MISS McGARRY
TOWN HALL, MONDAY, DEC. 20.

KEEP US IN MIND

Our bewildering display of Xmas Cards, Toys, Dolls, Albums, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Plush Goods, Bibles, Toy Books, Prize Books, British Workman, Boys' and Girls' Own Annuals. Do not buy, do not invest, until you come and see us.

GEO. HYNDS,
Santa Claus' Headquarters.

Acme Parker's Dye Works at Hynds' Fancy Goods Store. All kinds of ladies' and gents' wearing apparel beautifully cleaned and dyed without ripping.

The Acton Free Press:
THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9, 1886.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters

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[illegible] Gleanings of Tuesday [illegible] badly frozen. It is thought they will require to be amputated.

A sermon by the Rev. Mr. Belt, B. D., will be delivered morning and evening at Acton Methodist church, Rockwood, on Sunday, the 12th inst.

The Conference has closed the road-bed of Mill street between Eliza street and Brock street about ten feet. This is a very convenient place for drivers to turn.

Mr. Thomas Lobban has purchased from Mr. Right, Crime the three lots on the property at the corner of Willow Street and West Power Avenue. These lots are finely situated.

There were meetings last Friday evening by both political parties. For a time both black and white sheep were badly mixed up but the faithful of each party were at last herded in their respected folds.

—With the multiplicity of entertainments already announced for the holiday season together with the excitement of the election there will surely be no chance to complain about lack of stir. Business circles will be brisk.

The chief of police should put a stop to the boys skating and sliding on the sidewalks of our main thoroughfares. Pedestrians sometimes find it very dangerous [illegible]. By all means let the boys have a good time at play, but not on the sidewalks.

"I don't care if your paper prints a million copies per day. What I want is a newspaper which goes among the purchasing classes. I want a respectable paper—groceshop circulation does not send me customers for my goods"—were the words spoken by a prominent advertiser in Boston a few days since.

N. Washington, M. D., M. C. P. S., throat and lung surgeon, Toronto and Halifax, will visit Acton again, at Dominion Hotel, on Monday, Dec. 13th, one day only. All affected with catarrh or any diseases of the throat and lungs should consult the Dr. at once. We understand that one of our leading residents has been greatly helped during a very short treatment from him. It would be well to consult Mr. W. H. Storey at once. Consultation free.

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THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Halton Sabbath School Convention.

The annual Convention of the Sabbath School Association of this County will be held in Georgetown on Thursday and Friday, 24th and 25th February. The Executive Committee are preparing a programme of great interest to Sabbath school workers.

Mowat, Ross and Hardy.

The mass meeting of electors of the County at Milton, on Saturday, is likely to be largely attended. Hons. Mowat, Ross and Hardy will be present, as well as Mr. McCraney, M. P., and Dr. Buck. The annual meeting of Halton Reform Association will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Move on, Boys.

If our constable is not too particularly engaged in the evenings it would be greatly to everybody's benefit if he would drive away the crowds of young loafers who persist in congregating around the lower corners of Mill and Main streets, especially on Sabbath afternoons and evenings. He would, at least, earn the grateful thanks of the feminine portion of our population.

No Snow on Sidewalks.

For the benefit of the many persons who have become residents since last winter, and for other citizens who evidently have short memories, the FREE PRESS imparts the information that one of the by-laws in force in this municipality requires that all sidewalks must be promptly cleared of snow after each storm by the occupiers of the premises sideside which they are situated.

Scientific Dairy Practice.

This is the title of a new book soon to be published by W. H. Lynch, and will form a complete guide and directory for the farmer dairy-men of Canada. The edition will comprise 10,000 copies, and the price is fixed so low as to bring it within the reach of all. It is such a book as should be found in the home of every farmer in Canada, as it treats of the best and most productive methods for making butter.

Devices of Advertisers.

