

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.		GUELPH BRANCH.	
Mixed.	8:45 a.m.	Express.	12:15 p.m.
Express.	11:15 a.m.	Express.	3:30 p.m.
Passenger.	1:15 p.m.	Express.	5:30 p.m.
Through.	4:15 p.m.	Express.	8:30 p.m.
Special.	8:30 p.m.		

Chicago Express does not stop between Guelph and Toronto.

TIME OF CLOSING MARKS.

Going West—9:15 a.m.
Going East—11:30 a.m. and 1:10 p.m.
English mail closes at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Albums—Photo, Auto. and Scrap, from 1c. to \$5.00 at Geo. Hynds'

Bibles and Testaments from 3c up.

China and Wax Dolls, from 5c. to \$1.50 at Geo. Hynds'

An endless assortment of Toys for the little ones.

Toy Picture Books, from 1c. upwards at Geo. Hynds'

Annuals, all the latest numbers.

You can save money by buying your Xmas and New Years cards at Geo. Hynds'

Read Hynds' Big Ad. Santa Claus' Headquarters, Geo. Hynds, Acton.

W. P. BROWN
Is clearing out his entire Stock

AT COST.

Going out of the Business.

Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 18, 1884.

BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scalpel for readers of the Free Press.

Nomination day one week from Monday.

—Read J. M. Fenley's new adv. on first page.

—Sunday next will be the shortest day of the year.

—Present troubles—those of parents at Xmas times.

—The Provincial Fat Stock show is in progress in Guelph to-day.

—A shooting match will be held at Nicklin's mill next Wednesday afternoon.

—The little folks begin to grow anxious, and hint about what they are in need of.

—The annual tea-meeting of the Methodist church, Ballinafad, will be held on New Year's Eve.

—Mr. H. Jenner has a lot of fine celery. Sold in any quantity at his residence, Bower avenue.

—A nice Christmas present to a distant friend would be a receipt for the Free Press for a year.

—The Orangeville Gazette has been re-christened *The Post*. This is Seneca's favorite cognomen.

—The rink will—it is expected—be opened to-night. Messrs. J. & C. Hill are the managers this season.

—If the store widows, newspapers and almanacs are competent and reliable witnesses, Christmas is coming.

—Another instalment of "the beautiful" this week. Sleighting is first-rate and is likely to last for the holidays.

—The date for the payment of taxes for 1884 expired on Monday. Nearly the whole amount due has been collected.

—Bannockburn school examination will take place to-day. Mr. Shannon, the teacher will welcome all visitors.

—The *Mercury* says Guelph has expended about \$120,000 in new buildings and improvements during the past year.

—A debate on Baptism between Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, Bramford, and Rev. J. A. Harding, Kentucky, is in progress at Meaford this week.

—Nods and winks, hints on all sides and whispered conversations in odd moments are now noticeable in every home. Christmas time you know.

—Candidates for municipal honors must not forget that the ladies vote now. In their addresses they should say, "Ladies and Gentlemen."

—The cunning little eavesdropper has his ears open to the cabalistic words "watch," "box of tools," "big wax doll," "pair skates," &c., &c.

—Missions in the Methodist church next Sunday, Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Guelph, will speak morning and evening. He is an excellent preacher.

—One week more to Christmas. Already there are mysterious goings on in every nook and corner of the house and the very air is full of apparent conspiracy.

—As previously announced Acton public school examinations will be held to-day and to-morrow. Your presence there will tend to encourage both the pupils and teachers.

—We needn't remind the little folks to hang up their stockings next Wednesday night. They'll not forget to attend to the matter and old Santa Claus won't pass them by either.

—The hymenal season has opened. Our esteemed fellow-townman, Mr. Harry Jenner, and Miss S. A. Clark, of Guelphville, N. Y., who has been residing here for some time, were joined in the happy bonds of wedlock last Thursday. Their many friends wish them long life, prosperity and ascending conjugal bliss.

—The Free Press, of Acton, Ont., is a neat and creditable journal that comes to our table, and we have much pleasure in exchanging the journalistic courtesy.—Albert, N. B. Maple Leaf.

—Mr. Alex. Cairill, near Bayers' Mills, Nassa-gaweya, had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow the other night. The animal broke into a pea-bin and ate so much that it died. It was valued at \$70.

