

## Some Nice Presents at Geo. Hynds' Jewellery and Fancy Goods Store, Acton, Ont.

A Gold Watch and Chain, a silver watch and chain, a gold necklet and locket, gold earrings and brooches, a silver plated cruet, silver plated pickle stand, cake basket, half dozen good tea spoons, butter knives, napkin rings, a nice album, a nice pair of vases, a cut glass inkstand, a china motto cup, some nice glassware, xmas cards, new years, toys, dolls, writing desks, folios, etc. At GEORG HYNDS' you can get the most complete selection of beautiful xmas presents.

### THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 22, 1891.

Ladies, you ought to call soon and select your Xmas cards. I have the most complete selection and selling very cheap. Toys, Dolls, Vases, Albums. Call in soon and make your selection. Geo. Hynds' Jewellery & Fancy Goods Store, Acton, Ont.

#### SMALL SCRAPS.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scissors for readers of the Free Press.

- Merry, Merry Christmas.
- Buy your turkey.
- Markets continue dull.
- Christmas comes but once a year.
- Adorn your house with evergreen.
- Hang up your stockings—a big pair.
- Municipal matters are mixing muddily.
- How eager the children are for Christmas.
- Yesterday was the shortest day in the year.
- Wintery weather wanted by the merchants.
- As the Christmas tree is best, so is the youthful heart made glad.

- A good advertisement, like a motion to adjourn, is always in order.
- The young folks are beginning to wonder what stunts are for, anyway.
- Christmas is more novel to the children than to the older members of the family.
- Modern child's prayer: "Christmas is coming, O Santa Claus, and don't you forget it."
- Venor predicts stormy weather for Christmas, and heavy snow falls about New Year's.

- It is more blessed to give than to receive," but to surprise in the bestowing of gifts is better than all.
- How much would be left out of our lives and out of the 100 short years if there was no Christmas.
- In giving your Christmas presents, strive to have the presents correspond with the surroundings they may have.

- The Christmas tree'll glitter with presents and toys: with bouquets and wreaths for good girls and boys.
- Thousands and thousands of people, old and young, are laying their plans and making preparations for Christmas.
- As the children's friend, we ask every mother to allow a full supply of Christmas festivities to be enjoyed by her little ones.
- Hi, dare, massa! wish you merry, with you lots of Christmas cheer. Mistletoe am pretty, berry; lots of cash and allus near.

- Don't fail to purchase a diary for 1892, and record as usual the good resolutions for the year. But do endeavor this year to stick to them.
- Don't forget that many of your friends at a distance would extend a receipt for the Free Press for a year, a very welcome Christmas present.

- An editor sat in his sanctum chair. "Twas easy to see he knew no care; The world to him was fresh and fair, and holiday 'ads" were booming.
- "Do you take your local paper?" asked a stranger of a resident. "No," was the reply. "The fact is, I am too poor. Why, my dear sir, I cannot afford to keep a dog, say nothing of newspapers."
- Omaha charges \$1,000 for a license to sell liquor, and yet has more drunken men than any city charging one tenth the sum—Hamilton Spectator. Very aptly illustrating that the Spec's infallible "Crock's Act" and the license system generally, is a failure. Give us the Boot Act or total Prohibition.

- Professor Moorehead, London, differs very materially with his contemporary weather prophets, Venor and Ozels, who prognosticate a green Christmas. The Professor says: "Wee a gwie to haw a putty tall'ble cold snop. Jis' member what dis yer child's a sayin'. Wee's gwine to haw a white Christmas, an' dis yer muni-cipals ref'ains a gwyim to be fought out on runners a New Years day. Jis' mind what I'm a tellin' of you."

#### PERSONALS.

- Mr. Wm. Firstbrook, sr., of Toronto, was in town a couple of days this week.
- Mr. W. E. Mitchell, of Bronte, spent a few days this week with friends here.
- Mrs. Bobt. Higgins, of Walsin, Ont., is the guest of Mr. R. Little, Public School Inspector.
- Mr. Walter McKay, of Portage La Prairie, formerly of Georgetown, was in town yesterday.
- Miss Bella Griffin, of Chicago, is visiting her brother, Mr. Griffin, of the firm of Hughes & Griffin.
- Mr. John Ferguson, of Trinity Medical College, Toronto, spent a couple of days this week with Acton friends.
- Mr. R. Moore, of Emerson, Manitoba, formerly of Rockwood, spent a few days with his Acton friends this week.
- Mr. George Kilmaster, of Michigan Military Academy, Detroit, spent a few days with Acton friends this week.

### VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers.

- Municipal nominations next Monday.
- Christmas fowls are coming in plentifully.
- Municipal matters are beginning to boom.

- The butchers are preparing their stalls for Christmas.
- May you have a Merry, merry Christmas, as is our wish.
- Wood is \$4 per cord in Georgetown. Our citizens get it for \$3.
- Our merchants report business very good during the past week.
- The street lamps are lighted at about five o'clock in the afternoon now.
- Mr. J. C. Hill is putting a very neat and tasteful front to his new shop.
- The public schools will close to-morrow night for the Christmas vacation.
- Rev. T. L. Wilkinson will preach a Christmas sermon next Sunday morning.
- The little folks look eagerly forward wondering what Santa Claus will bring them.
- Next Monday will tell who among our citizens intend to work for municipal honors.
- The Hamilton Spectator should speak more definitely when addressing humble country newspapers.
- Mr. C. S. Smith has removed his lawn from the south to the other buildings north of the G. T. Railway.

- Men should be elected on account of their qualifications for office, not from any merely personal reasons.
- The usual quarterly examinations of the pupils of Acton public school will take place tomorrow. All are cordially invited to attend.
- The Methodist Church Sabbath School Xmas tree will be unadorned to-morrow. Perhaps the tree will contain something for you. Go and see.
- The employees of the Canada Glove Works are now having their Christmas vacation. Messrs. Storey & Son are engaged in stock taking.
- Parties having any births, marriages or deaths to register, and have not done so, will save a fine of \$30 by registering them before the end of the year.
- Candidates for civic honors are beginning to announce themselves, and before another week is over the elections will be the general topic of conversation.
- Wouldn't it be a good idea if the council would pass a by-law requiring all property owners to hang their gages so they would swing inside, and not out over the sidewalk.
- Don't forget the Christmas tree and anniversary Sabbath school entertainment in the Methodist Church to-morrow evening. You are cordially invited to attend and take your family along.
- It has grown to be a sort of second nature for young and old of all classes and conditions in life, to be "half-blind," so to speak, to the movements of the fancy air during the few weeks before Christmas.
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- The nomination for School Trustees takes place next Wednesday. Owing to the separation of the rural portion from the village, three persons will be required to be elected. Select the most capable men, electors.
- We are constantly in receipt of letters from subscribers, congratulating us on the marked improvement of the Free Press, while we feel assured that we are giving satisfaction it will always be our aim to continue to improve.
- To show how the Free Press is appreciated it will be sufficient to say that quite a number of our subscribers have already paid their subscriptions for next year. And we won't object to others following their example.
- Although Monday, December 26, has been proclaimed a public holiday by the Governor-General, it will not affect the municipal elections, and the nomination of candidates for office will take place the same as if it were not a holiday.
- If Christmas had no loftier meaning than that of pure and simple giving—giving for the good feeling that it brings to the one who receives, and the double blessing to the one who bestows—it has not become a holiday in vain.
- Messrs. Brown & Hall have decided to operate their saw mill another season after which time they will give up the lumber business here, all parties having timber which they wish to dispose of, or have cut for them, will do well to take it in this winter.
- Christmas services will be held in St. Allan's Church on Sunday. A Christmas tree entertainment, for the benefit of the Sabbath School will be held on the Monday evening following, in the Temperance Hall, when Rev. B. B. Cooke, of Georgetown, will address the children.
- A meeting of the school electors of school section No. 13—the new section about to be formed by the rural portion of Acton School District—will be held in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Al-zewin, on Wednesday, 28th inst., for the purpose of forming the new school and attending to matters connected therewith.

Taken altogether Acton possesses, comparatively speaking, a larger number of common sense merchants than any other town in the province. They, one and all, believe in printer's ink, and use it liberally as a medium for inviting you to purchase what you require from them. A perusal of our columns at any time, and especially during the past month will substantiate the above.

The Acton Free Press is giving a supplement weekly. Business is booming notwithstanding that horrid N.P.—Palmerston Telegraph. Ya, business is booming, and we presume the editor of the Telegraph would have us attribute all credit to the N.P. Well, we've no objection to letting him have his own way about it; we are also most happy to see that the Telegraph is prospering too.

The meeting of the A.T.M.M.I. Association last Thursday evening was well attended, and the debate helped to bring out the abilities of those participating. The subject of debate for this evening is, "Resolved that Free Trade tariff is more beneficial to a country than a Protective tariff," with Mr. J. C. Allan as leader of the affirmative and Mr. D. D. Christie of the negative. All members are requested to be present.

