Acton Free Press.

Thursday Morning, Nov. 27, 1884.

Notes and Comments.

It is said that the Prohibition party is already in the field for the Presidential contest of 1888. They are engaging Mr. St. John at a salary of five thousand dollars to stump the whole country.

Twenty counties have voted on the Scott Act this year. Two don't want it, by small majorities comparatively, and eighteen will have it, they say by very substantial majorities. Parliament is getting its answer to the question, what do the people want?

The November report of the Ontario Bureau of industries shows that the grain crop has been even more abundant than was anticipated or conjectured. The root crop is good, and also the apple crop. Other fruits were not so abundant this year as last.

A case was tried at the St. Catherines' Assizes Court last week in which a verdict of $5,000 was given against the G. T. R. for injuring a man named Judge at a railway crossing, on account of not ringing a bell and blowing a whistle while passing. $200 was also allowed for a horse that was killed at the same time. Railway engines must signal the approach of trains at every crossing or the Company is responsible for the damages.

Farms Wanted in Halton.

The *Toronto News* has the following:—

"I can assure you," said a leading real estate agent to a reporter yesterday, "that the value of property will be raised in those counties in which the Scott Act has been passed. The great majority of those who come to us for farms want them in Scott Act counties. The demand is especially great for farms in Oxford, Halton, Huron and Norfolk. There is one man who came from the States and purchased a farm in Halton because the Act was in force there. Another man bought a farm there, and was so pleased that he induced a relative to do likewise. Even Anti-temperance men prefer to locate in these counties. The farmers in Halton say that business is much better now. As a proof of this there are three new stores in the town of Milton. The storekeepers say that they are now doing a fine cash business. In the county jail of Halton there is only one prisoner and that is Zimmerman, an hotel keeper, who is serving two months for a third breach of the Scott Act."

Lord Dufferin's Tribute.

Prior to his departure for India, recently, Lord Dufferin was tendered a banquet in Belfast, Ireland, and in replying to the toast of his health, he made the following reference to Canada:

"Least of all can I forget that memorable night when, on the eve of my departure for Canada, this splendid chamber was filled with friends who had assembled together to bid me Godspeed, and to assure me that, in the opinion of those who had known me best and longest, the honor then conferred upon me by her majesty was not considered misplaced or unobserved. That occasion ushered in the brightest and happiest period of my life, a period passed in one of the fairest regions within the empire, among a people animated by the most generous instincts, shadowed with all the noblest gifts and qualities which distinguish the British race, and to whom I owe a debt of gratitude and affection whose welcome burden I shall carry to the grave."

Acton Does not Suffer.

A late issue of the *Paris Review* contains the following:—A large number of the business men of Acton, including merchants, manufacturers, etc., have recently declared, amongst other things, that the Scott Act "*Has in no way injured business in our municipality.*" Acton is a village of over 1,200 people, and is very near the boundary line between Wellington County and Halton, and within a short run of the City of Guelph, by G. T. R., where plenty of "accommodation" (?) in licensed whiskey can be had, but the people of this thriving town are satisfied to trade with their own merchants. Within the last six months between thirty and forty families have moved into the village. This does not look like decaying prosperity. The only business which has been injured in Acton is the liquor business, and that has been about ruined.

Interesting Items.

If a few grains of common sense could be infused into the thick noddles of those who perpetually and alternately irritate and weaken their stomachs and bowels with drastic purgatives, they would use the highly accredited and healthful laxative and tonic, Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, which causes "good digestion to wait on appetite, and health on both." 23

Pectoria! Pectoria! Pectoria! the great remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Influenza, Horseness, and all affections of the Lungs and Throat or Chest. Pectoria loosens the phlegm and breaks up the Cough. 25 cents per Bottle. Don't give up until you have tried Pectoria, all Druggists and General Storekeepers sell it. 23

—Howson wants any quantity of good, fresh butter and eggs and green apples.

—Orders for Cakes, Buns, &c., filled on shortest notice at the Excelsior Bakery.

