THE FREE PRESS.

Acton, Thursday, Jan. 6, 1881.

The New Year.

The holidays are over the new year is here, and business has been received with increased energy, and with this the first issue of the FREE PRESS for 1881, it may not be out of place to say a few words in reference to ourselves.

We beg to tender our thanks to those who have given us their support during the past, and solicit a continuance of their favor, assuring them that we will at all times do our best to give perfect satisfaction.

With regard to the FREE PRESS itself, we would say that we have spared no pains during the past year to make it a success, and during the coming year it will be our endeavor to make it even more interesting—if possible—to our readers, than heretofore. In endeavoring to do this we would ask the co-operation of all, and when any interesting item of news comes under their notice, we would be grateful if they would send it to us. We would take this opportunity of thanking our correspondents who have occasionally sent us news, and would request them to continue to forward any items of interest.

It is a well known fact that it requires a large amount of money to publish a newspaper, and we would like if those who are in arrears would come and settle up at once. We are doing all we can to furnish our readers with a newspaper second to none in the county, and we must have money to do it with. We deal honorably and squarely with others and pay cash, and would like to receive the same from those who are indebted to us.

Good Times.

Without doubt it can now be safely said that the long looked for "good times" have come again. From all parts of Canada the reports come, "selling more goods than formerly, and money coming in more freely than before." In spite of what "old croakers" say, there is not the slightest doubt that we are now fairly round the corner and on the highway to prosperity. The "hard times" are now good, will not, we trust, lead to over speculation, one of the greatest evils which can befall any business community; rather let them husband their resources, and prepare for the period of depression which in a few years must follow over trading. To all we would say, while it is necessary for business men to speculate upon the future probabilities of trade it is always safe to avoid extremes. The careful man is generally the successful one.

Dominion Census.

A proclamation issued by the Governor-General directs that the census of the Dominion shall be taken on Monday, April 4th, and that the procedure to be followed shall be after the *de jure* system, or of the domiciled population. Of the eight schedules to be filled the first gives the nominal return of the living, and the second the nominal return of deaths within the last twelve months. The third treats of real estate, public institutions and industrial establishments. The fourth gives a return of cultivated land, of field products, plants, fruits, etc., and the fifth of live stock, animal products, home made fabrics and furs. The sixth is a return of products of the forest, the seventh of shipping and fisheries, and the eighth of mineral products.

Nassagaweya News.

From our own correspondent.

The Sons of Temperance, of Brookville, gave a concert in their hall New Year's eve. The audience was small, perhaps owing to the extreme cold weather. Mr. James Logie occupied the chair and made a few opening remarks. The programme was unusually large, and kept the audience until a late hour. Miss Earl, of Cummingsville, Misses Allison and Ross, of Brookville, Misses Middleton and Strange, of Rockwood, Messrs Collins, C. and E. Strange and J. Strachan, of Rockwood, Messrs. W. McTavish, D. Stingle and J. T. Easterbrook, of Nassagaweya, were the principal performers. Some fine solos and readings were given, and in all a very enjoyable time was spent. Tea was provided after the concert and the company saw the old year out and the new year in.

Neo.

The Municipal Elections.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock the poll was opened, and election for members of the village council for 1881 commenced. Considerable excitement prevailed throughout the village during the day, and energetic efforts were put forth by the candidates and their friends to secure their election. As the reeve was elected by acclamation, the contest was confined to the candidates for councillors, and owing to the large number who were in the field there was great speculation during the day as to who would constitute the council.

At five o'clock the poll closed, and a large crowd of citizens assembled outside the polling booth, to hear the returns which were made public about six o'clock, when it was found that the votes cast for the respective candidates were as follows:—

W. H. Storey	92.
D. W. Campbell	76.
D. Henderson	73.
Michael Speight	59.
D. D. Christie	58.
Charles Cameron	51.
Ransom Adams	50.
Dr. Morrow	36.
Eli Snyder	12.