—The special attention of our readers is directed to the advertisements in this issue of the Free Press. Our merchants are offering unusual inducements to purchasers and every adv. is worthy of perusal.

—Mr. L. Grey, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church last Sunday morning and evening. His discourses were earnest and calculated to impress the sinner with the necessity to "die from the wrath to come."

—The Christmas examination of pupils of S. S. No. 12, Esopus, near here, was held last Friday afternoon. The school was well filled with visitors, and the pupils acquitted themselves with great credit to the teacher, Miss Easterbrook.

—Remember the meeting in the Town Hall this evening to consider the question of organizing a Joint Stock Cemetery Company and selecting land for a cemetery under the management of the proposed company.

—We are afraid our local furniture dealers will require to reduce the price of their cradles. We know some young people who make their purchases of these very necessary articles of furniture away from home, presumably on account of better prices.

—The members of the Presbyterian Church, Ballinafad, will hold their annual tea-meeting on Christmas Eve. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. Howie, Erin; Wallace, Georgetown; and Richardson, Caledon. Good music will be furnished.

—Considerable interest has been manifested in a shooting match for a silver cup at Messrs. James & Worsnop's rifle range, this week. Mr. J. P. Worden was the man possessing the straightest eye and most skill. He's proud of his trophy. It is a neat piece.

—The new building of Storey's Glove Works at Acton, would do credit to a much larger and more pretentious town. It is a brick building of an immense size, planned to suit the convenience of the business. It is situated on Bower avenue, and adds very much to the beauty of the portion of Acton.—*Georgetown Herald*.

—In his mammoth advertisement in this issue, Mr. George Hynds invites everybody who desires Christmas Presents for their friends to call at his Jewelry and Fancy Goods store, Acton, and inspect his immense stock. All will be welcome and goods will be sold away down below usual prices.

—We are pleased to notice considerable improvement in last issue of the *Oakville Independent*, it having been enlarged and changed in form. The *Independent* deserves due credit and ample support for its enterprise. The destructive fire through which it passed a couple of years ago seems to have instilled into it new strength and vigor and friend Orr, the proprietor, has displayed more vim and perseverance in the newspaper business than any former publisher of the paper.

THE TOWN'S TOPICS.

Small Savings Waived on the Snowy Breasts
into the Free Press Office and Jotted Down for Our Readers' Edification.

An Outsider's Opinion.
—The Free Press says that over \$90,000 was expended in Acton during the past year, in building operations. This, considering the dull times, scarcity of money, and the size of the place is good. Acton has some enterprising men whose go-ahead-iveness is worthy of commendation.—*Georgetown Herald*.

The Markets.
The grain market is now in a more satisfactory condition than it has been for several weeks, and as a consequence considerable more is being offered. This applies almost entirely to wheat, however, as barley is still dull and lifeless. The prices this week are Wheat, 69 to 70; Barley, 45 to 60; Peas, 55; Oats, 28; Pork 55 to 57.50.

After Twenty-five Years.
The shop and factory which have been occupied for twenty-five years by Mr. W. H. Storey, first with his harness business and sixteen years past with the Canada Glove Works, will be known as "Storey's shop" no more. Messrs. Storey & Son having removed this week to their new shop on Bower avenue. As before mentioned, Mr. C. S. Smith is now owner of the old shop.

Fire at Guelph.
The Europa Paint and Color Co.'s works, owned by Messrs. Armstrong and Mann, were completely destroyed by fire on Friday night. The contents were of such an inflammable nature that it was impossible to save anything, even the books being consumed. The total loss is estimated at three thousand dollars, insured for two thousand in the Wellington Mutual. The firm intend re-establishing their works as soon as possible.

To Our Readers.
We feel that we must ask your kind forbearance until the holidays are over. Our merchants have taken a very practical way of showing their appreciation of the Free Press as an advertising medium, and they have so many bargains in holiday goods to offer you that we are compelled to crowd out considerable reading matter to allow them to address you. What you will lose in amount of reading matter, however, you will make up in profits, realized by purchasing from our advertisers.

