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The Acton Free Press.

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CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—Excellent sleighing. —The Christmas trade is looming up. —Don't forget the snow by-law, citizens. —The skating rink will shortly be opened. —Business wear brighter faces now. —Acton has no less than twelve groceries now. —Merry Christmas, a week from tomorrow. —Oven Smeal butchers have to pay a \$35 license fee. —We have just shipped a large order of printing to London. —Fowl and sausage are now in the market in abundance. —The good sleighing has brought wood down to \$3.25 per cord. —Business has picked up considerably since sleighing commenced. —The Public School closes next Wednesday, and will reopen on Monday, 4th Jany. —The examination in Banckeburn school will be held next Wednesday afternoon. —The sum of \$125,515 has been expended in new buildings in Berlin during the past season. —Posters are out announcing nomination on the 28th, and school election on the 30th inst. —Saturday last was one of the best days for business that our merchants have had for some time. —Bread is twelve cents in Georgetown, and only ten in Acton and Milton, and six in Stratford. —Everybody in town must hear "School Room Humor" in the town hall, next Monday evening. —The social at the residence of Mr. C. Swackhammer, 3rd, line, last Wednesday evening, was quite successful. —One by one the bangs are going, curls and frizzes leaving town, girls are cutting, some now mowing, short hair now has gained renown. —The Acton Free Press job department turns out such excellent work that it has more than local fame and patronage. —Who is going to start the rolling ball with "To the Free and Independent Electors: Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to announce myself, etc." —Our merchants are flooding the town with circulars, and our advertising columns look as though they believe advertising is a profitable thing to invest in. —"School Room Humor," by Mr. J. L. Hughes, L.L.B., Toronto, in the Town Hall, next Monday, will be the most enjoyable lecture of the entire course. —Messrs. Kelly Bros.—John and Rodger—have commenced business as grocers in the store next to Pearson's hardware store. They have a very neat and presentable stock. —The Brampton Conservator commenced its twelfth volume last week. This Conservator is conducted with ability, is well printed, and full of enterprise. It is heartily supported to. We wish it continued prosperity. —The gas-illuminated residence of Mr. W. H. Storey, glaze manufacturer, Acton, was threatened by destruction from a lamp exploding. When a man has gas in his house he might have known it would cause a lamp to explode with heady—Mt. Forest Representative. —The Singer Sewing Machine Company is represented here by Mr. John Bennett, who has on exhibition a full line of the Genuine Singer machines, in the west side of the post office store. Mr. Bennett has an excellent machine to offer the public and will no doubt meet with success. —The Acton Free Press office turns out as good job printing as any office in Canada. Some fine samples recently received bears us out in this statement.—Mt. Forest Representative. Thanks, Bro. Lambert. We put great stock in the opinion of one so well-known for practical and artistic ability. —We fail to see the bad taste brothers. You shouldn't let the Reformer entertain such jealous feelings. We meant no unseemly allusion, but merely recorded a fact in our own favor, which no doubt the Reformer will occasionally feel constrained to do sometimes, notwithstanding its pronounced modesty. —All copy for changes of advertisements or communications, intended for our next issue, must be handed to us not later than Saturday, otherwise we cannot promise their insertion. Our staff has been working extra hard lately, and we intend that they shall have a Christmas holiday as well as other people. —Just in, new fur caps, 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.

—It is invariably the case that about this time of year the small boy becomes remarkably regular in his attendance at Sunday School. One of the juveniles we have heard of has already made himself solid with four different schools. —It's a chilly evening when the small boy fails to have a general interest in the Christmas trees in town. —In the letter, "Chorities by allgatepayr," in our last issue, a slight omission was made by the compositor. About the middle of the last paragraph the following sentence—"Did Mr. Ismond warn the Reeve, before accepting that he would do so?" should have preceded the words:—"If so, that warning would give a color of extenuation."

THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting. Holiday Printing. (Get done in the neatest and best style colored or plain) and at the lowest cost, at the Free Press Power Printing House. Orders should now be sent in as early as possible, to secure prompt execution. Birthday Greetings. The Dufferin Post, Orangeville, celebrated its second birthday, under its present management, last week with a very interesting eight-page edition. The Post is Orangeville's best paper. It fills the bill as a thorough-going, enterprising local paper, and deserves the success which it is enjoying. Taxes Payable Semi-Annually. It would be a great convenience to the majority of taxpayers in small municipalities if an arrangement could be effected whereby semi-annual payment of taxes could be made, instead of having the whole amount come due at one time, and that time just when the average housekeeper is spending extra cash for his stock of winter fuel, clothing and provisions. The Village Council. Council met on Tuesday evening. Members present, the Reeve, and Messrs. Ismond and Stephenson. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Messrs. Robinson & Beatty, of the Rossin House, applied for license for a billiard table, but the council sat on the matter forthwith, and the Rossin House will have no billiard license. After some desultory conversation the council adjourned. Halton Temperance Alliance. A convention of the Halton Temperance Alliance will be held in the Methodist Church, Milton, at ten o'clock a.m., next Saturday. Questions of importance will be brought before the convention, and there will no doubt be a good attendance from all parts of the county. It is expected that some representative of the Dominion Alliance will be present and address the convention. Butter on Account. In many of the towns and villages of Ontario the store-keepers have entered into an agreement not to take butter on account after the first of October each year, but only to receive it for goods sold over the counter at time of delivering the butter. This prudent arrangement has been rendered necessary owing to the persistency of butter-makers in holding their stocks in cellars until late in the autumn, when it has lost its flavor, and the season is too far advanced for shipments to English markets. A Farmers' Institute. Through the influence of Mr. James Bradley, Georgetown, Halton has been entered in the list of counties in which farmers' institutes, under the superintendence of the Provincial Agricultural Association, will periodically be held. The first of these is announced to take place at Georgetown on January 29th and 30th. Professors from the Agricultural College, Guelph, will address the meeting. This is something the farmers generally should take a lively interest in, for much benefit will accrue to them therefrom. Semi-Annual Examinations. The usual semi-annual examination of pupils of Acton Public School will be held in the various departments to-day and to-morrow, as follows:—This forenoon in Miss Baxter's room; the afternoon in Miss Forfar's; and in the afternoon in Mr. Moore's. We hope our citizens will show by their presence in the different departments that they have some interest in the education of the youth here. Encourage the children and the teachers by a large attendance. Sad Fatal Accident. On Monday morning the sad intelligence was received by the friends of Mr. John McGill, who has for the past year or so been living in Chyenne, Wyoming, T.Y., U.S., that he was shot dead on Saturday night. No further particulars have been received. The corpse is expected to arrive here to-morrow for interment. Deceased leaves a wife and little boy, who are living with her mother, Mrs. Lawson, at the corner of Frederick and Agnes streets. The kindest sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement. "Little Sweethearts." "Little Sweethearts" is the title of a wonderful picture by the great artist, Millais. It is of bewitching beauty that words fail to describe. It is published by the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, and is carrying the hearts of the people by storm. State and Provincial Governors, Senators, Members of Parliament, and all classes of people the continent over, have deluged the publishers with congratulations and compliments. A postal card to the Publishers of the Family Herald, Montreal, will get you terms and particulars. Complimentary to Rev. J. S. Colling. We clip the following from the Ferris News-Record respecting Rev. J. S. Colling, late pastor of the Methodist Church here:—"The Rev. Jos. S. Colling, last Sunday forenoon, presided at a splendid sermon on 'Harmony and united action.' It was decidedly the best and most thoroughly practical address we ever listened to in a church or elsewhere upon that subject. Mr. Colling is a good preacher and continues to grow in popularity, not merely among the Methodists, but among all with whom he comes in contact. He is alike a diligent student and an earnest, active Christian worker."

