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GEO. HYND'S,
Santa Claus' Headquarters.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 1885.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—Sleighing is not yet first class.
—Xmas trees are now being talked of.
—Next Monday is the last day for paying taxes.
—Activate your Xmas goods in the Fair Press.
—Georgetown has few seekers for municipal honors.
—And now they have an Orphan's society in Erin.
—A little here show would make the teamsters happy.
—Leave your orders this week for your Christmas printing.
—Snow shovels did good service several days during the week.
—The Metropolitan Studio wants you to keep your eye on its ads.
—The new R. C. Church, Georgetown, was dedicated last Sunday.
—The Christmas turkey will soon begin to think it has a sore throat.
—Look for the new adv. of Messrs. Waters Bros., picture dealers, Guelph, in next issue.
—The banks are reducing interest on deposits to 3 per cent. Money must be plentiful.
—Our cotens will now talk about the merry jingle, jingle, jingle of the sleigh bells again.
—The winter weather will live up business. It has certainly boomed the coal and wood business.
—Nearly all the advertisements of local merchants appearing this week are new and deserve perusal.
—The official Board of the Methodist Church, Milton, has increased the salary of the Rev. Mr. Russ.
—The Walkerton Council has passed a resolution limiting the proceedings of the Salvation Army to 10 p. m.
—The Methodist Sabbath School Christmas tree entertainment on the 23rd just promises to be one of interest.
—The next convention of Peel Sunday School Association will be held at Clarendon on the 26th and 27th of January.
—Mr. J. A. Murray, auctioneer, announces in another column that he will hold a regular monthly sale at Agnew's hotel.
—Mr. Geo. Hynds' large adv. with the excellent picture of Santa Claus will attract the attention of our readers.
—Bright beautiful snow flakes, filling the air, why do you come dancing from homes so fair, to fall and be trodden on every-where?
—The Toronto Globe has put on a new dress. Its reading matter is also more conveniently arranged. The charge is very reasonable.
—"Latham Pillows" are the craze for a moment. It will be in vogue now for some easy-going man to invent a batch of Gilead air cushions.
—The Star says the special services in the Methodist Church, Milton, are being well attended, and much good resulting therefrom.
—The County Councilors enjoyed a dinner at the expense of the Warden at the conclusion of business at the County Council last week.
—Attention is directed to the holiday announcement of Mr. N. McGarvin of the Drug and Stationery store. Look in and examine the stock.
—A Sunday School social will be held in the Methodist Church, Cameron's Corners, on Friday evening, 18th inst. A pleasant evening is anticipated.
—The Herald says Georgetown has a flourishing drawing class, under the superintendance of Mr. Harrison, principal of the Public School.
—Our citizens must remember that the snow by-law was made to be enforced. It has been enforced in the past and will be this winter. Some seem to have forgotten this.
—Mr. L. G. Matthews has opened out in the Post Office Store with a neat new and a very attractive stock of groceries, etc. He has removed his bakery to the same store.
—Some say that a man who would "beat an egg," would be so cruel as to whip cream or "thresh wheat." We firmly believe the same fellow would even "hick a postage stamp."
—The spikes in the sidewalks in many places have rather too great an inclination to aspire heavenwards. This unhealthy ambition should be checked. They should be gently patted on the heads.
—When the Band boys attend a meeting of the Board of School Trustees they should certainly conduct themselves like gentlemen. The majority of them didn't do so last Monday evening. At least that is what the members of the School Board affirm.
—All sizes for men, women and children, in rubbers and overshoes, cheap, cheap, cheap. Nelson McRae & Co.

THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Knox Church Pulpit.
Mr. J. Math. Duncan, of Knox College, occupied the pulpit in Knox church last Sunday. Rev. Murdoch McKenzie, of Goderich, formerly of Edinburgh, will preach next Sunday.

