

OFFICE OF SANTA CLAUS
NORTH POLE, Nov. 16th, 1886.
This is to certify that I have personally inspected the holiday stock of GEORGE HYND, the jeweler and watch merchant, of Acton, which has been ordered and is arriving daily, and recommend it as the best and most complete assortment of popular gifts I have ever seen. Be sure to place your orders with selections from this elegant stock.
Yours very truly,
SANTA CLAUS.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25, 1886.
CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.
Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

Mild weather again this week.
Thanksgiving day was spent very quietly.
A large number of farmers are shipping stock here now.
Mr. Denney's new east end story is about completed.
There are no "House to Let" signs to be seen in Acton.

The political atmosphere will be rather breezy until the end of the year.
About a dozen new families have moved into Acton within the past month.
A good many of our citizens will go to Guelph to-morrow to see Sir John.

The last month of 1886 will expect a "good morning" next Wednesday.
Montreal's assessment is \$87,000,000 this year. Toronto's is \$83,000,000.
A Toronto game dealer was fined \$50 this week for exposing quail for sale out of season.

Turkeys will rest better now until Christmas. Thanksgiving having had its innings.
A good many of the young folks were out skating on Thanksgiving Day, and several of them got "bucking."
The tax collector will hold an "at home" at the Council Chamber next Monday to receive unpaid taxes.

Hiram Swachamer, hotelkeeper, Osprey, has been fined \$30 and \$3.00 costs for violation of the Scott Act.
A fine assortment of the newest styles in wedding invitations and cards just received at the Free Press office.

No one knows exactly what the bulge is, but it is something that an advertising merchant has on one they do not advertise. The man who has the bulge on the other makes all the money.

The Presbyterian congregation of Eden Mills is about to erect a new stone church, about 2x3 feet. Mr. Robert Lamb has the whole contract. Sufficient money has already been subscribed to build the church.

A class for vocal instruction is being organized in the United Presbyterian Church, Manswood, to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Duff of Galt. If a sufficient number of pupils can be obtained the class will commence about December 1st.

Rev. R. Phillips preached at the reopening services of the Methodist Church, Millbank, a former field of labor, on Sunday. Mr. George Kennedy, of Georgetown, occupied the pulpit of the church here quite acceptably.

On Tuesday, 16th Nov., on Mill street, Acton, two empty flour bags, to which was tied a small paper containing a gold brooch and a pair of child's hose; also, on the road between Eden and Acton, an overcoat. Finders will much oblige by leaving at the store of Kelly Bros., Acton.

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Kicked By a Horse.
On Thanksgiving Day, James, son of Mr. James Nickell, of the sixth line, near Limehouse, was kicked in the face by a horse he was leading, and severely injured. The bone of the upper jaw was split, four front teeth were knocked out, and the lower lip was badly cut, necessitating several stitches. Dr. Lowry was called in and the sufferer is daily improving.

Halton Farmers Institute.
A meeting for the election of officers will be held by the Halton Farmers' Institute in Milton on Tuesday, 7th December. Farmers generally should take an interest in the Institute. The public meetings under its auspices are calculated to render much practical aid and suggestions to farmers upon matters relating to the farm and its successful operation.

Removed to Toronto.
Mr. P. J. Smith, who recently disposed of his blacksmithing business to Mr. Andrew Teskey, left last week for Toronto, where he has accepted a first-class situation in a large shop. Mr. Smith is a good blacksmith and enjoys the respect and confidence of the people here. He will be missed in many ways in Acton, but we hope the change will materially enhance his financial prospects.

The Harvest and the Markets.
Local happenings are none too plentiful this week: the demand is steady and continuous, and the supply carefully ferreted out by the Free Press reporters. Weddings scarce, but in view; fatalities, none on the market; municipal topics, stirring slightly, with prospects of an early boom; all local interests centered on the tax collector; shot guns at a premium; partridge and hares likewise.

The Municipal Council.
Council met on Tuesday evening. The only business of importance transacted was the adoption of the following resolution:—Moved by H. Henderson, seconded by John Cameron, and resolved, that the fines imposed upon Messrs. McArthur and Duff for violation of the Cemetery By-law, upon the terms of request presented in the latter of Gathrie & Watt, their solicitors, to this Council and upon recommendation of the Reeve, be remitted.