St. Alban's S. S. Festival.
The programme for the Christmas Festival in connection with St. Alban's Sunday School, to be held on Friday evening, 26th inst., is out and presents many interesting and attractive features. The programme will be carried out exclusively by the children. They will perform the singing, playing, reciting, speaking and all there is to be done pertaining to the affair, except perhaps acting as chairman, and we certainly think it would be very acceptable and quite in keeping with the spirit of the entertainment for a chairman to be appointed from among the little folks. A pleasant evening is in store for those who attend.

Great Slaughter of Boots & Shoes.
H. B. McCarthy, of the Peek-a-boo Boot & Shoe Store, announces that for the thirty days commencing Dec. 15th, he will offer his entire stock at a reduction of 15 per cent, on his present low prices, for cash. His new adv. in next issue will be found unusually interesting.

Christmas Services.
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."
A fine choral musical service will be held at St. Alban's church on Christmas evening, at 7 o'clock, in commemoration of the birth of Christ. The church will be beautifully decorated and illuminated. All Christian friends are welcome to attend this service. W. J. Piorr, B.A., Incumbent.

Model School Examination.
The examination of the Teachers-in-training at the Milton Model School, was held last week. As the result of the Examination, the following candidates were awarded Third Class Certificates:—Gentlemen: Chas. Benham, Henry Bradley, Rich. Barral, Fred Cavanagh, John Gillies, Jas. B. Ganton, Hugh Meade, Thos. Preston, Wm. P. Smeaton. Ladies: Tamar Corrigan, Bossie DeForest, Mary A. Emerson, Annie Frazer, Mary Ford, Christina King, Minnie Lucas, Clara Robinson.

Methodist Sabbath School Anniversary.
Next Monday evening the annual tea-meeting and entertainment of the Methodist Sabbath School, here, will be held. Short and interesting addresses will be delivered. Excellent music will be provided and a sumptuous tea will be furnished by the ladies interested in the success of the Sabbath School. This yearly treat is immensely enjoyed by the little ones. They expect to and so doubt will enjoy this one as much as any former one. We hope to see a large attendance not only of the little people but also of those who have attained a more advanced stage of life.

Santa Claus' Suggestions.
"Sleep tight."
Clean your chimneys.
Pay for the presents you bought.
"Love those who hate you, and do good to those that spitefully use and persecute you."
"It's better to give than to receive."
Don't dissipate to much on Christmas.
Don't be discouraged if you fail to get a present. Next time I'll have a larger stock of the sheep and candy rabbits.
Blessed is he who gives generously, but thrice cursed is he who gives beyond his means for the sake of making a show.
I'm getting old.

PURELY PERSONAL.
Paragraphs Respecting People with whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenner visited Berlin friends last week.

Rev. Lachlan Cameron of Thamesford was in town yesterday.

Miss Jago, of Rockwood, was the guest of Acton friends during the week.

Mr. Samuel Green is about to remove to Tara where he will run a livery stable.

Miss Sade Wrigglesworth left on Monday to spend a week or so with Toronto friends.

Mr. Thomas Agnew, of Halliburton, visited Acton last week to attend the funeral of his father.

Mr. A. E. Matthews leaves this morning to take a position in the B. & O. Tel. Co.'s office at Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. J. E. McGarvin went to Hornings Mills last Friday to attend the funeral of a deceased friend. She returned yesterday having spent a couple of days at her old home in Orangetown.

Mr. McPhail has been re-engaged teacher of Dublin school for 1885. We understand that Miss Easterbrook of Lorne, and Mr. Shaanon of Bannockburn, will continue in their present situations.

Rev. John Carroll, D.D., of Toronto, one of the oldest and most devoted ministers of the Methodist Church, died at his home in Saurday, 73 years of age. Dr. Carroll was well known and highly esteemed by many of our citizens.

The condition of Mr. A. A. Secord, Municipal Assessor, is still very serious. An operation was performed by Dr. Dillauband of Hamilton, when a large cancerous substance was removed from the side of his head. His recovery is very doubtful.

THE ALTAR.

JESSES CLARK.—At the residence of Mr. R. Craiger, on the 11th inst., by Rev. J. S. Colling, Mr. Harry Jenner to Miss Sarah A. Clark, of Guelphville, N.Y.

THE GRAVE.

SNYDER.—In Erin, on the 16th Dec, Sarah E., second daughter of Mr. James Snyder, aged 20 years and 10 months.

