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and lots of other fine presents too numerous to mention, at
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## Local and Other Jottings.

—Farmers sell your grain now.

—Skating has commenced on Nicklin's pond.

—New Year's resolutions are now being thought of.

—Christmas presents are beginning to be talked about.

—Both flour and bread have taken a rise during the week.

—Our merchants are getting in hosts of new goods for the Christmas trade.

—Jack Frost has commenced his decorative work on the window panes.

—Be sure and finish that pair of slippers in time for the Christmas tree.

—J. E. McGarvin has a very complete assortment of Christmas presents. See the Christmas cards.

—Municipal matters are quiet in this village as yet, but rumors as to who will be candidates are heard.

—All changes of advertisements to insure insertion should be handed in by Tuesday morning at the latest.

—Many preachers seek to impress their hearers with the fact that life is short, but forget it in their sermons and prayers.

—Nearly all the express trains were behind time yesterday. A smashup near Weston caused the morning mail to be about two hours late.

—The latest winter pastime or entertainment now in fashionable circles is rosy apple socials. The first was held recently at Richmond Hill.

—The Barrie *Advance* of last week contained no less than ten election cards of candidates for the town council. Municipal matters must run high there.

A FACT.—What is a fact? That new subscribers can secure the FREE PRESS, the best local paper in Halton County, from now until January 1st, 1882, for one dollar.

—The rate of taxation for Arthur village this year has been fixed at 22½ mills on the dollar. What would Acton ratepayers think if they were obliged to pay such taxes?

—The season's work on the farm has about closed, and now that our farmers have leisure time, they are coming to town in large numbers. Our streets are lively with them, and the faces of our merchants expand at their sight.

—Mr. McCarthy, of Toronto, has purchased the 200 acre block of pine in this township from Mr. Alexander Stewart, also of Toronto, for $22,000 and will have a gang of men busy getting out square timber through the winter.

—We have received a copy of the handsome portrait of Hon. W. E. Gladstone, given by the publishers of the London *Advertiser* to their weekly subscribers for 1880. It is a beautiful portrait in black and tint, and will no doubt be appreciated by those receiving it.

—After waiting patiently upon many dilatory subscribers for a long time, we feel it to be our duty to remind them that our terms are $1.00 per annum in advance, or $1.50 if not so paid. Some subscribers have quite exhausted our patience, being behind for two, and even for three years. These are respectfully but firmly requested to pay up at once.

## Personals.

Mr. Ezra Hill, of Peru, is paying his friends in Acton a visit.

Miss Minnie Secord, of Hamilton, is visiting her Acton friends.

We had a pleasant call from Mr. Emanuel Garrett, of Galt, on Monday last.

Mr. Graham Lawson and wife left here for East Freemont, Mich. on Tuesday morning.

Mr. W. J. Watson left on Tuesday morning for Ridgetown, where he has secured a good situation.

Mrs. J. E. McGarvin, who has been visiting friends in Orangeville during the past few weeks, returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. John Kelly, who has been employed in the general store of Messrs. Christie, Henderson & Co. of this village, for several years past, left for New York on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Peter Sayers and wife, of Nassagaweya, arrived here from New York on Friday evening, on their way home. They have been visiting friends in the above State during the past week or two.


Paints, Oils Varnishes, etc., of all kinds, at Very Reasonable prices, at McGarvin's Drug Store Acton.


CHRISTMAS TREE.—The officers and teachers of the Methodist Sunday School of this village, intend holding their anniversary entertainment and Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

BUSINESS EDUCATION.—Those desirous of obtaining a first-class business education, should attend the Ontario Business College, Belleville. Terms and particulars can be had by applying at this office.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday last Mr. Wm. Farr, butcher, had two of the fingers on his right hand badly cut with a piece of broken glass. The cords of the fingers were cut and he has been unable to use his hand since.

OUR GRAIN MARKET.—During the past week there has been a general rise in the price of grain. Barley has taken a great jump and is now worth 90c. to $1.00, and wheat is now worth $1.10 to $1.15. A great quantity of grain is now being bought here.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE—Yesterday's meteorological probabilities predicts another cold snap, as follows:—"South-easterly and southerly winds for remainder of the day, cloudy weather with snow. There is another cold wave approaching from the West."

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—We are informed that a Young People's Mutual Improvement Society has been organized in connection with St. Alban's church of this village. Entertainments are held among the members of the society every fortnight. We understand that a very successful meeting took place at the residence of Mr. J. Henry Smith last evening.

