

**Acton Church Directory.**  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.  
Services—Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Prayers at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Young People's Society, 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bible class, 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Sabbath school, 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Rev. J. H. HARRIS, Pastor.

**Acton Pros Press**  
THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1880.  
**The Insolvent Act.**  
The bill for the unconditional repeal of the Insolvent Laws was read a second and third time in the Senate last Friday and passed. It only requires the assent of the Governor to annul the Insolvent Act with the things of the past. There was considerable opposition to the bill in the Senate, especially by the Senators from New Brunswick, though Hon. Mr. Hoyle's six months' hiatus was rejected upon a vote of 17 to 47. Great exception was taken to the abolition of the Act upon the ground that there is no Dominion Act which provides for the equitable distribution of estates and the procedure in the various Provinces is quite different. One fact which no doubt had much to do with the ease with which the repeal was allowed to pass was the belief that the Government will introduce a simple bill to render possible the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvents. It is a little remarkable that in New York where they have had a short experience of a repeal of insolvency legislation, the commercial community are agitating for a Federal Insolvent Act. But it is often said with much truth that Canada is a good number of years behind both times and fashions. It is to be hoped that we move sure, for in all conscience our motion is slow enough.—*Montreal Star.*

**IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.**  
THE ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS of a good class from the old country is cause for rejoicing, and we hope the influx may continue, and next summer reach the large proportions anticipated. The visit of the agricultural delegates last year will doubtless prove of great benefit to Canada, and a blessing to many good Scotch people now toiling painfully at home for slight recompense, and with slender hopes of future improvement in their condition. Mr. MacKenzie, editor of the *Celtic Magazine*, Inverness, by the glowing descriptions he has given of the comfort and happiness he found prevailing among Highlanders and their descendants in Canada will be found to have done very great service both to his fellow countrymen dragging out a miserable existence on the Highland cross, and to this country.

A curious historical fact has been ascertained in connection with the present movement in America for the relief of Ireland. It appears that over two centuries ago the position was reversed, and that when New England was decimated by warfare in 1676, and famine was impending, a vessel was sent from Dublin laden with provisions for the colonists. In Boston 402 persons were relieved by the distribution, and the total number of recipients of Irish benevolence throughout New England was 2,351. The present lively contributions are a repayment with interest of this ancient debt of gratitude.

**Massagaweya Items.**  
From our own correspondents.  
George Fletcher, son of Mr. Jeremiah Fletcher, started yesterday for Nebraska. His brother Robert went there a few weeks since, and took up a section of land.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church at Gomorrah have commenced a series of revival services.  
It is reported that the Credit Valley R.R. Co. intend moving the station near the Guelph road, Campbellville.  
A young men's Literary Association has been organized at Knatchbull, with Mr. David Wallace, blacksmith, as its president. This association meets every Saturday evening, in the Knatchbull Town Hall.

**J. E. McGarvin's**  
Drug Store, head-quarters for the

**THE BIDDULPH TRAGEDY.**  
All the Processes Completed for Trial.  
An immense crowd assembled at the Court House, London, on Saturday afternoon to hear the decision of the Magistrate in the case against the men accused of the murder of the Donnelly. The audience was largely composed of friends and relations of the prisoners. The latter were brought up from the cells at 2:15. They were dressed in their best clothes, and looked round the Court-room with smiling countenances and nodded familiarly to numbers of the spectators. Notwithstanding the smiles, however, traces of care and anxiety could be discerned in their faces, and they moved restlessly about in their chairs, eager to know their fate. Squires Peters and Fisher took their places on the bench a few minutes afterwards, when the Court was called to order. Squire Peters, addressing the prisoners, asked them if they wished to make any statement. From each and every one the reply uniformly came,  
"I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY."  
Squire Peters then said—The examination of witnesses by the able counsel both for the prosecution and defence being now concluded, it is my judgment that we find sufficient evidence against the prisoners now before us to send them for trial before a higher tribunal. We therefore commit James Carroll, John Kennedy, Martin McLaughlin, Thomas Ryder, James Ryder, and John Pettell to the common goal to await their trial at the Assizes, and there to be convicted or discharged by the jury.  
The decision fell silently on the Court—no one seemed to expect any other. It is altogether probable that the case will be tried elsewhere.