G. T. H. Accommodations for Guelph.
The G. T. H. officials visited Guelph on Saturday and decided to provide the city with a number of conveniences not previously enjoyed. Among the improvements are a new passenger station, to be built upon the site of the present one, next summer, and a new switch to be run into the cattle yards. In the meantime all trains of the Western division will be run down to the G. T. H. depot. A covered platform will be built on the south side of the track for the overflow of passengers. The by-law for the C. P. R. connection is bringing the Grand Trunk to time. It is reported that the proposed new station is to cost \$80,000.

The Manse Vacated.

The sale of the household effects of the Rev. D. B. Cameron at the Manse last Saturday was quite successful. The Rev. gentleman has given up housekeeping, and Miss Cameron, his sister, will for the present reside with friends at Point Edward. Rev. Mr. Cameron will continue to pursue the canvass with his volume recently published.

The Presbyterian Pulpit.

The pulpit of Knox Church, Acton, was occupied on Sabbath last by the Rev. J. P. Somerville, of Queen's College, Kingston, who delivered two eloquent and interesting discourses. His subject for the morning was "Worship," and for the evening "True Life," both of which were illustrated with aptness, and in language, although somewhat divergent from the usual orthodox style, yet thoughtful, interesting and impressive.

Painful Accident to an Old Lady.
Mrs. Weavers, an old lady about seventy years of age, residing at Limehouse, met with a painful and serious accident last Friday afternoon. While walking in the lot of her stable a board broke and she fell through to the floor below, a distance of seven or eight feet, sustaining a fracture of the right thigh. She was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. John Newton, where she is receiving the ministrations of kind friends and the professional attention of Dr. Lowry. Owing to the age of Mrs. Weavers the accident is considered a very serious one.

Educational Sermons and Meetings.
Sermons in behalf of the Educational Society of the Methodist Church will be preached next Sunday in the Methodist Church of this place, morning and evening, by the Rev. R. Phillips, pastor of the church. Special collections will be made at the close of each service in behalf of the funds of the society. On the following evening, Monday, Nov. 29th, a public meeting will be held in the interest of the Educational Society, to be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, secretary of the society; Rev. R. Phillips, superintendent of the circuit; and W. H. Storey, Esq., Reeve. The chair to be taken at 8 p.m.

Incendiary Fire at Georgetown.
On Saturday morning, about three o'clock, fire was discovered simultaneously in the barn of Mr. C. M. Clark, baker; the storehouse of T. Whittaker, hardware merchant, and in the Temperance driving sheds. These were all consumed, as also the storehouse of Messrs. McKay Bros. Mr. Clark was the heaviest loser—three horses, a delivery wagon, platoon, cutter, and 100 fowls being burned. Mr. Whittaker lost several barrels of coal oil, and McKay Bros. six or eight barrels of oil and a far-load of salt. The losses are about as follows:—C. M. Clark \$1,200, insured for \$700; T. Whittaker \$100, no insurance; McKay Bros. \$350, no insurance; Temperance sheds \$200, no insurance; W. McLeod \$25, insured.

The fires were clearly the work of incendiaries, as there was abundant evidence of the free use of coal oil in starting the fires. Some of the lofers with which Georgetown is at present infested are charged with the crime. The fire companies worked ardently and controlled the fire, but they were considerably handicapped by the frequent bursting of old hose, and an inadequate supply of water.

A Successful Entertainment.
The Thanksgiving supper given by the Ladies' Aid Society in the Methodist Church last Thursday evening was quite a success, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The first item of interest on the programme was the supper prepared in the basement by the ladies, and a very enticing spread it was. On the five long tables, covered with snow-white linen, there were cold fowl and meats in profusion, and such a variety of pies, cakes, tarts, pickles, etc., as would have satisfied the palate of old Epicurus himself. After supper the friends repaired to the auditorium of the church, and here an hour or so was profitably spent. Rev. G. H. Cobblehead, D. D., of Georgetown, and Rev. W. Birks, of Nassagaweya, delivered short addresses very appropriate to the occasion; suitable readings were given by Mr. Thomas H. Moore, principal of the public school, and Mrs. Vestal, and heartily received by the audience, and the choir of the church rendered a number of choice selections in a manner pleasing and acceptable to all. The chair was ably filled by Rev. R. Phillips, the pastor, whose apt remarks in the several intervals were much appreciated. The net proceeds amounted to something over \$10.

