkin Rings, Toilet Setts, Vases, at Hynds' Jewelery Store. Circular and Back Combs at Hynds' Jewelery Store. Watches, Clocks, Jewelery and Spectacles carefully repaired at Geo. Hynds' Jewelery Store. Call and see my stock.

—Read J. C. Hill's locals.

—Less than three weeks to spring.

—Lent extends from Feb. 26 to April 13th.

—A carload of barrel salt just at Coleman's cheap store.

—"Study economy, but don't be mean," as it is the road to an independence.

—The average amateur violinist is equal to five large-sized cats in moral agony.

—A young couple were united in matrimony on the G. T. R. station platform Guelph, on Wednesday last.

$50.00 reward for any case of worms in the human system where J. E. McGarvin's Worm Powders will not effect a cure. Try them.

—Two months cold weather yet. Christie, Henderson & Co. have a few pairs of Blankets yet in stock, which will be sold cheap.

—Ordered Clothing. Cheapest and neatest suits ever turned out of any house in Canada, likewise Ready Made Clothing, Over Coats and Heavy Tweeds—being regularly slaughtered. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown.

Those lucky fellows who run drug stores and sell infallible cough medicines ought to be making a fortune just now. Of every second person you meet it is safe to enquire, "How's your cold?"

—A log was brought to Gowdy & Moore's lumber and shingle mill, Limehouse, last Monday, which contained 1012 feet. In the whole tree from which the log was cut there were 5083 feet. Can any one bring a bigger log than that.

—We are pleased to notice that Levi Thompson, son of Mr. Archibald Thompson, of Erin, passed his primary examination in law with great credit, having completed his preparatory studies within one year at the Rockwood Academy.

—The Carnival held in the Acton Skating Rink last Monday evening was considered a success. The rink was well filled, and the presence of the Acton Band enlivened the proceedings. There were between thirty and forty maskers on the ice.

—Hair switch swindlers are operating all over the country. They gather together all the loose hair that the young ladies have saved from combings, promising for a very small consideration, to make it into switches, and then they steal out of the town. Look out for them.

—Dundas Shirtings in great variety just arrived at the Glasgow House, also a full range of Dundas Domestics at bottom prices. The National Policy will be inaugurated next week. A word to the wise is sufficient. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—On Friday last, while George Anderson, jr., of Nassagaweya, was drawing saw logs to H. Sayers' factory, Speyside, the sleigh upset, and one of the logs falling on his leg, broke it. Dr. Winn attended the fracture, and he reports that it will be necessary to amputate the leg.

—On Tuesday, 4th inst., Glover and Wilson, with their machine, were threshing for Chas. McLachlin, 6th line, Erin. At the close of the day's work, they apparently left all right before going to supper, but on coming out of the house after supper, a bright light was discovered in the barn. On hastening to it they found the straw around the machine in flames, which were very soon extinguished. It was supposed to have been caused by a quantity of chaff gathering around the hot bearings of the cylinder, with the friction of which the frame producing heat sufficiently to ignite the straw. Mr. McLachlin is congratulated on his narrow escape from a heavy loss.

—Coal Oil at Coleman's.

—Go to J. C. Hill's for cheap Stoves and Tinware.

—It is the break of day that prevents night from going too fast.

—The postmaster was kept busy last Friday, distributing Valentines.

—Motto Frames complete from 30 cents up, at U. W. Hill's.

—Village Council meets in Matthews' Hall next Monday evening, 24th inst.

—Commercial printing of all kinds neatly and promptly executed at the FREE PRESS office.

—Mr. S. Frazer, of Milton, has been gazetted license Inspector for Halton County for the ensuing year.

CARBOLINE, The Petroleum Hair Renewer, at J. E. McGarvin's.

—Wool goods of all kinds at run off prices. A few mantles yet in stock will be sold at first offer.

—The days are beginning to grow so much longer at "both ends" that their lengthening is plainly perceptible to the naked eye.

