THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 9, 1880.

Municipal Matters.

As the time for the municipal elections draws near, the candidates for the village council for the coming year begin to come to the front, and we will in all probability have a much livelier contest than has been the case for several previous years. Considerable speculation as to who will compose the new council is heard, and little groups of citizens are frequently observed on the streets and in the various shops of the village, conversing on the subject, and giving their individual opinions as to the merits or demerits of the various persons named as probable candidates at the coming municipal elections.

The following ratepayers are mentioned as suitable candidates for nomination:—For reeve, Messrs. D. D. Christie, C. S. Smith, W. H. Storey, John Speight, and Dr. McGarvin; for councillors, Messrs. Dr. Lowry, M. Speight, Robert Warren, Dr. Morrow, Samuel Moore, Edward Nicklin, J. B. Carter, Thomas Moore and Jas. Brown. There will no doubt be other candidates than those already mentioned, by the time nomination day arrives, but this is, so far as we can learn, the position of affairs at present. As other candidates are brought forward their names will be made known to our readers.

It is not an unfrequent occurrence to hear ratepayers express themselves as dissatisfied with the manner in which the present council were elected. We think, however, that the election was carried on in a proper way, and in the manner prescribed by law, and if the ratepayers were not satisfied with the candidates nominated, they should have nominated others and demanded a poll. The members of the present council will no doubt satisfactorily explain any questions that may be raised on the coming nomination day.

Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division met in the school house on Monday evening, Dec. 6th, pursuant to adjournment. Members present, Messrs. J. Speight, chairman, D. Henderson, M. Speight, S. Moore, J. Leahy and A. Leahy.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Communications from Miss McKellar and Miss Grant, accepting re-engagement for second and third departments from the Minister of Education, referring to exemption of teachers' residence, also circular in reference to third class certificates were received and read.

The Finance Committee presented their ninth report and recommended payment of the following accounts:—

Thomas Moore, salary for Nov. & Dec, less $2.00, half year superannuation subscription,		$37.08
Miss McKellar,	" "	50.00
Miss Grant,	" "	37.50
Mrs. Hughes,	" "	12.50
H. P. Moore, taxes on teachers' residence,		2.00
R. Little, superannuation sub.		2.00
Total.		$194.23.

Your committee recommend the chairman to issue his cheque in favor of the treasurer for the sum required to pay the same.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by M. Speight, that the report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted. Carried.

Moved by S. Moore, seconded by J. Leahy, that the Board adjourn to meet at the office of the Secretary on Tuesday the 7th inst., at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The Board met in the Secretary's office on Tuesday evening, members all present.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by Jos. Leahy, and resolved that the place for holding the nomination and election of Public School Trustees for the ensuing year shall be Matthews Hall, in the village of Acton, and that Henry P. Moore be and is hereby appointed Returning Officer to hold such nomination and election, and that the chairman and returning officer give notice of such meeting forthwith. Carried.

Moved by Samuel Moore, seconded by M. Speight, that the chairman be and is hereby instructed to deposit the funds of this board with H. H. Kittredge, banker, of this village, providing that he can make a satisfactory agreement as to interest.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by S. Moore, that H. P. Moore be and is hereby appointed to take census of children within school age in Acton School Division as required by law, and that he be paid four dollars for such service. Carried.

Board adjourned to meet on Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1880.