ATKINSON.—In Nassa-gaweya, on the 11th December, Mary Kerr, wife of John Atkinson, aged 55 years and 5 months.

New Advertisements.

WANTED TO RENT.
A HOUSE or 20 acres good land convenient to Acton. Apply to J. E. HOWSON, Grocer, Acton.

CENTS FOR SALE.
MERCHANTS and others requiring Coppers for change, can be supplied with any quantity at the FREE PRESS OFFICE.

SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS.
A. E. MATTHEWS has placed on exhibition in E. J. Fenley's Optical Parlor, a number of real oil paintings and other pictures which he offers for sale at very reasonable prices. Just the thing for a Christmas gift. Inspection invited.

SHINGLES AND WOOD.
THOS UNDERWOOD has for sale a splendid stock of First-Class Shingles, No. 1 Cedar, \$1.75 per square. No. 1 Pine, \$1.50 per square. No. 2 Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of wood of all kinds, from \$1.25 a load up to \$4.00 a cord, prime hard. Staves and Heading to the trade at bottom prices. THOS. C. MOORE, FACTORY—Main St., west Acton.

FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE.
\$5,800 WILL BUY 500 acres of land, Lot No. 3, No. 2 and pt. No. 1, Con. 3, Charlotteville North Co. 115.00 per acre. No. 3, three spring creeks. Soil: one-third sandy, two-thirds clay loam. 800 acres cleared, balance timbered with beech, maple, pine and oak. Well fenced; two acres bearing orchard, all kinds of fruit; pasture and small fruit. 5000 yds. acres seeded down. Three trams harness and three trams (wreaths of premium). School and Church convenient. Horse and Railway seven miles. Good roads. Terms, one-third down, balance on time as may be agreed. Write to A. LAING, Guelph, Ont. Apply to A. LAING, Guelph, Ont.

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Annual Announcement!

I always select in each City, Town and Village the very best place, where I leave my Stock of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS; in accordance with this custom (instituted 8001 years ago) I have pleasure in stating that:

J. E. MCGARVIN'S Drug and Stationery Store, Acton,
IS AGAIN MY STOREHOUSE (This term not patented.)

For all kinds of Good to load your Xmas Trees and fill the Stockings, Boxes and Baskets with Pretty Thing for your friends.

See the Partial List of what I have left with J. E. MCGARVIN in Acton:—

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS 5c. TO \$6.50. PHOTOGRAPH, SCRAP AND AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS—SEE MY SPECIAL VALUE IN FLUSH ALBUMS AT 50c. EACH. WORK BOOKS. JEWEL CASES. WRITING DESKS. LADIES' AND GENTS' DRESSING CASES. CARD CASES. CIGAR CASES. GOLD PENS AND PENCILS.

SILVERWARE—IS CRUETS \$3 TO \$10—EXTRA VALUE. BUTTER COOLERS. PICKLE CRUETS. CAKE AND CARD TRAYS. KNIVES. SPOONS. FORKS AND NAPKIN RINGS.

SHELL GOODS. INK STANDS. SATCHELS IN LEATHER, PLUSH AND FUR. PAINT BOXES, FROM 2c. UP. PICTURE BOOKS, FROM 1c. UP. DOLLS, A GREAT VARIETY, FROM 1c. UP.

MY STOCK OF ANNUALS IS NOW IN AND WILL BE SOLD CHEAP

PORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, A LARGE STOCK IN CLOTH AND LEATHER BINDINGS. CHECKER BOARDS FROM 5c. TO \$1.50. CHESS, DOMINOES AND GAMES OF ALL KINDS. PORTFOLIOS, VASES AT HALF PRICE. CUPS AND SAUCERS. ALPHABET AND BUILDING BLOCKS: TOYS AND TOY WATCHES.

XMAS & NEW YEAR'S CARDS, AN IMMENSE STOCK AS THIS IS LIKELY TO BE THE LAST YEAR FOR THIS STOCK—WHAT WE CANNOT SELL WE WILL GIVE AWAY.

Remember my **STOREHOUSE** is at **J. E. MCGARVIN'S Drug and Stationery Store, Acton.** Call in and see the Place and Goods and oblige

"The Clouds," Dec. 8th, 1884

LADIES!

DO YOU SEE THIS: We keep in stock the choicest Groceries we can buy, and sell very close for cash. We want house-keepers 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, Cutlery (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.