OUR STORY.—"The Queen's Birthday," or "a Keg of Spike Nails," the story commenced in to-day's FREE PRESS, will be found by our readers to be a very interesting one. The story is original, having never before appeared in print, and, as the scene is placed at Niagara, many who read it will be acquainted with the various points mentioned throughout the tale. It is founded on fact and will be worth reading.

ACTON BANK.—Mr. H.H. Kittredge, formerly of Park Hill, has just established a banking house in our village, in the brick block opposite Agnew's hotel, on Main St. Mr. Kittredge will transact a general banking business, discount notes, lend money on approved notes, and allow interest on deposits. Reference, the Bank of Montreal. The new bank will be a great convenience to the business men of the village, and they should patronize it and make it a permanent success.

THE COLD SNAP.—Three or four inches of snow fell in this vicinity last week. On Saturday the wind veered from the south-west to the north-west, and blew a gale with increasing bitterness. The cold became intense on Sunday, the thermometer at one time recording several degrees below zero. It is now, however, milder. The roads are in good condition, and, with a few inches more snow, would make first-class sleighing.

WHERE TO BUY.—If our readers would know the best and cheapest houses in town they should refer to the advertising columns of the FREE PRESS. Those who advertise generally do the largest business, and selling more than those who do not, can afford to sell cheaper and still have large profits. Those who cannot afford to advertise, can save, only in rare instances; and under exceptional circumstances do a large business, and very seldom keep large, fresh and good stocks.

## Notice.

The West Half of Lot No. 23, in the 2nd Concession of Esquesing, Co. of Halton, the property of Charles John McDonald, will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, 1880, at 12 o'clock noon, on the Market Square, in the City of Guelph, subject to a Mortgage for $2,300.00. For further particulars apply to

MESSRS. DENT & HODGE,
BARRISTERS,
Mitchell, Ont.

MORE STYLE AGAIN.—It is difficult to predict with much certainty what will yet befall that ambitious village, Acton. It seizes hold of every new-fangled notion and appropriates it to its own benefit, without regard to adaptability or custom. The latest departure is in the matter of street lamps. It is now to be lighted at night by twenty street lamps. We can't see why the people there can't feel their way along the streets on a dark night, the same as we have to do here. But then we must remember that Milton ain't proud, neither is her Council. We wouldn't mind putting our Council against any other in the province in the matter of modestly doing nothing. They seem to work by precedent—try to follow the general line of policy which has been followed year after year by former Councils, and never take the trouble to keep themselves posted on the growing needs of the town.—*Milton News*. Perhaps Acton is proud. At any rate we have a council which looks after the interests of our citizens, and makes such improvements as can be afforded without too great a strain on the village exchequer. We are well satisfied with the progress our little town is making, and we have conceit enough to conclude that at no very distant day it will equal several older towns in the county that we are acquainted with.

—Saturday night was blizzardy.

—Compare Acton markets with those of Guelph.

—Judicious advertising is the keystone of success.

—Mr. Vennor's November has not been hot enough to burn yet.

—The joyous jingle of the merry, merry sleighbells is now heard.

WOOD.—We will accept a few cords of good hardwood or hemlock, in payment of subscriptions.

—This may be Indian summer; but it will require a great deal of Indianuity to convince some people that it is.

—Sparrows are becoming very numerous here. Their merry twitter is very cheering these cold winter days.

SPLENDID OFFER.—We will give the *Canadian Farmer* and the FREE PRESS from now to the 1st January, 1882, for $1.75.

—A shooting match will be held at Nicklin's Mill, in this village, on Saturday, commencing at one o'clock. Turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens will be put up.

—The G. T. R. official car, containing Mr. W. J. Spicer, Asst. Supt. of the road, and other officials, passed through Acton for Montreal on Friday evening.

—Auction sale bills printed neatly, cheaply and on short notice at this office. Parties favoring up with their orders will receive a *free* notice of sale in the FREE PRESS.

—The house plants suffered severely by the frost on Saturday and Sunday nights. We hear of several cases where plants were frozen in the same room where a coal fire was burning all night.

—A lady friend says that leap year is rapidly passing, and she would like to see a few more weddings take place in Acton before its termination. Her advice is, girls, take time by the forelock.

—Guelph *Mercury*: One of the small message boys of the Montreal Telegraph Co. found a ten dollar bill, and on handing it to the owner, the latter offered the boy a glass of beer for his honesty. The breadth of liberality.