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.—I must again refer briefly to the above subject. I wish to say that I did not take up the *cudgel* in defence of the council, but in defence of my own business interests. I showed plainly enough in my last letter that I was fully entitled to the street lamp advertising, and all this fuss and clamor against my scheme has—so far as I can ascertain—been caused by one person, and that person is one who is now only publicly showing the petty business jealousy which he has exercised towards me ever since I started business in Acton, and takes this means to try and get up an agitation against me. The assertion that the business men of Acton do not want any advertisements upon our public lamps, comes with very poor grace from one, who, failing to get his advertisement upon the glass, has even been negotiating to secure the posts of the street lamps whereon to advertise. Just think of the consistency of this. My last letter showed very clearly that all had exactly the same chance to secure the street lamp advertising that I had, and because some did not happen to think of the plan they want to call it a *job*. All this subsequent opposition may be attributed to a lack of business enterprise, and also shows a spirit unbecoming any true business man. The letter in last week's issue contains several false statements, any person, however intelligent, comparing that letter with mine which appeared two weeks ago will notice this, and will also notice a very queer jumble of *epithets* and a marked *absence of argument* in last week's letter which leads me to think that the writer did not have my letter before him at the time he wrote, but trusted too much to an incompetent memory. I *never stated* or *even hinted* that those who signed the first letter had been misinformed regarding the style of lettering to be put upon the glass. What I stated was not false, but perfectly true, as not one of the signers of that letter had taken the trouble to ascertain what style of lettering I intended to use, and again, I *did not* use the word "contemptibly" in the sense referred to in their letter, but I used it in a very appropriate place, and the term as applied was not too strong or too forcible for the occasion. The little common sense shown by the writer of last week's letter when he thinks that a municipal council must need rush into print to defend its acts, is too palpable to need comment from me.

I feel flattered by having the term "pure gush" applied to my defence of my rights, as it is a common occurrence now a days for a person, who, finding his cause weakening and himself unable to cope with his opponent's ideas, to attempt to put down the opposite arguments as *pure gush*, and I find a very striking example of this in last week's letter.

Since writing my last letter I have been endeavoring to ascertain the public opinion regarding my scheme of advertising, and I find that the public feeling is not unfavorable towards it, especially upon assuring themselves that the light of the lamps will not in any degree be obscured. I do not wish to do anything against the wishes of the people, but I do not consider that the jealous rantings of other business men at all represents the voice of the people, and I am sure that the dog-in-the-manger spirit shown by an acknowledged opponent of mine, will not be appreciated by your readers.

Thanking you for the courtesy shown me,

I remain,

yours truly,

J. E. McGARVIN.

Acton, 7th Dec., 1880.

Plain Questions.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—Why should the houses kept up for the entertainment of travellers be more dangerous to the morals of those who frequent them, than other necessary houses of trade? What makes them so? Why should intoxicating drinks be deemed necessary in the rooms and bar-rooms of our hotels when we can endure the cold and heat of our climate, and multitudinous callings as well, and much better, without them? Why should we place snares and traps in the pathway of life, and punish the unwary for falling into them? Is there any christian charity in the soul of that man who for the sake of gratifying a base and unnatural lust for a glass of liquor now and then is giving his countenance and support to a trade that ruins thousands in our country for time and eternity?

QUERIST.

Esquesing, Dec. 7th, 1880.

Notices Worth Attention.

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

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

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

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

—Fresh Bulk Oysters at the Excelsior Bakery.

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

—LADIES mantles—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 Ball Castor at A. Secord & Co's.

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

—THE best 12½ cent Winsey at Christie, Henderson & Co's.

—IF you want a nobby, 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, Acton.

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

—Scotch, English and Canadian Suitings in great variety, at the East End Clothing store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

MANTLES—The newest styles in ladies' cloth mantles, cheap. Close inspection of goods 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 Dry—Don't Scald. 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. Thanking their many patrons for past favors, they respectfully solicit inspection of their new Fall Goods, which will, they believe, be found very attractive and very cheap—Remember the Famous 50c. Tea, sold in 5 lb. lots at 45c.

—McQuillan & Hamilton, of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, are noted for giving satisfaction to those favoring them with their orders. If you need anything in their line be sure and remember them. They do a very large business, consequently they are able to give better terms, and keep better workmen than smaller works. Send to them for particulars.

ZOPESA.—I have secured the agency for this new compound for Dyspepsia and Liver Troubles. It comes to me under most favorable auspices, being very highly endorsed and recommended. Its wonderful affinity to the Digestive Organs and the Liver, increasing the dissolving juices, correcting the acids and carrying off impurities of the Stomach and regulating the Liver, can be tested by securing a sample bottle which sells at 10 cts., or large Eight ounce Bottles at 75 cents.—J. E. McGarvin.

