

# Make Your Homes Happy on Xmas and New Year's.

SEE MY GREAT STOCK OF

Xmas and New Year Cards, Toys, Dolls, Vases, Albums, Plated Ware, and other Beautiful Presents.

THE LARGEST STOCK IN TOWN.

SIGN OF THE BIG WATCH.

JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS STORE, ACTON.

GEO. HYNDS.

## THE FREE PRESS.

ACTON, THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 1880.

**STILL AHEAD.**—Without doubt the Largest Selection and Best Variety of Xmas Presents ever shown in one store in Acton. Call in and see. No trouble to show you the goods. Sign of the Big Watch. Geo. Hynds, Jewellery & Fancy Goods Store.

### Local and Other Notings.

Stormy weather.

Stating rink opens to night.

A little snow would improve things.

The latest conundrum. Who will be village-reverie to 1881?

The next meeting of the County Council will take place on the 14th inst.

Did a "smiling landscape" ever commit itself so far as to laugh out loud.

Plant your Christmas advertisements. The Free Press is the most fertile soil.

Two weeks more and the little folk can hang up their Christmas stockings.

Your vote and influence, &c., is the watchword of municipal candidates at present.

Christmas cards seem to be more beautiful than ever this season. There are several good stocks in town.

The sidewalks will have to be up-held if people persist in sitting down so imprudently as they are doing.

Call at the Free Press Office and see the latest work executed by Mr. Clark, Sculptor. Very suitable for Xmas presents.

When a man gives your head a hearty grasp about this time of the year, ask him if it is a friendly or municipal shake.

We miss the loaves at the street corners now, and the ladies sometimes wish the cold weather would last all the year round.

Our merchants say that business is Acton is improving. The business of the past two weeks has been better than known for a long time.

The *Geoph Herald* reporter was recently taken for the chief of police. One of the days he will be taken by the chief of police.

A number of the young folks of our village attended the opening of the Georgetown skating rink last Friday night. They say they had an enjoyable time.

Eligible young bachelors are beginning to lose their heads, careworn look. Only another month, and they will enjoy perfect immunity for four or five years.

When you want any printing done be sure and call at our office and quote prices. We have facilities second to none for doing all kinds of printing. Make a trial of it.

This is a very interesting and witty copy of the Free Press with a frisk at a distance would be pleased to receive. Expect ready for mailing can be had at the office of publication.

Advertise your stray cattle. If you have lost any, they may be causing you a will damage in somebody's barn yard; if you have any in your possession, you may have your trouble with them for nothing, and be liable to prosecution as well for not advertising them.

Agton Free Press: "The Barrie Advance of last week contained ten election cards candidates for the town council. Municipal matters must run high there." More than ten this week, dear fellow. But "municipal matters" don't run particularly high here. Only candidates take a respectable, legitimate and easy way of coming before the public, viz., by means of the press. Barrie Advance. Acton municipal candidates should follow the good example of the Barrie people.

The *Markham Economist* tells of Mr. Edward Foxcroft, of the township of Barrow, who associated the township collector a few days ago when paying his taxes by handing him one dollar more than the amount of the assessment, and remarking: "I did intend to kill my dog, and told the assessor so, hence I was not assessed for him. I neglected it, and have a right to pay taxes for him." The collector reported this to the Council of last meeting. It was simply his honest duty, but we fear there are a large number of dogs whose owners escape paying taxes on them in this manner.

Personal.

Mr. Core, of Geoph, is visiting her Acton friends.

Mr. Edward Nicklin is laid up with a fever on his right hand.

Miss Daisy Firstbrook, of Toronto paid her Acton friends a visit this week.

Mr. Milton Neelands, of Ottawa, spent several days this week with his friends here.

Mr. D. Decker, of California, has been visiting his Acton friends during the past week.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A slight worth seeing. Geo. Hynds's great stock of Xmas Toys, Vases, Albums and other beautiful presents. See my Large Stock of Beautiful Xmas and New Year Cards, from 1 ct. upwards. The best in town. Sign of the Big Watch. Geo. Hynds, Jewellery & Fancy Goods Store, Acton.

