

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Grand Trunk Railway, G.T. East, and G.T. West, listing departure and arrival times for various stations like Toronto, Hamilton, and London.

THE TIME OF CLIPPING MAILS.
Globe West—8:15 a.m.
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Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 27, 1884.

BITS OF BREVIETY.

And other things, prepared by the use of the pen and scanner for readers of the Free Press.

Now for leap year balls.
Election next Monday.
The "question" will be popped.

The close of winter—"Close the door."
"Stock-taking" is now the order of the day.

The holidays are over. Now for a year of energetic business.
Did you hear the bell-ringer ring the Old Year out and the New Year in?

Did you hear the dutter of the new leaves turned over on New Year's Day?
Remember to blanky your horse when you leave him standing on the streets these cold days.

The sleighing is now first-class. There was an unusual amount of driving on New Year's Day.
The heavy storm of wind and snow during the past twenty-four hours has drifted the snows considerably.

Acton Building Association has several good brick residences to rent in their terrace on Bower Avenue.
1884. A lively and interesting year for the unmarried young ladies. Of course, we wish them all success.

Arrangements are being effected for the institution of a Lodge of Good Templars in Acton, next Tuesday evening.
A customer slipped and put his head through one of McGarvin's drug store windows on Saturday evening.

Little Charlie, after his New Year's dinner, "Oh-mamma, I've got such a awful headache in my stomach."
Economy in the household expenses is talked about now that the holidays, and their consequent extravagance, are over.

Georgetown brass band is now under the leadership of Prof. McCulloch, formerly of Barrie. It has good prospects for success.
The carrier boy wishes us to express his sincere thanks to his many patrons for their liberality toward him on New Year's morning.

There has been possible sleighing during the week and large quantities of wood, timber logs, bark, &c., have consequently been teamed in.
It is rather hard to get into the hang of writing it 1884, isn't it, Mr. Businessman? The "3" will creep in unintentionally yet sometimes.

Note only for those candidates for municipal Council who will agree to do their part towards the formation of a Fire Company for our municipality.
For the silk dresses, girls. Make every young man who refuses your proposal pay the penalty. Leap year comes but once in four years, you know.

Notwithstanding the dull times and scarcity of money, our merchants and business men report having done a very satisfactory trade during the holidays.
Mr. J. A. Milne is now a happy man, having entered into the blissful state of matrimony with Miss Lynn. May they have a little Millyene continually.

Our thanks are due to Mr. H. H. Warner, of Barre, N.Y., for a complimentary admission ticket for 1884 to the Warner Observatory. The Observatory is one of Rochester's principal attractions.
If "Subscriber" of Rockwood, will kindly forward us his name we will be pleased to insert his pithy judgment of news. Send a new list for next issue, "Subscriber," with your real name—not necessarily for publication, you know.

Districts of all kinds and descriptions are in the market, and the usual number have commenced their annual attempt to write the doings of every day in the year. People have been known to keep the practice up until the middle of February, but it generally is a short three weeks.
Rev. B. Hobbs, of Mount Pleasant, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church here, paid Acton friends a short visit yesterday. All were glad to see him. The Rev. gentleman has just closed one of the most successful special services on his circuit ever held in the London Conference.

At a church fair recently, a valuable prize was offered for the Young girl who had declined all invitations to eat ice cream during the summer. Nobody was able to claim it. Show this to your girl next May, but don't let the proprietors of ice cream parlors know where you found the advice.
The value of advertising in the Free Press is being weekly tested and satisfactorily proved. Last week a milk man was let by one party, and a good kid glove by another. They were advertised, and consequently are again in possession of the owners. These matters are of very frequent occurrence, and it does pay to advertise.

Milkoon's Picnic.
The Atkinson Combination played "Milkoon's Picnic" in the Town Hall on New Year's Eve, to the smallest audience that has greeted a company in Acton in many a day. In point of numbers the cast of the company was all that could be desired—there being nineteen in connection with the affair—but as far as their dramatic efficiency is concerned they were miserable failures, and will be welcome in future to give Acton a wide berth.

Ribs Fractured.

While engaged in loading his furniture a couple of weeks ago, prior to his removal to Stratford, Mr. Hugh Cameron met with an accident by which a couple of his ribs were fractured. He has been unable to work since, but we are pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to attend his duties again.

Scott Act Trials.
At the Scott Act trials at Milton last Thursday Mr. Robert Agnew, hotel keeper of this village, was convicted of violation of the Scott Act on two charges and fined for first offence \$50 and costs, second offence \$100 and costs, total, about \$175. Three charges against Mr. Agnew will be heard at Milton to-day, as well as one for third offence against Mr. James Campbell.