## HALTON COUNTY NEWS.

### Georgetown.

Presbyterian anniversary services on Sunday, 28th November. Entertainment on the evening of Monday, 29th. —*Herald.*

A freight car containing goods consigned to Grant & Thompson of this place, was broken into in the freight yard, Toronto, and a lot of valuable goods taken.—*Herald.*

James Clark was brought up before Messrs. Ruston and McKay, J. P's, for an assault upon Joshua Fitz on Monday last. He was fined two dollars and costs. Fine and costs were paid.—*Herald.*

At a meeting of the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, held on Monday evening, it was decided that, in order to make the Library as generally available as possible, the subscription to the Library for the second member of a family whose head is already a member, shall be fifty cents, and the third, twenty-five cents per annum respectively.—*Herald.*

### Milton.

Since last issue, one, two, three, four, five, six hotel-keepers have refused the News.—*News.*

Mrs. Rowe, sister of Geo. Smith, Esq., slipped and fell on the side-walk on Tuesday evening, and broke her leg near the ankle.—*Champion.*

Mr. Casey, of the Napanee *Casket*, preached in the Methodist Church here on Sunday evening, and lectured in the Town Hall on Monday night.—*Champion.*

An effort is being made to reorganize the Good Templar Lodge in this town. Wonder if the hotel-keepers here have any objections to the move? There is no reason why a really good Lodge should not be in existence here.—*News.*

Last year the rate of taxation in this town was 18 mills on the dollar. Even with that rate the funds in the treasury were sometimes very low, once, indeed, they fell to about 75 cents. This year the Council levied a rate of 16 mills.—*News.*

### Oakville.

The propeller *Lake Ontario* took on board 800 barrels of apples here on Monday night for Montreal. This is the last trip the *Ontario* will make this season.—*Standard.*

There are a great many rumors in circulation regarding the coming municipal elections in Oakville. For the Mayoralty there are two candidates already in the field, and whose claims are being quietly advocated by their respective friends. Several new men are mentioned as likely to run for Councillors.—*Express.*

## Nassagaweya News.

*From our own correspondent.*

Mr. James Milne's new saw mill is almost completed, and will be running in a few days.

Prospect Division is adding to its ranks every week. Two new members were initiated last evening.

The Scott Act question is being well ventilated in the township. Meetings are held in almost every school house in the vicinity, and are well attended.

Mr. Wm. McCaul, a respected young man about 18 years of age, and an adopted son of Mr. Isaac Burns, died on Sunday evening last, from the effects of the kick of a horse received in the abdomen at a threshing at Mr. Alex. McPhail's about 3 or 4 days previous.


READ THIS TWICE. Five to thirty drops of THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL will cure common Sore throat. If proper fails in Croup. It will cure a cough or cold in twenty-four to forty-eight hours. One bottle has cured Bronchitis of eight years standing; recent cases are cured in three to six days. It has restored the voice where the person had not spoken above a whisper in five years. As an outward application in all cases of pain or lameness, nothing like it has ever been known. One bottle will cure any case of lame Back or Crick in the Back. For diseases of the Spine and Contraction of the Muscles it is unequalled. In Rheumatic or any other pain the first application does you good. It stops Ear-ache and the pain of a burn in three minutes, and is altogether the cheapest medicine ever offered to the people—the cheapest, because it takes so little to do you good. It is composed of six of the best oils known, and nothing but oils. Is worth its weight in gold. Why not buy it to day?—A. B. DESROCHERS, assistant postmaster, Arthabaskaville, P. Q., writes: Thirteen years ago I was seized by a severe attack of Rheumatism in the head from which I have nearly constantly suffered. After having used "Thomas' Eclectric Oil" for nine days, bathing the forehead, I have been completely cured, and have only used half a bottle. This I can certify on her oath if you wish."—Rev. J. Mallory, of Wyoming, N. Y., writes: "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cured me of Bronchitis in one week.

Beware of Imitations.—Ask for Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. See that the signature of S. N. Thomas is on the wrapper, and the names of Northrop & Lyman are blown in the bottle, and TAKE NO OTHER. Sold by all medicine dealers. Price 25 cts. NORTHROP & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont., Proprietors for the Dominion.

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A simple, pure, harmless remedy that cures every time and prevents disease by keeping the blood pure, stomach regular, kidneys and liver active, is the greatest blessing ever conferred upon mans. How Bitters is that remedy, and its proprietors are being blessed by thousands who have been saved and cured by it. Will you try it. See other column.

