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-Warmer weather desired. -Next Thursday, Queen's Birthday. An opera house is talked of for Guelph. Don't get tired of your finnels too

-The Brass Band practice twice a week The new town hall tower will sport a fine new flag on Queen's Birthday.

wise improving his store on Mill street. -A competent whitewasher and paperancer could do a good business in Actou. -" Honor to whom honor is due," Bro.

bearille Gartte, the flea business notwith--Owing to the inclemency of the wesher the cricket club has not yet commenc-

practice. -The Glassow House front has been remainted and is consequently improved in

and improved his editorial den, and is now very proud of it. -Interesting base ball match in Guelph te-merow. St. Locis Blackstockings vs.

-The Millow News man has remodelled

Quelph Maple Leafe. the shady side of the street yet. Weit un- | of those sales.

all spring is fairly here.... -Mr. W. H. Storey has heatly boulerarded that portion of Mill and John streets elimounding his residence.

-Until further notice the Sabbath evening service in the Metholist Church here rill commence at six o'clock.

-The poor trout will be tormented next hursday. Fishing is about the only sport be enjoyed in this vicinity that day. -A number of our citizens wonder how

was that the street lamps were unlighted n several dark nights during the week. -For diesa and tidy streets Acton now

akes the cake over any place in the county. Pay us a visit and you will be convinced. -Our milliners and merchant tailors sog have their hands full. Of course all orders must be completed by the "Twenty-

-The fraternity of Oddfellows of this fillage are considering the advisability of recting a block of stores with hall for their se above.

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ttitude and a curseful mind may be found the man tacking down carpets after pring cleaning. -Mr. Angus Fietcher and family, of

-A strange combination of a prayerful

Bellinafad, are moving to Acton. They ill reside on Mr. Fletcher's property on ohn and Agnes streets. -We understand that the improvements

ontemplated by Messrs. Beardmore & Co., in new buildings, machinery, etc., will cost etween \$4.000 and \$10.000. -Mr. W. B. Bragg, practical millwright,

as taken up his residence in Rockwood and is prepared to receive orders in his ine, in which he will ensure satisfaction. -As Queen's Birthday fails on Thurs-

ay-and every printer enjoys a holidayor carrier will deliver the FEEE PRESS BEXT reck on Weinceday evening; look out for

Queen's Birthday, the Acton Lodge, LO.O. spice. .. have decided to postpone their ouncers ! and the evening of the hell Exhibition. -gTite Obeipi siletrict meeting of the

Methodist Church will be held in the Nor-Methodist Church here. -In preparitie our list of shede trees

issued on the streets during the present tring, we overlooked the fact that Mossre. Nicklin & Son have planted about fifty oung maples about their premises. Messts. Ismord and W. Ramsey have also iented quite a number.

-Merchants who care anything for the

despiness of the sidewalks and streets in front of their places of business, should have all their sweepings put in a barrel and carted away, not swept into the gutter, especially when the Village Council has one to so much trouble in putting the streets into such a neat and tidy condition. -The Railroader, of Toledo, Ohio, is forwarded to its many friends, this month, in an improved shape and enclosed in a handcome cover. It contains much more readmg matter than any previous number, while the correspondence shows a healthy increase. Every railroad man in the

in this estimable monthly. -Mr. Richard Hamilton, who recently moved to Erin, was in town last Baturday. He has been engaged by Messrs. Beardmore Co., to put in a new tan yard for them in their Sole Leather Manufactory. Mr. Hamilton has a very wide reputation for this class of work, and is just completing a large contract in Mr. Z. A. Hall's new

country can find something to interest him

annery at Penetanguishene. -The editor of the Acton Fare Pass emoved all his wealth, consisting of deeds, portgages, certificates of bank shares, bank ctes, promissory notes, gold, eilver, etc., i c., etc., etc., from his coal-bin, where he ! princely secreted it, to a fine new sale. It | said that the end of the Parz Parza milding had to be temoved in order to within the office. - Millon-News. You no 185; 5th, Albert Graham, 184; 6th, Bertie. coubt take in your wealth through the key. Bessey, 182.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

Collection of Lord news and other mailers of special interest to our Village Readers

An Extensive Business The Canada Glove Works are now mak ing large shipmonts of gloves to distant

points. An order of unusual size was for-

warded to a Halifax merchant last week. The business of this firm in the North-West also is rapidly extending. Mr. Thomas McMurray, Provincial Dep-

uty Grand Worthy Patriarch, of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, will address a meeting in the Temperance Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Our citizens are invited to attend. Collection at close. A Snow Storm in May.

