New Election Proclamation.

Know all men by these presents that I, J. B. Pearson, of the Village of Acton, am under contract to dispose of $10,000 worth of Choice Groceries, Hardware, &c., &c., at prices that will astonish the electors.

IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

We would especially wish to call attention to our large stock of Choice **T's** consisting of Blacks, Young Hyson's, Java Hyson's, Uncolored Japans, Gunpowder, Japan Dust, &c. About 20 different varieties to choose from, at prices that will astonish you, quality considered, all of which we guarantee. If not as represented, money refunded.

SEE OUR 50 CENT T, CHEAP AT 60 CENTS.

COFFEES.
Rio, Java, Mocha, &c., ground on the premises, Fresh and Delicious—Try them.

IN SUGARS
We have Porto Rico, Yellow Refined, Grocers A, Granulated, Cut Loaf, and Icing.

TOBACCOS.
Prince of Wales, No. 1, Twin Navy, V.T.C., Myrtle Navy, T. & B., Napoleon, Favorite, Gold Flake, Victoria Fine Cut, and other brands.

IN SOAPS We have a dozen different brands, in Laundry and Toilet, Cheap.

IN CANNED GOODS
We have in stock Canned Corned Beef, Lunch Tongue, Salmon, Sardines, Lobsters, Mackerel, Trout, Codfish, Pears, Peaches, Tomatoes, Peas, Beans, Corn, &c.

Rice, Barley, Sago, Tapioca, Raisins, Currants, Soda, Ball Blue, Button Blue, and Keen's Oxford in Squares, Spices all Kinds, Starch (Common, Silver Gloss and Lilly White), Extracts, Hair Oil, Castor Oil, Canary and Hemp Seeds, Blacking (Stove & Boot), Flax Seed, Prunes, Nuts (Almonds, Filberts, Walnuts & Brazil), Epsom Salts, Senna, Camphor, Hops, Resin, Candles Tallow & Parafine), Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel, Candies in great variety, Pickles, Sauces, Vinegars, Syrups, Molasses, &c. SALT in barrels, and small bags for table use. FISH, Mackerel, Herring (by the barrel, half barrel or dozen), in fact everything usually kept in a First-class Grocery.

IN OUR WOODENWARE DEPARTMENT

We have Wash Tubs, Butter Tubs, Brooms, Whisks, Brushes (Scrub, Horse, Blacking and Clothes), Clothes Pins, &c.

OUR HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

AXES. (Single, Double and Inserted Steel), in the following brands: Pioneer, Keen Cutter, Darling, Lumberman's Pride, Black Prince, Princess Louise, Ontario Champion, and Altona.

CROSS-CUT SAWS
We have the following:—Improved Champion, New Improved Champion, Lance, Henlan, and One man's Saw, also Hand Saws & Frames, and Patent Handles.

IN BUILDERS SUPPLIES
We have sufficient to almost erect a Town Hall (if we get a chance), consisting of Cut Nails, (all sizes), Wrought Nails, Finishing Nails, &c., Locks, Hinges (all kinds), Brads, &c.
PAINTS.—Boiled and Raw Oils, Turpentine, Varnishes, Japans, Glass, Putty, Machine Oil, &c.

SKATES. A Nice Assortment, Cheap. Also, Acme wrenches, straps, extra bolts, etc.

SUNDRIES. Cow, Halter, Trace, Tug, and Dog Chains, Ropes different sizes, Spades, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, Rakes, etc., Files (all sizes), Copper Rivets and Burrs, Hemp, Rubber and Soup Stone Packing, Guns, Revolvers, Hay Knives, Cutlery of all kinds. Whips, Lanterns, Powder, Shot, Caps, &c.

SILVERWARE. We have also a nice assortment of Silverware, Cruets [5 & 6 bottles] Cheap, Pickle Stands, Butter Dishes, Knives, Forks & Spoons, suitable for Xmas or wedding presents

OUR CROCKERY DEPARTMENT

Is Complete with First-class Goods, [we keep no second quality] which we are offering at reduced rates, in order to clear out stock before 1st Jan. We guarantee you the Cheapest Sets in town. We have also a nice lot of Vases, Motto and Moustache Cups, Mugs, etc.