BEARDMORE & Co's TANNERY

A Mammoth Establishment Filling an Important Place in Acton's List of Manufactories.

Its Extent and Capacity

In contemplating the progress and prosperity of an enterprising town like Acton, it is always pleasant and interesting to note the establishment of any new business in our midst, or the extension and improvement of those already established. Among the industries within the limits of our corporation, the mammoth Sole Leather Manufactory of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., is one of the most important.

Between forty and fifty years ago Acton's first tannery was built upon the site now occupied by the new one referred to, by a Mr. A. Nellis. Since that time the property has experienced many ups and downs. The buildings have thrice been destroyed by fire; the premises have frequently changed hands, and the place has at different times been used in the manufacture of sole, upper and harness leathers. For many years Messrs. Beardmore & Co., conduced a successful sole leather business on the premises, until about five years ago, they opened a larger business at Bracebridge, and Mr. Chas Knees, now of Milton, occupied the place manufacturing Cordovan leather, for three years, in the interval.

Having in the meantime disposed of their Bracebridge tannery, the firm again turned their attention to their Acton property, and in May 1883, they set to work a large number of mechanics and laborers to tear down, build up, remodel and improve the property and put the establishment into the condition necessary for a largely increased business. Everything about the place was removed to make room for new and improved buildings, machinery and appliances—except the main stone building—and it was almost gutted. For eighteen months the improvements proceeded, and a few weeks ago the business was opened out in full blast.

The tannery is now one of the most extensive and fully equipped with all latest and best machinery, in the Dominion. It comprises six large buildings, four stone and two iron, all fireproof, as follows:—Main building, stone, 90x180 feet, two and a half stories; leach house, iron, 40x100 feet; crushing house, iron, 40x60 feet; rolling house, stone, 30x40 feet; sweat house, stone, 30x50 feet, and the hide storehouse, stone, 24x30 feet. The machinery is run by one of Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch's splendid 40 horse power, cut-off engines, and steam is generated in two immense boilors, the refuse bark—the whole of which is now consumed in the furnaces—being exclusively utilized for fuel. The whole of the buildings requiring heat, are heated by steam. The furnace chimney is a very fine structure, one hundred and ten feet high, the most lofty in the county. It cost about $800. The tannery buildings and yards occupy about four acres. The invested capital is about $75,000.

The tannery has a capacity of 600 finished sides per week, and the firm expect to manufacture about 25,000 or 30,000 per annum, worth from $75,000 to $100,000. To do this they will consume about 3000 cords of hemlock bark, at a cost of $18,000. The product of the establishment is shipped weekly to the wholesale house of the firm in Toronto. During the present year they have imported from the Georgian Bay district about 5,000 cords of bark for which about $30,000 has been paid. Over $9,000 has been paid at Acton station G.T.R, for freight on bark alone. The hides are all imported from South America.

Messrs. Beardmore & Co., employ from 28 to 35 men. They have expended for wages, in connection with the tannery, and for work performed for them by local mechanics in their own shops, since the improvements commenced, about $21,000. The whole of his sum being spent in Acton and vicinity.

The leather manufactured here is pronounced first-class in quality, by those competent of judging, and the whole output of the tannery finds a ready market.

We look with considerable satisfaction upon the establishment of this important industry in our midst, and we feel confident that every citizen is ready to acknowledge and appreciate its importance as a labor-furnishing and money-circulating factor in the town we all delight to see prosper. May the business be attended with the success its enterprising management deserves.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

Some Facts about our Business Men and Houses, of benefitto our general readers.

—If you want a nobby, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

—Coal Oil! Coal Oil! The place to buy it the cheapest in Acton is at Howson's.

—Hats from 75 cents to $2.50 at J Fyfe's.

—The largest and cheapest stock of Boots & Shoes to select from is at Nelson & McRae's.

—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

—Don't forget Howson gives 20 pounds of splendid bright sugar for $1 and the best brands Salmon 12½c. per can.

SALT! SALT! SALT!
Salt by the barrel at Howson's.

—Scotch, English and Canadian Suiting a great variety, at the East End Clothing store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

What to do.