Nowadays a cautious reader is apt to regard a peculiarly attractive paragraph with apprehension lest it turns out an advertisement. Even the most knowing person cannot always tell at the outset just what he is reading. Who would suppose that this is penned to invite every reader of the FREE PRESS carefully note the date of the address label on their paper and to pay up if it denotes that he or she is in arrears.

Grip's Comic Almanac

We have received from the Grip Printing and Publishing Co., of Toronto, a copy of the celebrated Canadian Comic Almanac for 1887. It more than keeps up the reputation of this annual, which has now reached its eighth year—the great variety of the illustrations and the first class character of the humorous matter, making it a decidedly attractive book. Everybody will want it, and its price will not be an obstacle. Though eight pages of matter have been added, it still sells at 10 cents, and may be had from the publishers or at the bookstores.

Grand Christmas Concert.

The concert under the auspices of Acton Base Ball Club promises to be one of a very entertaining character. A choice programme, consisting of orchestral selections, solos, duets, quartettes, character impersonations, etc., is being prepared, and the whole will be concluded with a laughable comedy, entitled, "Cool as a Cucumber," in one act. Among the talent secured we notice the names of the Misses Orr, Georgetown; Mr. W. Collie, of Arthur, late of Holman's Opera Troupe; Mr. V. Chisholm, Milton; Prof. Oliver, Brantford, assisted by local talent, including Mr. J. C. Hill's parlor orchestra. The committee are indefatigable in their efforts to make this the event of the season.

Playing Parliament. Reality Anon.

As announced in our last issue a meeting of those interested in the formation of a debating society was held on Monday evening. A considerable number were present and the various kinds of improvement societies were discussed; the majority being in favor of a Mock Parliament. No decisive step was taken, however, and another meeting will be called shortly when it is expected a much larger audience will be present, and a Mock Parliament will be successfully organized.

The first session of the Mock Parliament will take place in the Council Chamber tonight (Thursday), at eight o'clock, sharp when the ministers and members of the new parliament will be chosen. All are invited.

Successful Sportsmen.

The most of our readers are acquainted with Mr. M. Speight, of Markham, and well remember during the many years of his residence here how greatly he enjoyed a day's sport at shooting or fishing when his large business would permit of such pleasure. This fall, after a year of close attention to business, he arranged for a deer-hunting expedition in Muskoka, and he and his fellow-sportsmen met with singular success, the company securing thirteen of the coveted antlered tribe, three of which were shot by Mr. Speight himself. As usual on such occasions Mike remembered his friends, and the larders of the editor of the FREE PRESS and other friends here were liberally supplied with choice cuts of prime venison. Thanks, friend Speight. May you be as successful in all other undertakings.

Aid to Sufferers From Fire

A few weeks ago a great portion of the village of Southampton was destroyed by fire, scores of citizens being rendered homeless and destitute. A general call for assistance was made by the Reeve of the place, and many sister municipalities have responded with financial aid in varying amounts to assist in relieving the destitute families. Among them Acton Council immediately instructed the Mayor to draw at sight for $25. The manifestation of a spirit of practical sympathy and reciprocal consideration in such cases is commendable, for any town might possibly find itself in similarly painful circumstances some time, and would naturally look for outside aid in case of so general a conflagration.

MISS McGARRY
TOWN HALL, MONDAY, DEC. 20.

The "Queen of Elocutionists."

Miss Jennie McGarry, one of the finest elocutionists on the continent, has arranged to give a grand literary evening in the town hall, Acton, on Monday, 20th Dec. Miss McGarry is well known to the Canadian public and is a favorite with every audience before which she appears. She possesses good presence, fine voice, high culture and artless manner; a rich fund of humor and pathos. She reads with spirit and effect, giving to her words an intense reality, which carries the minds of those who listen over time and space to the actual scene. Those who appreciate a rare treat will decide now to hear Miss McGarry, on Monday, 20th December.

Young Men's Liberal Club.