BABBIT METAL

Old type for making Babbit, for sale at the Acton FREE PRESS Printing House.

—Ladies Fur setts, both Mink, Seal, German Mink and others, Buffalo Robes, ladies and gents Fur Caps and Gauntlets, being sold regardless of cost. The above goods must be cleared out in one month. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown.

—Parties having pictures to frame will do well to call on C. W. Hill.

—A Detroit paper blows off a romantic couple who were married there the other night by moonlight. Here it requires a parson and a two dollar marriage license.

—Stoves remarkably cheap, for cash, at J. C. Hill's, late T. Stewart & Co.—Call and examine prices.

—The Annual Convention of the Sabbath School Association of the county of Halton was in session during three days of last week, in the Presbyterian Church, Burlington, presided over by Mr. Barclay, of Oakville. Among those who have been prominent in introducing and discussing important topics have been the Rev's. W. Meikle, S. W. Fisher, R. Hobbs, J. Unsworth, G. Abbs, Mr. W. J. McCalla, and Rev. W. Millard. The Rev. J. Histon is the newly appointed President of the Association.

STOCK TAKING SALE.—During this month of stock taking we shall be clearing out lots of odds and ends, and regular lines of Winter Goods at extraordinary low prices. The object is to convert the goods into cash, and to make room for Spring Goods. The Mammoth House, Georgetown, is the store.—McLeod, Anderson & Co.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—At the skating carnival on Monday evening, Mr. Geo. W. Lammond, of Guelph, met with a severe accident. He was skating in company with a friend, when a hole in the ice upset them, and Mr. Lammond was struck with a skate on his chin, which enabled him to slide off on it much to the detriment of the aforesaid chin. A gash about four inches in length and quite to the bone was cut by the sharp edge of the skate. Dr. Lowry dressed the wound and Mr. Lammond was able to reach Guelph by the midnight train. Dr. Herod drew the gash together with a stitch Tuesday morning.

NEW PRINTS.—Christie, Henderson & Co., in order to obtain the choicest selections have purchased an immense lot of the finest Prints in the market. By purchasing full lines they have secured some great bargains. Although early, customers would do well to make selections at once. Those 5c. Prints are going rapidly. A full line at 10 cts. equal to anything heretofore offered at 12½ to 15 cts. is a decided *gem*. Remember their famous 50c Tea, and nice Bright Sugar 14 lbs. for a one dollar bill.

—Dr. McGarvin, of Acton, Ont., who is wintering at Nassau, New Providence, in the Bahamas, writes us that in his opinion Canada could easily build up a trade with the West Indies. There is to be a change in the mail service between Nassau and New York, and our correspondent thinks it would be a great point if Canadians could get the contract with a line running between Halifax and Nassau and other West India ports touching at New York. The Bahama authorities offer a subsidy for this contract. The steamers required for the service are small craft not drawing more than fourteen feet of water, and they should have passenger accomodation, as there is a large stream of travel to and from the West Indies, particularly in winter. More of this anon.

—Keep it before the people that Thayer, of Georgetown, keeps the largest and most attractive assortment of Household Furniture to be found in any place of the same size in Canada, consisting of the following articles: Plush Suites, of the most beautiful designs, in brocade and rep; Sideboards, rockers and easy chairs, in Walnut; Bedroom Suites, in Walnut and Butternut; tables, in walnut, cherry, ash, butternut, chestnut, and pine; Lounges, with extra good springs; Cornices, Cornice Poles, Brackets, and Mouldings; Coffins and Caskets, kept constantly on hand; Spring Mattresses, Feather Pillows, Bolsters, and Cushions; Furniture Trimmings, Upholstery Goods, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Curtain Poles, &c. In short everything in the Furniture line. Parties requiring anything in the above line will do well to call and see for themselves, as we can give them a good article at the lowest cash price. All of the above will be sold at the very lowest cash rates. If we can't do you good we won't give you the chance to give you a bad one.

—Coal Oil at J. E. McGarvin's.