Canada will undoubtedly lead the van for extraordinary weather thus far this year. With the snow storm on Monday, May 14th, the climax is surely feached. Our "oldest inhabitants" have been scratching their heads for a parallel to the weather of the present week. It is certainly surpris--Mr. P. Kelly is re-painting and other-

Provincial Exhibition.

Preparations are being made for holding the next provincial exhibition in Guelph. Additional buildings will be required and plans are under preparation for them. The county council refused a grant and the city will have to bear a large part of the expense. It is proposed to ask for \$4,000 from the city council to begin with.

Mr. Eli Sayder's valuable property in this village will be sold by anction to the highest bidder on Saturday afternoon. The sale commences at 2 o'clock ...

Mr. W. C. Robinson offers for sale on Saturday evening, commencing at five A Specimen of Antiquity. o'clock, a quantity of frantiture, stock, etc., . at his residence on Church street Mr. W. -You need the particular about finding | Hemstreet, auctioners, has charge of both

Patalities at Georgetown.

Georgetown was alarmed on Friday morning by two fatal discoveries. The body of a man named Ruddell was found cut in two on the Grand Trunk Railway a short distance west of the village. It supposed that he had been walking on the ' track, when he was run over by a train. Death's other victim was Henry Walker. whose body was found near his home Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden taking off.

Acton has every reason to feel proud of her lively, enterprising paper, the Free Press. It comes to hand in an entirely new uniform, and pre-cuts a very handsome appearance. By the way, it's not so very long ago since the local editor of the Post entertained a warm regard for Actor and its surroundings, but-well things have changed, and she may be happier with "the other fellow."-Hanner Post. Perhaps some lady in town could explain the above mysterious paragraph from the penof our Hanover brother.

Our Country's Proceedors. Lieut.-Col. Allan informs us that he will commeace drill next Satarday evening in the drill shed. The volunteers of Acton Company, No. 6, will be present, and the books are open for a number of recruits The Colonel invites all the young men in town to be present and take part in the drilling exercises, whether they will enlist or not. A few evenings under Col. Allan's soldierly instruction will no doubt assis. our young men to assume more graceful gaits than many now exhibit in their loco-

In a private letter from a former resident of Acton the following items are gleaned respecting crops, etc., in Nebraska -" Notwithstanding the dry weather the fall wheat looks well and will average a feir crop. All the springereins are up and -Rev. D. B. Cameron occupied the give a healthy appearance. Potatoes were Presbyterian pulpit at Bradford last Sun. up a week ago. The postures are in good day. Rev. Mr. McIntyre filled the vacancy condition and herds are being driven out. ere in the morning, and in the evening to | Corn planting is the order of the day and will continue through the present week. -- Owing to the lise: that no movement | Butter here is 15c. to 20c., eggs. 10c., pohas been made for the celebration of the taices. 30c. to 10c., and chickens 85c.

About twenty-five minutes to one yesterday the fire bell rang forth its alarming reals, and enquiry elicited the fact that the felt street church, Gasiph, on the 22nd barn on the premises of the estate of the and 25rd insts. Rev. W. Bryers and Mr. i late Mrs. Samuel Speight, on Church and W. P. Brown are the delegates from the Willow streets, was in flames. In a few minutes bundreds of our citizens were upon the scene, and finding that the building was past saving, directed their efforts, to the adjacent dwellings, with successful re-The fire was originated by a son of Mrs. Robson, who moved to the village a month or so ago, while playing with matches about the premiser. Less about \$100. No insurance.

Attempted Burgisry. Last Friday evening while Mr. W. H.

