

## THE FREE PRESS.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 2, 1889.

### The Scott Act.

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### Cost of Royalty.

The cost of royalty well set forth in the telegraphic news from London. The statement was made, and caused a decided sensation in all circles, social and political, that Mr. Gladstone has been requested by the Queen to apply to Parliament at its forthcoming session for a grant of £10,000 to help the Prince of Wales pay off such of his debts as are considered pressing, and for an addition of £10,000 a year to His Royal Highness's allowance—£49,000 a year—irrespective of the net revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall (which amounted to nearly £270,000 a year), and of the Princess' £10,000. It is further stated that Mr. Gladstone declined, "respectfully, but firmly," to comply with the request, alleging that, if any such grant or increased allowances were required, it should be made by the Queen herself—not asked from the public purse. We think Mr. Gladstone's head is level.

### The Biddulph Murder Trials.

The trial of the Biddulph prisoners is set for the 26th of January. This will be the first criminal case in western Ontario in which a special commission has been ordered by the Crown authorities, and under these circumstances, but little is known of the mode of procedure. By inquiring at headquarters it has been learned that the Lieutenant Governor possesses the power to order a special trial whenever it is deemed expedient. The order having been issued, a jury is summoned in the usual way. Each special assize, however, is arranged according to the necessities and nature of the case, and in the present instance a panel of fully one hundred jurors will be summoned. Owing to the fact that the selection of jurors is just now in progress throughout the various municipalities of the county, and will not be completed until the 31st of December, it was absolutely impossible to have the trial take place before the date fixed. In the event of a disagreement the case will rest precisely where it was before, with the exception that there will be stronger arguments for allowing the prisoners out on bail, and a change of venue.

### 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.—A letter appeared in last week's FREE PRESS over the signature of J. E. McGarvin, in answer to one the week before, from the merchants of Acton, complaining of the unjust and one-sided action of the council in reference to putting a merchant's advertisement on the street lamps, about to be erected in the village. Why he should take up the cudgel to defend the council, we cannot conceive, as no reference was made reflecting on him whatever, only that we considered it a smart dodge on his part. We blamed the council for the favoritism shown in not giving other merchants a chance to tender for the same privilege, if it was the intention to allow an advertisement to be put on the public lamps, an unprecedented thing which no one thought of. J. E. McG— says that it is at least contemptible on the part of the originator of the said letter, and hints at showing the real reason why it was peined, which the public do not know. We presume that J. E. McG— thinks it is because one of us (probably the originator of the document) did not get the chance to have his ad. on the lamps, and we would say it is a very good reason.

Rockwood News.  
From our own correspondent.

Mr. G. Haight has just returned from a hunting expedition to Muskoka, and we learn that he has had excellent success in deer hunting.

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considering the way the job was let, but if J. E. McG— knows of any other reason, let us hear it. Another matter which we wish to refer to is a clause in Mr. Municipal Clerk's letter, which hints that some of those who signed that letter would not have done so if they had not been misinformed as regards the style of lettering. We wish to inform him that every man whose name is attached to that letter fully endorsed and cheerfully signed it when presented to them, and when he threw out such a hint, he writes what he knows to be false, for it be takes the trouble of conversing with any of the members, he will find they all agree regarding that matter, and particularly the way in which the job was let. The council can make no defense, they know they have done wrong, and therefore remain silent, but our village scribe, not letting the opportunity go by, must inform the people of Acton that J. E. McGarvin is the merciful referred to, and makes such a miserable attempt at defending the council and himself, that we put it down as pure gush.

The facts in our latter were set forth plain enough, and shows that we do not want any advertisement on our public lamps, and we are sure the public will agree with what we have written as regards this matter.

We remain yours etc.,  
Geo. Hinds, J. Chapman,  
A. W. Green, Dr. R. Morrow,  
J. W. Mann, A. Scord,  
C. T. Hill, B. Haslett.  
Acton, Nov. 30th, 1889.

[We think the above subject has now been sufficiently ventilated through our columns, and after allowing a reply to the above letter we will positively decline to publish anything further on the subject.—Ed. Free Press.]