Canada's Christmas. This is a beautifully illustrated Canadian Christmas Paper, published by the Grip printing and publishing company, Toronto. It contains 16 large pages, 8 of which are filled with magnificent lithographic illustrations of Canadian scenes and winter games. The double-page lithographic cartoon, by Bengough, contains correct portraits of a hundred well-known Canadian politicians. It is, alone, worth the whole price of the paper. The other 8 pages are filled with enterprising reading matter. Buy your own Canadian Christmas Paper, only 15 cents; for sale by all booksellers. A Word of Counsel. We do not presume to dictate to the farmers, but really, judging from the existing state of affairs, we feel it to be quite proper to advise them that the present is the most favorable time to bring out and dispose of their produce. There is nothing to influence the public to conclude that more favorable prices will be realized from this present year's crop. There are thousands of dollars' worth stored in the granaries in this immediate section, which if converted into money and the money placed in circulation would be of great advantage to the farmer himself and to all others with whom he has dealings. For Christmas Gifts. The times may be dull, but the gay-hearted cheerfulness of our business thoroughfares gives us hint of that dullness; indeed, judging from the magnificence of which one gets glimpses in the shop windows, we might well be supposed to be a nation of prosperous magnates, if not princes. Everywhere is the flash of silken fabrics, the sheen of silver and gold, and the glitter of jewels, until the eye turns with relief to objects of quiet beauty and usefulness, and of such there are many, for the merchants have forgotten none. The diversified circumstances of the various classes of the community have been considered, and presents of either high or humble character are exhibited in profusion. "School-Room Humor." The last lecture in the course of lectures given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, during the past three months, will take place in the town hall next Monday. Mr. James L. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools for the city of Toronto, whose excellent and well-known reputation precedes him, is the lecturer of the evening, and we feel safe, from our acquaintance with Mr. Hughes and his ability, in promising this to be the most enjoyable lecture in the entire course. The lectures given by the Ladies' Aid have been crowned with success. They have come up to anticipations. The people who have attended them feel that they have been entertained, edified and educated on many points, and there is a very satisfactory balance in the treasurer's hands. We hope to see a large attendance at this last lecture. There will be something to please everyone, and the public school scholars of fifty years ago will be particularly interested. Anniversary Services. As previously announced the annual Methodist Sabbath School entertainment and Christmas Tree will take place next Wednesday evening, 23rd inst. A very interesting programme is being prepared, which, with the Christmas Tree, will form an attractive evening's entertainment for both the children and their parents and friends. Parents and others who purpose giving Christmas presents might well embrace this opportunity of adding to the entertainment and increasing the pleasure of the little folk by putting their gifts on this tree. The entertainment will commence with a short address by a little gentleman from one of the juvenile classes. The committee are endeavoring to arrange with Santa Claus for a personal visit. We understand that if his labors in connection with the present busy season are sufficiently advanced to allow of an hour with the children—all of whom he loves—he will visit them and assist in the distribution of the presents. Go and see the old gentleman. Rev. T. Phillips will preach the anniversary Sabbath School sermon to the children next Sunday morning. PURELY PERSONAL. Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted. Mrs. John Ross is visiting friends in Acton.—Mt. Forest Representative. Mrs. Thos. Hunter, of Orangeville, is a guest at the Methodist Parsonage. Miss Robertson of Milton has been a guest of Mrs. H. Little, during the week. Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Strathallen, was a guest of the editor of the Free Press last Friday. Mrs. H. Kilmaster, of Port Rowan, returned home on Tuesday after spending a week with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ostrander and Mrs. J. H. Wilcox, of Orangeville, were guests of J. E. McGarvin this week. Mr. H. Gray, principal of Milton Model School, was the recipient at the hands of his pupils last week of a handsome easy chair. Mr. M. E. Mitchell, an old Acton boy, has hung out his shingle in Milton, "Solicitor, Conveyancer, &c." We wish you every success, Mat, in your chosen profession. We notice that Rev. J. E. Farmer, of Easton, Ill., well-known to many of our citizens, is one of the publishers of the Alliance Herald, a 16 page monthly, devoted to the interests of the Young People's Methodist Alliance. It is a very worthy publication. Mr. D. M. Grant, son of our townsman, Mr. Jas. Grant, who has for some years been engaged in the Georgetown Herald office, has bought an interest in the Bracebridge Herald and will go there to live. We wish this worthy young man every success in business. THE ALTAR. HORROR—SUICIDE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 8th Nov., by Rev. T. K. Tyson, Mr. Frank Hossack, to Miss Clara E. Smith, eldest daughter of Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Valparaiso, Ind. The groom is a nephew of Mrs. M. Christie, of Acton. THE GRAVE. GARDENER.—In Brampton, on the 8th Dec., Joseph Gardiner, Esq., aged 69 years.

