

THE FREE PRESS.

ACTON, THURSDAY, Dec. 23, 1880.

Christmas Greeting.

To our many readers and to all our contemporaries, the FREE PRESS sends the greetings of the season. How much of joy and benevolence, pleasant customs bring into this week of happy memories. Families will be reunited, broken associations will be repaired, gladness will fill hearts and light up features afresh. Parents and children will draw their chairs nearer to each other. Hard thoughts will be buried. Clarity will quicken each spirit, and unite each pulse. The poor will know again the willing bounty of the rich, and the rich will know heaven's joy of giving. And all these gentle, glad influences may be traced to the babe of Bethlehem.

The incarnation of Jesus is the leading truth for the Christmas tide. We must not overlook the Divine Child while we plan our merriment, and sing out our Christmas joys.

What thousands of gifts will be made. Few indeed will be forgotten. Gifts secretly purchased and hidden till the gift day comes; gifts wrought at in seclusion and quickly hidden when any footstep is near; gifts costly and humble, will all be brought forth on Christmas day, and hearts will be gladly surprised. Let us not forget the story of those who poured out at the feet of Mary's child, gold, frankincense and myrror.

Will our patrons accept our kindly greeting, and remember those who constantly and unwearyingly work for them the year through.

A Timely Request.

The following request, signed by twenty-eight Toronto clergymen, appeared in yesterday's Globe and Mail. We commend it to our readers:—"To the Citizens of Toronto:—"

Believing that the offering of wines and ardent spirits, in connection with the festivities of the holidays, is the occasion of temptation to many, who would not otherwise be ensnared and overcome by their influence, the undersigned do respectfully recommend the ladies and gentlemen of Toronto, to refrain from the custom, which though once honored, and widely observed, is now happily fast passing away, and thus by their example do great good, and possibly prevent much injury to a large number of young men."

Stewarttown News.

From our own correspondent. A new platform is being laid at the H. & N. W. Railway station here. An examination of the pupils of Stewarttown public school was held last Friday.

A missionary meeting was held in the Methodist Church, here, on Wednesday evening. Mr. F. Johnson has gone back to Gravenhurst to start his lumber, shingle, and heading mills there.

Scott Act vs. "Messenger."

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR.—I did not think that the little article in the "Messenger," on the Scott Act, would call forth such an elaborate reply as appeared in last week's "Free Press," by "Observer," neither do I wish to enter into any controversy on the subject, but must correct a few errors which "Observer" attributes to my motives. First he says, "his trouble is not so much with the 'Act' as it is to keep in favor of the hotel-keepers, whose champion he is." Well, well, this is a surprise to me. I never thought of such a thing, but "Observer" must be afraid of getting into their disfavour, or why did he not write over his own signature?

Then in regard to "some personal reasons for his objections," I might inform "Observer" that it would certainly be to my personal benefit to have the "Act" passed, because as a Chemist and Druggist I shall be permitted to sell liquor, under certain conditions, which might be quite an item in my business; so you see it is not for that that I object. Then "Observer" says, "his objection may be from some national constitutional characteristic of his own." That's just it, and is simply this, that if I wanted a glass of beer, neither "Observer" nor any other man has a moral or legal right to say, "you shall not have it." It is not a crime to do so, nor can it be compared to the crime of "assault and battery," which is foreign to the subject; and last, which "Observer" knows, "Observer" says "he don't like to hear men called bad names, such as thieves, robbers, murderers." Neither do we,

the "Scott Act" does not make use of such names. No, that is very true, I did not say it did, but those who advocate the Act does, that is what I object to.

"Observer" admits that it looks plausible to compensate those men who suffer loss by the passing of the Act. This is what I contend for, and why I object to it; but he asks, "who is to pay the loss?" I suggested that every one who voted for the Act, vote a dollar towards it, but "Observer" don't seem to appreciate this idea. Perhaps he is like those who sympathized with the poor old Indian, who had all his earthly goods destroyed by fire, and when he related the circumstances to his white friends (I) they all expressed great sympathy, and were very sorry, but this was very poor satisfaction to the Indian, so he held out his hand and asked, "how much sorry—how much give?" This is where the test of sympathy comes in, it must not touch the pocket. I would ask "Observer" who compensated the slave holders when Great Britain emancipated the slaves.