I have a few more of those 1 & 1 bush baskets, they are going fast at 25c. and 35c. apiece.

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.

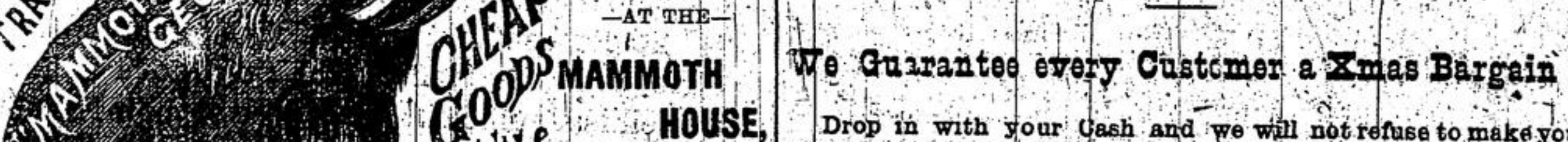
FRAMES.

"Secure the Shadow ere the Substance Fades."
HILL, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST
Is now executing Photographs of all kinds and sizes, equal to those turned out by many city galleries, and at much lower prices. See his specimens, they are few in design and please all.
THE NEW INSTANTANEOUS PROCESS USED.
Special attention given to Child ren. Attractive scenery. Tasteful furnishings. Comfortable waiting room, &c.
Special attention paid to Picture-framing. See the Stereoscopic Views of Acton and vicinity.
C. W. HILL, Acton.

FRAMES.

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY.

Clearing Sale
—AT THE—
MAMMOTH HOUSE,
Georgetown.
MCLEOD, ANDERSON & COY.



WE are Holding a Genuine Clearing Sale

And Goods will be slaughtered regardless of cost. We shall quote no prices nor advertise any discounts, but come and see the Goods at the prices they are laid out at and we are satisfied will convince the most sceptical.

WE SHALL CLEAR OUT:—

Furs, Dress Goods, Dress Silks, Mantles, Mantle Cloths, Checked Wincoys, Plain and Checked Flannels, Checked Shirtings, Prints, Tweeds, Ready-made Clothing, Overcoats, Gents' Underclothing. In fact all kinds of Heavy Goods.

An immense drive in Grey Cottons and Blankets. We call especial attention to Hemp, Union, All Wool and Tapestry Carpets, to be cleared out at unheard of Bargains. Our Ordered Clothing, Millinery and Dress-Making Departments shall be conducted as before.

POPULAR PRICES TO MEET THE TIMES

Mourning and Wedding Orders a Specialty. In our Business all the Goods suitable for such purposes kept in stock. We appeal to the people if they prefer money saved to patronize this Genuine Clearing Sale.

MCLEOD, ANDERSON & CO.,
MAMMOTH HOUSE

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Let it be a Merry, Merry one. Lots of fun for the holidays.

LOTS OF NICE FANCY GOODS:

- Fancy Worked Slippers.
- 50 sets of Furs for Children.
- Ladies' Furs.
- Gents' Persian Caps.
- Beaver Caps.
- Fancy Mitts and Gloves.
- Ties, Scarfs, &c.

Great Bargains in Every Line of Goods.

Don't miss the HALTON DRY GOODS HOUSE

—IT'S THE CHEAPEST PLACE ON THE CONTINENT!—

Men and Boys Suits and Overcoats.
Ladies' Fancy Shawls, Scarfs, &c.

We Guarantee every Customer a Xmas Bargain!

Drop in with your Cash and we will not refuse to make you happy.

Compliments of the Season.

C. B. GRIFFIN.

Dominion Boot & Shoe Store.

KENNEY BROS.,
MAIN ST. ACTON.
FALL GOODS.

We are now receiving a very large stock of New Fall Goods of every description. Our Boots and Shoes are purchased from the best manufacturing, and we are consequently prepared to guarantee all lines. We have a large assortment and can suit everyone requiring Boots and Shoes, as far as quality, style or price are concerned.

ORDERED WORK

In this department we are in a position to manufacture all classes of work, and will guarantee satisfaction to every customer.

Call and See Our Goods.
Acton, Aug. 25th, 1884.

KENNEY BROS.