Howell, of the City Grocery, was at church -Mrs. Howell being alone with the children upstairs-e man entered the premises by the back door with the evident intention helping himself to any valuables he might find. Fortunately constable Henrstreet, thinking the man a suspicious character, had been shadowing him for some time, and was immediately at his heels In some way, however, the thief escaped through a side door while the search was being made for him about the premises, and made a successful retreat. The constable searched for him a good part of the night, but without success.

Limehouse Public School. The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 9, Esquesing, at the

monthly written examination for April. MATINEM No. of MARKS, 538. 4TH CLuss-1st, Frank Cousins, 452; 2d. Etta Ross; 373; 3rd, Lizzie Moore, 286; 4th, Thos. Meredith, 273; 5th, Geo. Moore,

BED CLASS-SENIOR. - Maxim. No., 454.-1st, Mary Scott, 261; 2d, Ada Ross; 221;

8rd. Walker Snider, 181. San Class Jenion -- Maxim. No., 325 .-1st. Willie Fortune, 211; 2d, Ed. Marshall

195: 3rd, Albert Meredith, 192. 28th Class-Maxim. No., 275-1st, Maggie Fortune, 200; 2d, Maggie McDonald, 197; the safe to be placed in position 3rd, Maud Lindsay, 186; 4th, Edith Snyder,

En. Longues, Toacher.

The Bix Oclock Bell.

Our good-natured town bell singer has during the past two weeks, been ringing the bell at six o'clock each morning. If this is. to be continued some special arrangements must necessarily be made, as his contract does not call for this ringing.

Succumbed at Last. After several years of unusual suffering by that dreaded, and generally fatal affliction, caucer, Mrs. Samuel Speight, widow of the late S. Speight, Esq., of this village, departed this life at noon on Tuesday last. During her illness many kind neighbors and acquaintances ministered to the sufferer. The funeral will take place this afternoon at two o'clock.

Presentation. Last evening the Church-wardens of 8t Alban's Church met at the residence of Rev. Mr. Pigott and presented him, on behalf of the congregation, with a well-filled purse, expressing kindest wishes that his i proposed visit to England would be a safe and pleasant one, and that he would much enjoy the time spent in his native land. Mr. Pigott leaves this morning on his journey, the Face Pages wish him box

Received Just Desserts.

We hinted last week that unless the bad conduct of several of the youths of this village was improved they would pay the penalty for their misdeeds. A number of them continued their pranks, and as a consequence one of their number, Alex. Dyres, was on Monday arrested and fined 50 cents and costs, for making himself a nuisance about Mrs. Secord's premises. We trust this will be a warning to all other boys who seemingly don't know how to conduct themselves properly.

siderable curiosity passed through Acton over the G.T.R., it being the first locomotive cugme that ever run in America, and was on route for the Railway Supply Exposition about to be opened in Chicago. This engine, the second or third built for Stephenson, was certainly a curiosity, the brass plate on the boiler bears the inscription. "Timothy Hackworth, Sheldon, Durham. Eng., August, 1853." The tender is attached to what in undern engines would be the pilot and of the boiler, cylinders situated above the rear driving-wheels.

Rockwood News. Mr. J. Moore's woodshed was burned on' Monday. Fire occurred early in the moru-

ing. It is not known how the tire originated. The weather continues cold and backward, notwithstanding which farmers have pushed on with their seeding, and many are about through. We do not remember of a spring that has had so many cloudy days and late frosts. The present showery weather will cusure plenty of grass. The fall wheat came out looking well in the early spring, but has suffered considerably by frosts, and does not present so favorable an appearance as could be expected at this time of the year. Here and there are some fine field yet it is the exception.

Almost a Tragedy. On Tuesday morning just as Mr. D. W. Catapbell was leaving his home to proceed to his daily duties a revolver ballet whizzed passed his head striking the door post within a couple of inches of his head. The ball was no doubt from the firearm of some careless sportsman, but came very near robbing our little town of one of its prom-

inent citizens. Mr. Campbell indeed had a most miraculous escape. It is a mystery as to who fired the bullet. Our sportsmen may not be aware that by using fire-arms within the corporation limits they are acting in direct contravention of the By-laws of the manicipality, No. 17 of which prohibits the use of fire-arms under a penalty of \$10 and costs. A word to the wise, &c.

