

### RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.	
SUN. MORN.	SUN. NIGHT.
Mixed..... 6:30 a.m.	Express..... 12:45 p.m.
Express..... 7:10 a.m.	Express..... 1:30 p.m.
Express..... 11:45 a.m.	Mail..... 2:30 p.m.
Express..... 12:45 p.m.	Special..... 3:30 p.m.
Chicago Express does not stop between Guelph and Galt.	
TIME OF CLOSING MAIL.	
(Going West) - 11 a.m.	
(Going East) - 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	
English mail closes at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.	

The most Successful Xmas Trade we have ever had

At Geo. Hynds', Acton

Remember, if you should require during the Holidays any Presents. We have a nice assortment yet of Silverware, Jewelry, Bibles, Gift Books, Toy Books, Dolls, Toys, New Year Cards, Fancy Presents.

Come right in and take a look over our store.

We wish our many friends a prosperous New Year.

GEO. HYND'S, the leading store in Acton, for Wedding and Birthday Presents, Books, Stationery, School Books, Toys, &c.

NOTICE TO PARENTS.—

The New School Readers in Stock at Geo. Hynd's. Send the Children to Hynd's to buy their School Books.

Action Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 1, 1885.

TINTINNABULATIONS.

Now peals our little newby bell and lively echoes rise and swell.

New Years Day.

Happy New Year.

Leap year is over.

Begin the year right.

1884; going, going.

Clear off your pavements.

Peace and prosperity to all.

Your vote and influence for—

Sleighting and skating are at a discount.

The public schools will open next Monday.

Found. Large padlock key. Call at this office.

The January thaw was a little ahead of time this week.

Another four years wait for some young ladies we know.

Marriageable young men will now resume their equanimity.

The holidays are over. Now for the business of another year.

Acton has been a pretty busy little town during the past week.

Thermometer 20 degrees below zero last week and 50 above this week.

When the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen.—Old adage.

The municipal pot is boiling. The civic porridge will be ladled out next Monday night.

The Methodist Church choir go to Erin this evening to sing at an entertainment in the Methodist church there.

The regular monthly administration of the holy communion in connection with St. Albans' church, will be held next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to have the Council Chamber windows frosted in order to have them accord with those of Messrs. Mowat & McLean on the same floor.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Methodist church at Eden Mills on Sunday by Rev. J. S. Colling, and on Monday evening a successful tea-meeting was held.

From the list of weddings in our altar column our readers will be forced to conclude that a few at least of the young ladies in this vicinity were bound not to be among "thief" when leap year was ruled out.

A very neat and tasty calendar has been placed in our office by Mr. J. E. McGarvin, local agent for the Chicago and North Western Railway. Mr. James Matthews, agent of the Western Assurance Co., has also handed us a fine calendar.

Mr. J. E. Howson, grocer, has had his windows neatly lettered. Mr. H. S. White was the artist. He did a very nice job for Messrs. Mowat and McLean, barristers, also. Mr. Howson has his windows beautifully dressed with goods, and Mr. J. B. Pearson also makes a very fine display.

A G. T. R. brakeman named John Curran had his hand badly crushed while coupling cars at Georgetown on Friday. His hand was caught between the buffers and in jerking away to release himself and escape further injury, thirteen inches of the tendon running from the finger up the arm was torn out.

The publishers of the *Montreal Witness* have offered a prize of \$100 for the best and most appropriate Winter Carnival poem not exceeding 150 lines, the poem to be in the hands of the publishers of that paper by the 6th of January. It is worth while mentioning the above offer as the successful competitor may be found among our own readers.

The Editor of the *Halton News* is al-

most on shaking hands terms with himself.

It came out blank last week, costing about its large circulation. We question if the *News* has more than half as large a circulation as is enjoyed by either the *Acton Free Press*, *Milton Champion*, *Georgetown Herald* or *Oakville Independent*.—Oakville Independent. Not quite so bad as that, Bro. Orr; but—I tune you and we—I think the most we are willing to lay our lists side by side with that of the *News* for comparison.

Election of Officers.

The following officers of Credit Lodge

No. 219, A. F. & A. M., Georgetown, for the ensuing year, were installed last Friday evening:—J. Newton, J. P. M.; George R. Anderson, W. M.; W. P. Moore, S. W. Dr. Todd; J. W. S. Beaumont, Chap. W. McLeod, Treas.; T. J. Wheeler, Secy. T. Wrenshall, S. D.; C. W. Peetley, J. D. W. J. Walker, I. C.; E. Scarr, Tyler; G. H. Harley, D. O.; W. Bremer and R. Anthony, Stewards.

### VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of interest to our dear Village Readers.

Address and Presentation.

We have received a lengthy communication reporting an address and presentation to Mr. Geo. H. Cook, late teacher of S. E. No. 5, Nassagawaya. The address is much flattering, and Mr. Cook was the recipient of a splendid chain and locket. The report was received too late for insertion.

A Sunday Runaway.

An exciting runaway occurred on Main Street on Sunday. Mr. Jos. Price, of Harding's grocery, was just starting out for a drive—presumably with his best young lady—when the horses became frightened and dashed away at a furious pace. The cutter was completely wrecked and now Josiah thinks Sunday driving is not a paying business.