Hours shoe sharpening is in order.

Get your presents ready for the Christmas Trees.

Nassagaweya and Stewarttown correspondence crowded out this week.

The winter porch has been placed at the front entrance to the post office.

For Beaconsfield's new novel, "Enidymion," call at J. E. McGarvin's drug store.

To keep spectacles from spoiling—put them in a dry cellar, of easy access to a large family of children.

Mr. Newton's (Limehouse) letter to "Municipal Councillors," is crowded out this week. Will appear in next issue.

Moses Oates' thaw arrived on Sunday night, nearly all the snow had disappeared. It has frozen very hard since that time.

SPLENDID OFFER.—We will give the *Canadian Farmer* and the *Free Press* from now to the 1st January, 1881, for \$1.75.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—Mr. John Albert is disposing of his business here, as he intends to leave in a short time for California.

ACTON SALE.—Mr. John Albert will sell his stock of groceries, etc., by auction, on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

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, 1881, for one dollar.

SKATING RINK OPEN.—Acton Skating Rink will be opened on Thursday evening. All parties wishing season tickets can have them by applying to Messrs. J. E. McGarvin, C. W. Hill, or A. E. Nicklin.

WINDOWS LETTERED.—Mr. James Scott has just completed the lettering of the windows of Mr. H. H. Kitteridge, Banker, and Messrs. A. Secord & Co., Hardware, etc. The work is very neat and permanently executed.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—The municipal campaign is imminent. Already the candidate boxes piled, and the independent voter begins to display that dignified reserve which is his privilege for a few short weeks in every year.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER.—This excellent daily has done a new dress, and now arranges its local pages in a different form. It now presents a very handsome appearance and can compare favorably with any of our daily papers.

LIFE OF GENERAL GARFIELD.—Our special thanks are due to Mr. W. L. Hemstreet of Cleveland, Ohio, at one time a resident of this village, for a copy of the *Life of General James A. Garfield*, president elect of the United States.

THE PRICE OF BARLEY.—By way of comparison it is stated that the highest price paid for barley at Galt this week is 72 cents, while on the Geoph markets during the week, the same cereal has been selling at over 92 cents, and as high as 95 cents was paid—*Geoph Mercury* of last week. During the same week our Acton buyers were paying as high as \$1.01 for barley.

"OUR LITTLE ONES."—We have received the second number of this handsome little monthly magazine for children, and heartily recommend it to the attention of parents and others seeking Christmas presents. The illustrations are numerous and elegant, while the reading matter is unusually interesting and instructive. Russell Publishing Co., Boston, Mass. Price, \$1.20 per annum.

WINDOWS BROKEN.—A few days ago a number of boys were taking stock of the boys, etc., in Mr. O. Hynds's window, when one of them accidentally fell against one of the large panes, breaking it to pieces. On Monday a farmer who had been dealing at Messrs. A. Secord & Co's, went out, leaving his dog in the shop. The dog did not remain being a prisoner and gained his freedom by jumping through one of the front windows.

We clip the following item from the *Canada Educational Monthly*, and it affords us pleasure to copy as item so complimentary to one of our citizens:—"At the Teachers' Convention of the County of Halton, held recently at Oakville, Mr. Robert Little, of Acton, Public School Inspector, was presented by the members of the Association with a valuable gold watch, in token of their recognition of his long and conscientious performance as Inspector of the county. To this doubtless gratifying evidence of appreciation and good-will, on the part of the teachers of Halton, we would add our humble tribute of commendation and praise. Mr. Little is a faithful laborer in the educational vineyard, and deserves well of the profession, which he adorns by his talents, and by the labors of authorship which modestly prevents him from showing to the world, and thereby claiming that recognition and honor which are abundantly his due."

## SAN FRANCISCO PAPERS.

We are indebted to Mr. John Steel, of Salmon City, Idaho, son of Mr. George Steel, of this village, for copies of the *San Francisco Bulletin*.