Lastly, I do not see anything in my article very inconsistent, at any rate I write above my own name, which I cannot say for "Observer." I am independent of either side, and court the favor of no one. Everyone has a right to his own opinion, although many may fear to express it. I do not like laws passed that interfere with individual rights, as I understand this Act does, not that I care a copper if there never was a drop of liquor made. I discontinue liquor drinking in any form.

Yours, etc., "MESSENGER."

Acton, Dec 21st, 1880.

Profitable.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR.—I desire to say through your columns that the farm I bought in Nebraska, through Mr. F. W. Ware, has been pronounced by several persons who have seen it, to be just what he described it to be. I have just sold it to a man who has lived near it for several years, for more than Mr. Ware told me I could get for it by this time. Confidence reposed in Mr. Ware's judgment and integrity will not be misplaced.

Yours, etc., W. P. BROWN.

Acton, Dec. 16th, 1880.

Municipal Honors.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR.—In looking through the columns of the FREE PRESS of last week I see my name has been mentioned as a candidate for municipal honors. You will oblige by stating in your next issue that I have no intention whatever of coming forward, and therefore do not wish to be named as a candidate at the approaching nomination.

Very truly yours, P. JARVIS.

Acton, Dec. 16th, 1880.

The world should be aroused to the deplorable condition of the females of our land! The enfeebled frame, the pale, bloodless cheek, hollow eyes, nervous debility, and the various distressing forms of female weakness, are matters that every mother in our country should consider. All forms of Debility and Irregularities peculiar to the sex may be promptly remedied by Burdock Blood Bitters.

REMARKABLE RESULTS FOLLOW.—Pain ceases, swellings subside, fever abates, and a healthy state exists after using this great and wonderful preparation known as Thomas' Electric Oil. Thousands testify to the happiness resulting from the use of this preparation. Why not procure a bottle at once? The cost is trifling, and effect sure. One dose cures common sore throat; one bottle has cured bronchitis. Fifty cents' worth has cured an old standing cough. It positively cures catarrh, asthma and croup. Fifty cents' worth has cured a creek in the back, and the same quantity lame back of eight years' standing. The following are extracts from a few of the many letters received from different parts, which, we think, should be sufficient to satisfy the most sceptical. "Thomas Robinson, Yarnbata Centre, writes: 'I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for the last ten years, and have tried many remedies without any relief, until I tried 'Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil,' and since then have had no attack. I would recommend it to all.'"

See what the medical faculty say: Dr. Besudoin, Hull, P. Q., says: "I have sold 'Thomas' Electric Oil' for two years, and I never sold a medicine which has given more thorough satisfaction. I have used it in my own case on a broken leg and dislocated ankle, with best results." A. H. Gregg, Manufacturer of Mowing Machines, Truemanburg, N. Y., says: "My thumb was caught in a machine and badly injured, being away from home for two days, was obliged to apply such remedies as I could get, but without relieving the pain. Immediately upon reaching home I applied the Electric Oil, with almost instant relief. I have a large number of men employed, and your Oil has established for itself such a reputation that nearly every one of them keeps it." Beware of imitations.—Ask for Dr. Thomas' Electric 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 OTHERS. Sold by all medicine Dealers. Price 25 cts. NORTHROP & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont., Proprietors for the Dominion. Note—Electric—Selected and Elctricized.

Notices Worth Attention.

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

—Green apples, cheap, at Nicklin's Bakery.

—Christmas toys cheap at A. Secord & Co's.

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

—Second hand Stoves from \$1.00 up at J. C. Hill's tin shop.

A Secord & Co. have the very best stock of teas in town.

—Oysters served in any style at Nicklin's Bakery.

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

—Fresh biscuits exchanged for flour at Nicklin's Bakery.

—Oranges, Lemons, and canned fruits fresh for Christmas at A. Secord & Co's.

—A good stock of Cooking Stoves at J. C. Hill's—will be sold cheap.

—Christmas Groceries of every description at A. Secord & Co's.

—Don't fail to try A. Secord & Co's new stock of Teas.

—Fresh Bulk Oysters at the Excel sior Bakery.

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

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

—Highest price paid for fowls of all kinds at A. Secord & Co's.

—Fresh Christmas biscuits of all kinds at Nicklin's Bakery.

Examine A. Secord & Co's splendid assortment of toilet sets, cups and general glassware for Christmas.