At a meeting held last Friday evening a Young Men's Liberal Club was organized here with a membership of about thirty, and officered as follows:

Honorary President—Col. Allan.
President—Geo. Havill.
Vice-Pres.—John Cameron.
Vice-Pres. for No. 4—Alex. Kennedy.
Vice-Pres. for No. 5—James L. Warren.
Secretary—John Kelly.
Asst. Sec.—John McIlae.
Treasurer—Peter M. McCann.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Dr. Buck, and also by Messrs. Shilton, Anderson and Dr. Todd, of the Georgetown club. A further installment of members were enrolled at the meeting on Tuesday evening. A meeting will be held in the town hall on Friday evening to be addressed by prominent Reformers.

Ontario Shell Cordovan Works.

The increasing popularity of the Cordovan shoe leather manufactured by Mr. James Moore at his Canada Cordovan Works renders it impossible for him to supply the demand, even with his recent largely increased facilities. In order to devote undivided attention to one distinct department he has disposed of the shoe vamp department to Messrs. T. Smyth and H. H. Worden. Messrs. Smyth & Worden are practical young men and have had that length of experience in the business which will ensure the production of only first-class stock. They will manufacture cordovan vamps only, and the trade can rely that nothing but genuine shell cordovan will be used in the production of their stock. The new firm made their first shipment last week, and their goods are very favorably received. Their works at the foot of Elgin street are known as the Ontario Shell Cordovan Works.

Santa Claus' Visit, Christmas Eve

At a meeting of the officers and friends of the Methodist Sabbath school last Thursday evening it was decided to hold the annual Christmas entertainment on Friday, 24th December (Christmas Eve). The Christmas tree will occupy its usual attractive place on the programme, and the children, under able instructors, will assist in providing a pleasant entertainment. A new feature will be introduced to illustrate to the children that there is real pleasure to be found in giving as well as in receiving. Information has been received that the scholars of four Sabbath schools at Conception Bay, Newfoundland, the children of poor and unsuccessful fishermen, are almost destitute of clothing and consequently unable to attend Sabbath school. The children of Acton Sabbath school and their parents are invited to send presents, consisting of wearing apparel, books, etc., to be hung on the Christmas tree for these poor children, all of which will be promptly forwarded for distribution among the children referred to. This innovation will afford the children who give and the children who receive a large share of pleasure, and perhaps teach lasting lessons for good both in Acton and Conception Bay.

PURELY PERSONAL.

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

Mr. Edward B. Nicklin, of Gloversville, N. Y., is here on a visit.

Mrs. John Secord, of Orillia, visited Acton friends this week.

Miss Maggie Nicklin, of Guelph, is visiting her many Acton friends.

Miss Emma Moore spent several days this week with friends in Guelph.

Mrs. Wm. Crewson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Nicklin, of Gloversville, N.Y., returned home last week.

Mrs. Rock, who has spent the past four weeks very pleasantly with friends in Acton and vicinity, has returned home accompanied by her husband, Rev. G. C. Rock, of Wingham.

Mrs. Wm. Ismond, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. W. Masalas, principal of Clifford public school, who was seriously ill for some time, returned home last week, Mr. Masalas having improved very much in health.

—W. A. Clark, the Jeweller, Guelph, offers to pay any person's fare to and from Guelph, who buys $5 worth or over at his store during the holiday season. He has the newest and finest stock in the city. See advertisement in another column.

THE CRADLE.

RUBY—In Acton, on the 7th December, the wife of Mr. A. A. Ruby, Photo Artist, of a son.

THE ALTAR.

MITCHELL—INGLEDEW—At the residence of the bride's father, Lake Shore, Bronte, on the 17th ult., by the Rev. O. G. Collamore, Wm. E. Mitchell to Miss Edith, daughter of Mr. Wm. Ingledew.

THE GRAVE.

NOBLE—At Norval, on the 7th December, John Warwick Noble, oldest son of Mr. Robert Noble, aged 21 years and 2 months.