GLASSWARE. A Large Stock Cheap. Lamps and Lamp Goods, all of which we are OFFERING AT RIGHT PRICES.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES.

J. B. PEARSON, ACTON.

THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 8, 1881.

YOUNG FOLKS CORNER.

MY MOTHER'S SONGS.

Of all the songs from sweetest voices,
In young days or of old,
That make my inmost soul rejoice,
However oft they're told,
Are those sweet songs my mother sung
While at the home fireside,
When all the world seemed blithe and young
And joy was at our side.

O! I have wandered far away
In sunny lands of song,
And I have heard the minstrel's lay
That thrill'd the listening throng;
Tho' sweet the charm when beauty sings,
And sweet the minstrelsy,
There is no charm that memory brings
Like those old songs to me.

Through many years of joyous life
I reach the seer of old,
Now all the battle and the strife,
The fierce sun and the cold,
Are o'er for me, and calm I wait
To hear the "joy bells" ring;
For I shall hear at heaven's gate
My angel mother sing.

Boys and Thimbles.

No man can, like the writer, live sixty years, without often wishing he had learned to use a sewing thimble well in his early boyhood, especially if he has gone about the world much. Buttons will come off, stitches will break, and how handy it is for boys at school, for men at a hotel, at a friend's house, indeed anywhere away from home—often at home—to be able to whip on a button, stop a starting rent, and do many other little sewings, without calling on a woman, or perchance sending for a tailor, before being able to appear at a hotel table. One seldom, if ever, learns to use a thimble, if this part of his education has been neglected in small boyhood. The writer has travelled a good deal, and at a rough guess he has broken threads at least five hundred times in attempting to work a needle through a button or garment without a thimble. Boys, take our advice, and every one of you learn to use a thimble well before you grow up. Do it this very winter; it is not feminine to do so. Do it, and if you live long you will many times thank us for this advice.—*Ex.*

A physician has been telling some of his patients "How Io died." His explanation is that Iodide of Pattassium."

"In pursuing my theme I should like to cover more ground, but——" "Buy shoes big enough for your feet, and you'll do it!" was the impudent suggestion from the crowd.

Fooled Once More.

[Markdale (Ont.) Standard.]

MR. EDITOR.—The most of people relish a good story, provided it be a truthful one. Tales of adventure, daring, heroism, dangers of the deep, battles, &c., all have their charms. Who amongst us could read the adventures of Robinson Crusoe half way through, and not have a desire to know the end of it. We confess being of this class. Now, the first thing we do when we receive our weekly newspaper is to hurriedly glance through it and pick out what we consider the most important items. These are generally distinguished by their headings; but you don't catch us trusting any longer to these glaring impositions. We could laugh at being fooled once or twice, but to get caught a third time is our reason for remonstrating. Two or three weeks since we got to reading what we thought was a very nice story in one of our Toronto weeklies, and towards the end it informed us about St. Jacobs Oil; we only laughed, and said humbug. The week following we noticed another heading, "How Mark Twain Entertained a Visitor." Well, thinking we might learn a little etiquette, in case Mark should take a fancy to send us an invitation, we read it, but by St. Patrick, if they didn't finish by making Mark introduce St. Jacobs Oil. Well, confound it, we exclaimed, but they have got another dose of that St. Jacobs Oil on us again, determined not to be caught so simple next time; but now, sir, I admit the corn; along comes our *Toronto Mail* on Thursday, down we sat, and almost the first thing that caught our eye was the adventures of Capt. Paul Boynton; it appeared quite interesting; it told how he had bumped against sharks, etc. At this point we began to feel a little incredulous, because, from our knowledge of these gentry, they would relish the captain alive or dead, all the same. However, determined to learn some more of his exploits, we read a little further, when—O, well, it don't matter what we said, you can't find it in any of the dictionaries. I'm—dashed if the captain wasn't oiling himself all over with St. Jacobs Oil, it may be, the more easily to evade the sharks, for we made no further search, our curiosity was satisfied. Now, Mr. Editor, in order to fool us again, it will require to be printed wrong end up. We have made up our mind to look out for anything and everything in the shape of St. or Saint attached to their name.