The Public School.
Public school opened this morning. The Board of Trustees were congratulating themselves upon the efficient staff of teachers secured for 1884, but a letter was received on Monday evening from Miss Morton, teacher for second department, stating that she was too ill to enter upon her duties, and asking the Board to secure a substitute for a month or so. No substitute has as yet been secured.

Week of Prayer.
The annual Week of Prayer will commence next Monday, 6th inst. The following are the subjects selected:—
Monday.—Praise and thanksgiving.
Tuesday.—Confession of Sin.
Wednesday.—Prayer for families.
Thursday.—Prayer for the Church of Christ.
Friday.—Prayer for Missions at home and abroad.

Leap Year Arrangements.
We are glad to learn that the bachelors, old and young, in town, have already taken time by the forelock and held a meeting to consider the course they should pursue in view of approach of leap year of its usual serious consequences, and from what we have heard of the proceedings we can safely inform our lady friends that if they make their selections with proper discretion very few silk dresses will change hands.

The Snow vs. The Sidewalks.
The constable has posted notices throughout the town, notifying our citizens that all parties neglecting to have the snow cleaned off the sidewalks adjoining their premises by ten o'clock each morning, will be fined according to By-law. Our residents have always attended very creditably to this matter, and it is only with a small proportion of the population that the constable has had any trouble in past years. Our worthy constable, supported by the Council, is determined that the snow by-law be recognized by every citizen amenable to it, and we trust all will respect the object in view, and act accordingly.

Masonic Installation.
Walker Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 321, celebrated St. John's Day last Thursday evening, by installation of officers, and an ox-tyer supper at Agnew's hotel. W. Bros. Pettiford and Anderson, of Waterville Lodge, Guelph, conducted the installation of the following officers for the current year:—
Bro. W. H. Lowry, I. P. M.
Bro. J. B. Pearson, W. M.
Bro. I. Francis, J. W.
Bro. W. J. Pigott, Chap.
Bro. Geo. Hynes, Sec.
Bro. C. S. Smith, Treas.
Bro. G. C. Clark, S. D.
Bro. Wm. Shaw, J. D.
Bro. Fred. Secord, D. of C.
Bro. Wm. Humphreys, Stewards
Bro. J. Shultz.
Bro. W. B. Kenney, I. G.
Bro. Geo. Kenney, Tyler.

Oakville High School.
The underaged pupils were successful in passing the Entrance Examination held on the 20th and 21st ultimo:—
1.—Brain, Alphonsus.
2.—Chisholm, Allan.
3.—Kennedy, George A.
4.—Lucas, Charles.
5.—Patterson, Lindsay.
6.—Patterson, Charles.
7.—Anderson, Lucy.
8.—Cote, Annie Jane.
9.—Coss, Isabella.
10.—Jordan, Minnie.
11.—La Barre, Ella.
12.—Montgomery, Lizzie.
13.—McCraney, Jessie.
14.—McCraney, Ella J.
15.—Nisbet, Isabella C.
16.—Randall, Ida.
17.—Williams, Mary.

Painful Accident to a Former Resident.
An accident which might have resulted fatally occurred on the evening of the 22nd December, to Mr. Peter S. Armstrong, of Ivanhoe, Nebraska, late of this village, formerly of Aramosa, and brother of Mr. John S. Armstrong, of Armstrong's Mills. Mr. Armstrong had been out to Lincoln, and returning home on a lumber wagon, the night being very dark, in crossing a bridge about two miles from home he missed the way, and the wagon upsetting he was thrown a distance of ten feet, upon the ice on the stream below, falling upon his left hand, which caused a dislocation of the shoulder at the collar bone. When he was sufficiently recovered to get up, he found the horse and wagon a short distance away, the wagon being a perfect wreck. Mr. Armstrong walked to the nearest house, about a mile distant, and with the assistance of a neighbor walked home, the pain from the dislocated shoulder rendering it impossible for him to ride. Dr. Cox, of Palmyra, 10 miles distant, was immediately sent for, who, after three unsuccessful attempts, finally succeeded in reducing the dislocation. The injured man is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Guelph papers please copy.—Con.

This is the second serious accident which has befallen Mr. Armstrong since his removal to Nebraska, having received a fracture of his left leg a year or so ago, which has caused him much pain and trouble, and these accidents are unfortunately tending very seriously to injure his success on a new farm and in a new country. Mr. Armstrong and family have our warmest sympathies in their misfortune.

New Year's Day.

Tuesday was fine in the morning, but towards evening a winter storm set in. The day was apparently spent pleasantly by our citizens. Sleighing was good, the caretaker of the rink had good ice for those who enjoy skating, and New Year's calling was pretty largely indulged in. The carnival at the rink in the evening was the only public entertainment in town. The attendance was very fair, but the number of costumeders was smaller than usual. Acton Cornet Band discoursed sweet music at intervals during the evening. And now the holidays are over, the cheerful expression, "Happy New Year," is laid upon the shelf of time for another twelve months, and all are again brought face to face with the stern realities of real life.

