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Business Directory.

- W. H. LOWRY, M.B., M.C.P.S.,** Graduate of Trinity College, Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.—Office and Residence:—At the head of Frederick Street, Acton.
- H. E. WEBSTER, M.D., C.M.,** Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.—Physician, Surgeon, Acceptor.—Office:—Mill Street, Residence:—Campbell's Hotel, Acton.
- T. H. GRAHAM, L.D.S.,** Surgeon Dentist, Bachelor, Ontario. Will visit (Professionally) Acton on Monday of each week. Books, Agents' Hotel. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.
- L. BENNETT, DENTIST,** Georgetown, Ontario.
- PAINLESS DENTAL OPERATIONS.** Vitalized Air, or Nitrous Oxide Gas, for Painless Dental Operations, at the office of **C. B. HAYES, L.D.S.,** York's Block, Guelph, Ont. Upper Wyndham Street.
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- MOWAT & McLEAN,** Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries, Conveyancers, &c. \$9 Money to Loan. Office:—Town Hall, Acton. J. A. Mowat, W. A. McLean.
- G. S. GOODWILLIE,** Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, &c. Georgetown & Acton. Acton Office:—In Mrs. Secord's Block.
- JOHN DAY,** ARCHITECT, Ontario. Office:—Queen's Hotel Block, Market Square.
- BAIN, BALDWIN & CO.,** Business & Solicitors. Office:—Over Imperial Bank, 24 Wellington Street East; Entrance, Exchange Alley, Toronto. JOHN BAIN, Q.C. C. A. MELVIN, WILLIAM BALDWIN, GEORGE KAPPEL, &c.
- PATENTS SECURED FOR INVENTIONS.** HENRY GRIST, OTTAWA, CANADA. 20 Years Practice. No Patent, No Pay.
- FRANCIS NIXON,** Successor to T. F. Chapman, BOOKBINDER. St. George's Square, Guelph, Ontario. Account books of all kinds made to order. Periodicals of every description carefully bound. Binding neatly and promptly done.
- W. M. HEMSTREET,** LICENSED ACCOUNTANT. For the Counties of Wellington & Halton. Orders left at the Free Press Office, Acton, or at my residence in Acton, will be promptly attended to. Terms reasonable. MONEY TO LOAN. Also money to loan on the most favorable terms, and at the lowest rates of interest, in sums of \$500 and upwards.
- LIME FOR SALE.** Lime can be had at the Canada Lime Works, in fine large quantities, at any time. Apply at the Kiln, near Tolton's mill, or to C. S. SMITH, Box 172, Acton.
- HANLAN BARBER SHOP.** J. P. WORDEN. Has opened a Barber Shop in the premises lately occupied by Dr. Forster as a medical office, and solicits the patronage of the vicinity. Every department of the business will be conducted in first-class style. Give us a call. J. P. WORDEN, June 26th, 1884.

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Terms.—\$1.00 in Advance. The Newspaper.—A Map of Busy Life, its Fluctuations and its Vast Concerns. \$1.50 if not so paid.
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ACTON BANKING CO'Y.,

STOREY, CHRISTIE & CO., BANKERS, Ontario. A Beautiful Lot of Samples Bought and Sold at Half-Price. —CHOICE— NEW WINDOW SHADES —ALL COLORS— AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, GUELPH. DAY SELLS CHEAP.

Guelph Business College,

WILL OPEN FOR THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS ON SEPT. 1st, next. One of the finest Suites of Rooms in the city has been leased, and is being fitted up in first class style, embodying the latest and most practical ideas in Business College Apparatus. A comprehensive and practical course of instruction is insured to the student by the services of a large staff of experienced lecturers and teachers. The subjects taught are Book-keeping, Commercial Arithmetic, Banking, Acton Business Practice, Business Correspondence, Penmanship, Commercial Law, Telegraphy, Shorthand, Calligraphy or Type-writing, French, Physiology and Hygiene. The Annual College Circular, giving full details, will be mailed free to any address. McCormick, Bogie & Timmins.