KENNEDY—At Georgetown, on Tuesday, 30th Nov., Ann Vedden, relict of the late John Kennedy, aged 68 years 11 months and 4 days.

The deceased was one of Esquesing's pioneers and one of the first residents of Georgetown. She survived her late husband, John Kennedy, Esq., only about ten months.

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

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

Important Notice.

R. E. NELSON,
THE CLOTHIER,

Is now showing a most complete assortment of new and choice

Suitings, Trowserings, and Overcoatings

In all the newest designs and in the most elegant patterns, both in

Foreign and Domestic Manufacture.

Call early and secure a good choice. Satisfaction assured.

SPECIALTY, $4 PANTS.

R. E. NELSON,
THE CLOTHIER.
99 WYNDHAM ST., GUELPH.

A TRUE STORY

(CONTINUED.)

Yes, the "present is 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 35c.; a better one at 12½c., and a really splendid line at 50c., which to-day I could not import to sell under 75c. per yard. My prices run up to 95c. per yard, but any of them are worth to-day at least 33 per cent. more than I ask for them, and so in Fancy Dress Goods, which I show at 10, 12½, 17c., 20c. and upward, 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 Plushes and Velvets, Fancy Silks, Braids, Laces, Passementeries, Fringes, Buttons, Clasps, &c. Then if a lady wishes to get her dress made she has the services of Mrs. Thompson, one of the most competent artistes in this land, who will give her the most faultless 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 regular dressmakers in the city. To each and everyone we give the best attention. We have still a full assortment of those Silks at 25c., 37½c. and 50c. a yard, exactly at half price, but they are going off fast, and will soon all be cleared out. Another department in which we have had a great run is the Mantle and Cloth Department. I show superb Curl and Frieze Cloths at $1.25 per yard, better ones at $2, $3, $4, $5, and $6 per yard in all colors. Also Ottoman Cords at $1.50, said to be equal to goods sold in the city at $2. Then in Tweed effects, Meltons, &c., my variety is very large. Scalettes are better value this year than I have ever seen them. You should see our goods at $5, $8, $11 and $14 per yard. Here also, under the management of Miss Manny, every customer is assured of the best results. In Ready-made Mantles, Dolmans, Street Jackets, Children's Jackets, my stock is still very fully assorted. So much 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,
27 Lower Wyndham Street,
GUELPH, ONT.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A DOG GED perseverance has enabled McGarvin's Drug & Stationery Store to gather from the best markets of the world a choice collection of Holiday Goods, suitable for ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, and the babies.

A CAT ALOGUE of this collection of Books, Annuals, Fancy Goods, Novelties, etc., is an impossibility at this time, suffice it to say that every department is full of New Goods at extremely low and attractive prices.

A RAT TLING trade is now being done in Xmas Cards, Christmas Books, Annuals, Prize and Library Books, etc. A careful inspection of designs and prices will convince all that McGarvin's is the store at which to buy.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Great DRESS GOODS AND SILKS AT THE LION **Sale**
GUELPH AND GLASGOW.

—We have just received a purchase of a—

MANUFACTURER'S STOCK OF SILKS
Bought at 51c. on the Dollar

By our resident buyer in London. These goods are the most wonderful, we think we can safely say, ever seen on this Continent.

—WE ARE SELLING—

A Very Heavy Merveilloux Satin at 69c.
A Grand Line of Brocaded Satin at 50c.
Heavy Black Gros Grain Silks at 70c.
A Magnificent Line of Colored Plushes at 75c.

DRESS GOODS DRESS GOODS

We are also selling Heavy Cashmere, extra width, at 15c.; very heavy Worsted Diagonal (Ladies') Suiting, all colors, at 20c.

All the Latest Styles in French Dress Goods

In Boucle, Panama, Faille, Serges, Habit Cloth, &c., at very low prices.

