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I have in dock for the Christmas Trade a fresh supply of Confectionery, which I claim is the best and parest-assortment in Acton. Try my

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Received daily and sold in bulk or served up raw-on the half shell-stewed or fresh-on short notice and at reasonable rates.

Respectfully soliciting a share of public patronage, I take pleasure in wishing all a olly good Christmas and prosperous New

A. E. MATTHEWS Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dag. 27, 1883.

THE PREE TRESS PTERKING

LELDING NEW SPAPES

OF ELLTON COUNTY. LARGEST CRECTLATION AFEE FOR LOCAL NEWS. IN LIN-BEST INTERESTS OF LIE COMMUNITY.

-Nomination next Monday. -A large number of visitors were

town on Christmas day. -The municipal pot is beginning to boil We trust it won't boil over. -The Public School here will be opened

next Thursday, 3rd January. -Drum Stoves, new and second hand cheap, at Mrs. S. A. Secord's.

-The school children are apparently enjoying their Christmas vacation.

-The price of gas has been reduced from \$3.(a) to \$2.50 per 1,000 feet, in Guelph. -Safficient snow for good sleighing would make the price of wood considerably

-We are informed that the newly-mar- pily spent by our citizens generally. ried couple. Took the train here yesterday | Vennor's Weather.

-Mr. Robt. Agues, of this village, has

been appointed a member of the Managing Committee of the Licensed Victuallers. -The candidate for municipal honors is on the war-path. He gives your hand the hearty annual shake, and wishes you a

Happy New Year. -Several cases of violation of the Scott Act will come up for trial at Milton to-day A couple of Acton hotel keepers are among those charged with being violators of the

be ready for his call

-The double Christmas number of the Ingersoli Chronicle is one of the best ductions of the kind we have received. reveals commendable enterprise in the

management of the Chronicle. -A mink muff was lost on Mill street between the G.T.R. and Messrs. Nelson McRae's store, on Monday evening. The inder will confer a favor by kindly leaving it at the Fazz Pages Office.

-The Guelph Opers House Lottery i over. As a result of the payment of \$176 into the concern for tickets by Acton boys \$22.50 was received in prizes. Rather unprofitable investments, gentlemen.

-The song service conducted in the Brick Church, second line, last Friday evening, by Rev. Mr. Dewey, was of a most interesting character. The attendance was very good, considering the stormy evening-

-A large number of our country contemporaries announced last week, "Owing to

Mr. B. H. Taylor's sleigh was pretty badly pose, as it has the largest circulation in At once address, Tave & Co., Auguste, fractioned, however.

-Frames made to order on short notice

VILLAGE VARIETIES Collection of Local news and othe matters of special interest to our

Village Readers.

New Year Concert at Milton. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, Milton, have arranged for a grand 1.00 p.m. concert for New Year's evening. Au excellent programme has been prepared, and some of the best Hamilton talent secured entertainment is auticipated. Scott Act Convention.

> holding of a County Convention in Milton on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th Prize, try it for one year. January. It is proposed to hold a Mana Meeting in the town hall on Tuosday even-

ing, to be addressed by a prominent speak. er from a distance. Further particulars will be announced next week New Year's Calla.

The young ladies will do well to be in readiness for an unusually large humber of callers on New Year's day. The fact of 1884 being Leap Year will no doubt impel that day, owing to their being obliged to allow the young ladies to monopolize the calling business during the year.

Rev. G. W. Dewey, of Georgetown, occ. pied the pulpit of the Methodist Church here last Sunday, morning and evening His discourses were interesting, practical, and very appropriate to the Christmas season. This young man possesses the ability necessary for a successful preacher of the gospel; and we trust he will enjoy a Complimentary Supper. very prosperous ministerial experience. Fatal Shooting.

Alex. Wardrope, aged 19, son of the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was accidently hotel, by a number of our business men he palled the trigger, the contents entering partaking of the bounties provided. Co Wardrope's breast. He diel almost im-

School Examinations. second and third departments of our public ton replied, referring to their long residence school last Thursday, were more largely and business experience with Acton, both attended than for several years. The of which had been of a most pleasant na children in their various classes showed ture. Various members of the company very evidently that their training had been followed with short and pithy speeches, common sense painciples on the part of pleasantly. their instructors. We congratulate Misses Gordon and Grant ajon the efficient standing of their papils.