We are sorry for the readers of any journal to be thus "taken in," so to phrase it, but what can they expect when we editors are caught in the same storm without any protection. Whilst sympathizing with them, we can only admire the ability shown in any enterprise that can thus compel, as it were, the attention of people. When it is considered that only a short time ago St. Jacobs Oil was scarcely known, in Canada, and now has so commended itself to the favor of the people of the Dominion as to become the household remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, pains, bruises, chilblains, etc., and all because of its surprising efficacy in these ailments, we think it will be regarded by everybody as a matter of congratulation that we possess, so easily attainable, such a reliable means for the cure of disease. Such is our view of the matter, although we are "fooled," on an average, about five times a week. If St. Jacob can stand it, we've made up our mind to "fight it out on that line, if it takes *all Winter*."

Use "Castorine" Machine Oil for all kinds of machinery. It is also excellent for Harness or Leather, making it water and weather proof.

POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS have, in some instances, led to the discovery of the scars of completely healed abscesses or sores upon the lung. This of itself shows that the lung tissue when diseased is susceptible of restoration to a sound and healthy condition. Persons afflicted with lung disease may reasonably hope to recover health by the use of well-chosen remedies. Foremost among these is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, a thoroughly tested and highly accredited specific for coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, spitting of the blood and other affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Pulmonary irritation is promptly arrested by the Cod-Liver Oil, and the hypophosphites, which are among the finest renovants used by physicians, revive the flagging energies of the debilitated system.

CATARRH.

Catarrh of 25 years' standing cured by Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

Dropping in the throat almost choking, Headache, Pains in Shoulders, Back and Kidneys, and entire Breaking Down of the system cured by Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

A Cough of twenty-five years' standing cured by Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

Catarrh, with Dropping in the throat, causing feelings of Strangling, Deafness, Pains in the side and weakness of Kidneys, immediately relieved. System seemingly made new by one bottle of Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

A man cured of Catarrh of forty years' standing by use of Constitutional Catarrh Remedy. So it had impaired his eyesight. Made him deaf.

Troubles with Dropping in the Throat, Stopping, Hissing in the Head and Fetid Breath cured by Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

Bones of the nose eaten out, memory gone, mind impaired, cured by Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

Catarrh, with all its loathsome attendants, cured by four bottles of Constitutional Catarrh Remedy.

For sale by all Druggists.

Nearly $9,000 of an Increase in the Sales at the Right House

During October and November over the sales of October and November 1880. It is perfectly astonishing to see the crowds who throng these enormous stores from morning until night. Although they are about four times as large as the most of other stores in town, yet the innumerable multitudes who patronize them often cannot get room to sit down at the vast length of counters provided for them. The reason of this great success is that Watkins' long experience of thirty-eight years as a buyer has given him a thorough knowledge of the best markets of the world to buy in. Then his great capital enables him to purchase his goods for cash down at the very lowest possible prices. The cash discounts he gets, amounting to over $4 000 in each year, are a handsome profit alone. His system of **selling for prompt cash saves him from loss by bad debts, which for the last two years only amount to $12·50 altogether.** The immense amount of his sales enables him to sell his goods at a mere trifle over the cost, and 2½c. over expenses on each dollar's worth sold has been his average profit for many years. Customers know they can get all kinds of Dry Goods, Millinery Mantles, Dot nana, Dresses, Underclothing for ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys, House Furnishing Goods, including Carpets, Floor Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, etc., from the lowest to the very best. Hosiery and Gloves of all kinds, qualities and prices. Silks, Satins, Velvets, Plushes, and almost anything and everything they require, at the enormous house, at the very lowest prices that good, serviceable goods can be sold for. They know they can always get the very latest fashions and best French, English and American styles to be had. They know also that Watkins' system of marking all his goods in plain figures at the lowest cash prices is a guarantee of fair dealing, and that if they send a child for goods it will get them as cheap as they can, and further, that should any mistake be made or an overcharge occur, it will be set right if the bill is brought back and the matter explained to the proprietor. They know also that they will be treated politely, and will not be teased to buy more than they require. **Wanted, a salesman, Mantle makers and apprentices.** Remember the Right House is on King street east, close to Hughson street, and the name is

THOMAS C. WATKINS, HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 8th, 1881.

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Ladies.—Our Millinery and Mantle Department is superintended by a lady of experience, ability and courtesy.

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