The council for 1881 will consequently be composed as follows:—

Reeve.—C. S. Smith.

Councillors.—W. H. Storey, D. W. Campbell, D. Henderson and M. Speight.

After the returns had been made public the newly elected candidates made short speeches, thanking the electors for electing them.

We congratulate our citizens on the election of so able a council to govern the affairs of our village during the present year. The members of the new council are all energetic business men, and possess sound common sense, and we are sure they will be worthy of the confidence placed in them by the electors.

Elections Elsewhere.

Georgetown.

Reeve.—W. McLeod, (accl.); Councillors—Joseph Barber, Jno. Crawford, Dr. Roe and L. Grant.

Milton.

Reeve,—D W. Campbell (accl.); Mayor,—J. D. Matheson (accl.); Councillors—North Ward, John Ezard; South Ward, J. E. Harrison: East Ward, S. Center, Benj. Jones, T. A Mara.

Oakville.

Councillors—Ward No. 1, Felan, Ion, Armstrong; Ward No. 2, Barclay, Patterson, Kelly; Ward No. 3, Hillmer, Wood, Williams.

Esquesing.

Reeve,—W. Clay; First Deputy,—W. McHenry; Second Deputy,—N. Lindsay; Councillors,—J. Warren and R. Graham.

Burlington.

Reeve,—Wm. Kerns; Councillors—R G. Baxter, Thaddeus Ghent, T. J. C. Greene and F. N. Ogg.

Erin Village

Reeve,—T. Carbery; Councillors—R. Wood, W. Conboy, C. Walker, and Wm. Hamilton.

Guelph.

Mayor,—Sleeman, by (accl.); Water Commissioners—Howard and Mitchell, by (accl.); Aldermen—St. James' Ward, Elliott, Bruce and Gowdy; St. Patrick's Ward, Chadwick, Laing and Patterson; St. George's Ward, Biscoe, Stevenson and Davidson; St. John's Ward, Goldie, Hewer and Skinner; St. Andrew's Ward, Chadwick, Lamprey and Kennedy.

Stewarttown News.

From our own correspondent.

Mr. E. Nixon is doing a large business in harness and saddlery here.

A number of frozen ears and toes was consequent on the cold snap of last week.

We are informed that Mr. Joseph Bessey intends to take a trip to England in a short time.

Mr. D. Cross has put a circular saw in his tannery and intends to cut wood for the villagers.

Mr. J. Murray, who spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Listowell, returned home this week.

The annual school meeting of the public school here was largely attended. Messrs. H. Tost, P. Appleby and W. Boyd, were elected trustees.

Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division met in the school house on Monday evening, 4th inst., pursuant to adjournment. Members all present.

The secretary took the chair and opened the meeting, after which Mr. John Speight was unanimously elected to occupy the chair during the present year.

Moved by S. Moore, seconded by M. Speight, that Messrs. J. Leahy, M. Speight and the mover be a committee to strike standing committees for the present year.

The committee to strike standing committees reported the following appointments:—

Finance Com.	James Matthews, Alex. Lasby.
Property Com.	M. Speight, Joseph Lasby, S. Moore.

The Finance Committee presented its first report and recommended that the following accounts be paid, and that the chairman issue his cheque in favor of the treasurer in payment thereof:—

H. P. Moore, account, half year salary, taking census, holding annual meeting, rent of hall, printing, postage and stationery, $23.63.

Moved by Jas. Matthews, seconded by Alex. Lasby, that the report of the Finance Committee just read, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Samuel Moore, seconded by Joseph Lasby, that the secretary be and is hereby instructed to advertise for tenders for twenty five cords of short wood, cut from good, sound green body timber, to be delivered at the school house on or before the first of March. Carried.

Moved by Samuel Moore, seconded by Alex. Lasby, that this board adjourn to meet on Monday evening, February 6th, at 7:30 p. m. Carried.