**Nebraska Letter.**  
To the Editor of the Free Press.  
DEAR SIR.—Having been requested by some of our Acton friends to write a short and accurate description of what I know of Nebraska, I send you the following, which please insert in your paper if you deem it of interest to any of your readers:  
Nebraska lies directly west of Iowa, between the 40th and 43rd parallel of north latitude, and the 96th and 104th degrees of longitude west from Greenwich. It extends 412 miles west from the Missouri river, and has an average width of 200 miles.  
South-eastern Nebraska has been called the Switzerland of America. Bayward Taylor says of South-eastern Nebraska, after a trip by train, "The country is one of the most beautiful I ever looked upon." The editor of the *Illustrated New Yorker* puts it thus: "The finest garden mould in the State of New York is not a whit better than the average Nebraska soil." The soil is from three to ten feet deep and is well adapted to all agricultural purposes. It is free from grit and the plow never strikes a stone so imagine if you can, farmers of rock-bound Equating, the pleasure of such plowing. Nebraska is not behind her sister States in producing fruit, as she took the premium on apples at the Centennial. Robert Burnett, President of the Fruit Growers Association of Ontario, in a full report of the fruit he saw at the Centennial, says, "We are sure that the majority of visitors would coincide with me in according the palm to Nebraska." This fruit was from our south-eastern counties. The climate is genial, the mean temperature for January, February and March is 20° above zero, the atmosphere is clear, dry, bracing and exhilarating. Hundreds of settlers who came here from other States on account of ill-health, will give attestation to the curative qualities of the climate.  
To those who contemplate coming to Nebraska, we would advise them to come to Gage County. Gage is one of the good center tier of Counties, and is 36 by 24 miles, and has a population of 8,500. We have three railroads. The Burlington & Missouri, River R.R., the Union Pacific, running north and south through the county and the Atchison & Nebraska, running through the north-eastern part, thus we have good markets at Beatrice, Elkhart, Wilkes and other places in the county. There is considerable land for sale in the county and good land may be had as low as three and four dollars an acre. Corn has been selling all winter at 23 cents, wheat at the average at 81, potatoes are now 60 cents. Owing to the brisk competition in agricultural machinery, it can be purchased much cheaper here than in the eastern States, where it is manufactured. Good steel walking plows can be had for \$20, sulky plows from \$40, to \$60.  
A reader of the FREE PRESS wishes to know how we live here. Well, he might just as well try to get a good work on Physiology. Of course we "live on the top shelf" when we can't have cake, we are willing to put up with pie. Soft coal can be had from \$6 to \$7, per ton. Our wells for the most part are bored, and we have to go from 30, to 150 feet for water. These wells are bored by contractors for 25 to 50 cents a foot. As we have a hard law the expense of fences is not required, though a fine ledge that will turn stock can be raised in three years. Contractors will put up barbed wire fences that will turn logs and cattle at \$1 per rod. Cattle are herded for \$1 per head for the season.  
Educational. Every neighborhood has a fine school house, and we are far superior to our eastern friends in this respect, as it was no trouble to vote a heavy tax on speculative land. Every district has a handsome school house—all the modern improvements. Our real estate men are doing a brisk business, and the volume of immigration promises to be greater the coming spring than ever heretofore.  
I am, yours very truly,  
A. H. WARREN  
Kearney Co. Nebraska.  
March 4th 1880.

**Hornby Items.**  
(From our own correspondents.)  
ENTERTAINMENT.—In the matter of sidewalk, the small village of Hornby has set an example worthy of imitation by other places of similar size, and by not a few larger. Since the project was set on foot, over half a mile of walk has been laid, which has amply repaid expenditure, and given good satisfaction. In aid of the sidewalk fund a musical and dramatic entertainment was held in the Orange Hall of the village, on Friday evening, 27th ult. The programme was carefully prepared and carried out to the credit of the performers, and also to the satisfaction of the audience, while, one and all expressed themselves gratified with the evening's entertainment, pronouncing it a complete success. An account of limited space, we are able to give only upon only a small part of the programme. In the dramatic part of the programme the selection from the comedy of "The School for Scandal," and "The Humours of the Strick," are worthy of notice; the acting of the latter giving example of what amateurs can accomplish by careful study and thorough practice; the former giving a brief, but humorous view of the "blessed tranquillity" of matrimony. In the musical selections the playing of Mr. W. H. Avery, soprano violinist, and Miss Minnie Fox, accompanist, were deservedly appreciated, also were the songs by Mr. Avery and Mr. Chas. McHugh, which were tendered in a good style, and not without hearty "encores."  
THE CHADLER.  
STEWART, on the 11th inst., the wife of Donald Stewart, Esq., of a daughter.  
E. GRATE.  
McBURNISON, on the 11th inst., the wife of R. McBurnison, Esq., postmaster, aged 74 years.