1885 XMAS & NEW YEARS. 1886 The Holiday Season, with all its attendant happiness and merry making, approaches, and as usual MCGARVIN'S DRUG AND STATIONERY STORE. IS CROWDED FULL OF 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. No selling better goods, cheaper than any other store. FULL STOCK OF GOLD PENS AND PENCILS. Keep Your EYE On This ADVERTISEMENT. For it is liable to change any time. Everybody goes to the Metropolitan Studio for their Photos. Why? Because they get first-class work at moderate prices. Enlargements made from card size to life size. Bring any picture you wish enlarged direct to the Studio, and thus secure better work and save agents' profits. Your friends will appreciate a nice photo of yourself better than any Xmas card. Come the first convenient day, as we are becoming more and more busy every day as the holidays approach. RUBY, - Metropolitan Studio. Christmas Coming AND J. M. FERNLEY 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. —A full stock of— All kinds of Confectionery, Nuts, Fruits, Canned Goods, etc. will be kept, and patrons can depend upon securing the freshest and newest goods. OYSTERS. My oyster parlor is open, and the public will always be supplied satisfactorily. Oysters, etc., served in any style, and sold by bulk in any quantity. Change in Business. Boots and Shoes! Williams to the Front. Having purchased the Boot and Shoe Business lately carried on by Mr. H. B. McCarrar, 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 yourself. 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.

NOTICE. NEW Grocery and Provision Store. To the People of Acton and Surrounding Country: We, the undersigned, having leased from Mr. J. B. Pearson the store next to Hynds' Jewelry Store, have fitted it up in the grandest style for the above business, which we have now opened and are ready to sell. Goods at the Lowest Possible Figure. Our goods are all new and bought for cash, therefore we can sell goods at the right price. All kinds of Produce taken in exchange for goods. KELLY BROTHERS. JOHN KELLY. RODGER KELLY. P.S.—Everyone ask for Kelly Bros.' new store. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. NELSON, McRAE & Co. We have made arrangements to continue the business of Nelson, McRae & Co., under the same firm name until the first of January, 1886. Our Clearing Sale continues and we are giving rare values for CASH. We respectfully ask all indebted to the firm to call and settle their accounts before the first of January, as they must be provided for in some way by that time. NELSON, McRAE & Co. Acton, November 24th, 1885. THE POST OFFICE STORE, ACTON. HAVING moved my Bakery and Food Business into this commodious store, where I have added a choice stock of groceries, all new and fresh, I beg to tender my most sincere thanks to the people of Acton and surrounding country for their very liberal support in the past, and now most respectfully solicit a share of your patronage in my new place of business. It will be my aim to merit this by square dealing, reasonable prices, attention to business and wants of my customers. Please call and see me. GROCERY DEPARTMENT. Teas, 25c. up, Sugars of all kinds, Syrup, good, 50c. per gallon and up, Raisins, Currants, Peels, Figs, Canned Goods of all kinds, Coffee, Rice, Tapioca, Sago, Spices of all kinds, Essences, Pickles in bulk, &c., Mince Meat, Nuts, Candies, Tobaccos, and everything kept in a First-class Grocery. Fruits and Vegetables. FLOUR AND FEED DEPARTMENT. Very best Roller and Stone Flour, Bran, Shorts, Chops, Oats, Peas, Barley, Oat and Corn Meal (three kinds of each), Buckwheat Flour (two kinds), Cracked Wheat, Thorley's Food, Linseed Oil Cake Meal, Linseed whole and ground, Package Goods, Crushed Oats, Wheat and Barley, Yellow, White and Flaked Meal, Sump Hominy, S. R. Buck wheat Flour, Wheat Germ, Prepared Potatoes, Flour, Rice Flour, Choice farina. My "Buda" is ahead of any other Flour manufactured. BAKING DEPARTMENT. Bread, white, brown and steamed, Rolls, Cottage Sponge Cake, Jelly Rolls, Cakes and Buns of all kinds, Mince Pies, Meat Pies. Wedding Cakes to order. L. G. MATTHEWS. PEERLESS OIL. HAS carried off all the prizes and is the Best Machine Oil offered for sale in the Dominion. In proof of this we will pay freight both ways when it fails to please the purchaser. SIX GOLD MEDALS. Have Been Awarded this Oil within the Last Three Years. NONE BUT PURE OIL THAT MADE AT THE QUEEN CITY OIL.