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H. P. MOORE,
Editor and Proprietor.

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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.

C. E. STACEY, M.D., C.M., graduate of Trinity University, Fellow of Trinity Medical School, Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Office—Campbell's Hotel.

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J. STIRTON, L.D.S., M.R.C.D.S.,
Ontario, Honor Graduate Ontario College of Dental Surgery. (Successor to C. B. Hayes, L.D.S.) Artificial teeth inserted on Rubber, Celluloid, Gold of Aluminum, and satisfaction guaranteed. Nitrous Oxide Gas administered. Fees moderate. Appointments made by letter. Office—Tovell's Block, opposite F. O. Guelph.

JOHN LAWSON, GRADUATE OF ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, Toronto,
Veterinary Surgeon, Acton, Ont. Office—To Renny Bros. boot and shoe store, residence in the rear. Horses examined as to soundness, and certificates given. All calls, night or day, promptly attended to. Terms easy.

JOHNSTON & MCLEAN
Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries, Conveyancers, &c. Office—Town Hall, Acton.

E. F. B. JOHNSON, Wm. A. MCLEAN,
Solicitors, Conveyancers, &c.

M. E. MITCHELL,
Solicitor, Conveyancer, &c.
Office—First door west of the Chalmers office, Main street, Milton. Money to loan at 6 per cent.

SHELTON, ALLAN & BAIRD,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.,
Toronto and Georgetown.

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

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

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

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

Also money to loan on the most favorable terms, and at the lowest rates of interest, in sums of \$500 and upwards.

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Orders by mail or telegraph promptly attended to. Charges moderate. Office—33 Perth St., Guelph.

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GUELPH, ONT.
Office—Queen's Hotel Block, Market Square.

JOHN J. DALEY, (Successor to Thompson & Jackson.)
Money to Loan on Farm Property at 6 per cent. Mortgages purchased, Money loaned for parties in Mortgages and other securities. Conveyancing in all its branches properly and neatly done, charges low. Farms and City property for sale. List with farms for sale sent to all parts of the Dominion to intending purchasers, and circulated in Europe. European capitalists wanting farms in Ontario will be sent directions through our European agencies. Farms wanted for our lists. Correspondence invited. Office near the Post Office Guelph, Ont.

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MILL STREET, ACTON.
An easy shave, a stylish hair-cut, a good sea-foam, an exhilarating shampoo, always given. Razors honed and put in first-class condition. Ladies' and children's hair tastefully cut.

J. E. WOODEN, Tonsorial Artist.

ACTON BANKING CO'Y.,

STOREY, CHRISTIE & CO.,
BANKERS,
Acton, Ontario.

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

MONEY LOANED ON APPROVED NOTES.
Notes Discounted and Interest Allowed on Deposits.

GUELPH

CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & GRUNDY

Would announce the arrival of a large

Importation of Scotch Tweeds

Direct from Britain.

Gentlemen would do well to call at once and secure an early choice of Patterns.

SHAW & GRUNDY

Merchant Tailors, Guelph.

PICTURE FRAMING

C. C. SPEIGHT, Acton,
Has a large assortment of Picture Frames, of all kinds and sizes. Also a full line of Mouldings, Cornices, &c.

Special Frames made to order promptly. Repair Mouldings and Picture Hooks a specialty.

I can call you better frames for the same money than you can purchase elsewhere. Only first-class work turned out. Your orders solicited.

Leave your orders at Hill's Store Depot.

C. C. SPEIGHT.

Lumber, Shingles, AND LATH.

The undersigned desires to inform the public that he has now on hand and will keep in stock a full line of Pine and Hemlock as well as other kinds of Lumber, also, First and Second class Pine Shingles & Lath.

Having purchased the Coal business of Mr. C. Smith, I am prepared to supply all kinds of Stone Coal, Ash, Cedar and Mill Wood, at reasonable prices. Wood and Coal delivered.

JAMES BROWN

Fire! Fire! Fire!

Burned Out, But Not Destroyed.

HAVING perfected arrangements for the rebuilding of the

PLANING MILL

at the head of River Street, recently destroyed by fire, and purchased new machinery, we would inform the public that on or about the 1st of May we will be in a better position than ever to supply their wants in the shape of

DRESSING LUMBER, SHEDDING, FLOORING, MOULDINGS, &c.

Also, in the meantime, Pumps will be repaired, and General Jobbing done as usual

Thanking you for past favors and hoping by strict attention to business and reasonable prices to merit an increased share of patronage, we are, respectively yours,

THOS. EBBAGE, Manager

BUSINESS COLLEGE

GUELPH, ONTARIO.

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE thoroughly prepared for positions as Bookkeepers, Short-hand-writers, Calligraphers or Telegraph Operators. Students have been in attendance from nine Provinces and States within the past year. Our graduates are meeting with marked success in the commercial centres of Canada and the United States. Rates moderate, accommodation excellent; students may enter at any time. For terms, etc., address M. MacCORMICK, Principal.