—Gents, we will save your money by leaving your orders with us. We have an immense stock to choose from. Gents' Furnishings in great variety. Immense piles of Overcoats and Ready Made Clothing. Cheapest Goods in Canada. Mammoth House, Georgetown—McLeod, Anderson & Co.

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.

—Look here, we have some of the cheapest Dry Goods in the world. 28 inch Gray Flannel for 25c per yard; Dress Goods for 10c, original price 20c.
" 12c, " 25c.
" 15c, " 30c.
Wineys for 5c. 9c, 10c, worth double the price, black and colored. Cashmeres; Colored Dress Silks, Blk. Dress Silks, Millinery, Shawls, and ladies Furs, immense bargains. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown.

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.

WHEN EXAMINED AFTER DEATH, the lungs of those who have died of tubercular consumption are found to be honeycombed with little cells full of purulent matter. To this terrible condition the lungs of any one may be brought who neglects a cough or cold. Unfortunately, many so-called cough remedies are ineffective as well as impure, containing ingredients absolutely prejudicial to the physical well being of those who use them. There is, however, a source of renewed health and strength upon which persons harrassed and weakened by lung and bronchial affections can depend with certainty. We refer to Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, which is justly esteemed throughout the Dominion for its effectiveness and purity. The medical faculty have long recognized the value of purified oil, obtained from the cod's liver, in throat and lung affections, and the hypophosphites are universally prescribed in cases of pulmonary decline and general debility. In this preparation the phosphorus which it contains (phosphorus being an important natural constituent of the physical organism) serves to supply stamina and vitality, by enriching the blood, while the lime and soda are of incalculable service in solidifying and strengthening the bones. This medicine not only counteracts pulmonary inflammation and arrests physical decline, but is a valuable remedy in scrofulous cases. As a means of checking and compensating for the tremendous waste of bodily tissue caused by lung and chest diseases—of healing and soothing the irritated membrane of the breathing organs, and of promoting the development of pure, rich blood, this preparation has no equal. All druggists sell it.

1500 Christmas and New Year's Cards to select from, at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton. Fine Assortment.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

T. H. HARDING

—HAS JUST OPENED A FRESH STOCK OF—

GROCERIES,
CONFECTIONERY, &C

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS.

3 Bars of Walker Soap for 45c.
60c Tea selling for 50c.
75c Tea selling for 65c.
40c Tea selling for 35c.
3 Cans Mustard for 25c.
3 pounds Currants for 25c.
11 pounds Light Sugar for $1.00.
Etc., etc., etc.

Our Goods will give all customers Satisfaction.

T. H. HARDING.

P.S.—Christmas Candies just to hand, cheap.

Santa Claus' Headquarters.

J. E. McGARVIN, DRUGGIST, ACTON.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
BRIGHT NEW YEAR

Boys and Girls, Ladies and Gentlemen
ONE AND ALL.

TAKE NOTICE—

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, 1880.

Stoves! Stoves!

STOVES.

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, a complete assortment of CLOTHS and TWEEDS, 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.

B. HASLETT HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE STOCK OF

NEW FALL GOODS,

—COMPRISING—

French Merinos, Cashmeres, Lustres, Colored and Plain Winceys, Gents' Underclothing, Ladies' Undervests, 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.

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 of a very fine all w of texture, 44 inches wide, and sold regularly at $1 per yard, and we are enabled to offer the whole lot at 75¼ 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 whold lot. Our Toroto friends are selling them freely at 80 cents per yard, but as the quantity which we were compelled to take is much larger than our ordinary trade demands we have decided to create a grand sensation by offering them at 75¼ cents—FIFTY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF CENTS per yard.

We have also made special reductions 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' Underware, 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 Kilournan Tweeds, Our Harris Tweeds, Our Eildore 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 right materials. The Fashionable West End is bound to lay before its customers the very latest productions of British and Foreign looms

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment, Guelph.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Silver Medal

Upholstery.

Two Years Awards—Nine First Prizes.

SILVER MEDAL and DIPLOMA on Upholstered Goods and Cabinet Ware. We were awarded the only Silver Medal ever offered for special excellence in Upholstery.

In this department we take the lead and challenge competition. Ordered work will receive prompt attention. Inspection cordially invited.

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