

### NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

We will have some nice Presents for the New Year. Give us a call.

GEO. HYNDS'  
Jewelry and Stationery Store,  
Acton, Ont.

### The Acton Free Press.

CEMETERY MEETING, DECEMBER 30, 1886.

### CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Presented by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—Happy New Year.

—Yes, at least there was an election on Tuesday.

An abundance of snow and splendid skating.

Snow-shoes have been busily plied about since.

The great sale of dry goods at Nelson's, just 125 St. George.

—On Saturday you will write it 1886, when it should be 1887.

A bright Pythian Lodge has been opened in Guelph.

Mr. J. E. Howson has removed his hotel goods to Milton.

An exhibition has an article on — Why Boys Like Honey. They make it to sell.

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### THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Practitioners.—At the close of the Model School examination the students attending the Model Schools were presented the Head Master, Mr. H. H. Miller, with a beautiful silver water-pot and an elegant address. Mr. Miller is a distinguished and successful teacher, and is the pride of all who came in contact with him.

Charge Making.—Captain E. Mills, arrested for selling of whiskey in his hotel, was before Police Magistrate Sanders, Guelph, on Friday.

The prisoner was sent up for trial, and paid the penalty for the sum of \$200 to \$500, or twelve months in jail.

The I.O.O.F. Social.

A gay entertainment for the patriotic folks was held in the meeting house last Thursday.

Delightful tea was prepared by the members, and a excellent programme by the various departments of presents.

It was decided to make an evening of it.

Mr. Joseph Fyle engaged to supply.

Acting Day.

The boys have some jokes which are just now in vogue.

But the local leaders of one of the parties induced Wellington on Saturday to hold a ball.

The parties who took the ball, however, had hardly returned to town when they found their doubtful friends "ringing out" of the polling booth under the guidance of a brace of opponents.

More than Act. 1886.

Mr. Robert Armstrong, who kept a hardware business and W. J. Robinson, bartender, Miss John Bell, both of Milton, were brought before Police Magistrate Yost on Tuesday last for violations of the State Act, and fined \$50 and costs each, or two months in jail. Several witnesses failed to show up and Inspector Brothers had them arrested. Two were brought from Nassagawaya, a distance of 8 miles.

Christmas Day Hereabouts.

Christmas in Acton was spent in rather a lonely manner. The fall of snow of the previous day rendered sleighing first-class, natural consequence upon such a situation, every available conveyance was used.

Politicians spent the day in getting up and taking the merits of their favorite candidates. The skating rink was thronged during the day, and at night the hall was well filled at the B. B. C. Family reunions were numerous and happiness reigned supreme.

Acton's "Merry Tumbler."

The boys have a big laugh on the part of the returning officers who did duty in Acton on Tuesday. They were just leaving for Milton with their ballot boxes, containing Acton's majority for Major Kerns, yesterday morning, when their high spirits so greatly turned the corner and spilled the official head first in a snow bank. A hundred willing observers were immediately there to lend a helping hand and ridiculousness and their election documents were soon off on their journey. What a picture that Tom Kennedy, of Party 1, and the earnest Grit ever born in Acton, must have seen! The pony from a colt, it is no wonder it felt bound to kick against such a heavy load as was imposed upon it.

### THE MEETING AT EDEN MILLS.

The annual Sunday school tea-meeting of the Eden Mills Methodist church was held on Thursday evening last. Rev. F. Swan, of Rockwood, occupied the chair. A very acceptable programme was rendered, after which Rev. Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, and Rev. Mr. Rapp, of Nassagawaya, delivered excellent addresses. The Christmas tree was a pleasing feature of the affair, and many desirable presents were found on it.

Knox Church Tea Meeting.

The Sabbath school tea-meeting in Knox Church on Thursday evening was a great success. The church was filled to the doors, and all the congregations in town were represented. A sumptuous tea was taken of, and the programme was very interesting. The addresses of Revs. R. A. Phillips, J. McKay, M.A., and W. J. Pigott, R.A., were excellent. The singing by the choir and the children was very good, and the readings and recitations showed careful preparation. Mr. Henderson, banker, occupied the chair. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$50.

Remember the Carrier Boys.

These are the carriers of food remembrances and kindly gifts, when everyone's heart seems to expand with the sentiment of friendliness and good will to all. The little carriers presented as marks of friendship a source of pleasure to those who give and to those who receive, and among those who will delight in the reception of friendly gifts during the holiday season none will be more deserving than the faithful, punctual and always-accommodating Free Press Carrier Boys. In the general disposal of gifts they should not be forgotten. Their annual address will be presented to their patrons on December 1st, and their many patrons on New Year's morning.

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### PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Respecting People With whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. Asa Hall is at home again.

Mr. Fred Seward, of Rockford, Ills., is home for the holidays.

Master Samuel H. Moore, of Hamilton, is visiting friends here.

Mr. W. Cook, of Hamilton, was at his father's over Christmas.

Mr. H. B. McCarthy, of Carlton Place, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Simpson, of Berlin, were in town during the week.

Mr. John Kennedy, of Milton, spent several days in his old home.

Mr. James Smith, of Hamilton, spent his holidays at his former home.

Mr. Richard Thurlow, Teeswater.

Miss Alida Cope, of St. George, is the guest of Miss Maggie Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gray, of Hamilton, visited Acton friends during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGivern went to Orangeville for their Christmas dinner.

Miss Minnie Adams left last Friday for Drayton, to spend a few weeks with friends there.

Mr. R. E. and Miss Mount Nelson, of Guelph, were Christmas guests of Mr. John Nelson.

Mr. W. W. Gillies was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Fred H. Storey, several days during the week.

Mr. Harry Edmundson, who has been residing at Ouelven, Iowa, for some time, returned home last week.

Messrs. Fred H. Smyth, and Will and James Firstbrook, of Toronto, were in town over Christmas.

Mrs. Thomas Blair and George, of Kilbride, are guests during the holidays of Messrs. L. G. Matthews and W. K. Kenney.

Mr. Angus and Miss Katy Lawson, who have been residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, for some time, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferrey left on Tuesday evening on a visiting tour among friends at Hamilton, Stoney Creek and Dundas.

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Erin Free Pressings.

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Col. Clarke has been elected member for the constituency of Acton.

So Argus has left Acton. We do not suppose the world has lost much. Some of his ideas were valuable, however.

A tea-meeting in behalf of the Crewson's Corner Sunday School will be held in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening.

One of Erin's sons, who last week returned from Dakota, reports the temperature there at 32° below zero when he left.

Erin is cold enough, but hardly so cool as that.

Last Thursday evening, at the close of the public school term at Leslie's, Miss Bella Gordon, who has occupied the position of teacher for the past three years, was made the recipient of a very kind address, a toilet set and an autograph album.

A recommendation from the County Roads Committee that a wooden combination bridge be built over the river at Ossining, on the gravel road, and also that Messrs. Burt, Robinson and Kirkwood be appointed to have the same erected at an early date as possible, the present bridge being very unsafe, has been adopted.

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Call early and secure a good choice. Satisfaction assured.

### GOOD CHEER. A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.