A Comfortable Church.
For the past seven or eight years it has seemed to be an utter impossibility to heat the Methodist Church here, to anything like a comfortable degree in cold weather, and although the trustees did all in their power to remedy the defect the matter seemed to baffle them at every turn. Within two years four hot air furnaces have been thoroughly tested, each maker having a different scientific theory for successful heating and each claiming to give satisfaction, but in turn practically failed, and their apparatus was discarded. After considerable observation and enquiry the trustees concluded that the only satisfactory method would be to introduce a steam heating system, and with this in view conferred with Messrs. R. W. King & Co., Georgetown, whose new steam heating apparatus is just now coming into great prominence, and a contract was made. This firm completed the work of putting in the steam arrangements a couple of weeks ago, and the result is perfectly satisfactory. The church is now just as comfortably heated for the earliest service as the homes of the congregation, and the heat is of that balmy, agreeable character peculiar to steam and so different from the dry, harsh atmosphere produced by hot air. The new system makes a pretty heavy initial expenditure—between \$600 and \$600—but the fuel required for the generation of the necessary pressure of steam is but a fraction of that formerly consumed in the furnaces, and the trustees feel satisfied that this saving will in a comparatively short period reimburse them for the extra outlay; and in the meantime they have the inward satisfaction of realizing that all who attend the services of the church will be warm and comfortable and need have no fears of suffering their health by attending meetings in a chilled church. The same system has just been put into Mr. W. H. Storey's fine residence and is working eminently satisfactory.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mrs. James Moore and family, of Brampton, have taken up their residence here. Mr. R. E. and Miss Mary Nelson, of Guelph, visited friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Tasker went to Foxton on Friday to attend the funeral of a deceased relative. Mrs. Dr. Toller, of Aspin, Galt, and Rev. and Miss Cameron, were guests at Fairview Place this week.

Mr. Samuel Dico, of Milton, has been elected Secretary of the County Conservative Association.

Mr. T. Brown and Miss Jennie Hynda, of Toronto, were guests at Auchenault Farm on Thanksgiving Day.

Councillor J. Fyfe and Mrs. Fyfe returned yesterday from Chicago, where they spent a week very pleasantly with friends.

Mr. W. P. Byers, late of the Milton Sun, and his sister, Fanny, leave shortly for Calcutta, India, to engage in missionary work. May God's richest blessings accompany them and crown their labors with success. They are earnest workers.

Among the Thanksgiving Day visitors we noticed—Miss Maggie Hynda, Toronto, Miss Maddie Jolly, Mount Forest, Miss Sarah Vanator, Georgetown, Mrs. W. Brown, Ashgrove, Messrs. F. H. Smyth, W. Smith, T. Kenney, E. Worsnip and J. Kennedy, Toronto.

We had a very pleasant call on Thanksgiving Day from Mr. J. A. Lambert, editor and proprietor of the Mount Forest Representative, who was for some time a member of the Free Press staff. Mr. Lambert is looking hale, hearty and thankful as usual, and many of his former friends here were pleased to have a hand-shake from him again. He is making the Representative one of the most successful local journals. It is a model paper and it pays financially.

To Let—Office or small shop, in Mr. Secord's south block, Possession 20th Nov. That Bow-legged Dude.

It's pretty hard times when a young fellow's sweetheart gives him the mitten just because he is a little bow-legged. It's not much of a fault, but a great inconvenience. A girl we know says she had to let her fellow go because overtime she sat on his lap she fell through. This fact has never felt through as every one admits that parker's dye works, Toronto, turn out the finest work. And the order carriage will be here on Monday next. Get your faded clothes dyed like new. Agency at Hynds' fancy store.

Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

Scotch, English and Canadian suitings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton. Agents Wanted.

Clement & Co., of St. Wellington Street East, Toronto, or St. Francois-Xavier Street, Montreal, want a General Agent. They are the exclusive owners of the Schofield Patent Cake Griddle, the Celebrated Emery Knife Sharpener (known as the "Carver's Friend"), the Emery Scythe Sharpener, the Jay-Eye-See Wire Curry Comb, and other specialties. If you want to make money, write to them at once for an outfit, and to secure what territory you can handle.

If you want a nobby durable and cheap suit, go to J. Fyfe's, Acton.

Go to J. Fyfe's, Acton, for your clothing. He can suit you for price, quality and style every time.

Important Notice.
Ladies, we have imported directly this season, and you will find a great variety of the very latest styles of black and colored dress goods, silks, plushes, mantles and stylish millinery at A. D. Thomson's, Georgetown. I have a stock of twenty thousand dollars' (\$20,000) worth to choose from now, and I bought all my dress goods, mantles, etc., in London, England, when I was there in September. Since then they have advanced twenty-five per cent. in England. It will pay you to give me a call, as I am selling all kinds of dry goods at wholesale prices, and have one of the finest stocks of dry goods in Canada. Sales made for cash or trade only. Positively no credit.