St. Albans' Church Entertainments.
The Sabbath School Anniversary and Christmas Tree will be held in the town hall, on Tuesday, 29th December, and a church social will be given at the residence of Mr. Wm. T. Smyth on New Year's eve. More anon.

New Army Officers.
Capt. Milliken and Lieut. Nicholson, of the Salvation Army, favoured here last Wednesday evening, after nearly a year of persistent effort in the Army's interests. They are now in charge of the Theological corps. The vacancy here is supplied by Capt. Barker and Lieut. Florin, formerly of Stonyville.

Bishop Cameron to Visit Acton.
We are informed that the Bishop (Carnahan), one of the general superintendents of the Methodist Church, will preach anniversary sermons in the Methodist Church here, about the middle of February. This is the Bishop's first visit to Acton, and his presence will no doubt attract large audiences on the occasion.

The County Wardenship.
The Milton Star mentions Mr. Storey, "Acton's popular reeve," as a probable candidate for the Wardenship for 1886. The contest will likely be between Burlington and Acton. We feel safe in predicting that Mr. W. H. Storey will be reeve, as usual, next year, and that he will also occupy the Warden's chair at the County Council. This honor is due both to Mr. Storey and to Acton.

Characteristics of the Age.
The lecture of Rev. John Shaw, of Toronto, on the above subject in the town hall last Tuesday evening, was one of the best in the course. The lecturer in a most pleasing and instructive manner presented in their respective order many of the notable characteristics peculiar to the present century. His lecture was very interesting throughout, and the audience expressed much satisfaction therewith. The last lecture in the course will take place on Monday evening, 14th inst. by James L. Hughes, L. L. B., Toronto, subject "School Room Humor." This lecture well deserves a crowded house and will we believe be accorded such a reception.

An Anti-Scott's Antics.
Peter Zimmerman, hotelkeeper, Burlington, was sentenced some time ago, to two months' jail on a fourth conviction for violation of the Scott Act. He lit out, but returned the other day. On Saturday morning an attempt was made to arrest him, but his son interfered, and overpowering County Constable Page, secured his baton and unmercifully beat the officer over the head, leaving him cut, bruised and bleeding in the roadway. Had it not been for the interference of some outsiders it is believed they would have killed Page. The Zimmermans then made their escape, and it is believed have crossed the lines. Constable Page was assisted to a store where he had his wounds dressed, and he was then taken to his home at Kilbride.

Farms Sold.
Mr. John J. Daley has been doing an immense real estate business in a remarkably dull season. Since coming to Guelph he has created a boom in his line, and by judicious advertising has made his facilities for doing business known to the public. His enterprise and ability, and find it profitable for them to do so. He has sold the 100 acre in the county of Bruce, which he purchased a short time ago, to Mr. John C. Chapman, of Silver Bow county, Montana, U. S., for \$4,300 cash, and 100 acres in the township of Benick, county of Grey, which he has owned many years, to Thos. Stinson, of Carleton county, for \$6,000 cash. Mr. Daley recently disposed of the following farms for his clients: The "Ridgewood" farm, containing 63 acres, within the city limits, to John Scott, Esq. of Toronto, for \$2,250 cash; the Briardale cottage, with 8 1/2 acres of land, on the Elora road, to A. Dace, Esq. of Toronto, for \$2,100; and the "Hastings" farm, on the Elora road, to Mr. J. G. Bell, of Lambton county, for \$6,500. Several real estate men, one of whom lives in London, Ont., failed to sell this property at less than the above price.

LOCAL EDUCATION.

Last Meeting of the Board for the Present Year.