**Read Carefully.**  
SAMUEL OROSKO, Sophiasburg, near I was affected with Dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the Sphonessa Remedy. After using three or four bottles I felt much better and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, and when I had taken three or four bottles more, I was quite restored to health and strength. I have experienced better health than for forty years before. I had been under the treatment of a number of physicians before, but never

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**Bible Society.**  
The annual meeting of the Acton Branch U. C. Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Acton, on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst. John Speight, Esq., President, in the chair. The meeting was duly opened by reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer, when the president called upon D. Henderson, secretary, to read the report of the committee, as follows:—  
To the Annual Meeting of the Society:—  
Your executive committee, in accordance with request received from Rev. Mr. Manley, agent of the Society, meeting Wednesday, 3rd March, as the date of the annual meeting, caused the usual pulpit announcements to be made, and also advertised the meeting in the FREE PRESS newspaper. The unfavorable state of the roads, combined with the very unfavorable weather, doubtless prevented many warm friends of the Bible Society from being present. In accordance with the custom of former years, collectors were appointed to canvass the various divisions of the Branch, and requested to make returns to the Treasurer, if possible, in time to allow a full financial statement being laid before the meeting, but owing to the unfavorable circumstances before referred to a number have not yet been able to complete their work. Your committee are, however, much pleased to be able to report that the subscriptions, as far as received are, on the whole, in excess of the sum received from the same divisions last year, and trust the work yet to be done will increase the amount beyond that of former years. The committee desire to thank those collectors who are not members of the committee for their kindness in undertaking the work, as well as for the very earnest manner in which they discharged their duties—feeling that the sum realized, to a very considerable extent, depends on the efforts put forth by earnest collectors. The committee will, as soon as returns are fully made, publish a statement of the entire receipts in the newspaper, and would recommend that a similar disposition be made of the moneys as has been made for the two previous years, viz.—\$20 to the B. & F. Bible Society; \$20 to the U. C. Bible Society; \$45 to the Montreal Auxiliary, for the Bible distribution among French Canadians in Lower Canada; balance to replenish the Depository, all of which is respectfully submitted.  
D. HENDERSON, Secy.

**Notice to Trespassers.**  
Notice is hereby given that any person or persons found trespassing on my premises will be prosecuted according to law.  
DR. H. MORROW.  
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Practical Ladies Hat Manufacturer.  
I prepared to make to order, Kid, Crown, Braids, Puffs, or anything in that line, on the shortest notice, Satisfaction guaranteed; charges reasonable; orders taken at the residence of Mrs. Edw. Moore, corner Frederic and Church Sts.

**Auction Sale Record.**  
WM. HENSTREET, AUCTIONEER.  
AUCTION SALE.  
HORNBY FURNITURE.  
WM. HENSTREET, will sell by public auction, for Mrs. P. N. Armstrong, at the premises immediately north of the railway station, on Saturday, 20th inst., all her household furniture. Terms cash.  
AUCTION SALE.  
FARM STOCK & IMPLEMENTS.  
An auction sale of Farm Stock and Implements will take place at 10 1/2, con. 4, Massagaweya, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1880.  
WM. HENSTREET, Auctioneer.  
Robert Parks, Proprietor.

**Stephenson's Iron Plows.**  
The excellence of the estate of the late Stephen Stephenson, Esq., have induced the undersigned to sell by public auction at the PLOW FACTORY, VILLAGE OF ACTON, Thursday, 25th March, 1880.  
The following lot of Plows—  
30 "Stephenson's" Iron Plows, 2 hand-les.  
5 "Stephenson's" Iron Plows, 1 handle.  
10 "Elova" Gang Plows.  
5 Second-hand Plows.  
The above plows are all manufactured from the best material. Farmers come and secure bargains.  
TERMS.—\$10 and under, cash, over that amount nine months' credit on approved joint notes.  
Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp.  
WM. HENSTREET, Auctioneer.  
Jas. Goldie, Executor; J. D. Cameron, A. McIlwraith.

