

Editorial Notes.

The Montreal Telegraph Company has opened an office at Ayr, Ont.

We understand that the Ontario Legislature will be called for the first time on Thursday, immediately after the municipal elections.

The farmers of Nelson think of putting a toll gate on the roads leading into Hamilton and permitting to continue in existence.

In the International regatta on the Thames on Saturday, Leacock took first prize, Ross second, Hosmer third and Smith fourth. Hixson did not compete.

The recent terrible storms on the lakes, through which a number of valuable lives were lost, have created a demand for the establishment of life-saving stations on our large shores. This is a work which the Department of Marine could develop attention to with good purpose.

Lower Rates of Interest.

Circulars have been issued by all the leading banks, announcing to their customers that hereafter only three per cent interest will be allowed on deposits and on current accounts on interest would be allowed. The banks are compelled to adopt this stand in consequence of the abundance of capital, and the difficulty of finding profitable investment for it. Among the banks that have adopted this course are the Montreal, Merchants', Commerce, Dominion, British, Federal, Imperial and others.

The Week of Prayer.

The following programme has been issued by the Evangelical Alliance for the week of prayer, Jan. 2nd to 9th 1885.

It is suggested that on Sabbath, January 2nd, sermons be preached from the text, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day and forever," January 3rd, the general topic is praise and thanksgiving for all blessings; January 4th, humiliation and confession for personal and national sins; January 5th, prayer for the Church of Christ, that it may be fruitful and united; January 6th, prayer for the young and their instructors, for parents, colleges, Sabbath Schools; January 7th, prayer for all nations and rulers, for universal liberty, for the cessation of wars; January 8th, prayer for Christian missions and all engaged in promoting them.

The Scott Act Petitions.

Some people are exercised over the Scott Act petitions. There need be no uneasiness about it. The Minister of Justice in Ottawa is going through the matter, and comparing the petitions with the objections of the opponents. It will take time, but we are satisfied if we get fair play, the petition will be all right. Of course it is not pleasant to have delays, but in fighting for a great reform, like this, we cannot expect to have things all our own way; neither is it advisable that we should. The harder we have to fight to get the Scott Act, the more we will appreciate it when we get it, and the stronger will be the determination to enforce it—and upon its proper enforcement, really depends the value of the Act.

The suggestion in the Times that we will have to commence anew with our petition in consequence of the delay, is simply absurd. We may say to all interested, whether for or against, that there will be no let up to this matter; we will proceed steadily, and as surely as possible, and just as soon as the petitions for Hamilton, Westworth and Hinton are settled satisfactorily, the vote will be brought on.

As to the suggestion that the matter is to be abandoned, it is perfect nonsense.

The temperance people have been determined from the very first, to carry this thing through, and they know that public opinion is improving in their favor every day, and they are as strongly determined as any men can possibly be to bring this question to a vote of the rate payers, and as soon as they can do so, and they feel satisfied that the result will be that the Act will be carried in the three municipalities of Hamilton, Westworth and Hinton.—Hamilton Leader.

"They all do it." Everybody uses "Tanner's" to beautify the teeth and give fragrance to the breath. Ask your druggist for sample package, 5 cts. Large bottles 15 cents.

J. E. McGarvin's

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editor, while willing to open his columns for the free discussion of all matters of public interest, does not hold himself in any way responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

The Street Lamps.

To the Editor of the Free Press, Dear Sir,—Being the merchant referred to in this communication in the Free Press of last week, relative to the above subject, I feel it my duty to correct a false impression which the communication was undoubtedly intended to make upon the mind of the public. The writers of that letter say that the action of the Council in this matter was unjust and one-sided.

Now, Mr. Editor, the fact that the street lamps were to be erected was known to all of your readers for nearly three months before the last meeting of council, and every business man in Ayr had the same chance to make the offer for the street lamp advertising that I had, but not one of them ever made the suggestion to any member of the council, which is conclusive evidence that no one but myself thought of the idea, (for where is the business man, who, conceiving a good idea by which to increase his business will not at once try to put the idea into practice), now, should the action of the council taken after every one had the same chance to make the offer I made to the council, be called unjust or one-sided!

Every enterprising business man in existence knows that special, or I should say, novel advertising is what takes the eye of the public, and is the secret of success to a great many, and were I to lay a special plan of advertising before you, would you be justified in showing it to other business men until I had made use of it? You will say, decidedly not! Therefore I claim that the council were perfectly justified in not laying my plan of advertisement before the other business men of Ayr and asking for tenders. Such a course would have been most unjust to me. There are some merchants who never think of getting up novel advertisements, but are perfectly willing, nay—eager to allow more enterprising persons to formulate new ideas and then pounce upon them and try to make use of them themselves if possible.