—If troubled with an unhealthy, slow-healing sore use McGregor & Parkes' Carbolic Cerate. You will find it invaluable for healing, cleansing and completely removing your trouble. If the Blood is out of order, take with it a few doses of McGregor's Speedy Cure from J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. 29

Fluid Lightning.

There are but few that have never suffered almost intolerable pain from Toothache, Neuralgia, or like acute pains. To them such an instant relief as Fluid Lightning is an untold blessing in time of trouble. No disgusting offensive medicines to be taken for days. One application of Fluid Lightning cures. Sold at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. 29

WHO SELLS CHEAPEST?

GRIFFIN.

Compare Our Prices with Guelph or any other Town or City Prices.

We sell Boots, Shoes, Overshoes and Felt Boots Cheapest in Town. We are the only Firm in Town Handling King's Fine Button and Lace Boots, every pair Guaranteed.

We make no empty Boast but can Prove every Word we say

The cheapest All-Wool Flannels you can buy in Guelph or Toronto, are coarse and only 25 inches wide for 25c., while we sell a better All-Wool Flannel, 26½ inches wide for 24c. and 25c.

We sell the best Fine English Flannel for 27 cents.

We sell the best Chambly Flannel for 35c. and 40c.—the same Flannel is sold in Guelph for 45c.

We sell Shirts and Drawers at 35c.—the same goods sold at their boasted cheap stores in Guelph at 37½c.

We sell All-Wool Blankets for 45c. a lb. Guelph prices for same goods, 55c.

Good Linens at 9c. a yard.

Canton Flannel for 9c and upward.

Ladies' fine Shetland Gurnseys and Pants for $1.

We keep a full line of Ladies' Underwear in fine Scotch Goods

Boys' and Men's Underwear in every quality and size and special large sizes for fat men.

Ladies' and Children's Ulsters, Mantles, and Walking Coats in great variety at prices that defy competition.

Ladies Fine Mantles made to order.

Overcoats and Ready-made Clothing for every man and boy in Halton. We have no Pumpkins, Clocks, Watches, Donkey Carts and Cheap Organs to enable us to sell our Clothing. Our Clothing is all made by experienced tailors and fits every time. We sell no Shoddy but first-class goods cheap. When a man can get a good fine Tweed Overcoat for $7, and we can give it you, he should say nothing about the low price of wheat.

☞ Farmers, if some kinds of produce is low, others are a fair price, and almost everything you have to buy is equally low. Nobody is making any money these days, so let us join hands and keep our spirits up for there is better times coming.

GRIFFIN sells the best 40c. and 50c. tea.—Try it and be convinced. We can furnish over 300 names who will testify to this fact.

LADIES you need not go to other towns to find Dress Goods. We have as fine a range of Costume Cloths at 20c. and 25c. a yd., Cashmieres, Serges, Reps, Ottoman Cords, Lustres, &c., as you can find in any one store of the large towns or small cities.

Our prices are 10 per cent lower than city prices that we know for a fact for we have taken pains to inquire.

We claim to have the best line of French silks in the market, from 75 cents a yard upwards.

Velveteens all colors and shades, cheap.

Hats, Caps, Furs and all kinds of Wool Goods to suit both old and young.

☞ Patronize Home Merchants and let us build up our own town. We keep large and well-assorted stocks and sell cheap; why not encourage us to maintain the same.

Halton Dry Goods House,
C. B. GRIFFIN

LADIES!

DO YOU SEE THIS:

We keep in stock the Choicest Groceries we can buy, and sell very close for cash. We want housekeepers who are particular about Tea to try ours. We are congratulated every day on the excellent goods we sell.

Our Motto is—"To Give Good Value Every Time"

If Goods are not what I represent them to be they are subject to be returned.

THAT CELEBRATED 50c. TEA CONTINUES TO LEAD.

—If you cannot suit yourself at—

HOWELL'S

In Groceries, or Crockery or anything in my line, you will not get suited in Town.

