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

Acton Free Press.

Intespir Monning, Dec. 27, 1883.

THE FREE PRESS PTERMIN.

PALEE. LEATING NEWSPAPER IN THIS DISTRICT. BEST FAREE FOR LOCAL NEWS. IT EN-DEATOES ALMAYS EXECUTED FOR THE

-Nomination next Monday. -A large number of visitors were town on Christmas day.

ELST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

-The municipal pot is beginning to be We trust it won't beil over.

next Thursday, 3rd January. -Drum Stoves, new and second hand,

chesp, at Mrs. S. A. Secord's. The school children are apparently en- Christmas Day.

joying their Christmas vacation. -The price of gas has been reluced from \$5.00 to \$2.50 per 1,000 feet, in Gueiph.

-Safficient snow for good sleighing would make the price of wood considerably

-Winter actually seems to have made up his min't to take off his cap and stay

-- We are informed that the newly-mar- | pily spent by our crtizens generally. ried couples took the train here yesterday Vennor's Weather.

-Mr. Robt. Aguew, 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 bearty annual shake, and wishes you s Happy New Year.

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

he ready for his call.

-The double Christmas number of the Ingered Chronicie is one of the best productions of the kind we have received. It Moore elected Trustees for the term of W. E. Gladstone, Queen Victoria, and reveals commendable enterprise in the three years. The Board is now composed President Arthur, of the U.S. The work 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 How to Make Them Successful. huder will confer a favor by kindly leaving it at the FEZZ PRESS Office.

-The Gueiph Opera House Lottery over. As a result of the payment of \$17. into the concern for tickets by Acton boys \$22.50 was received in prizes. Rather un-

profitable investments, centlemen. -The song service conducted in the Brick Church, second line, last Eriday 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 reference. A local paper reaches men the holidays no paper will be published their homes who are anxious to buy articles next week." In mine years the FREE PRESS at auction, but who never enter a hotel, or has never failed to make its readers the who celdom spend a day away from bome.

-An upset and ransway occurred on the local paper is better than ton dollars frethard, bowerer . -

-France made to order on short notice at C W. Hill's

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

New Year Concert at Milton. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist | are being held. Church, Milton, have arranged for a grand concert for New Year's evening. An excellent programme has been prepared, and cutertainment is auticipated.

Scott Act Convention.

holding of a County Convention in Milton on Tuceday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th Para, try it for one year. January. It is proposed to hold a Mass Meeting in the town hall on Tuesday evening, to be addressed by a prominent speak or from a distance. Further particulars will be announced next week.

New Year's Calls. The young ladies will do well to be in readiness for an unusually large number of callers on New Year's day. The fact of 1884 being Leap Year will no doubt impel the young gentlemen to put in full time 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 Googletown, occu pied the pulpit of the Methodist Churc' 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. English Walnuts. Coconnuts. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was accidently shot dead while out gunning with friends and citizens, as a slight token of esteons on Christmas afternoon. A man name i and respect. The gentleman named have Haddle & Ciscos. Murray was showing how a hammerless gun recently removed from Acton, the former

he pulled the trigger, the contents entering Wardrope's breast. He died almost im-

chool Examinations E. MATTHEWS common sense painciples on the part of pleasantly. their instructors. We congratulate Misses Gordon and Grant upon the efficient stand-

> ing of their papils. A Beautiful Gift.

The Great Rock Island Route has issued a new and most comprchensive Cook Book. of 12: pages, filled with new and reliable reccipts from the best exterers of this and other countries. No housewife can afford to be without it; and though worth one dollar, it will be sent to any address, postpaid, upon receipt of ten cents in stamps. As they will go like hot cakes send at once to E. St. John, G. T. & P. A. Chicago,

St Alban's Xmas Trec. The Sabbath School Christmas Tree and entertainment of St. Alban's Church, helin the town hall last evening, was largely attended by the children and friends of the school. The tree was laden with presents for the Sabbath School children, who wer delighted with what they received. A very __The Public School here will be opened appropriate programme was presented The several carols, by the children, were