The question of obstructing the light is raised. I claim that the light will not be affected by my advertisement. The council made special provision to prevent this, but the writer of that letter forgot (1) to present that to your readers with the rest of the motion already quoted. The clause reads thus, "Presuming that the sample of advertising is not of a character to obscure the light." And the whole affair was left in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. Henderson, Storey and Christie. (The other member present declining to have anything to do or say in the matter). Now, if any of those who signed that letter had taken the trouble to find out the style of lettering which I intended to put on the glass I am sure they would never have placed their names to such a letter. And I defy any person to prove that the sample stipulated for by the council, (which sample has been prepared according to a suggestion made by Mr. Storey), and which is now in my possession, will in any degree obstruct or obscure the light. And I am sure that the great majority of the people of Ayr will not object to a neat and attractive sign, especially when it will not obscure the light and also add a goodly sum to the village exchequer. Mr. Editor, I will not occupy any more of your space, save by remarking that the slur cast upon the members of the council by the opinion expressed in that letter that "if the offer had been made by some dry goods house it would not have been accepted so readily," is to say the least contemptible and is a fitting emblem of the spirit of the originator of that worthy document, and should I again refer to this subject I will show the real reason why the letter was penned, and which I know is not known to the majority of the signers.

I remain, yours truly, J. E. MCGARVIN, Ayr, 22nd Nov., 1884.

Murderous Attack.

A shooting affair occurred at Glen Williams, near Georgetown, on Tuesday last, which nearly resulted disastrously. A young man named Hugh McMurchy, while treating his mother in an unbecoming manner, was interfered with by Arch. Cooper, and McMurchy threatened to shoot him. A short time afterward, at Cooper's instance, Constable James Modest attempted to arrest McMurchy, when the latter sent a bullet whistling within an inch of his ear. A short chase ensued, when McMurchy fired another shot, the bullet again passing unaccountably close to the constable's ear. After another short run the constable succeeded in knocking his man over with a root he picked up while running, and soon had him safely bandaged. McMurchy was sent for trial.

Wilson's Wild Cherry.

One of the most thoroughly reliable medicines now in use by the Canadian public is Wilson's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry. The success which attends its use in cases of Croup, Whooping Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, Loss of Voice and Weak Lungs, is most remarkable. Originally prepared to meet the demand for a good medicine of the kind, in the retail store of the proprietor, its sale increased so rapidly and became so largely extended that the manufacturers felt it was only necessary to introduce it through the several agencies of the country to secure its adoption as the national cure for diseases of the respiratory organs. Every leading druggist in Western Ontario now sells it.

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KENNEDY—Scot, in Mount Forest, on the 17th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. D. Fraser, M. A. Mr. Jesse Ketchum, of Orangeville, to Theresa B., eldest daughter of Mr. James Scott.

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In Parry Sound, on Thursday, 25th inst., by Rev. R. Mowbray, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, of Parry Harbor, formerly of this village, to Elizabeth A. D., daughter of Frank Dowell, Esq.

Notices Worth Attention.

—Best value in Skates at A. Scord & Co's.

—Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

—Acme Skates, \$2.25 at A. Scord & Co's.

—Oatmeal fresh butter for 19 cents at Chapman's.

—Fresh Bulk Oysters at the Excelsior Bakery.

—Hardware of all kinds at A. Scord & Co's.

—LADIES' HATS—newest styles at Christie, Henderson & Co.

—A good Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's.

—Oysters by the Can or Quart at the Excelsior Bakery.

—See the new Glass Bell Gator at A. Scord & Co's.

—The best 50c Black Cashmere at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

—The best 1 1/2 cent Winey at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

—If you want a noble, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

—The largest and cheapest stock of Boots and Shoes at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Ayr.

—The biggest, best and cheapest stock of Boots and Shoes at Christie, Henderson & Co's. Remember the Famous 50c Tea.

—Scottish, English and Canadian Sattin in great variety, at the East End Clothing Store, J. Fyfe, Ayr.

—Carpets, Carpets, Carpets, large stock, splendid value, a beautiful Union Carpet for 30c worth 50c. Call and see them. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown.

—MANTLES—The newest styles in ladies' cloth mantles, cheap. Close inspection and prices respectfully requested. Remember the Famous 50c Tea, sold in 5 lb. lots at 45c, at Christie, Henderson & Co.

—10,000 lbs. of Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chickens wanted, for which current market prices will be paid—Pick Deo—Don't Soild. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—NEW MILLINERY—Christie, Henderson & Co. will receive their new Fall Millinery in a few days, and early next week will be prepared to fill orders. Their many patrons for past seasons, they respectfully solicit inspection of their new Fall goods, which will, they believe, be found very attractive. Remember the Famous 50c Tea, sold in 5 lb. lots at 45c.