**HALTON COUNTY NEWS.**  
Georgetown.

A new platform is being laid at the Grand Trunk station.—*Herold.*

Travellers complain greatly of the lack of a comfortable waiting room at the junction. Surely the two roads ought to be able to remedy this evil.—*Herold.*

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

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

—10,000 lbs. of Turkey, Ducks, Green and Chickens wanted, for which current market prices will be paid.—*Pick Dry—Don't Sead.* Christie, Henderson & Co.

—A young man was picked up off the sidewalk on Saturday night in a semi-frozen condition. Cause, intoxication, comment unnecessary.—*Champion.*

At a meeting of the Cemetery Company on Tuesday evening it was decided to procure a charter of incorporation before buying any land.—*Champion.*

A correspondence is flourishing in the Georgetown Herald from numbers of the Acton and Norval bands, about unical matters, in which two Milted musicians figure.—*Champion.*

There is trouble in Acton over one of the merchants offering the sum of 50 cents per lamp for the privilege of having his name and business painted on the village street lamps. It has raised the green-eyed monster, twelve other merchants having signed their names to a protest and published it in the Free Press.—*News.*

Oakville can boast of a fire company and two engines.—*Standard.*

It is our painful duty to announce the death of R. W. Smith, Esq., who died on Wednesday morning, after a prolonged illness, of consumption.—*Standard.*

**KING OF THE DRY GOODS.**

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that Mr. H. H. H. has been requested to deliver his lecture in Etobicoke at an early date.

Pork is "coming down" in Rockwood. A man passing through here a few evenings ago with a load of pork dropped one of the pigs from his sleigh, and on becoming aware of his loss turned to find it, but some person else liked pork as well as he did, had appropriated it to himself and has since been enjoying cheap pork, for it has not been heard of.

The villagers are in general glad that the snow has come, for it has filled up the holes in the sidewalks which would otherwise have been left open for people to stumble over.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**BRIGHT NEW YEAR**

**Boys and Girls, Ladies and Gentlemen**

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That owing to J. E. McGarvin, Druggist, Acton, having the largest and most varied stock of Christmas and New Year's Goods in this part of the country, suitable for all classes of people—old and young—rich and poor, I have appointed his store to be my headquarters, henceforth, where I intend keeping all my presents.

Don't forget the place. Call and see my stock and choose what you would like.

I am your old friend

**SANTA CLAUS.**

Cloudland, Dec. 1st, 1889.

**Stoves! Stoves!**

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**Do not fail to see**

**HAVILL'S STOCK OF STOVES.**

**The Cheapest and Best Variety in Town.**

**FASHIONABLE TAILORING.**

The subscriber wishes to announce to the people of Acton and vicinity that he has opened out in the premises lately occupied by L. G. Matthews, next to the post office.

& complete assortment of Cloths and Twists, suitable for the Fall and Win-

ter Trade, and is prepared to make them up in the latest styles, and

offer 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.**

**B. HASLETT HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE STOCK OF**

**NEW FALL GOODS.**

**COMPRISED IN**

**French Merinos, Cashmeres, Lustres, Colored and**

**Plain Winceys, Gents' Underclothing, Ladies'**

**Underwears, Berlin and Fingering Wools,**

**Colored Stocking Goods, and**

**A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF**

**FANCY GOODS,**

**All of which he will sell cheap for cash or trade.**

**B. HASLETT.**

**Silver Medal.**

**Two Years Awards—Nine First Prizes.**

**SILVER MEDAL and DIPLOMA on Upholstered Goods and Cabinet Work.**

**We were awarded the only Silver Medal ever offered for special excellence in Uphol-**

**In this department we take the lead and challenge competition. Ordard work to receive prompt attention. Inspection cordially invited.**

**WORSFOLD & CO.**

**Sign of the Chair, Hazelton's Block, Upper Wyndham St., Guelph, Ont.**

## THE CHEAP CASH STORE!

### GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

The undersigned would inform the people of Acton and surrounding

country that he has purchased the stock and business of Mr. A.

W. GREEN, and is prepared to sell at greatly reduced

pries, and solicits a continuance of the patronage

heretofore bestowed on the store. He has just

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