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OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, ESTABLISHED 1840.

HEAD OFFICE, - GUELPH.

Insures Buildings, Merchandise, Manufactories, and all other descriptions of property, on the Premium Note System.

F. W. Stone, Chas. Davidson, President, Secretary.

JOHN TAYLOR, Agent.

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Borders to Match

Newest Styles, Colorings and elegant designs for 1886.

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GUELPH.

Best Stock to select from.

Lowest price and best value at Day's Bookstore.

Day Sells Cheap.

ACTON

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JOHN STREET, ACTON.

Wm. E. Smith, Proprietor.

MR. SMITH has purchased the Livery business of MR. H. B. MCCARTHY, which he has removed to his commodious stables on John Street, in the centre of the business portion of the town. Mr. Smith has had lengthy experience in this business, and feels confident that he can give satisfaction to every patron.

Anyone desiring a Commercial Pleasure, or Company Rig, can be supplied with a first-class turnout on the shortest notice.

Horses Boarded and Sold.

Terms reasonable.

WM. E. SMITH.

Wellington Marble Works.

QUEBEC ST., GUELPH.

John H. Hamilton,

PROPRIETOR,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Marble, Granite and everything pertaining to Cemetery work. Direct importer of all kinds of Granite and Marble.

Having lately visited the Bay of Puydy granite quarries, and having purchased the entire stock of gray and red granite monuments, headstones, crosses, urns, etc., of Alexander Taylor, at less than cost, I will, until further notice, sell at prices never before known in Ontario. For instance—Granite monuments, 4 ft. high, 36 in. by 24 in., \$30. 2 ft. 30 in. by 18 in., \$25. All work and material warranted first-class. Parties wanting anything in this line will do well to call and see my store before purchasing elsewhere, as I guarantee my prices are from 20 to 30 per cent. below all other dealers.

DON'T READ THIS.

THE undersigned is prepared to furnish on the shortest notice, in any quantity, and at bottom prices, first-class

Lumber, Lath, Staves, Heading, Shingles, Wash Tubs, Churns, Butter Tubs, Pork Barrels, Wood.

Also, FLOUR AND FEED, and anything in the line of farmers', householders' or contractors' necessities.

THOS. C. MOORE.

GENERAL AGENTS

H. J. McDONALD & CO.,
No. 2, Victoria St., Toronto,
Estate & Insurance Agents

Money to loan at six per cent. Houses rented. Business chances.

Chattel Mortgages, Promissory Notes and other Securities Negotiated. Valuations, &c.

Farms or other properties sold or exchanged.

Call at Free Press Office.

FRANCIS NUNAN, BOOKBINDER,
St. George's Square, Guelph, Ontario.

Account Books of all kinds made to order. Periodicals of every description carefully bound. Binding neatly and promptly done.

A GIFT

Send 10 cents postage, and we will mail you a royal, value, sample box of goods that will put you in the way of making money at once. Both sizes of all ages can live at home and work in spare time, or all the time. Capital not required. We will start you. Pay sure for those who start at once. STURSON & Co. Portland, Maine.

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THE SONG OF THE PRINTER.

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The type at a rapid pace;
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And words of fire they soon will glow;
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OUR STORY.

How I Tracked the Criminal

BY W. H. FELLER, OF OTTAWA.

The worthlessness of the ordinary police and detective agencies when called upon to deal with cases outside the ordinary routine was forcibly exemplified in the famous Delmonico case. Here was a man, probably one of the best-known citizens of New York, who wandered away from home in broad daylight without any attempt to conceal his identity, and, presumably, without any concerted plan for evading pursuit, in a mental condition which would naturally attract special attention to his movements, and, yet, although the police were placed on his track within twenty-four hours of his disappearance, it was only by the merest chance his whereabouts was discovered, and even then not by those whose special business it was to track him.

The general attention which was attracted to the case I have referred to, recalls to my mind an adventure of my own. It occurred quite recently, but, for reasons which will hereafter appear, was not made public.

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As the train wound slowly round the curves leading to the few rooms which at that hour were lighted up. It was a sultry night, and most of them had the blinds raised and the windows open. Even then, I remember, it struck me as curious how completely every little detail of these interiors was impressed upon my mind. Suddenly I started to my feet with a smothered cry, grasping the strap which hung dangling over my head. There—exactly opposite me—apparently within reach of my hand, framed like a picture by the open window, was a slight which chilled my blood with horror.

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The train had got on to the straight line of the avenue, and was proceeding at a higher rate of speed than before, so that the glimpse I got was only momentary; but in that moment every detail of that terrible scene was impressed upon my mind with the minuteness of a photograph. The murderer's left arm was passed around the victim's neck, the forearm compressing her throat. She was lying across his breast, supported in that position by the grasp of the ruffian who had apparently seized her wrist as she raised her hand to avert the impending blow. She had writhed half round in her struggle, so that the faces of both were turned full toward the street. The long fair hair of the woman streamed loosely over the mur-

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