SKATING.—Ever since the ponds froze up two or three weeks ago, the young folks have been enjoying themselves. They have been out daily, and as the ice has been in very good condition full benefit has been taken of the advantages this town enjoys over many others. Nature has supplied a rink of immense extent, superior to anything which man can construct, and as the exercise is a healthy one we like to see skating encouraged.

SACRILEGE.—On Friday night last some person or persons entered the Catholic church, about a mile west of this village, by a window, and committed considerable depredation. They tore up one of the seats, broke some of the ornaments off the altar, and tramped through the church leaving it in a filthy condition. It is supposed the depredators were tramps, and that they stayed in the church all night, as a fire had been built in the stove. When they went away they left the front doors wide open. The villagers who committed the outrage deserve severe punishment.

THE GRAVE.

It is in Georgetown, on the 4th inst., Patrick Ryan, aged 78 years.

Deceased was father of Mr. Charles Ryan, Agent of the G. T. R. at Georgetown.

ACTON MARKETS.

White Wheat, \$0.89 to 1.19

Red Wheat, " " " " " "

Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) 0.93 to 1.12

Red Chaff, " " " " " "

Oats, " " " " " "

Barley, " " " " " "

Peas, " " " " " "

Butter, per lb., " " " " " "

Butter, daily packed, " " " " " "

Butter, rolls, " " " " " "

Potatoes, new, per bush, " " " " " "

Dressed Hogs, " " " " " "

GEOPH MARKETS.

White wheat, \$0.75 to 0.80

Red wheat, " " " " " "

Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) 0.85 to 1.05

Red chaff, " " " " " "

Oats, " " " " " "

Peas, " " " " " "

Barley, " " " " " "

Live, " " " " " "

Butter, per lb., " " " " " "

Butter, daily packed, " " " " " "

Butter, rolls, " " " " " "

Potatoes, new, per bush, " " " " " "

Dressed Hogs, " " " " " "

## PLASTERING HAIR.

Plastering Hair for Sale at the Acton Cordwainery. CHAS. KNEES.

## THE O. K. BARBER SHOP.

G. H. HOWARD, BARBER.

If you want an easy shave—

Just call on me at my saloon.

At morning or evening hours.

I comb and curl the hair with grace.

To suit the contour of your face.

Come once and you will come always.

Shop opposite the Globe Works, Acton.

## FARM FOR SALE.

Lot 23, con. 3, in the township of Esqueville, 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, etc. Good water, and a fine view of the surrounding country. The property is situated about 21 miles from Acton, 1 mile from a first-class post office, convenient to school and church. Terms reasonable. Terms reasonable. Apply on the premises, or address: JAMES SCOTT, Acton Post Office.

## GRAND CONCERT.

The committee of management having selected the services of the ladies and gentlemen of acknowledged talents, purpose giving a Grand Concert, on the evening of

Wednesday, 22nd Dec.

—IN THE—

Town Hall, Rockwood.

The proceeds to be applied in aiding the building fund of St. John's Church in course of erection there. Doors open at 7. Commencement at 8. Admission, 25c. Children 15c. C. J. BARKER, Sec. J. W. KNOWLES, Treas. Precedence at door.

## Christmas Presents.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Electro Plate.

New Goods, Large Stock, and Low Prices, For Cash.

School teachers will have a special discount.

B. SAVAGE, WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER, Lower Wyndham St. GUELPH.

## CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

The undersigned hereby announces to the people of Acton and surrounding country that a change has been made in the management of the *Weekly Mail*, Undertaking and Furniture business heretofore carried on by myself. My son, Joseph Speight, has been made a member of the firm, which will hereafter be known as Speight & Son. I beg to thank my many customers for their patronage during the past thirty years, and solicit a continuance of the same. JOHN SPEIGHT, Acton, Dec. 1st, 1880.

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

As announced above a change has taken place in the business referred to. The new firm desire to state that they are prepared to attend to the wants of customers in the *Weekly Mail*, Undertaking and Furniture lines, and giving their personal attention to the business will endeavor to satisfy the demands of all. We solicit your patronage. SPEIGHT & SON, Acton, Dec. 1st, 1880.