A Model Municipal Body. Our readers are well aware that Acton enjoys a most enviable and wide-spread reputation for enterprise in public and private improvements, and for the general nest and tidy appearance of the place. For this condition of affairs the reeve and council of the municipality deserve considerable credit, and it should be with a good deal of satisfaction that our citizens note their endeavors to place Acton on a higher level than the majority of sister towns possessing equal advantages. For the manuer of transacting municipal business the council is worthy of commendation, and matters are conducted in true parliamentary custom. A few weeks ago By-law to regulate the proceedings of the council, was passed; this has been neatly printed and each member put into possession of a copy, so that the business is now conducted with a regularity and system worthy of a more pretentious body. We would have no hesitation in placing our municipal council beside any in the province for sensible, systematic, careful and cautious transactions of municipal matters, and if some of the members don't occupy positions in the Legislative Halls of our country before their probation here is ended we will be very much mistaken.

PERSONALS

Mr. Thomas Craine left on Monday for Minnesota, U.S.

Miss Maggie Nicklin spent several days ast week with friends in Berlin.

Miss Annie M. Moore, who has been in Berlin for some time, returned heme on

Mr. Asa Hall continues to improve in

health, and is now able to take a drive occasionally. His recovery seems almost Mr. W. J. Nicklin, formerly of this office. returned home on Saturday, after having spent a year very enjoyably in London.

THE CRADLE. McARTHUL-At Limehouse, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. Dougal McArthur,

Eng., Glasgow and Montreal. Will's

friends welcome him back.

LOOMEN.-In Acton, on the 10th inst. Arthur, youngest son of Mr. J. B. Vroo-man, aged 8 months and 6 days.

Sprinks.—In Acton, on the 15th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Speight, widow of the late Samuel Speight, Esq., aged 52 years. Barre.-In Petrolia, on the 8th inst, Ruth Agnes, youngest daughter of Arthur and Annie E. Balls, formerly of Acton, aged 2 years and 4 months Esquesing Fall Show Isas.

\$10 SPECIAL PRIZES.

85.00 Cash for best dozen Sweds Turnipf. 85.00 Cash for best dozen Mangola -raised from seed purchased at-

J. E. MoGARVIN'S Dru and Stationery Store, Acton. Phoseiprizes are open for competition to all resident farmers in Esquesing, Nassagaweys, Erin and Eramosa Ths.



All Kinds of

and Flower

-SEEDS,-Good, Fresh and Reliable, AT J. E. McGARVIN'S Drug & Stationery Store,

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SUMMER IMPORTATIONS JUST TO HAND.

New Dress Coods for This Season.

CHECK AND PLAIN SATINS, NUN'S VEILING, WOOL BUNTINGS AND CASHMERES, IN MYRTLE GREEN, BROWN, GREY, STONE NAVY BLUE, CREAM & BLUE, WITH NEW SHADES, AND 50 OTHER DIFFERENT KINDS OF FABRICS, SATIN BROCADES, OTTOMAN CORDS AND SPOTS. TRIMMINGS :- BRAIDS, TARLATAN BRAIDS, IN NEW COLORS, PASSEMENTRE TRIMMINGS IN GREAT VARIETY, MANTLE LOOPS, FROGS AND ORNAMENTS IN ALL THE NEW PATTERNS.

A CREAT DRIVE.

We are in receipt of 40 pieces of Cashmeres, in Blue Black, Jet Black, Brown Black and Dull black. Every person able to purchase a dress should not lose this opportunity to secure a Cashmere at at least 50 per cent less than regular value.

STAPLE GOODS.

We are tilling up again. White cuttons are down, and purchasers will find on exam ination of our Cottons, Ducks, Denims, Shirtings, Cottonades, and /Linton Cassimeres, special lines | that our prices are the lowest. We are the only house in Acton that handle our Blue Black Cashineres at 50 cents knows that it beats anything these goods, which are scarce on account of the increasing demand since their value has become known. We open two case, of these goods this week-(don't fail to see them.

Special Values in all kinds of Linen Goods, Hosiery and Cents' Furnishins.

Millinery Coods.

