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H. P. MODRE,
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Business Directory.

W. H. LOWRY, M. B., M. C. P. S., Graduate of Trinity College, Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons. 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, Acupuncturist. Office—Mill St. Residence—CARPENTER'S HORN, Acton.

N. E.—Special attention given to the diseases of women and children.

T. H. GRAHAM, L. D. S., SURGEON AND DENTIST, Homeopathic. Will visit (Professionally) Acton on Monday of next week. Room—Asgus's Hotel. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.

L. L. BENNETT, DENTIST, Georgetown, Ontario.

C. MCKINLAY, L. D. S., Surgeon A. Dentist (Georgetown, Ont.) uses the new system of Nitrous Oxide Gas (commonly called Vitalized Air) for extracting teeth without pain. Having administered it over 1000 cases. There is no danger to any evil results! Having been Demonstrator of Practical Teacher in Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, patrons may depend upon receiving satisfaction in any operations performed. Office—one door south of Baptist Church.

PAINLESS DENTAL OPERATIONS.
Vitalized Air, or Nitrous Oxide Gas, for Painless Dental Operations, at the office of:

C. B. HAYES, L. D. S.,
Tovel's Block, Guelph, Ont.
Upper Wyndham Street.

RIGGS & IVORY: DENTISTS, 280 Queen St. West, where the street widens—Toronto. Fines and best set Teeth, \$5 to \$8. Gold Fillings one-third rates. Leave order for teeth in the mouth, can have them the same day. We extract teeth painlessly, vitalized Air for the painless extracting of teeth during the past year, regardless of what others may say.

JOHN LAWSON, GRADUATE OF ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, TORONTO. VETERINARY SURGEON, ACTON, ONT. OFFICE—In Kenny Bros' boot and shoe store, residence in the rear. Horses examined to soundness, and certificates given.

All calls, night or day, promptly attended. Terms easy.

MOWAT & MCLEAN, Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries, Conveyancers, &c. 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, GUELPH, ONT. OFFICE—Queen's Hotel Block, Market Square.

BAIN, LAIDLAW & CO., Barristers & Solicitors. OFFICES—Over Imperial Bank, 24 Wellington Street East; Entrance, Exchange Alley, Toronto.

JOHN BAIN, Q. C. C. A. MASTEN. WILLIAM LAIDLAW. GEORGE KAPPEL.

PATENTS SECURED FOR INVENTIONS. HENRY GRIST, OTTAWA, CANADA. 20 Years Practice. No Patent, No Pay.

FRANCIS NUNAN, 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. Ruling neatly and promptly done.

W. M. HEMSTREET, LICENSED AUCTIONEER. For the Counties of Wellington and Haldimand. Orders left at the Free Press Office, Acton, or at my residence in Acton, will be promptly attended to. Terms reasonable.

MONIES 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 small or large quantities, at any time. Apply at the Kiln, near Tolton's Mill, or to

C. S. SMITH.

Box 172, Acton.

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THOS. BURNSIDE.

Would respectfully inform the citizens of Acton and vicinity that he has opened a grocery store next to

McGraw's drugstore and

is prepared to supply.

First-Class Meat

OF ALL KINDS.

Poultry and Game in Season.

Having experience in the trade, I can assure all satisfaction and sold a liberal

area of custom.

MEAT DELIVERED.

CASH FOR HIDES.

THOS. BURNSIDE.

A fully qualified veterinarian for the

care of animals.

An animal of the highest quality will be

offered to the public in this vicinity. Every department of the business will be conducted in first-class style. Give us a call.

J. P. WORDEN.

Has opened a Barber Shop in the building

earlier occupied Storey's old Glove Factory.

Mill Street, Acton, and solicits the patronage of the public in this vicinity.

Every department of the business will be conducted in first-class style. Give us a call.

J. P. WORDEN.

Acton Free Press.

Terms—\$1.00, in Advance.

Our Motto.—"Home First, The World Afterwards."

Single Copies Three Cents.

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Whole Number 495.

ACTON BANKING CO'Y,
STOREY, CHRISTIE & CO.,
BANKERS.

Acton, Ontario.

GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS
TRANSACTED.

MONEY LOANED ON APPROVED
NOTES.

Notes Discounted and Interest
Allowed on Deposits.

LITTLE FOLKS

HANG UP YOUR STOCKINGS,

and in meantime telephone to your old
friend, Santa Claus that

J. M. FERNLEY

Has an immense stock of the choicest pur-
est and cheapest Confectionery
manufactured or grown
comprising—

Best Fancy Candies, all Kinds
Best Mixtures in Market, 15¢ up

Best Dates, Oranges and Lemons

Best Nuts : Fibbers, Almonds, Brazilins,

Walnuts, Peanuts, Pea-nuts, &c.

Best Figs, Table Raisins, Apples.

And all other goods best suited to the jolly
Christmas times.

OYSTERS

In Bulk or Can. Always Fresh
Served in any Style.

Wish you All
A Merry, Merry Xmas.

Call and see us at the

ACTON FRUIT DEPOT,

J. M. FERNLEY,

Post Office Building, Acton.

10 CENT STORE-CENT
10 And Cheap Bazaar

WILL CLEAR OUT
STOCK OF FANCY GOODS

At any price, to make room for New Goods
on the way

England, France, Germany, and
New York.

VASES.

TOILET SETS.

GLASS GOODS.

LADIES SATCHELS.

And Lots of Other Goods.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
GUELPH.

DAY SELLS CHEAP.

COAL and WOOD

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS JUST
got in a large quantity of first-class

Egg, Stove, and Chestnut

COL

which is prepared to dispose of by the car-
load. Parties to buy Coal will profit by lay-
ing their winter stock now.

I have also on hand a large stock of dry hard-
wood in stove and cordwood lengths.

C. S. SMITH.

Acton, July 22nd, 1884.

OIL PICTURES.

When I was in England a few weeks ago, I purchased some very choice Pictures of

Old Country Scenes and Castles in England

Scandinavia, Ireland and Wales. They are

Pictures well-remembered, noted places of

old country people now living in England.

The pictures will be all by expert

artists, and will be sold at a low cost.

This is Goodwill's holiday.—C. W. B.

GOODWILL'S HOLIDAY.

Ever on this Christmas morn

Holy mirth and joy are born;

Still the Earth hears, as of old,

All the ringing Angels told;

Still float to us from above

Of that wonderful, beautiful, far-away

clime.

The children gave heed; and then May,

With tears of glee, went winging

Up close to her beside, exclaimed: "You're

not telling!"

The truth! There's no heaven, no angels in

glory!

And we know it is only a make-believe story.

To please the small children—the babies;

because

Mr. and -Walter's found out there is no

Santa Claus!"

MR. CHIRRUP'S CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Chirrup was glad. Any one else,

even with a less amiable disposition,

that would have been "cross" under

the same provocation.

But Mr. Chirrup was never cross, and he

was seldom "grumpy."

However, when it comes to the day

before Christmas and you have no money

to buy your wife a Christmas gift, or any-

thing to put in the children's stockings,

and no prospective turkey, or mince-pie and

plum-pudding for your Christmas dinner,

you are excusable for being grumpy.

So, at least, thought Mr. Chirrup, as he sat looking out of the window in Lawyer Ledger's office, where he was employed

at a by-no-means extravagant salary.

Lawyer Ledger was ill—"too ill" to be