**SCOTT & BOWNE'S PALATABLE CASTOR OIL.**  
It is prepared in a form perfectly agreeable to children and most sensitive persons. In its manufacture the properties of the oil are retained and its odor is eliminated, and it is rendered not only mild and pleasant in its action, but also exceedingly efficacious. It is prominently the finest laxative and cathartic known, and is recommended for Children, Constipation, and all kindred Derangements. It is unexcelled, and is destined to take the place of cod-liver oil and all other oils and purgatives. For sale by all Druggists at 25 cents a bottle. Don't fail to try it.

**New Butcher Shop.**  
ADAM COOK  
Would intimate to the people of Acton that he has purchased the butcher business lately carried on by Mr. R. E. Egan, and that he has always on hand a first-class stock of  
BEEF, PORK,  
MUTTON, SAUSAGE,  
FISH, &c., &c.,  
and hopes by strict attention to business to secure a fair share of the patronage of the public. MEAT delivered at any time to any part of the town.  
TERMS CASH.  
A. CALDWELL, QUITTER.  
ADAM COOK.

received any material aid until I used your remedy.  
A. McKay, Truro, N. S., says: He was very bad with Liver Complaint, but used the Sphonessa Remedy, and in a month as well as he had ever been in his life. I am now in business and wish you to send me three dozen by steamer.  
A. Wood, Concord, says: That he has tried the Remedy for Liver Complaint, and Dyspepsia with great success. I have also used the Sphonessa Pills and find that they are as good as any I ever tried.  
H. K. Keno, Geneva, N. Y., says: My wife was intensely afflicted with dyspepsia for a long time. We consulted physicians of three different schools, and received no benefit. She has taken three bottles of the great Sphonessa Remedy, and is now better and well.  
Rev. O. S. S. says: Mr. McKensie Scoble suffered from an attack of Rheumatism, and was unable to move about help; but after taking a few bottles of the Sphonessa, was able to walk as well as ever. Price of the Remedy in pint bottles, \$1; Pills, 25 cents a box. Sold by all medicine dealers.

**WANTED.**  
A military apprentice. Apply at once to Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton. Wanted, a good Servant girl. Apply immediately to Mrs. D. Henderson.  
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In Acton, on Main St., a house in good condition, and four-fifths of an acre of land; owned by Wm. Nicolson. For particulars apply to  
WM. WHITLEY, Acton, P. O.

**HOUSE & LOT TO RENT.**  
The undersigned will rent his house and lot, situated near the railway station, for twelve months, at a reasonable rate. The house contains six rooms, and a summer kitchen. Good cistern on the premises and hard water connection. There is a stable on the lot. Apply immediately at this office or on the premises to  
JOHN MCCONNELL.

**DOMINION**  
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KENNEY & SON  
MAIN STREET, ACTON.  
Would intimate to the people of Acton and surrounding country that they are now receiving their Spring Stock of  
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which will be found to consist of an assortment  
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Everything Sold Cheap FOR CASH.  
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—In our Custom and Repairing Department, we are prepared to execute all orders entrusted to us in a most satisfactory manner.  
Nothing but the best material used in the shop.  
A call solicited.  
Kenney & Son.  
Acton, March 4th, 1880.

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PETER SAYERS.  
Acton, Dec. 25, 79.

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LAWSON BROS.  
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FLOUR AND FEED STORE,  
and will keep constantly on hand a full stock of  
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Fine Shorts,  
Chopped Peas,  
Chopped Oats,  
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Oats and Peas,  
And all kinds of feed usually kept in a first-class store.  
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The various departments of our stock are now filled to repletion with really choice, new and fresh goods, presenting a variety of attraction not usually met with at this season of the year. We cordially invite all purchasers, whether large or small, to visit the Fashionable West End, feeling assured that we can meet their wants better than any other establishment in the trade. At this particular season we do not look for, neither would it be reasonable to expect, large purchases; the same as we do in the fall, consequently we never "despise the small orders" but keep in mind the old Scottish adage that  
"Many little Mak's a Muckle."  
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