THE RETIRING MEMBERS.
The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, of Acton Public School, met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, 7th inst.
Members present, Dr. Lowry, chairman and Messrs. McGarvin, Moore and Hynds. Minutes of last two meetings read and confirmed.
The Finance Committee presented their eighth report recommending payment of the following:
H. P. Moore, salary, adv. in Toronto papers, etc., \$28 54
Thomas Gamble, gravel, lime &c., 6 60
J. Speight & Son, furniture, 4 60
L. Lyman, work, 60
\$35 01
Report adopted.
Moved by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by George Hynds, that the Town Hall be the place for holding the election of trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. Lowry and McGarvin 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 Geo. Hynds, that the tender of Thos. Cook for cutting thirty cords of wood at forty cents per cord be accepted. Carried.
Moved by Geo. Hynds, seconded by Thos. C. Moore, that the property committee petition the council to erect a portico and woodshed for the use of the fourth department at the town hall. Carried.
Moved by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by George Hynds, that the secretary be instructed to advertise for caretaker for Acton Public School, duties to commence at the New Year, the property committee to open the tenders and engage a caretaker. Carried.
Moved by W. P. Brown, seconded by Thos. C. Moore, that the sum of \$5.00 be paid to Thomas Easton for duties of carting of fourth department up to Nov. 1st. Carried.
After complimentary remarks and a general supply of taffy to Dr. Lowry, chairman, and J. E. McGarvin, the retiring members for the year, the Board adjourned. This was the last meeting of the year.

—Now is the time to secure a first-class suit or overcoat, as we are giving special values from now till 1st January, and we have a first class cutter and give perfect fitting garments every time. Nelson McRae & Co.

Limehouse Sparks.
From our own Correspondent.
The pond is frozen over.
A splinter off the North Pole to-day. The kilns are for the present shut down.
Rev. A. Wrayton visited friends here last week.
Mr. Cook was around last week with herrings.
The methodists intend holding their tea-meeting on Xmas night.
Mr. Andrew Lawson has got through with thrashing this fall.
We hear that Mr. Brown has sold his piece of pine on the 5th line for a very nice sum.
Mrs. Marshall has moved to her daughter's residence, Mrs. Andrew Scott's, and her son Mr. Thomas Marshall, is living in the household.
The Presbyterians have changed their time of service from afternoon to morning for the winter. The Sunday School is closed till spring. Rev. Wallace advised the parents to keep up the Sunday School teaching in their own homes.
One of our citizens, Capt. Stephen Marshall, of the Salvation Army, has been stationed in the Eastern Province. He has been laboring for some time at Oakville where his services were well appreciated. The Salvation Army in many places appears to have done a great deal of good. If it be of God what can hinder it?
Dec. 7th, 1885. ROCK.

—Wanted. Any quantity of dressed fowl, for which the highest market price will be paid in either cash or trade. J. E. Howson.
—For the best grades of stone and roller flour of all kinds, leave your orders at L. G. Matthews' bakery.
—Just in, new fur capes, from \$2.00 upwards, the best range of ladies' caps and muffs in the trade, and a large assortment of men's fur caps, special values. Nelson McRae & Co.

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XMAS & NEW YEARS.

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The Holiday Season, with all its attendant happiness and merry making, approaches, and as usual

McGARVIN'S DRUG AND STATIONERY STORE.

Silverware, Fancy Goods, Christmas Cards, Dolls, Toys, &c., &c.,

Of every description, suitable for Christmas Gifts. It has been our endeavor this season in selecting our Holiday Stock to secure only those goods which are of superior value and which will be deemed worthy of more than ordinary appreciation by those who receive them.

Our goods are new and of this year's design. We have a fine assortment of Bibles, Albums, Annals and Gift Books of all kinds in attractive and durable bindings. You cannot fail to make a full and satisfactory selection from our stock. Everybody should call on us.

HUSBANDS, ASK YOUR WIVES, WIVES, COAX YOUR HUSBANDS, SISTERS, PERSUADE YOUR BROTHERS, BROTHERS, ADVISE YOUR SISTERS,

—TO GO TO—

N. McGARVIN'S Drug and Stationery Store. Acton,

For their Xmas Presents. He sells better goods, cheaper than any other store.

FULL STOCK OF GOLD PENS AND PENCILS.