—McQuillen & Hamilton, of the Wellington Machie Works, Guelph, are noted for giving satisfaction to those favoring their fine and durable goods. Their many patrons in their line beware and remember them. They do a very large business, consequently they are able to give better terms, and keep better working than smaller works. Send to them for particulars.

—No medicine is more justly popular than Haysard's Peppermint Balsam. It is a positive specific for all diseases of the Throat and Lungs leading to Consumption. It loosens the tough phlegm, soothes the inflamed membrane, and cures coughing and breathless attacks. Sold by all dealers at 25 cents per bottle.

—ZOFESIA—I have secured the agency for the new compound for Dyspepsia and Liver Trouble. It cures the most distressing and intractable cases, better very light and endorsed and recommended. It was first applied to the Digestive Organs and the Liver, increasing the secretions and clearing the system, and carrying off impurities of the Stomach and regulating the Liver, can be tested by preparing a simple bottle which sells at 10 cts. or large Eight ounce bottles at 75 cents.—J. E. McGarvin.

—Burdock Blood Bitters is the best Blood Purifier, Liver and Kidney Regulator, and Restorative Tonic in the world. It acts upon the Liver, the Kidneys and the Bowels, curing all manner of Bilious complaints, Kidney Complaints, and diseases of the Blood. Ask your Druggist for Burdock Blood Bitters. Sample bottles 10 cents; regular size \$1.00.

—The Mammoth House, Georgetown, offers the largest drives in dress goods and general dry goods ever offered to the public. Dress goods for 10c, 12c, and 15c; original prices were 25c, 35c, and 50c. Fine, remarkable bargains, Millinery, Mantles, Fur, Ready Made Clothing, Overcoats, ordered clothing, immense bargains. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Mammoth House.

—IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.—Mr. Lloyd, Anderson & Co. of Georgetown, into their new store, right opposite the old stand. Having enlarged facilities for doing business, we shall make a special exertion this fall to give the public the best and goods ever offered to the public. The stock is immense, varied, and attractive, and wonderfully cheap. Our new Millinery and Mantles opened out. New cloths and clothing, and all kinds of new fall and winter goods. Call and see us, and hold one of the most magnificent stocks and stores in this part of the county. McLeod, Anderson & Co.

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THE CHEAP CASH STORE

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

The undersigned would inform the people of Ayr and surrounding country that he has purchased the stock and business of Mr. A. W. GREEN, and is prepared to sell at greatly reduced prices, and solicits a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed on the store. He has just received a large stock of

NEW AND CHOICE GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

TEAS A SPECIALTY!

Give him a call. T. H. HARDING

FASHIONABLE TAILORING.

The subscriber wishes to announce to the people of Ayr and vicinity that he has opened out in the premises lately occupied by L. G. Matthews, next to the post office, a complete assortment of Cloths and Trimmings, suitable for the Fall and Winter Trade, and is prepared to make them up in the latest styles, and offers good inducements to cash customers.

MY STOCK CONSISTS OF BLACK AND COLORED BEAVERS, DIAGONALS, COATINGS AND VESTINGS, ENGLISH, IRISH, SCOTCH AND CANADIAN TWEEDS, which have been bought in the best markets for cash.

An Early Call is Solicited. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

R. E. NELSON.

NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS.

D. HASLETT HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE STOCK OF NEW FALL GOODS, COMPRISING

French Merinos, Cashmeres, Lustres, Colored and Plain Wineys, Gents' Underclothing, Ladies' Undervests, Berlin and Fingering Wools, Colored Stocking Goods, and

A LARG ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS, All of which he will sell cheap for cash or trade. B. HASLETT.

H. H. KITTEDGE, BANKER, ACTON, ONTARIO.

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

MONEY LOANED ON APPROVED NOTES. Notes Discounted and Interest allowed on Deposits.

—The Bank of Montreal. SERVANT GIRL WANTED. Wanted a good servant girl for general house work, apply immediately. Mrs. W. H. STOREY.

SERVANT GIRL WANTED. A servant girl wanted, must have good character. Apply at once to FINE PAPER OFFICE, ACTON.

NOTICE. Owing to the rise in wheat and flour, bread will hereafter be sold for 12 cents per loaf cash, or 13 cents if booked. B. & E. NICKLIN.

COAL!! COAL!! Stove Coal delivered to any part of the town. Apply to BEN. JOHART, At the G.T.R. Depot.

FARM FOR SALE. Lot 23, con. 3, in the township of Esequing, 100 acres, 60 cleared and under cultivation—balance good cedar and black ash. Good farm buildings, fences in the best condition, splendid orchard of bearing trees, excellent fruit, good spring water all the year round. The property is situated about 2 1/2 miles from Ayr, 1 mile from a first-class grist mill, convenient to school and church. Title indisputable. Terms reasonable. Apply on the premises, or address, JAMES SCOTT, Ayr Post Office.