The Greatest Blessing.

A simple, pure, harmless remedy that cures every ilme and prevents disease by keeping the blood pure, stomach regular, liver active and system healthy, is the greatest blessing ever conferred upon man. Hop 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.

Midnight Doctors are the most unwelcome visitors—even the Doctor himself curses the luck that compelled him to leave his comfortable bed. Suppose you try our method and keep a bottle of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer in the house, and let Doctor Squills stay in his bed and enjoy himself.

Croup can be cured in five minutes by the combined use of Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam and Yellow Oil. Indeed, Yellow Oil is in itself a specific used internally and applied outwardly, but to heal and strengthen the lungs the Pectoral Balsam may be used with great success. Both of these matchless remedies should be kept in every house. To be obtained of all dealers in medicine.

One of the most loathsome and terrible diseases of our climate is Chronic Catarrh. When the poisoning matter is constantly falling upon the Lungs, Pulmonary Consumption is most certain to follow. Expel the morbid secretion from the Bronchial pipes by Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam, the great throat and lung healer. Sold by all dealers at 25 cents per bottle.

Newcastle, Ont., March 11, 1880.

I have handled and sold Perry Davis' Pain-Killer for the past twenty-five years, and my customers who are in the habit of using it, speak in the highest terms of the curative properties and uniform preparation of the same. It has stood a severe test among the many dozen of similar preparations brought out in imitation of the old and genuine Perry Davis' Pain Killer, and to-day stands amongst the first in my estimation of them all.

R. FOTHERGILL.

Pharmaceutical Chemist.

☞ See advertisement in another column.

Remarkable Results Follow.—Pain ceases, swellings subside, fever abates, and a healthy state exists after using this great and wonderful preparation known as Thomas' Eclectric 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 crick 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, Farnham 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' Eclectric Oil," and since then have had no attack. I would recommend it to all."

See what the medical faculty say: Dr. Beaudoin, Hull, P.Q., says: "I have sold 'Thomas' Eclectric 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, Truemansburg, 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 Eclectric 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' 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.

Note—Eclectric—Selected and Electrized.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

T. H. HARDING

—HAS JUST OPENED A FRESH STOCK OF—

GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERY, &C

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS.

8 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.

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.

THE GRAVE.

Mulholland.—In Esquesing, on the 4th inst., Mr. Patrick Mulholland, aged 55 years.

Rheumatism is one of the most prevalent and obstinate diseases incident to our climate, but it has been disarmed of its terrors by that invincible remedy, Hagyard's Yellow Oil, an external and internal medicine whose application is so varied and useful in all painful and inflammatory diseases and wounds, as to render it a household necessity to all who suffer from pain.

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 anti-bilious and carries off all surplus bile, tones up the liver, gives sound digestion and speedy health to the Dyspeptic and the Bilious. Ask J. E. McGarvin for a ten cent sample bottle and test Zopesa, the new compound large Eight ounce Bottles 75 cents.

Messrs. T. Milburn & Co. Dear Sirs,—I have been troubled with Dyspepsia for seven years or more, and was so bad that I had often to get up in the night and dissolve soda in water and take it before I could go to sleep. I saw your Burdock Blood Bitters advertised and I got a bottle and took one teaspoonful three times a day the first day, and it did not help me; then I took three tablespoonsful three times a day for four days, and that gave me great relief. I have taken one bottle and think I am cured of Dyspepsia or Sour Stomach, as it is sometimes called. I was also troubled with a slight attack of inflammation of the Kidneys, and I think the Burdock Blood Bitters helped me of that. If I could only get another bottle I think it would cure me of that terrible pain in my back, but can't get it here. With thanks for the benefit already received,

I remain, yours,
JONATHAN TULLER.

COAL! COAL!!

Stove Coal delivered to any part of the town. Apply to

BEN. JOBART,
At the G.T.R Depot.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the under signed up to the 14th inst., for twenty-five cords of short wood, to be cut from sound, green, body timber. The wood to be delivered at the school and piled in the school shed on or before the first of March.