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

Fancy goods in Glassware, suitable for Christmas Presents, at A. Secord & Co's.

—Wedding cakes supplied on the shortest notice, at Nicklin's Bakery.

—Any quantity of Butter and Eggs wanted at A. Secord & Co's.

—See the new Glass Ball Caster at A. Secord & Co's.

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

—Nice clean and fresh Raincoats and Currits at A. Secord & Co's.

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

—Royal Base Burner Coal Stove, the best in the market, at J. C. Hill's tin shop.

—See the splendid assortment of Christmas confectionery at Nicklin's Bakery.

—For the very finest Teas, good value in all prices, go to A. Secord & Co's.

—For pure and fresh Groceries, suitable for Christmas cooking, go to A. Secord & Co's—all new goods.

—The best stock of Christmas confectionery ever brought to Acton, at Nicklin's Bakery.

Make your lady friends a Christmas present of a pair of A. Secord & Co's splendid skates.

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

—J. C. Hill has just received a splendid lot of Granite Ware at his tin shop.

—See A. Secord & Co's shop windows for samples of his Christmas Groceries and Confectionery.

—Bulk oysters received fresh every day at the Excel sior Bakery, B. & E. Nicklin's—buckets supplied.

—For the very best quality, new season Teas, at 40 cents, 50 cents, 60 cents, and 75 cents, go to A. Secord & Co's.

"They all do it." Everybody uses "Tea-berry" to beautify the teeth and give fragrance to the breath. Ask your druggist for sample packages, &c. Large bottles 50 cents.

—McQuillen & Hamilton, of the Wellington Marble Works, Geolphi, 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.

—New Prunes.—warranted this season's fruit—at A. Secord & Co's.

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. 3 Cans Mustard for 25c. 60c Tea selling for 50c. 3 pounds Currants for 25c. 75c Tea selling for 65c. 11 pounds 1/2 lb Sugar for \$1.00. 40c Tea selling for 35c. 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 Gentleman 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 SANT CLAUS. Clouland, 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 CUTRIS 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.

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Christmas Presents.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Electro Plate. New Goods, Large Stock, and Low Prices, For Cash. School teachers will have a special discount.

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Important Announcement.

REVISION OF TARIFF.

Reduction of Rates not by the POWERS THAT BE AT OTTAWA, But by the People's Representation in Queiph, THE GOLDEN LION.

We have just concluded another grand purchase of new and lovely Dress Goods at less than 50 cents on the dollar at cost of importation. We give our customers the full benefit of this desperate bargain. The assortment comprises, without exception, the newest, prettiest and cheapest goods in the city, and the following is to be our Holiday Tariff:—

LOT 1. Consists of 100 pieces Persian Cord, Figured Lustres, Poickerbocker Twills, at 8 cents per yard.

LOT 2. 80 pieces very wide goods—Llama Twills, Persian Cord, Mo langes, Plain and Figured Brillants and Chander Cloths, at 10 cents per yard.

LOT 3. 75 pieces lovely colors and styles, Sateen Twills, Sateen Stripes, Fancy Brocades and Brillants, worth 25 cents, at 15 cents per yard.

LOT 4. 60 pieces of a beautiful texture of Circassian Twill, in twelve shades, at 20 cents per yard.

LOT 5. 200 pieces of the noblest goods in the trade. Plain and Brocaded Momic Cloths, plain and fancy Sateens, Empire Cloths, plain and brocaded Serges, Popinets, Brillants, Alabaster Twills, 1 reed Sufjings, Etamines, at 25 cents per yard.

See our grand line of single and double width Scotch and Irish Tweed Suitings at very low prices. MOMIC CLOTHS! Momic Cloth, very fine all wool goods, 44 inches wide, 38 shades, worth \$1, at 57 1/2 cents per yard.

These Goods and Prices are going to create a sensation in the Dress Goods Trade.

SHAWLS, SHAWLS. Just to hand 100 hands of Wool Shawls from \$1.25 to \$14. OVERCOATS and CLOTHING. For a genuine well made Overcoat, at a low price, there is nothing to beat our goods. Our cash sales have been immense, but our stock is still well assorted.

For Bargains in Every Department Come to the Lion. Wishing our Friends a Right Merry Christmas, We remain their obedient servants.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO., GUELPH.

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