ACTON MARKETS. White Wheat, \$1 10 to 12; Treadwell, old, 10 to 15; Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) old, 10 to 15; Red Chaff, 10 to 15; Oats, 30 to 35; Peas, 65 to 70; Beans, 90 to 100; Rye, 75 to 80; Barley, per doz., 0 10 to 11; Butter, dairy packed, 0 16 to 20; Butter, rolls, 0 18 to 20; Potatoes, new, per bush, 0 40 to 45; Dressed Hogs, 50 to 60.

GUELPH MARKETS. Flour, \$2 75 to 3 00; White wheat, 90 to 2 08; Treadwell, 90 to 1 08; Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) 96 to 1 08; Red chaff, 90 to 1 08; Oats, 28 to 31; Peas, 55 to 60; Beans, 85 to 90; Rye, 75 to 80; Barley, per doz., 0 10 to 11; Butter, dairy packed, 0 16 to 20; Butter, rolls, 0 18 to 20; Potatoes, new, per bush, 0 40 to 45; Dressed Hogs, 50 to 60.

Boards for Service. The subscriber has for service the Suffolk Boat that took first prize at the Royal Show in England this year, also at Toronto, Hamilton, and wherever exhibited. This Boat was imported by Mr. Jas. Main this fall. Also two Suffolk Boats which have won prizes at several shows this fall. S. E. LLOYD, Lot 2, con. 3, Esequing.

4.50 FOR 25 CTS. 15 choice pieces of Sheet Music, aggregate value \$4.50, full size, best quality, Vocal and Instrumental. Sent post paid for 25c. Address at once to J. C. SEATUCK, Owosso, Mich., U.S.A. No Postage Stamp takes.

PLASTERING HAIR. Plastering Hair for Sale at the Acton Cordovan Tannery. CHAS. KNEES.

KING OF THE DRY GOODS.



LADIES, PLEASE READ. Startling Hit in the Dress Goods Trade.

Great Purchase in FINE DRESS GOODS In Bond, in New York.

To Be Sold at a Little Over Half their Regular Price.

We have just concluded an immense purchase of what is beyond doubt the largest, finest and most fashionable line of Dress Goods ever offered by the dry goods trade of Guelph. The lot comprises all the leading and fashionable shades in

MOMIE CLOTHS, Cashmeres and Oriental Broche Silks.

To match each and every shade of the goods, and commencing on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, we shall offer the whole lot at a tremendous reduction on the actual cost of importation. The goods are a very fine all wool fabric, 44 inches wide, and sold regularly at \$1 per yard, and we are enabled to offer the whole lot at 75 cents per yard. A like opportunity to buy really elegant dress goods at the price of an inferior material may not occur again. We invite the ladies to avail themselves of this grand offer.

It may interest our lady friends to know how we are enabled to sell these goods at such a low price. Well, the facts are these:—They are imported by a leading Chicago house for their finest trade. Through stress of circumstances they were compelled to "unload" before taking them out of bond. They were offered for sale, and in connection with a large Toronto firm, we bought the whole lot. Our Toronto friends are selling them freely at 80 cents per yard, but as the quality which we were compelled to take is much larger than our ordinary trade brands, we have decided to create a grand sensation by offering them at 75 cents—FIFTY SEVEN AND ONE-HALF CENTS per yard.

We have also made special reduction in our regular goods and on Wednesday, November 10th, we shall make the greatest offering of Dress Goods ever attempted in Guelph.

The Lion has the Goods, The Lion Gives the Bargains.

The Lion Does the Trade. J. D. Williamson & Co., Guelph.

SPLENDID ULSTER OVERCOATS

MADE TO ORDER FOR (\$9)

EXCELLENT LINES OF BEAVER, DIAGONAL, AND TWEED OVERCOATINGS.

And a Stock of Hats and Caps, and Gents' Underwear, unsurpassed in the trade.

CALL at the EAST END CLOTHING STORE. J. FYFE'S.

A CROWDED STORE.

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END. DOING THE TRADE.

DRESS DEPARTMENT RUSHING

Our Kilburnian Tweeds, Our Harris Tweeds, Our Eldore Tweeds, Our Camels Hair Tweeds, Our Scotch Suitings, Our Wool Serges, are magnificent, and attract daily immense crowds to our Dress Department. Ladies may look to us with confidence for the very best productions of British and Foreign looms.

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

JOHN WORSFOLD & CO.

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF UPHOLSTERED GOODS.



Sign of the Chair, Hazleton's Block UPPER WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH. Get them in time at his Drug Store.