## 33 CASES OF NEW CHRISTMAS GOODS.

At Day's Bookstore, Geoph.

Bought by Mr. Day when in England, comprising: Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Dressing Cases, Ladies' Companions, Vases, Toilet Sets, Dolls, Dolls, in Rubber, China and Wax, Card Cases, Pocket Books, Wallets, and thousands of articles suited for Xmas Presents.

Pocket Bibles, Teacher's Bibles, Prayer Books, Presentation Books, Photograph Albums, Autograph Albums, Tool Chests, Toys, etc., etc.

The shop is full of Nice New Goods, and our prices are far below any competition. We have the large, fine stock the people want, and prices cheaper every time.

An inspection is invited at DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Day Sells Cheap.

## CHRISTIAN GLEANER.

\$1.00 A YEAR.

An UNSECTARIAN MAGAZINE, Containing Missionary News from all parts of the World, and well illustrated with first-class engravings.

One of the best Missionary periodicals published. Specimen copies free.

Address, "CHRISTIAN GLEANER," Post Office, Out.

## Selling Cheap.

An Immense Reduction in Prices to Clear out our Stock, to make a change.

We are Selling

Heavy 50c Factory Flannel for 39c.

" 25c Winery Shirting for 18c.

" \$1.25 double fold Costing for 95c.

" 2.25 " " Bowler " for \$1.75.

" 1.00 Velvet, (Wide) for 70c.

" 1.25 Lace Curtains, for \$1.00.

" 50c Cashmere for 25c.

" Heavy 50c Dress Goods for 25c.

" Fine 25c Dress Goods for 15c.

—Etc., Etc., Etc.

## IN GROCERIES

3 lbs. Splendid Tea for \$1.00.

" 25c Coffee for 25c.

" Corn Starch, 3 packages for 25c.

" Baking Powder, 3 packages for 25c.

" Biscuits, 3 lbs. for 25c.

—Etc., Etc., Etc.

## Great Reductions in Millinery.

GOOD BOOTS & SHOES.

Selling Lower Than Ever.

Chapman's Corner Store, ACTON.

## NEW GOODS AND GOOD NEWS!

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO., ACTON.

—THIS WEEK SHOW THE CONTENTS OF OVER—

60 Cases of BOOTS and SHOES,

From the Best Makers in the Dominion. The Very Excellent Quality of class goods has been thoroughly tested for years. As the stock for quantity. Variety, Durability and Cheapness is unsurpassed by any single house in the trade, a rare opportunity is offered for procuring the requisite Fall and Winter supply.

FULL LINES OF

Tweeds, Gray, White and Scarlet Flannels, Canton Flannels, White Sheets, Blankets, Ladies Mantles, Fine Wool Goods, Black Costumes, Costume Cloth, etc., just in.

HAVING ALWAYS MADE A SPECIALTY OF ALL

12 1/2 C. WINCEY,

We are determined still to maintain the superiority of this line.

WINCEYS PLAIN AND FANCY FROM 5 CENTS UP.

Remember their Famous 50c Tea.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.

## FINE ART GOODS.

CHARLES W. HILL

—HAS A FINE ASSORTMENT OF—

PICTURES AND FRAMES

OF THE LATEST DESIGNS, VERY CHEAP.

ALSO IN STOCK—Stereoscopes, Stereoscopic Views, Mottos, Parlor or Chromo. Picture Cord, Picture Nails, Glass all sizes.

MOTTO FRAMES COMPLETE FOR 20C.

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THE LATEST CITY STYLES, THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE COUNTRY.

CHAS. W. HILL.

## TEAS.

THE CHEAP GROCERY.

W. P. BROWN

Has just received a new stock of Groceries, Crockery and Glassware.

HIS TEAS

Are Excellent, and have given Great Satisfaction. Try them.

A Splendid Lot of

GLASSWARE

Soon to be opened, and very suitable for Christmas Presents.

GIVE HIM A CALL.

Goods Delivered in the Village.

W. P. BROWN.

TEAS.

Call and examine J. E. McGarvin's stock of Xmas and New Year's Presents. Make your selections early.