A Beautiful Gift. The Great Rock Island Route has issue a new and most comprehensive Cook Book, of 12s pages, filled with new and reliable receipts from the best caterers of this and other countries. No housewife can afford to be without it; and though worth one iollar, it will be sent to any address, postpaid, upon receipt of ten cents in stamps. As they will go like hot cakes send at occe to E. St. John, G. T. & P. A. Chicaro

St. Alban's Xmas Tree. The Sabbath School Christians Tree an entertainment of St. Alban's Church, hel in the town hall last evening, was largel attended by the children and friends of the school. The tree was laden with presentfor the Sabbath School children, who were delighted with what they received. A very appropriate programme was presented The several carole, by the children, were exceedingly well rendered. All present seemed to enjoy the ovening.

Christmas Day. Tuesday was a model, old-fashioue Christmas day. The weather was delight ful, it being just cool enough to make it bracing, and the snow which had fallen day or so previous rendered sleighing very fair, and sleighriding was indulged in to the fullest extent, the jingle of the merry -Winter actually seems to have made bells giving Christmas a genuine ring. up his mind to take off his cap and stay Skating was also one of the favorite pastimes. The day was evidently very hap-

Vennor's almanac for 1884 says: "The -The storologepers now send in their coal stormy year 1863 is likely to end open accounts, and wish you the compliments and mild with but little or normow in any quarter, but possibly with rains and floods in western sections. Christmas week is not likely to be a wintry week. I look for raw, cloudy weather, with scattered rain and snowfalls and generally high temperature. Sleighing will be engaged in in but few if any quarters, owing to absence of snow. Sleet and rains west. The mouth will end, possibly, with a frosty " nip," but this of brief duration.

Annual School Meeting. The annual meeting for the election Public School Trustees, held yesterday, was more largely attended than usual. -The FEER Person carrier boy requests Messrs. Alex. Grant and D. Henderson mation. us to announce that he will present his nominated Mr. W. P. Brown, and Messrs. annual address bright and early on New D. Henderson and Thomas Easton nomin-Year's morning, and hopes his friends will ated Mr. Thomas C. Moore. There being of sixteen pages, very neatly prepared, conno other nominations the presiding officer, trining portraits and biographical sketches at the expiration of the hour, proclaimed of some of Canada's leading statesmen, Messrs. W. P. Brown and Thomas C. Moore elected Trustees for the term of three years. The Board is now composed President Arthur, of the U.S. The work as follows :- Messrs. W. H. Storey, James Moore, Dr. Lowry, J. E. McGarvin, W. P.

Brown and Thomas C. Moore. How to Make Them Successful. Those who have auction sales of farms, stock, implements, &c., generally imagine that one or two hundred posters is all that is required to advertise the sale. This is a great mistake. Posters are indeed indispensable, but one or two insertions of the articles to be sold in the local paper is worth more than a thousand posters. poster can be read only where it is posted up, which is generally in a hotel or at some prominent cross-road in the county. the articles are published in the paper it goes directly to the fireside where it can be carefully read and preserved for future reference. A local paper reaches men in the holidays no paper will be published their homes who are anxious to buy articles next week." In nine years the Fare Pares at auction, but who never enter a hotel, or has never failed to make its readers the who seldom spend a day away from home. Five dollars spent in advertising a sale in -An upset and runsway occurred on the local paper is better than ten dollars costly box of goods which will help you to Mill street on Christmas Day. The occu- worth of posters, and the former gives the more money right away than anything else pants of the sleigh were pretty well shaken advertiser no trouble to deliver. The Acrox in this world. All, of either sex, succeed np. No hones were broken. One side of PREE PRESS is the best paper for this pur-

-Gold Frames for oil paintings made to order at C. W. Hill's.

-The skating rink was opened last Thursday evening, and has been pretty liberally patronized smoe. We think the present manager should follow the example of past years, and close the rink on those evenings when any church entertainments are being held.