For a neat and cheap picture frame, go to U. W. Hill's photograph gallery.

—Great reduction in price of Stoves at J. C. Hill's, formerly T. Stewart & Co.

—Acknowledged the best 50c. Tea in town at Coleman's cheap store—opposite Agnew's Hotel.

—There will be an entire change in the appearance of the next issue of the FREE PRESS. Look out for it.

—Prints—Prints—English and American—Have you seen the new Prints at Christie, Henderson & Co.'s?

—Rev. R. Hobbs, pastor Methodist church, purposes commencing a series of revival meetings at Crewson's Corners, the first meeting to be on Monday evening next.

New Felts—Gents Hats in all the new styles at the Glasgow House, decidedly cheap. Hats an extra value this season. Remember Christie, Henderson & Co.'s famous 50c. Tea—and 14 lbs. Bright Sugar for $1.00.

SOMETHING NEW.—We neatly print on silk ribbon, the name and address of any person, for sewing into furs, hats, gloves, &c., so that they may readily be found when the articles wearing apparel of a number of persons have been placed together at a public or other gathering, or in any case when an article has been lost that the owner may be found. Price, 25 cents per yard, name printed about every three inches. Samples here.

—Gents Buckle Shoes, neat, substantial and cheap—the best shoes for the money to be found anywhere—also a line of Mens High cut Plow Shoes extra value—Be sure and see them before you buy—Christie, Henderson & Co.—Remember their famous 50c. Tea.

A CURIOUS FACT.

That in severe chronic cases which have proved the most obstinate to other medicines, Wilson's Compound Syrup, Wild Cherry gives immediate relief and effects a Cure, viz., Bronchitis, Loss of Voice, Catarrah, Whooping Cough, or Croup.

Mr. A. B. Webber of the firm of Winslow & Webber, Hamilton, gives us particulars of the following remarkable case: His wife, having caught a very severe cold, took her usual remedies, but the family could not understand a word she said. In this distressing emergency he was advised to try Wilson's Wild Cherry, and was astonished to find it effect a cure in forty days. Try it. Sold by G. E. McCrow, Acton. 32-1.

—Owing to the withdrawal of Mr. Thos. Christie from the Acton business, all outstanding accounts due the firm have to be arranged for. This being the first time we have, since coming to Acton, solicited a general settlement we trust our patrons will do us the favor of responding at once as for business reasons all current accounts require to be settled not later than the 20th Feb. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—Acton Branch Bible Society. The Executive committee of the Acton B. B. Society will meet at the office of the Secretary, on Friday next, 21st inst., at 7:30 p.m., to appoint collectors and otherwise arrange for annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday the 5th March. The committee consist of Pres. A. Campbell, Esq., Sec. D. Henderson, Vice-Pres., all resident Ministers—Messrs. Peter Mann, Ass. Hall, Robert Warren, John Speight, Peter S. Armstrong, R. Little, Alex. Kennedy, James Matthews, Duncan Kennedy, Wm. Brown, and all others who last year subscribed to funds of the Branch one dollar and upwards. A full attendance requested. D. Henderson, Sec.

—Dick's Blood Purifier at J. E. McGarvin's.

Esquesing.

From our own correspondent.

In our neighborhood social affairs are the order of the day. The last was held at the residence of Mr. D. Stewart, on Friday, 14th inst., in aid of the Presbyterian church. A very enjoyable evening was spent with the usual social amusements. What with carpet table, parlor and table croquet, a game of authors and the usual social chat, interrupted at times with some fine selections on the organ, the evening hours were whiled away. Mr. Stewart, by request, sang his favorite song, "Over the Hills to the Evening Home." Although the evening was very cold a goodly number were present. Proceeds were about $15. The congregation deserve much credit for the energy with which they have worked for the support of their church. The proceeds of the social last week have amounted to nearly $100.

And—Bill Shore's gone to follow a Miller. The happy couple left on the train for the west on Tuesday last. Bill is a young farmer in the township of Esquesing, and a good one, too. We wish them much happiness in their married life.