☞ Our Dress-maker, MISS TODD, is prepared to execute all orders for Dresses in her usual excellent style.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEW SUITS
FOR CHRISTMAS

M. BRENNAN

Has pleasure in announcing that his Tailoring Shop in Creech's Fruit Store is now open and in full running order, and in a position to fill all orders.

—He is showing—

GOOD TWEED SUITS AT $12
(SOLD ELSEWHERE FOR $15).

SCOTCH TWEED SUIT, $17 & $18
(SOLD ELSEWHERE FOR $23 AND $24)

FINE WORSTED SUIT AT $20
(SOLD ELSEWHERE AT $25).

Gentlemen wanting a first-class, good-fitting coat, etc., may rely upon being suited in every respect by leaving their orders with

BRENNAN,
THE CLOTHIER.

HOLIDAY SEASON.

W. A. CLARK

Will pay any person's fare from Acton or intermediate stations to Guelph and return, who buys $5 worth of goods or over at my store,

26 Lower Wyndham Street.

This will hold good as long as the Holiday Season lasts.

I have the finest stock in the city to select from, especially in

COLORED GOLD SETTS.
GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.

REMEMBER THE PLACE—

W. A. CLARK.
26 Lower Wyndham St., Guelph.

—CENTRAL—
Meat Market.

JOSEPH PATTON,

BUTCHER, has pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Acton, that he has purchased the butchering business of Mr. Wm. Rossell, and is prepared to conduct the same in a straitforward business manner.

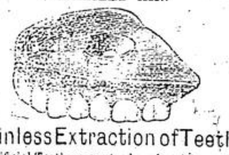
Having had large experience in the business, I feel that I can guarantee all customers who favor me with their patronage, perfect satisfaction.

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

I respectfully solicit your esteemed patronage.

JOSEPH PATTON.
Acton, Nov. 8th, 1886.

JAMES STIRTON, L.D.S.,
DENTIST,
Tovell's Block, opposite Post Office, Guelph
VITALIZED AIR.



Painless Extraction of Teeth

Artificial Teeth guaranteed perfect in appearance, fit and use. Fine gold work a specialty. All operations strictly first class. Appointments made by letter.

Christmas 1886 — **R. B. JERMYN, ACTON.** — **New Year 1887**

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:—

DRESS GOODS.—The fashionable shades are grey and navy blue—200 pieces to select from, in English, French and German makes, viz.:—Jersey Cloths in black and colors, Boucles, Foules, Ottomans, Serges, Plaids, Meltons, Cashmeres, All-wool Combinations, Combination Winceys, Silks in black and colors, Satin Merveilleux, Plushes, Velvets and Velveteens. (Large and small buttons and clasps to match the goods.)

Special values in Boating Shawls, Mantles and Walking Jackets, Gloves, Hosiery, Corsets and Ladies' Underwear.

STAPLES.—Grey Cotton, White Cotton, Wool and Cotton Shirtings, Ducks, Denims, Tabling, Crashes, Towels, Linens, Sheetings, Ticks, Blankets, Flannels, Yarn, etc., etc.

MILLINERY.—MISS STRINGHAM has charge this Fall and Winter. This lady is thoroughly posted in her business, having had charge of some of the best establishments in Western Canada, so ladies may rely on getting correct styles, and I will guarantee prices to suit.

Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing. Men's and Boys' Woollen Underwear.

BOOTS AND SHOES for ladies, misses, children, men, youths and boys. All new goods, at prices as LOW AS THE WHEAT.

GROCERIES.—I have received advice from Yokohama, Japan, that the s.s. "Rio" sailed from that port on August 13th. It has ten chests of uncolored Tea on board for me. It is due at British Columbia on Sept. 7th, and the goods will reach here about 1st October. Call and try a sample pound of the first tea that was ever imported to Acton direct. The choicest Groceries always on hand.

☞ FARM PRODUCE BOUGHT.

R. B. JERMYN, - Halton Dry Goods House, Acton.