☞ Parties wishing to buy WEDDING PRESENTS, or any other Presents, will find a fine assortment of Vases, Toilet Sets, Cruits (in Glass or Silver), Butter Coolers, Tea Sets, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Mugs, etc. Hand Painted Goods of all kinds. Be sure you see what we have before buying elsewhere. We consider it no trouble to show the people our goods.

REMEMBER THIS HOWELL will sell you Goods as Cheap as Cheap as any House in the Trade.

Remember the Place—Opposite Halton Dry Goods House,

W. H. HOWELL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To The Inhabitants of Acton and Surrounding Country:

J. E. HOWSON,

Having purchased the Stock and Business of the firm of Marshall & Edmondson, Grocers and Flour & Feed Merchants, Mill Street, Acton, will open on

Saturday, November 1st

With a large stock of fresh and well-selected

GROCERIES &c.

Which have been bought for Cash in a most advantageous market and will be sold at prices very reasonable and attractive.

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The new proprietor will do his utmost to please all and endeavor to keep in stock such a class of goods as the people of Acton will appreciate and enjoy. In consideration of this he feels pleasure in soliciting the liberal patronage accorded the late firm and will welcome all who desire

Good Goods Cheap For Cash.

☞ The highest prices paid for all kinds of farm produce.

J. E. HOWSON,

GO!

—TO—

W. P. BROWN

—FOR THE—

Cheapest Goods In Town

IN GROCERIES

We Take The Lead

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THE BEST

—for—

THE MONEY

—or—

NO SALE

CHRISTMAS

—AND—

NEW YEAR'S GOODS.

WEDDING

—AND—

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Cheap for Cash.

TWO WEEKS FUN

We have a Large Stock of Dishes on hand which will be sold for

COST

CASH SALE

For Two Weeks Only.

Now is Your Chance,

We do not intend to be undersold by anyone in the trade.

W. P. BROWN

THE WONDERFUL MAN.

PROGRESS! PROGRESS!

Great Change in Prices.

STARTLING REDUCTIONS!

The Discount Plan Discounted.

Look at this Price List, and note the Change we have made in the price of our entire stock of New Goods, imported direct from the manufacturers in Europe for this season's trade.

PRICE LIST.

	Former Price.	Present Price
ALL WOOL GREY FLANNELS	$0 30	$0 25
" "	0 35	0 30
" "	0 40	0 35
" "	0 45	0 38
CANTON FLANNELS,	0 12½	0 10
" "	0 15	0 12
" "	0 18	0 15
" "	0 20	0 17
" "	0 25	0 20
ALL-WOOL CANADIAN BLANKETS,	3 60	3 00
" "	4 20	3 50
" "	4 80	4 00
" "	5 40	4 50
" "	6 00	5 00
" "	7 20	6 00
BEST CANADIAN COTTON SHIRTINGS,	0 18	0 14
MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS,	0 50	0 37½
" "	1 00	0 75
" "	1 25	0 80
MEN'S FELT HATS, NEWEST STYLES,	1 00	0 80
" "	1 50	1 00
" "	1 75	1 30
" "	2 00	1 60
" "	2 25	1 90
" "	3 00	2 40
LADIES' ULSTER CLOTHS,	0 60	0 50
" "	0 75	0 60
" "	0 85	0 65
" "	1 00	0 80
" "	1 25	1 00

Our advertising space will not allow us to give a complete list of the sweeping reductions we have made in every department throughout our establishment, but we assure our friends and patrons that never at the commencement of a season's business in Guelph, have the prices of new goods been cut as close as we are now doing.

Velveteens, Silks, Cashmeres, Mantle Cloths, Dress Goods, Hosiery, Carpets, Lace Curtains, Astracan Jackets, Fur Capes, Ladies' Rubber Gossamers and Ulsters, Silk Velvets, Silk Plushes, &c,

Have all been marked at the keenest possible Prices, and are sure to meet with ready sale.

Our Milinery Department

This season promises to surpass any former attempt we have ever made to render it the most attractive feature of our large business. Due notice will be given of our opening, and every lady is cordially invited to attend.

JOHN HOGG & SON,

GUELPH.