2,000 CORDS HEMLOCK BARK WANTED.

The subscribers will pay \$5.50 PER CORD for all prime quality Hemlock Bark delivered at their tanbary in Acton before November 1st, 1884. Bark must be bright on both flat and full four feet long. Carried or stacked bark only received at a proportionate reduction. We wish it distinctly understood no bark will be received after the first of November without special contract. Any other information will be gladly furnished upon application at the tanbary to MR. C. R. WILSON. Beardmore & Co. Acton, April, 1884.

Acton Fruit Depot.

Business Change. **J. M. FERNLEY** Has purchased the stock and business of A. E. MATTHEWS, and will hereafter keep constantly on hand, in season, a full line of choice Confectionery, Fruit, Canned Goods, Choice Cigars, &c. And everything kept in a first-class establishment of this kind. **ICE CREAM** And Cool Summer Drinks ALWAYS FRESH AND PURE. Kindly soliciting a continuance of the patronage heretofore given to the **ACTON FRUIT DEPOT,** I am, respectfully, **J. M. FERNLEY,** Post Office Building, Acton. ESTABLISHED 1848.

SAVAGE'S Watch, Clock, Jewelry & Spectacle HOUSE.

Large Stock. Prices Right. Special Attention to Fine Watch Repairing. **B. SAVAGE,** Near Petrie's New Drug Store, GUELPH.

HAND BAGS

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COAL AND WOOD

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS JUST got in a large quantity of first-class **ENG. STOVE, AND CHESTNUT COAL.** which he is prepared to dispose of by the cord in his water's stock only. I have also on hand a large stock of dry hard-wood, in stoves and cutwood logs. O. S. SMITH, Acton, July 24th, 1884. 325 Acres. 325 Acres.

Fon thill Nurseries.

The Largest in the Dominion. SALESMEN WANTED. To begin work at once on Fall Sales. Steady employment at fixed salaries to all willing to work. MEN AND WOMEN can have pleasant **Work the Year Round.** Good wages are earning from \$40 to \$75 per month, and expenses. Terms and outfit free. Address: Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont.

Underclothing.

MRS. R. CREECH Has a full assortment of Ladies' and Children's Underwear, and solicits a call from the ladies of Acton and vicinity. **Cashmere Net Now In.** Underclothing Made to Order. **MRS. R. CREECH,** Acton, May 7th, 1884.

Guelph Cloth Hall.

Our Spring stock is now fully assorted, comprising all the newest shades in Plain and Fancy Worsteds, West of England Trouserings, and Scotch and Canadian Suitings. **SHAW & CRUNDY,** MERCHANT TAILORS, Guelph. Wellington Marble Work, QUEBEC ST., GUELPH. **John H. Hamilton, PROPRIETOR.** (Formerly McQuillan & Hamilton) Dealer in Marble, Granite and everything pertaining to cemetery work. Received first prizes at Provincial Exhibition Guelph, the Western Fair, and all local exhibitions for excellence of material and superiority of workmanship. Your orders are solicited. **AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST.** 100 Columns and 100 Engravings in each issue. \$1.50 a Year. 4 CENTS A YEAR. Send three-cent stamps for Sample Copy (English or German) and the official list of Agents (gratis) to the publishers, Orange Judd Co., 245 N. 7th St. New York.

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SCOTT ACT vs. LIKENESS.

POLLY PEPPER'S POLITICAL.