Yellow Oil is the great pain panacea, magical in its power over pain and inflammation. It cures Rheumatism and Neuralgia, Lame Back and Spinal Affections, Contraction of Cords and Muscles. Used externally and internally. For sale by all dealers.

**Doctors Gave Him Up.**

Is it possible that Mr. Godfray is up and at work and cured by so simple a remedy? I assure you it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters, and only ten days ago his old doctor gave him up and said he must die!

Well-a-day! If that is so, I will go this minute and get some for poor George. I know hops are good.

Free the system of impurities, excite the secretions to a healthy action, cleanse the blood, and tone up the weakened nerves, with that matchless medicine, Burdock Blood Bitters. It cures Scrofula, Liver and Kidney Complaints, Jaundice, Constipation, Dyspepsia, Headache, Nervous and General Debility, and all Female Complaints. Every dealer in medicine can supply you with Burdock Blood Bitters. Sample bottles 10 cents, regular size $1.00.

ZOPESA, from Brazil, is now come into Canada. It is a mild purgative, acting as a wonder upon, and giving strength and energy to the digestive Apparatus of the human stomach, correcting and increasing the acids. It is strongly antibilious and carries off all surplus bile, tones up the Liver, gives sound digestion and speedy health to the dyspeptic and the billious. Ask J. E. McGarvin for a ten cent sample bottle and test ZOPESA, the new compound, large Eight ounce Bottles 75 cents.

Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam is the most safe, pleasant and perfect remedy known for all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all Pectoral Complaints, in the most speedy manner. A few doses will relieve the most troublesome cough in children or adults. For sale by all dealers, at 25 cents per bottle.

Croup, that dire disease, has lost its terrors to those who keep Yellow Oil at hand. Yellow Oil also cures Sore Throat, Quinsey, Congestion and Inflammation of the Lungs. Now is the season to guard against sudden attacks of Diseases. Ask your Druggist for Hagyard's Yellow Oil.

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## We are Selling

Heavy 50c Factory Flannel for 39c.
" 25c Wincey Shirting for 18c.
" $1.25 double fold Coating for 95c.
" 2.25 " " Beaver " for $1.75
" 1.00 Velvet, (Wide) for 70c.
Fine 1.25 Lace Curtains, for $1.00.
Fine 35c Cashmere for 25c.
Heavy 50c Dress Goods for 25c.
Fine 22c Dress Goods for 15c.
Etc., Etc., Etc.

## IN GROCERIES

3 lbs. Splendid Tea for $1.00.
Find 30c Coffee for 25c.
Corn Starch, 3 packages for 25c.
Baking Powder, 3 packages for 25c.
Biscuits, 3 lbs. for 22c.
Etc., Etc.

**Great Reductions in Millinery.**

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## THE MAIL.

THE MAIL is a marvel of journalistic success.—MONCTON (N.B.) TIMES.

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The Opposition Approves.—We like its heading, its make-up, its typography, its impressions—everything about it. In fact, save in its editorial columns. If it could be published in the interest of the country and not of a political party, we should be greatly rejoiced at its success.—ST. CATHARINES NEWS.

THE

The Toronto Mail is undoubtedly at the present time the leading journal in Canada, both in enterprise and ability as well as in circulation and political influence.—HALIFAX (N.S.) HERALD.

LARGEST

Largest and Best.—The Largest and Best newspaper in the Dominion.—OTTAWA HERALD.

AND

Takes the Lead.—THE MAIL now takes the lead.—STRATFORD TIMES.

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Most Decidedly the Best.—THE MAIL is most decidedly the best paper in Canada. Canada can boast of as good a paper as the United States or England.—THORNBURY STANDARD.

PAPER

The Largest and Best daily newspaper published in Canada, if not on the continent.—TILSONBURG OBSERVER.

IN

The Paper of Canada.—A paper of which Canada may have reason to feel proud.—WHITBY CHRONICLE.

CANADA.

Praise from New York.—The rise & growth of the TORONTO MAIL are among the marvels of journalism. Founded only eight years ago, it is to-day unequalled in Canada as a newspaper, and surpassed by few journals in the United States. Its prosperity cannot be questioned, and it is a pleasure to say it deserves it.—UTICA (N.Y.) HERALD.

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ADDRESS,
THE MAIL,
Toronto.


NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All parties indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts by the 27th inst., otherwise they will be placed in other hands for collection.

A. W. GREEN.

Acton, Nov. 18th, 1880.

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