Terrible Accident.

Erin village was the scene of a shocking accident on Friday last. The victim was a little son of Mr. George Ramsaw, blacksmith, late of Nassagawaya, aged about twelve years. He was left in the house for a short time, in charge of a sick lady, while his mother went out on an errand. In the mother's absence her son was amusing himself by rolling about the floor when he kicked one of the legs from under a large self-feeding coal stove which rolled over upon him. The coals were scattered about the floor promiscuously, and the lad was unable to do anything, as his body was firmly pinned to earth. On Mrs. Ramsaw's return she found her son in an unconscious condition and quickly relieved him from his unfortunate position. He had been burned about the face, limbs and body so severely that if he recovers it will be almost a miracle. At present he lies in a precarious condition.—Guelph Mercury.

Week of Prayer.

The Evangelical Alliance has issued the annual list of topics for united prayer during the week, commencing Sunday, January 4th, as follows:

SUNDAY, Jan. 4.—"The good fight of faith."—1 Tim. viii; 12; Eph. vii; 10; 12.

MONDAY, Jan. 5.—The Thanksgiving and Praise.

TUESDAY, Jan. 6.—Humiliation and Confession.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.—Prayer for the Church of Christ.

TURSDAY, Jan. 8.—Prayer for families and Instructors of Youth.

FRIDAY, Jan. 9.—For the Nations.

SATURDAY, Jan. 10.—For Missions, Home and Foreign.

SUNDAY, Jan. 11.—Sermons—Waiting for the Lord's appearing.—Isaiah xxv: 9; 2 Thess. iii: 5.

Board of Trustees.

The election of Trustees of Acton Public School; to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. W. H. Storey and James Moore from the Board, was held yesterday, as follows:

D. W. CAMPBELL—Nominated by Rev. D. B. Cameron, seconded by Wm. Ismond.

GEO. HYND'S—Nominated by Rev. D. B. Cameron, seconded by Wm. Ismond.

DAVID HENDERSON—Nominated by Wm. Hemstreet, seconded by W. P. Brown.

W. H. STOREY—Nominated by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by Wm. Hemstreet.

JONES CAIRNS—Nominated by Wm. Hemstreet, seconded by J. E. McGarvin.

ROBERT ROYLE—Nominated by Thos. C. Moore, seconded by Robert Crane.

MESSRS. HENDERSON AND ROYLE declined the nomination, and the candidates for election are Messrs. D. W. Campbell, John Cameron, George Hynd's and W. H. Storey. The election will be held next Wednesday.

LIZEL—Just as we go to press Mr. D. W. Campbell, announces his withdrawal from the contest.

S. S. CHRISTMAS TREES.

The annual Sabbath School Festival and Christmas Tree of St. Albans' Church, last Friday evening, was quite successful. The attendance was very fair, and the programme carried out by the children was most enjoyable. The tree bore abundance of most acceptable fruit, and a happier or more contented group of children would have been hard to find after the presents were distributed.

Knox Church Sabbath School held their Christmas Entertainment and Tree, on Tuesday evening, and a most successful affair it proved. This class of entertainment is rather novel to our Presbyterian friends, but they showed our citizens that when they take a matter in hand it must succeed. They had a full house, and every person present appeared to be in a happy mood. The singing, reciting and acting of the children was creditable throughout, and the management deserve due praise for the special pains taken in their training.

At 9:30 p.m. Santa Claus put in an appearance, and his minnie mouse filled the little hearts and big pockets of the children with happiness, &c., to overflowing.

A Happy Affair.

On Christmas Eve one of those interesting events which invariably create a flutter in social circles occurred at Cedar Creek.

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THE CRADLE.

Moore.—In Acton, on the 30th December,

the wife of Mr. James Moore, Chairman

Board of Education, of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

MCINNIS.—On Wednesday, Dec.

24th, 1884, by the Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick,

at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr.

Malcolm Chisholm, Mr. Nathan Moore,

to Miss Christian Victoria McInnis, all

of Scotch blood.

Wauder—Scott.—At the residence of the

bride's father, on Christmas Day,

Rev. W. F. Clark, at the residence

of the bride's father, Mr. Charles

Armstrong, to Lizzie, eldest daughter of

George Armstrong, Esq., proprietor of

Armstrong's Mills, township of Guelph.

Burn—McMillan.—At the residence of the

bride's father, on Wednesday, the 24th

December, by Rev. D. B. Cameron,

Mr. William Smith, of Nassagawaya,

to Miss Katie McMillan, eldest daughter of

Mr. Lechan McMillan, of Eskesing.

McPhail—McGregor.—At the residence of

the bride's mother, on Wednesday, the 24th

December, by Rev. D. B. Cameron,

Mr. Wm. McPhail, of Nelson, to Miss

Katie McGregor, Esq., of Nassagawaya.

The wedding was performed by Rev. D. B. Cameron.

STONE—WARREN.—At "Cedar Creek," the

residence of John Warren, Esq., on

John Street, Acton, on Sunday, Decem

ber 28th, Alexander S. Secord, Esq., dep.

64 years and 2 months.