About a score of citizens, including the members of the present council—and probably a few who intend to be members of the council of 1892—enjoyed Rev. Smith's hospitality—in the shape of an oyster supper—at the Dominion Hotel on Tuesday evening. After the good things—which were of excellent quality—had been disposed of, a number of informal toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant and social hour was spent.

The majority of our weekly contemporaries will appear this week with a notice to the following effect: "Following the custom of many newspaper-publishers, we have decided not to issue any paper from this office during Christmas week." Thus far in its career the Free Press has never failed during any week to visit its readers, and we don't intend to make Christmas week this year an exception, although we are just as busy as any other office in the country.

The plans, specifications, etc., for the new Town Hall have been received by the Council from the architects, Messrs. James, Mastory and Mallory, Toronto. The drawings present a very fine appearance, and we would say that if a hall such as is represented on the paper can be erected and furnished for the amount asked for in the By-law, Acton will have a town hall to be proud of. A special meeting of the council will be held next Tuesday evening, for the purpose of examining the plans, etc.

Where shall I go for a supply of Christmas and New Year's gifts? is the leading question which just now agitates the loquacious of the food parlor-families. Any one who has not visited J. E. McGarvin's establishment had better lose no time in doing so. The immense stock of Christmas goods of every description is calculated to rejoice the heart of a young maiden and make the average boy almost slobber for joy. Our approaching this justly termed "Head quarters for Santa Claus," one is struck with the beauty and variety displayed in the goods, and if you are looking for Christmas presents of any kind this is the place at which to call.

On Friday afternoon we had a pleasant call from Mr. W. C. Beatty, Sec. Treas. of Halton Agricultural Association. Mr. Beatty informs us that he is just completing arrangements for a new and novel departure in the dairy business. It is the intention to ship to Toronto, daily, a large quantity of fresh milk in glass cans. The cans will each hold a quart, and every can will be sealed at the dairy, thereby guaranteeing to the consumer good, pure milk. Mr. Beatty will at first ship about 500 or 600 cans a day, but if the business proves a success he will increase his stock of cows. We believe the venture will meet with every encouragement, and eventually become one of the successful industries of our county.

#### EDITOR'S TABLE.

- The Rural Canadian, published at Toronto, by C. Blackett Robinson, has reached us. It deals largely in matters interesting to the farming community. W. F. Clarke is editor. The paper should meet with success.
- We have before us a copy of the first number of the Houtzdale, Pa., Observer, an eight-page weekly paper just started in the above town. The Observer has for its editor Mr. J. Proter, a native of this village. It is neatly-printed, and shows considerable enterprise in the gathering of local matter of interest to its readers. We wish the Observer all success.
- The publishers of the Montreal Witness have our thanks for copies of their premium pictures, "The Roll Call" and "Quatre Bras." The subjects of these engravings are so well known that we will not require to repeat their history, suffice it to say the engravings are works of art, and worthy of a place in any library. Subscribers who receive either of these premiums will undoubtedly be well pleased.
- A new literary paper has just been established at Montreal, under the supervision of "Canada First." The object is to give literary and later active form to literary talent, and to give a medium for the publication of original literary matter in literature among our people. The paper is the work of a patriotic sentiment and the political opinions of our country's writers. Canada First will, we trust, receive all the encouragement.

# HURRAH FOR XMAS

GIFTS OF FRIENDSHIP.

## J. E. MCGARVIN

Is desirous that you should enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and has done his best to make you merry and happy, if large assortments of Holiday Goods at low prices will do it.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS,**  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
New Arrivals.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
Choice Designs.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
Great Variety.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
Gems of Art.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
Hand-Printed.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
Mechanical.  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
At Prices To Suit All.

**PRESENTS.**  
A splendid assortment of Holiday Goods in Work-boxes, Writing Desks, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Companions, Purse, Albums, Card Cases, Vases, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, and presents for your sisters, your cousins and your aunts.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For the Babies.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For the Girls.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For the Boys.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For Young Ladies.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For Gentlemen.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For Mothers.  
XMAS PRESENTS  
For Fathers.

Toys and Fancy Goods in Endless Variety,  
Parents bring your children and let them see what Santa Claus has laid away for them. Wax Dolls, Rubber Dolls, China Dolls, etc. Fancy Goods for Ladies and Gentlemen. China Motto Cups and Saucers, handsome and fine, Moustache Cups, very cheap. We have everything nice for the holidays. Remember the Place.  
**J. E. MCGARVIN'S DRUG STORE ACTON,**

### GREAT SALE OF Boots & Shoes.

At the Cheapest Store in the County.

