Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 4, 1884.

Fire Protection.

Oakville has at last moved in the matter of providing apparatus for protection from the devouring element. The *Independent* of last week has the following :—

"A long felt want has been supplied. On Tuesday last we had the pleasure of examining, probably the most complete and fully equipped hook and ladder wagon in the dominion. It was manufactured at the Halton Carriage Works, by Messrs. Fairfield & Whitaker, for the Oakville fire department. The fire and water committee, officially inspected it a few days ago, and expressed themselves highly pleased, and to-day it was delivered to the town ready for use. For the benefit of our numerous readers who have not seen this useful acquisition, we will endeavor to give a brief description ;—The wagon is furnished with 134 feet of ladders made up of one extension, 26 to 30 feet, making when extended 56 feet; they can be used separately if required, one ordinary ladder of 20, and one of eighteen feet; two roof ladders of 15 feet each ; two fireman's axes, and two common axes ; two steel pointed crowbars, four feet six inches long ; one large hook with twelve feet of chain and 50 feet of rope ; one small hook, 12 feet of chain and 50 feet of rope ; two pike poles ; two stay poles ; 20 pails ; four lanterns and one hand saw. These are so conveniently arranged that any piece can be got without interfering with the other, and is so lightly constructed that it can be taken to any part of the town by two or three men. We heartily congratulate the manufacturers for the success that has attended their efforts in supplying our town with such a creditable outfit."

Our ideas of Acton's requirements in the matter of appliances for protection from fire, are very well met in that above described. Add to it a properly organized volunteer company and Acton would have something to be relied upon in case of conflagration. For a country town we consider an efficient hook and ladder company with good apparatus more effective and satisfactory that either a hand or steam fire engine. The expense, too, is a great consideration ; a hook and ladder company can be organized at an expense of a couple of hundred dollars, with very little subsequent expense, while an engine would cost as many thousands and is continually a matter of heavy expenditure for repairs. Will our municipal authorities consider this matter and move in the required direction, or will they wait, as Oakville did, until our little town is visited by a $30,000 conflagration.

The New School Readers.

Part 1, of the "First Reader" of the new series authorized by the Ontario Minister or Education, is now ready, and the second part will shortly be issued. The work is a great improvement in several respects on the old "First Readers." The letter-press is very clear and distinct, and the pictures are without exception the best in point of artistic execution we have ever seen in a school book. The general arrangement of the work is good, and there are some new features which will commend themselves to educationists. In pursuance of the scheme of the department to introduce industrial drawing in the school, the books contain simple designs for the blackboard. The lessons are selected with judgment, and those of the latter portion are a good deal more advanced than in the old reader, the adoption of the system of phonic drill being intended to advance the pupils more rapidly than the superseded method of instruction. If the "First Reader" may be taken as an indication of the character of the entire series, it will be highly creditable to the department.—*Toronto News.*

We are pleased to read so flattering a review of the first of the new series of school books being prepared under the direct supervision of the Education Department. The lengthened experience of the compilers, in the practical work of the school room, has adapted them for the important and peculiar duty assigned them in this connection. It will no doubt be a pleasure and satisfaction to them to see that the ultimate result of their careful, painstaking and arduous labors are appreciated by a critical and fault-finding public.

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act was defeated in Compton county, Que., last week, by a majority of 160.

The ice palace in Montreal this winter is to cost $5,000. It will require 66,000 blocks of ice, or double the number employed in the last buildings. Its ground plan will be elliptical, 160 feet from east to west and 120 feet from north to south, with a main tower 100 feet and high flanking towers 56 feet high.

There have been fifty-six contests held under the Scott Act, out of which the act has been victorious forty-six times. This is an unparalleled proportion of victories for any cause. The majorities given for the act in these contests aggregate 28,142. This is by many thousands the largest majority ever given any contested cause in Canada.

It will seem odd for people to go their evening meal at eighteen o'clock, and be down town after dark till twenty-two or twenty-three o'clock, but that is evidently what we are coming to. Standard railway time has been adopted all over the continent with little hesitation, and now the Meridian conference, which has been sitting at Washington, has recommended the twenty-four hour o'clock system. It is not unlikely that it will also be generally adopted, and it will without doubt be a great improvement when people get used to it.

Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met in Council Chamber on Monday evening, 1st Dec.

Members present, Mr James Moore, chairman and Messrs. W. H. Lowry, W. P. Brown, and Thos. C. Moore,

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The secretary reported that Miss M. A. Draper, Listowel, whose application for second department was accepted had failed to accept the situation. Miss Mary Henry of London, also failed to accept. Miss Hattie Jelley of Mount Forest was then communicated with and accepted the situation. Miss Alice Baxter of Toronto telephoned acceptance of third department.

The finance Committee presented their tenth report recommending payment of the following :—

Thos. C. Moore, salary, Nov.	$ 45 83
Miss C. Boles "	32 00
Miss Jennie Grant "	20 83
Luther Lyman "	6 25
Thos. Gamble, 10½ cords wood	39 78
H. P. Moore, salary &c.	18 25
Thos. Easton, taxes on residence	8 50
Bank of Hamilton, disct. on note	5 83
John Cameron, repairs	2 68
	$179 95

Report adopted.

Moved by W. P. Brown seconded by W. H. Lowry that Mr. Thomas T. Moore be re-engaged as teacher of first department at same salary as at present paid.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Lowry, seconded by Thomas C. Moore, that the application of Miss Hattie Jelley, as teacher of second department, at a salary of $300, be accepted. —Carried.

Moved by Thomas C. Moore, seconded by W. P. Brown that the Town Hall be the place for holding the election of trustees to fill vacancy caused by the retirement of Messrs. W. H. Storey and James Moore from the Board, and that H. P. Moore be and is hereby appointed Returning Officer with instructions to give proper notice thereof.—Carried.

Moved by Thos. C. Moore, seconded by W. P. Brown that the property committee be and is hereby instructed to confer with the owners of the Congregational Church, with a view to securing a portion of the building for use as a school room.

Board then adjourned.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

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

—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.

—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.

—Remember Howson will pay 20c. per pound for No. 1 butter and 20c. per dozen for any quantity of fresh eggs.

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 an 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

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 Lighting cures. Sold at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. 29

2,000 CORDS HEMLOCK BARK WANTED.

The subscribers will pay

$5.50 PER CORD

For all prime quality Hemlock Bark delivered at their Tannery in Acton **before November 1st, 1884.**

Bark must be bright on flesh, flat, and full four feet long. Curled or damaged 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 tannery to MR. C. E. WILSON.

Beardmore & Co.

Acton, April, 1884.

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., Cashmeres, 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, Cruets (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

CROCERIES &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 out 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.