PEERLESS OIL

SIX GOLD MEDALS

Have Been Awarded this Oil within the Last Three Years. NONE GENUINE ONLY THAT MADE AT THE

QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS, SAMUEL ROGERS & CO., Toronto.

For sale by all first-class dealers.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Christmas Coming

J. M. FERNLEY

A great deal—"A good name is better than great riches." As a rule, a good name is not thrust upon a man unless his conduct merits him, worthy of it. A good business reputation can only be attained by stern, unflinching honesty. Our friends have said many kind things about the business at No. 27, Lower Wyndham street, and it is our constant endeavor to make ourselves worthy of the very best they can say about us. Enemies, we haven't any, at least none worth speaking of, and so everybody speaks well of No. 27.

Our stock for the holiday season is especially attractive, suited to the wants of old and young, rich and poor. Our

SILKS AND PLUSHES, VELVETS, VELVETEENS, DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, MANTLES OF CLOTH AND FUR, FANCY GOODS, MILLINERY, FEATHERS, MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING, MEN'S & BOYS' OVERCOATS, FUR CAPS, FUR MUFFS, FUR CAPES, FUR TIPPETS, BLANKETS, AND STAPLES,

strike the visitor at once as being the choicest, freshest and cheapest goods that he or she could desire.

Special attention is directed to mv Dress-making Department, which offers very great Attractions.

Our Cloth, Tweed and Clothing Department, in which I employ a first-class Cutter, is worthy of the confidence of every gentleman.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season to all our friends, hoping to see them all.

E. R. Bollert, IMPORTER, &c.,

27 Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ontario.

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You can buy anything in

CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, AND MILLINERY

At less than cost of manufacture from

C. B. GRIFFIN

FOR CASH!

I am selling off. No Reserve.

Coal Oil continues at 15 cents a gallon.

Come straight to the right place.

YOU CAN SAVE 30 CENTS

On every dollar you spend with us.

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Wants the public to understand that he is purchasing Confectionery by the ton for the happy annual occasion of joy and merriment, and by so doing he secures the purest Candies of the best design and assortment, and can sell them cheaper than any other house in town.

All kinds of Confectionery. Nuts, Fruits, Canned Goods, etc.

will be kept, and patrons can depend upon securing the freshest and newest goods.

—A full stock of—

OYSTERS.

My oyster prior is open, and the public will always be supplied satisfactorily. Oysters, etc., served in any style, and sold by bulk in any quantity.

J. M. Fernley.

Now is the time to buy your Winter FURS. Now is the time to buy your Winter MANTLES. Now is the time to buy your Winter WRAPS.

Having purchased the Boot and Shoe Business lately carried on by Mr. H. B. McCarty, in the Village of Acton, and having replenished the stock with a first-class assortment of all lines usually kept in a No. 1 Boot and Shoe Store, I am prepared to guarantee entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

A good supply of first-class Trunks and Valises will always be kept on hand.

As the Ordered Work and Repairing is all under my own supervision, the public may rely upon its receiving the best of attention.

Give me a trial and see for yourselves.

Wm. Williams.

N.B.—Having disposed of the Boot and Shoe Business lately carried on by me, I wish hereby to notify all parties indebted to me to call at once and settle their accounts.

H. B. McCARTHY.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Special Reductions in

Furs and Mantles, Wool Squares and Shawls.

Our preparations in these lines have been greater than anything Guelph has known in the past.

In anticipation of a mild winter, we consider it the better policy to make a great sacrifice now, rather than suffer goods over Christmas.

Now is the time to buy your Winter FURS. Now is the time to buy your Winter MANTLES. Now is the time to buy your Winter WRAPS.

ASTRACHAN JACKETS.

We make Special Reductions of these Goods

We have still a few pieces of those

Celebrated MELTON CLOTHS at 12 cents.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

The LION Leads everything in this Line. Our \$5 Suits and Overcoats are the Wonder of the Age.

J. D. Williamson & Co.