## JAMES GOODALL

Having made arrangements with several of the oldest and most reliable Boot & Shoe Manufacturers in Toronto and Montreal for a continual supply of

**Boots & shoes, Rubbers, Overshoes and Slippers,**  
of every line, in the greatest variety, for the rich, for the poor, from infancy to old age, at the lowest possible prices.

**FOR CASH.**  
We are prepared, and we offer the whole of our large stock—not one particular line, as is the custom of some others—

**BUT THE WHOLE OF OUR STOCK,**  
at prices that will astonish all who may favor us with their patronage.

We have often heard our friends in Acton and vicinity say they could buy Boots and Shoes cheaper in Guelph than in Acton. Now, we are determined that they should not be able to make the same statement hereafter. We are doing a **Strictly Cash Business**, both in buying and selling, and as our running expenses are but as a grain of sand in the bushel, compared with the heavy expenses of other firms, we are enabled thereby to sell at lower figures than every other offered before in the County of Halton; thereby gaining for us the title of

**THE CHEAPEST STORE IN THE COUNTY.**

the right to which we are prepared to prove. We neither defy nor do we court competition, neither do we offer to you old stock, which if it could speak, could tell many a tale, in relation to your health, long and short, and in relation to your travels, and with quivering voice (which generally accompanies old age) recount their great exposure, their much handling and many rejections.

**NO.**  
we offer you a stock at a month from the hands of our manufacturer. This week brings us another large and choice addition, altogether making one of the **Largest and Cheapest Stocks of Boots and Shoes in the County of Halton.**

We would especially call your attention to our large and varied stock of Ladies' Boots in **Cost. Kid, Pebble-Imitation Kid, and Casses Leather.** In **Felt** we have the largest and best stock in Acton. Every lady should call and examine this line particularly. In **Misses and Children's Wear** we have a very great assortment, at prices to suit all.


In Men's Boys' and Toddlers' Wear we have **Gait, Imitation Gait, Alligator, Grain, Fly, Split,** and other leathers, at all prices, also a choice assortment of **Gent's Felt.**

**IN SLIPPERS**  
We have a very choice lot of **GENTS OPERA, in Velvet and Ebanol,** beautifully faced with silk flowers, which will be very suitable for

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS PRESENTS.**  
We have also a Good Lot of  
**SLIPPERS, in Carpet and Plain Colors.**  
Call and examine our stock. It will be a pleasure to us to show you any line you may wish to see. Don't forget to give us a call.

**JAMES GOODALL**  
Central Boot & Shoe Store, Main Street, Acton, Ont.  
(The Cheapest Store in the County.)

### KING OF THE DRY GOODS.



**H. Radford, E. R. Bollert, J. B. Williamson.**

## THE LION, GUELPH, ONT.

We cordially invite the readers of the Free Press to pay us a visit within the next few weeks—we have made grand preparations for the

**HOLIDAY TRADE**  
and show many lines of Goods suitable for Christmas Presents, much under regular prices. We guarantee to save you more than the cost of your trip to Guelph—in the purchasing of your goods.

**SILKS.**  
Lovely Plain and Fancy Colored Silks at 45¢ per yard and upwards.  
Rich Black Dress and Mantle Silks at \$1.00 to \$3.00.  
Mantle Velvets from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per yard.

**DRESS GOODS.**  
Grand special purchase of 100 pieces of handsome goods from 10 to 20¢ per yard. All Wool Serges in all colors from 25¢ to 50¢. Black Cashmeres of our well-known make from 40¢ to \$2.00 per yard. Colored Cashmeres in all shades and prices.

**FURS.**  
Ladies Fur Mantles. Ladies Mink Seal Astrakhan. Squirrel—Squirrel—With a Seal. Ladies Fur Cape, wonderful value. Children's Furs of every style. Gentle Fur, large variety.

**SHAWLS.**  
Specially imported Scotch Wool and Cashmere Shawls, with the latest designs in Wools, in all colors. Fancy Wools, Cashmere Shawls. Our Shawls and Mantle Department never presented such a variety of styles. If you want a good Suit of Clothing, an Overcoat or Ulster, you can't get a better price than you can at the Lion.

**J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.**  
the largest stock ever seen in the County.

Fancy Goods, Pens and Ink, Toilet Soap, Pencils, Perfumery, Dolls, etc., the largest stock ever seen in the County.