-We ask all our friends, readers, supporters, acquaintances, borrowing readers and others to extend the circulation of the FREE Parss. If your neighbor does not for the occasion. An unusually interesting take it, see him and get him to subscribe. If you borrow the FREE PRESS -well, now, you ought to get it for yourself and don't Arrangements are being made for the impose on your neighbor's good nature. If you are not acquainted with the FREE

-It really is remarkable that dear old Santa Claus has never yet got stupid, tardy, tired out or cross; the venerable saint is as joll; as of yore, atthough he has kept going for a thousand years or more, his pack-was full as ever, and his reindeer just as bright, as they halted at every chimney-top in town last Monday night; and he crammed each waiting stocking just as tightly then, we know, as he did those the young gentlemen to put in full time on that were hung up five nundred years ago.

> Auction Sale. An auction sale of farm stock, imple ments, &c., will-be held on the farm of Mr. James Mason, lot 3, con. 1, Erin, on Friday, 28th Dec., at one o'clock. No reserve, as the proprietor is leaving the farms Sale to commence at one o'clock. Wm. Homstreet. Auctioneer.

On Thursday evening last a complimentary supper was tondered Messrs. D. D. Christic and George Tolton, at Agnew's shot dead while out gamning with friends and citizens, as a slight token of esteem on Christmas afternoon. A man named and respect. The gentleman named have Murray was showing how a hammerless gun recently removed from Acton, the former worked. Thinking the gun was unloaded to Toronto and the latter to Guelph. After Allan was appointed chairman, who, after a few remarks, asked the company to drink the toast, "Our Guests." This was heartily The examinations of the papils of the complied with. Messrs. Christie and Tolconducted with perseverence and upon and an hour or so was thus spent very

Sabbath School Christmas Arch. &c.

The Sabbath School entertainment and Christmas Arch, held in the Mothodist Church here on Christmas evening, was a decided success in every respect. The attendance was large, and all present appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves-After tex in the basement, the company took their places in the body of the church, and the programme of the evening was procoeded with. Rev. W. Bryers, pastor, oc capied the chair. Short addresses were delivered by Rev's Dewey, of Georgetown and Henders, of Nassagaweya, which were most appropriate. Recitations were rendered by Miss Alice Hughes, Miss Watts of Eramosa, and Mr. R. E. Nelson, all of which were well received. The singing of the choir was of a very satisfactory character, and received well merited applause But to the children the great attraction o the evening was the Christmas arch, decked with presents of every description, and the appearance of a real live Santa Claus, who arrived in time to assist in the distribution of the presents. The arch was a new and very novel substitute for the usual Christmas tree. It certainly looked superfor to the tree, and the committee, under the superintendence of Mr. C. C. Speight, are to be congratulated upon the fine appearance it presented. The ladies who had in charge the preparation of the culthanks of all concerned for their excellent The secretary's report of the school for the year just closing was very

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

"Our Little Ques" for January is to hand with as bright a face as ever. It's just what the little folks enjoy and is welcome

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. E. McGarvin, druggist and stationer, for a copy of the Canadian Almanac for 1884. The amount of useful matter contained in this volume is surprising and those who have used it in former years feel that they cannot do without a copy. It contains full and authentic commercial, statistical, astronomical, departmental, ecclesiastical, Silucational, financial, and general infor-

We are in receipt of the Advertiser Portrall Gallery for 1884, a unique little work the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone; Queen Victoria, and is offered as a premium with the London Advertiser, at the low rate of \$1.10 per

VICE'S FLORIL GUIDE.-Here it is again, brighter and better than ever; the cover alone, with its delicate tinted background and its dish of gracefully arranged flowers, would entitle it to a prominent place in every home. The book contains three beautiful colored plates, is full of illustrations, printed on the best of paper, and is filled with just such information as is required by the gardener, the farmer, those growing plants, and every one needing seeds or plants. The price, only ten cents, can be deducted from the first order sent for goods. All parties any way interested in this subject should send at once to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., for the Floral Guide.

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All are invited to examine these splendid holiday gifts, whether they wish to purchase or not. It will be a pleasure for us to exhibit our stock and a pleasure to you to look through it.

J. E. MCGARVIN

NOTICE!

All accounts due the late firm of Hughes & Criffin must be paid by the 5th of December next, or they will be placed in Court for collection.

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