Vote, brothers, vote, but mind what you're about,
Vote, brothers, vote, and cradle the traffic out.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the "Local Option" bill.
Vote, brothers, vote, with earnest heart and will,
Vote, brothers, vote, for him who this will give,
Vote, brothers, vote, that all in peace may live.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the freedom of your sons,
Vote, brothers, vote, for the Local Option ones.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the decrease of poor's rate,
Vote, brothers, vote, don't wait until too late.
Vote, brothers, vote, for this one great reform.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the children yet unborn.
Vote, brothers, vote, for your wives and sisters dear.
Vote, brothers, vote, against the brewer and his beer.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the bible in each home.
Vote, brothers, vote, now from good order room.
Vote, brothers, vote, and your own home rulers be.
Vote, brothers, vote, with a conscience pure and free.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the Sabbath's sacred rest.
Vote, brothers, vote, for the right as being best;
And if you have a vote at any time to spare,
I'd have you vote for Woman's Rights,
Because it's only fair.

A Talk on Advertising.

Judicious advertising is the key stone to success. But you have got to understand how to advertise first. Some business men will hire a cheap Jack to paint his name all over the fences and have large signs posted up in different parts of the country, paying the said cheap Jack more for two or three day's services than would pay for a considerable space in his local paper for a year, and then he thinks he is advertising his business extensively although his name will not appear in the newspaper from one year to the other. Such men never make a success of business. They may make a living, but there was never a thorough business man who neglected his advertisement in the newspaper. If you take a space in a paper with a circulation of twelve to fifteen hundred, not less than ten thousand persons will see that paper every week. Make your advertisement readable; change it often. The man who attends to his advertisement is the man who makes money. No man ever made a fortune by advertising in hotel registers, theatre programmes, maps or almanacs. He has got to fall back on the old newspaper if he has anything important to sell. The time of bills and doggers as an advertising medium is past. If you want to make money you must take a space in your local paper and let the people know what you have got to sell. It is the cheapest and safest way of advertising now. Our fences are covered with the names of former business men who are almost forgotten in Acton at the present time. But a monument of their folly remains as a warning to others. Ascertain the amount you can expend in a year on advertising and then make as good a bargain with the printer as possible, and you will find that at the end of the year you will be better off than when you began. Try it.

Help Yourself!

Fight your own battles. How your own row. Ask no favours of any one, and you'll succeed a thousand times better than one who is always beseeching some one's influence and patronage. No one will ever help you as you can help yourself, because no one will be so heartily interested in your affairs. The first step will be such a long one, perhaps; but carrying your own way up the mountain, you make each one lead to another, and stand firm while you chop still another out. Men who have made fortunes are not those who have had five thousand dollars given to them to start with, but boys who have started fair, with a well-earned dollar or two. Men who acquired fortune by puffing bagged or paid for, or given in friendly spirit. They have outstretched their own hands and touched the public heart. Men who win love do their own wooing, and I never knew a man to fall so signally as one who induced his affectionate grandmother to speak a good word for him. Whether you work for fame, for love, for money, or for anything else, work with your hands, and heart, and brain. Say "I will," and some day you will conquer. News. Is any man up there who will say "I have dragged you up!" Too many friends sometimes hurt a man more than none at all.

A Good Meal

Charles Dickens used to say that he judged the quality of homesteads by the condition of the castors on the table. If the mustard was freshly made, the vinegar-castor stainless, the silver brilliant, and the pepper-boxes perpendicular, he expected a good, clean, well-served meal, "with behaviour to match." If, on the contrary, the castors were unclean, and out of order, he knew what he had to expect, and was seldom disappointed. It is, in truth, simple things that denote quality. The test of a good cook is not the cake she can make, nor the mysterious sauces she can concoct, nor the rich puddings she can produce. A good cook is known by her boiled potatoes, her roast chop, her roasted joint. Such plain things require personal care and judgment, and are the basis of a good meal.

Thunder and Lightning.

"I'm not afraid of lightning," said a little girl whom we know. "It's the thunder I'm afraid of, I'm afraid it will hit me." A good many of us have this way of estimating power—by the amount of noise it makes in the world. But the quietest things and the quietest people have, as a rule, a great deal more force and a great deal more of spiritiveness than the most noisy ones. One quiet example of peaceably living has done more to give us a better life than any noisy person has done to give us a worse one. There is no such thing as well-being apart from well-being.