H. P. MOORE,
Sec. Acton School Board.

Acton, Jan. 5th, 1881.

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale the splendid stone dwelling on Main street near Mr. C. S. Smith's residence—one fifth of an acre, with Stone House in splendid condition. Stable and shop on the premises. Hard and soft water wells. Title indisputable. Terms reasonable. Apply at Free Press Office, Acton, or to

ARCH. McNAB,
Rockwood.

27-3m.

PLASTERING HAIR.

Plastering Hair for Sale at the Acton Corduvan Tannery.

CHAS. KNEES.

CEDAR WOOD WANTED.

The undersigned will pay cash for 3 or 4 cords of good, dry cedar, suitable for kindling.

R. LITTLE, P. S. I.
H. P. MOORE.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF ACTON.

Gentlemen:—I beg to hereby express my sincere thanks to the electors of this municipality for their kindness in electing me to the honorable position of Councillor of this municipality. I shall always endeavor to serve the best interests of the village, and I trust that my actions in the council during the year will merit the confidence you have reposed in me.

I am your obedient servant,
M. SPEIGHT.

Acton, Jan. 5th, 1881.

FARM FOR SALE.

Lot 23, con. 3, in the township of Esquesing, 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, excellent fruit, good spring water all the year round. The property is situated about 2½ miles from Acton, ½ mile from a first-class grist mill, convenient to school and church. Title indisputable. Terms reasonable. Apply on the premises, or address,

JAMES SCOTT,
Acton Post Office.

HORSE & CUTTER ASTRAY.

Strayed from James Hamilton's Hotel, Brock Road, near Guelph, on the the evening of December 4th, a sorrel pony, aged, light tail and lop eared, attached to a square box cutter, painted dark brown, with red stripe, small piece knocked out of the dash board and a bell on the left shaft. The harness was a light nett, with breast collar and blind bridle. The cutter contained a horse blanket and red carpet cushion. Any information respecting the above, given to the undersigned or left at the Free Press Office, Acton, will be suitably rewarded.

J. C. BURGESS,
Arkell, Dec. 24, '80. Arkell, P.O.

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.

Important Announcement.

REVISION OF TARIFF

Reduction of Rates not by the

POWERS THAT BE AT OTTAWA,

But by the People's Representation in Guelph,

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, Puckerlocks, Twills, at 8 cents per yard.

LOT 2. 90 pieces very wide goods—Llama Twills, Persian Cords, Melanges, Plain and Figured Brilliants and Chudder Cloths, at 10 cents per yard.

LOT 3. 75 pieces lovely colors and styles, Satteen Twills, Satteen Stripes, Fancy Brocades and Brilliants, 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 nobbiest goods in the trade. Plain and Brocaded Momie Cloths, plain and fancy Satteens, Empress Cloths, plain and brocaded Serges, Poplinetts, Brilliantes, Alhambra Twills, Tweed Suitings, Estamines, at 25 cents per yard.

See our grand line of single and double width Scotch and Irish Tweed Suitings at very low prices.

MOMIE CLOTHS! Momie Cloths, very fine all wool goods, 44 inches wide, 10 shades, worth $1, at 57½ cents per yard.

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

SHAWLS, SHAWLS. Just to hand 100 handsome Wool Shawls from $1 25 to $15.

OVERCOATS AND CLOTHING. For a genuine well made Overcoat, at nice 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.

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.

Bonanza, Bonanza.

Magnificent exhibit of Lovely Christmas and Holiday Goods at our Grand Bonanza.

Fresh arrivals yesterday has thoroughly renewed our stock.

600 Silk and Lace Ties and Fichus to select from.

Magnificent Furs. Lovely Dress Goods and Silks.

We show without doubt the very best and freshest stock in the city, and have no crowded store every day.

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