Sad and Fatal Accident.
A death occurred very suddenly in our midst last Friday morning which has cast a gloom over the community. On Wednesday, 26th ult., while the children of Mrs. M. C. Orr were out playing with their sled, drawing each other on the ice and enjoying themselves as only children can do, Bertha, the second daughter, slipped and fell, her head striking the ice, by which a severe bruise was inflicted upon the temple. The little girl walked home, and although the bruise caused her considerable pain, the injury was not considered serious. Medical attendance was secured and the friends of the little one did all in their power to relieve her suffering, but on Friday morning her spirit departed from the house of clay very suddenly and peacefully. A matter which rendered the circumstance even more painful was the absence of the mother of the little girl, who left the week previous on a visit to friends in Luther, leaving the children with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Royce. The family have the warmest sympathy of the entire community in their sudden affliction. Lovingly in her life, kind friends ministered to her at death, conveyed her mortal remains, amid the sympathies of many, to the Georgetown cemetery, there to remain until the morning of the resurrection of the Just.

PERSONALS.
Mr. Fred. Secord has been home for a couple of weeks.
Mr. Thomas Perryman, sr., of Collingwood, visited Acton friends this week.
Messrs. A. and F. and Miss Charlotte Hemmstedt visited friends in Shelburne this week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Austin and daughter, of Hawley, visited Acton friends during the holidays.
Mrs. J. E. McGarvin and Mrs. George Nisbet spent New Year's at their old home in Orangeville.
Miss Etta Armstrong, of Toronto, who had been visiting Acton friends, returned home last week.
Mr. James Moore, jr., who has been in Montreal for a month or so, returned home on New Year's evening.
Mr. Thomas Elliott, of Chesley, who had been visiting in Acton, returned home last week. Mr. W. Bell accompanied him.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY COLLISION.
One of the worst railway accidents in Canadian history.
Twenty-seven Men Killed at Toronto yesterday morning. Twenty More Seriously Injured.

A terrible accident occurred about two miles west of Toronto yesterday morning, on the Great Western Division of the G. T. railway, by which twenty-seven men were killed and from twenty to thirty additional wounded. This fearful result was caused by a freight conductor who was running his train without orders, and, in consequence, collided with a morning passenger train transferring a large number of employees to the Bolt Works, about three miles west of Toronto. The scene was a terrible and heartrending one.

Trouth on the Old Year and the New.
Our record of another year is closed and sealed for aye. And what is written can we ever erase or take away? Can we efface the ill with tears From out the book of Eighty-three? Ah, not our acts through all our years We write indelibly.
Upon the blinks of Eighty-four What shall we now inscribe? As we shall turn the pages o'er What shall we then upon write? Good resolutions made anew. Performed and written here. O, may we find in our review At the close of this New Year.
He who can for the past alone. And all that's wrong erase. If we but trust in Him alone Will give sufficient grace. To all, then, who may now regret The past, from them has dawn A brighter thought—"do as we forget—"The present is our own."
By MARGARET A. JOHNSON, Morrison, Ont.

THE ALTAR.
ALLAN—REYNOLDS—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on the 1st Jan., by Rev. W. Bryers, Mr. Joseph Allan, of Erin, to Miss Nancy Reynolds, of Esquewing.

PRICE—HARDY—On Wednesday, Dec. 19th, by the Rev. B. C. Caswell, M. A., Robert, eldest son of Mr. John Price, of Silver Creek, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Wm. Harding, of the 5th line, Esquewing.

THE GRAVE.
HALL—In Nassagawaya, on the 27th Dec., Ann, wife of Mr. Robert Hall, aged 77 years.

On the residence of Mr. Robert Royce, Main St., Acton, on the 28th Dec., Bertha M., second daughter of Mrs. M. C. Orr, aged 11 years.

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 scrap), 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. Christmas and New Years Cards, over 10,000 cards to select from at 1c. to \$2.00 each, Sachets, from 5c up, British Workman, Band of Hope Review, Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, Boys and Girls Annual, Chatterbox, Infants Magazine, &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

Advertisement for boots and shoes. 'You Can Secure Bargains in Boots' text with decorative border.

Advertisement for Nelson & McRae, Glasgow House, Mill St., Acton, Ont. Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for J. E. McGarvin's boots and shoes. 'NOTICE!' text with decorative border.

Advertisement for C. B. Griffin's millinery. 'I AM SELLING BOOTS AND SHOES' text.

Advertisement for Mrs. H. H. Pass's Cheap Cash Millinery Store. 'All Goods Selling at a Great Reduction' text.

Large advertisement for 'A HAPPY NEW YEAR' with decorative border and festive text.