> seemed to enjoy the evening. Tuesday was a model, old-fashioned Christmas day. The weather was delightfal, it being just cool enough to make it bracing, and the snow which had fallen a day or so previous rendered sleighing very fair, and sleighriding was indulged in to the fullest extent, the jingle of the merry bells giving Christmas a genuine rin Skating was also one of the favorite patimes. The day was evidently very hap-

Vennor's almanac for 1884 was: "The -The storekeggers now send in their cool storing year 1863 is likely to end own accounts, and wish you the compliments | and mild, with but little or no snow in any quarter, but possibly with rains and floods in western sections. Christmas week 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 few if any quarters, owing to absence snow: Sleet and rains west. The month will end, possibly, with a frasty " 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 Friz Press carrier boy requests Messre. Alex. Grant and D. Henderson as 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, taining portraits and biographical sketches at the expiration of the hour, proclaimed of some of Canada's leading statesmen, as follows :- Messrs. W. H. Storey, James Moore, Dr. Lowry, J. E. McGarvin, W. P.

> Brown and Thomas C. Moore. 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 great mistake. Posters are indeed indispensable, but one or two insertious of the articles to be sold in the local paper 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 goes directly to the fireside where it can be carefully read and preserved for future

Five dollars spont in advertising a sale in A PRIZE, age, and receive free, a coatly box of goods which will help you to Mill street on Christmas Day. The docu- worth of posters, and the former gives the more money right away than anything else pasts of the sleigh were pretty well shaken's advertiser no trouble to deliver. The Acrox in this world. All, of either sex, succeed up. No bones were broken. One side of FREE PRESS is the best paper for this pur-Mr. B. H. Taylor's sleigh was pretty badly pose, as it has the largest circulation in At once address, TRUE & Co., Augusta,

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

a the self that the Breeze to grant and the water is a

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

-We ask all our friends, readers, supporters, acquaintances, borrowing roaders and others to extend the circulation of the some of the best Hamilton talent secured Fact Pieres. If your neighbor does not for the occasion. An unusually interesting take it, see him and get him to subscribe. If you borrow the Frez Parise -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 yot got stupid, lardy, tired out or cross; the venerable saint is as jolly as of yore, although he has kept going for a thous and years or more, his pack was full a ever, and his reindeer just an 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 that were hung up five hundred years ago.

Auction Sale. An auction sale of farm stock, implements, &c., will be held on the farm of Mr. lames Mason, lot 3, con. 4, Erin, on Friday, 2sth Dec., at one o'clock. No reserve, as the proptletor is leaving the farm. Sale to commence at one o'clock. Wm. Hem-

On Thursday evening last a complimentary supper was tendered Messrs. D. D. Christie and George Tolton, at Agnew's hotel, by a number of our business men worked. Thinking the gun was unloaded to Toronto and the latter to Guelph. After partaking of the bounties provided, Col Alian 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 Tolsecond and third departments of our public tou 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 nachildren in their various classes showed ture. Various members of the company very evidently that their training had been followed with short and pithy speeches. conducted 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 Methodist Church here on Christmas evening, was a decided access 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 proceeded with. Rev. W. Bryers, pastor, occupied the chair. Short addresses were delivered by Rev's Dewey, of Georgetown, and Henders, of Nassagawaya, which were most appropriate. Recitations were reudered by Miss Alice Hughes, Miss Watts of Eramoss, 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 of the evening was the Christmas arch, dock ed with presents of every description, and exceedingly well rendered. All present 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 tres. 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 culinery part of the programme, deserve the hanks 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 Ones" 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. McGarin, 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 anthentic commercial, statistical, astronomical, departmental, ecclesiastical, educational, financial, and general infor-

We are in receipt of the Advertiser Portrait Gallery for 1884, a unique little work Messrs. W. P. Brown and Thomas C. the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Rt. Hon. s offered as a premium with the London Advertiser, at the low rate of \$1.10 per

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And trust they will all have a

AND

MERRY

CHRISTMAS.

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Chatterbox, Infants Nagazine, &c., &c., &c.

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