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—Old pictures of all kinds Copied and enlarged like life at U. W. Hill's.

—Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, are still selling cheap at Coleman's cheap store.

—A grand organ recital will be given at Mr. Rooney's organ factory in Rockwood, on Thursday evening, 27th inst. This will be a musical treat of a character never before offered in this section of the country. The organ used is to be a very fine one, just finished, which was manufactured for St. Andrew's church, Guelph. Miss Gaddes, the talented organist of St. George's church, Guelph, will preside at the instrument. The vocal part of programme will be rendered by several of the best singers in Guelph. For further particulars see programme.

H. C. T. A.

The Halton County Teachers' Association meets in the Public School house, Georgetown, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Every teacher in the county is requested to be present, and all friends of Education are cordially invited to attend. The subjects to be discussed are composition, geometry, English literature, grammatical analysis, arithmetic, on Thursday; professional study and course of reading, algebra, true relation of psychology to education, and moral training in our public schools on Friday. On Saturday the business of the session will be transacted. On Thursday evening J. George Hodgins, Ed. L. L. D. will lecure on "The Educational Status of Ontario at the International Exhibitions held at Philadelphia and Paris," and Dr. McLellan will also be present and lecture that evening. On Friday evening J. M. Buchan, Esq., will lecture on "Poetry and Politics." This will be a very interesting meeting of the Association.

EXCITING HORSE RACE.

From Acton to Milton and Return.

24 MILES—TIME, 1h. 48m. 22sec.

A horse race which created considerable excitement among horse owners and admirers of horse flesh, came off on Tuesday morning last. Almost everybody in this vicinity was informed of the scheme on Monday. It was as follows:—Messrs. Robt. Agnew and J. Adams had each backed his horse to the amount of $20, on a race from Acton to Milton and return, the race to come off on Tuesday, 18th inst. Every person who was told of the projected race thought it was a race of cruelty to animals. In our eyes it was a most ridiculous affair for two men to roast their horses such a long distance on a bet of only twenty dollars. From information derived from a reliable source we have learned the particulars of how the race was first got up and as near as possible they are as follows:—On Saturday last Mr. Adams attempted to trade horses with Mr. Agnew, but being unable to do this Adams remarked "My horse can outstep yours," Agnew replied "For $20 it can't." After some further remarks Adams was called away by a friend, and after a short absence returned, and told Agnew he was going to take up the bet. Before putting the money in the hands of the stake-holders it was understood that Adams was to have the privilege of the road and distance. After the money was up Adams said, "We will go to Milton and return." Agnew said he thought the distance was too far, but as Adams would not agree to any shorter distance and Agnew was not willing to "back water," the matter was decided. Mr. Agnew has since intimated that he thought, when the money was being put up, that the race would only be for two or three miles, or he never would have agreed to the race. But when his opponent was so determined that it should be the distance as specified.

On Tuesday morning the horses were harnessed, attached to the cutters, and the drivers and referees got into their seats. The weight of the sky men in Agnew's sleigh was 320 pounds, and those in Adams' 425 pounds. This being the position in front of Agnew's hotel Acton, Mr. Giles, Chairman, gave the word "Go!" at exactly 8 o'clock, and away flew the horses, and took the lead. After the horses were out of sight of the village nearly every one in town was upon the street, or in positions to see the race, and the following telegram from Milton was received shortly after 9 o'clock:

"Agnew's horse came in first, Adams' horse second, time 1 hour and 48 minutes and 22 seconds."

The road was in good condition for a sleigh race, and the horses were in good condition. The horse ridden by Adams is considered a good one, and Agnew's horse is a well known roadster. The race was a close one throughout, and was well contested. The sleigh used by Agnew was a light one, and was well adapted for the purpose. The sleigh used by Adams was a very heavy one, and was not well adapted for the purpose. The horses were driven by their owners, and were in charge of them during the race. The horses were in good condition, and were well fed and watered before the race