Summer trade has opened up with us in full blast, and to meet the great demand for Fashionable Millinary, we have ordered, to arrive this week, several cases of Ladies and Misses latest New York styles of Ha's and Bonnets, in Straw Leghorn, Tape and other materials. Don't fail to see these goods before leaving you orders for summer wear.

Solid Leather Boots and Shoes.

We are the only house in Acton that sell J. D. King's solid leather Boots, Shoes, Slip- Hats. Collars, Cuffs, Braces, Ties, in endless variety. pers, &c. We will guarantee every pair: We can furnish you with cheap Eastern work, same as other houses, if you want them, but it will pay you to buy solid leather goods only, and get them warranted. They cost but a trifle more. Please give us a call for these goods and we will guarantee you satisfaction.

CROCERIES. We sell Groceries cheap. Good Butter for sale from 15 to 20 cents. Seed Potatoes for sale, 60 cents a bag,

GROCERY.

HOWELL

C. B. CRIFFIN.

HAND A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CANNED GOODS, PICKLES AND SAUCES.

ON HAND.

PEOPLE WISHING TO GFT A FIRST CLASS ARTICLE, WILL FIND IT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO PATRONIZE THIS HOUSE, WHERE THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM A LARGE AND

WELL ASSORTED STOCK.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF THAT CELE-BRATED 50 CENT TEA, WHICH HAS GAINED SUCH A

REPUTATION THROUGH ITS OWN MERITS. WE WILL SELL THIS TEA IN 5 POUND LOTS AT 45 CENTS PER POUND.

WE ALSO GIVE 131 POUNDS GOOD BRIGHT SUGAR FOR \$1.00

SPRING OPENING.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ACTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY

We take much pleasure in announcing that our stock of General Goods is very complete in every department, and has been bought Closer than ever, and shall be sold CLOSER THAN EVER.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT:

We would aunounce that we have an extra choice selection of all goods that pertain to this department, in Flowers, Feathers, and everything kept in a first class house, and all at the Very Closest Prices. All goods trimmed in the very latest style, by experienced milliners. All we ask is an inspection. Our Millinery Opening

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1883,

When we hope to see all our old customers and many new ones.

MANTLE GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We have this season bought a stock of Black Silks, Silk Brocades. and Satins, which we know are bought right, and shall be sold right.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

In this line we have some extra good value, in Check and Plain, Nuus Veiling, which are attracting great attention, and a line of Colored Cashmeres at 25 cents, and a job line at 121 and 15 cents per yard. Everyone that wants a cheap Spring Dress should see our Black Cashmere stock, which is now complete. It is needless for us to mention anything about these goods, as every person who has seen ever shown at the price. Big Stock of Prints, at lower prices than last season, which we would like you to see-in all, over 200 piecesfrom 6 cents per yard upward.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

We have now to hand and are showing an excellent stock of Gents White and Colored shirts, and also a fine stock of Felt and Straw

STAPLE DEPARTMENT. We have this season a heavy stock of Cottonades better value than shown before, and also the Famous Dundas Shirting, which for quality cannot be beat, and also very full lines of Factory,

Hollands, Towellings, at very low prices. See them.

ORDERED CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Stock now full and choice. This department will have the very best attention, and all orders entrusted to us will have our best person supervision. All goods made right, and made to fit in the latest fashious Come and be SUTTED at once, as the rush has already commenced.

BOOT & SHOE DEPARTMENT.

We would like all parties who are wanting a good durable Boot or Shoe, to call on us and we will be able to show them goods in this line at low prices, as we buy all our goods from the manufacturers direct, saving the wholesale and middlemen's profit, which we give our patrons the benefit of. We give 5 per cent, off to any person who buys 5 pairs and upwards. We have a few Job Lines which we are rushing off at an immense reduction.

> DEPARTMENT. GROCERY

We have a stock of Groceries which are all fresh and cheap. See our Bright Sugar, 131 lbs. for \$1.00, and also another lot of that Famous Fifty Cent Tea just to hand, better than ever.

We shall this season pay the very highest market price for Good Fresh Butter and Eggs. Come and leave us your money and produce, and we shall give you better value than ever.

Come one and all and Secure Bargains.

Remember the Old Stand

 \mathtt{THE} GLASGOW HOUSE.

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