Spring suits and overcoats at extreme low prices and made in the latest styles. Be sure to call and see them at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

We take pleasure in recommending Hall's Hair Renewer to our readers. It restores gray hair to its natural color, prevents baldness, makes the hair soft and glossy, does not stain the skin, and is the best known remedy for hair and scalp diseases.

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Wedding and mourning orders a specialty. Stock full in all departments. Great bargains. Call and see.

McLion, Assinison & Co., Georgetown.

SALE REGISTER.
SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.—Sale of building lots, stock, household effects, &c., on the premises of Robert Crain, Main street, Acton. Sale at 2 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

SALESMEN WANTED.
WE are in want of a few more first-class men to canvass for the sale of choice varieties of Nursery Stock. To men who make a success of the business we can pay good salaries on commission and give permanent employment. We have many new and choice specialties both in the fruit and ornamental lines which others do not handle. Apply at once, with references, to—
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JOHN LOVELL, MANAGER AND PUBLISHER, Montreal, August 12th, 1886.

A TRUE STORY

(CONTINUED.)

Yes, the "present undoubtedly the time to buy." The prices of all classes of Dry Goods are jumping up, and in many lines we cannot buy to-day from the manufacturers at as low prices as we are selling the goods across our counters. Especially is this the case in Cashmeres and French Dress Goods generally. I am selling a beautiful Cashmere at 25c, that would be cheap at 30c; a better one at 40c, and a really splendid line at 50c, which to-day I could not import to sell under 70c per yard. My prices run up to 90c per yard, but any of them are worth to-day at least 35 per cent. more than I ask for them, and so in French Dress Goods, which I show at 10, 12, 17, 20c, and upwards, and all exceptionally cheap. One great pleasure you have in buying your Dress Goods from me is that I always keep a beautiful range of Trimmings to match every shade. This refers to Plain and Striped Flashes and Velvets, Fancy Silks, Braids, Laces, Passementeries, Fringes, Buttons, Clips, &c. Then if in any wishes to get her dress made she has the services of Mrs. Thompson, one of the most competent artists in this land, who will give her the most finished design at a very moderate price. However, we never worry customers to let us do their work. Many people buy Dress Goods and make them up themselves, or take them to their own dress-makers in the city. To each and everyone we give the best attention. We have still a full assortment of those Silks at 25c, 37c, and 50c a yard, exactly at half price, but they are going off fast, and will soon all be cleared out. At other departments in the branch we have had a great run in the Mantle and Cloth Department. I show superb Curd and Frieze Cloths at \$1.25 per yard, other ones at \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, and \$6 per yard in all colors. Also Ottoman Cloths at \$1.50, said to be equal to goods sold in the city at \$2. Then in 3-wed effects, Maltons, &c., my variety is very large. Sallettes are better value this year than I have ever seen them. You should see our coat set \$7, \$8, \$1 and \$11 per yard. Here also, under the management of Miss Manny, every customer is assured of the best result. In Ready-made Mantles, Dolmans, Street Jackets, Children's Jackets, my stock is still very fully assorted. So cheap in reference to goods to-day. Another point—Remember I do not sell on credit. I refuse every attempt to run a bill. The cash-buying customer always gets the full benefit from me, and does not have to help make up for the bad debts incurred in every credit business.

(To be continued.)

Mr. J. K. Herres, formerly with J. D. Williamson & Co., is now in my employ, and will give his many friends from Acton and vicinity his best attention.

E. R. Bollert,

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Fall & Winter 1886

R. B. JERMYN, Fall & Winter 1886

I take pleasure in informing the residents of Acton and vicinity that my stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS is now very complete. Without doubt no dealer in Acton has ever shown such LATE STYLES, VARIETY and GOOD VALUE as I am now in a position to offer. Although many lines in Dry Goods have increased at least 20 per cent., I had the good fortune to buy heavily early in the season, so customers may rely on getting goods at the very lowest possible CASH PRICE. I would again remind the public that my staff is not allowed to misrepresent goods, and a child receives the same good value as a grown experienced person.

The business that I did during the spring and summer was very encouraging, indeed; so with increased facilities and double the stock, I do not fear for the Fall and Winter Trade.

I wish to direct special attention to the following lines, which for variety and elegance combined are so perfect and varied that very few houses outside of the principal cities can show such perfection in their selection:—

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All kinds of meat, fresh and good, and poultry, fish, &c., in season, will be found in stock.

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