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RAILWAY TIME TABLE. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Table with columns for time, station, and direction.

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VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

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The skating rink was opened last Thursday evening, and has been pretty liberally patronized since.

We ask all our friends, readers, supporters, acquaintances, borrowing readers and others to extend the circulation of the Free Press.

It really is remarkable that dear old Santa Claus has never yet got stupid, lardy, tired out or cross.

An auction sale of farm stock, implements, &c., will be held on the farm of Mr. James Mason, lot 3, con. 4, Elm, on Friday, 25th Dec., at one o'clock.

On Thursday evening last a complimentary supper was tendered Messrs. D. D. Christie and George Tolton, at Agnew's hotel.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

Santa Claus' Headquarters in Acton is as usual at MCGARVIN'S WELL-KNOWN DRUG AND STATIONERY STORE

Where a magnificent stock of Xmas and New Years Goods has just been opened, consisting of everything wanted for the Holiday Trade, such as—Bibles, Albums (photo and etrag), Poets, Ladies and Gents' Companions, Writing Desks, in leather, wood and paper, Silverware, a fine stock cheap Wax Dolls, from 5c. to \$3.00 each, Ink-stands, plain and fancy, Vases, Toys, &c., &c., &c.

ADMISSION FREE. 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

You Can Secure Bargains in BOOTS... SHOES... AT... THE... BOO... SHOE... STORE kept by HEIRY, you'll find it as you like it.

NELSON & McRAE, GLASGOW HOUSE! MILL ST., ACTON, ONT., The Compliments of the season, AND Wish Every Reader of the Free Press

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NOTICE!

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

I AM SELLING BOOTS AND SHOES

At 5 per cent. on cost, which is 25 per cent less than you can purchase elsewhere. I want to reduce my stock. ANY ARTICLE IN MILLINERY I WILL SELL AT COST.

MRS. E. H. PASS'S Cheap Cash Millinery Store. All Goods Selling at a Great Reduction. DRESS AND HATTE MAKING done in all its branches. JACKETS cut and fitted. FELT, BEAVER, and STRAW HATS, made over in the newest styles. See our lovely Saratoga Waves for \$1.00. Good Switches from 75 cents upwards. Combing made up.

Headquarters For CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY, Fruits, Canned Goods, &c.

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

15c, 20c, 25c, & 40c. Mixed. Foreign & Domestic Fruits. Oranges, Apples, Lemons, Layer Raisins, Malaga Grapes, Figs, Dates, &c., &c. Pears, &c., &c.

NUTS. Almonds, Pecans, Filberts, Hickory, Brazil, Peanuts, English Walnuts, Cocoanuts.

Fresh Maple Sugar, Huddle & Ciscos. FRESH OYSTERS. Received daily and sold in bulk or served up raw—in the shell—steamed or fresh—on short notice and at reasonable rates.

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

A. E. MATTHEWS Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, 1883.

THE FREE PRESS STRAID. 1884. A LITTLE... THE FREE PRESS STRAID.

Nomination next Monday. A large number of visitors were in 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 Spices, new and second hand, cheap, at Mrs. S. A. Seccord's. The school children are apparently enjoying their Christmas vacation.

The price of gas has been reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.50 per 1,000 feet, in Guelph. Sufficient snow for good sleighing would make the price of wood considerably lower.

Winter actually seems to have made up his mind to take of his cap and stay awhile. We are informed that five newly-married couples took the train here yesterday morning.

The candidates for municipal honors is on the war-path. He gives you hand the heavy 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 Act.

The Fall Press carrier boy requests us to announce that he will present his annual address bright and early on New Year's morning, and hopes his friends will be ready for his call.

The double Christmas number of the Ingersoll Chronicle is one of the best productions of the kind we have received. It reveals commendable enterprise in the management of the Chronicle.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of a County Convention in Milton on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th January. It is proposed to hold a Mass Meeting in the town hall on Tuesday evening, to be addressed by a prominent speaker from a distance.

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 on 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, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church here last Sunday, morning and evening. His discourses were interesting, practical, and very appropriate to the Christmas season.

Dr. Wardrop of Guelph, was accidentally shot dead while out gunning with friends on Christmas afternoon. A man named Murray was showing him a hammer-gun worked. Thinking the gun was unloaded, he pulled the trigger, the contents entering Wardrop's breast. He died almost immediately.

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