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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Will you say we had better wait for a while, well my friends it may do for you to wait until Xmas comes, but we can assure you it will not from now till Xmas to tell you about our wonderful stock which we are opening up, and also tell the many readers of this paper about our Great Bargains.

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### HOME GLEANINGS

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### High School Entrance Examinations.

Notice has been received from the Education Department that the High School entrance examinations will be held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd, instead of the 20th, 21st and 22nd, as at first fixed. Teachers and intending candidates will observe the change.

### New Feed for Stock.

Mr. Valancey E. Fuller writes recommending farmers to feed their cows and beef stock with crushed wheat. He argues that with wheat selling at so low a price, and other articles of food dear, because of the short crop, the cost of production in fattening stock can be materially reduced.

### Milton Daily in Need of Waterworks.

Many Miltonians are looking anxiously forward to the time when the waterworks will be put into operation, which it is hoped they will be in January next. They want drinking water as well as fire protection, as most of the wells which held out during the drought of the summer have gone dry lately, and it is doubtful whether they will be rain enough before winter to replenish them.—Champion.

### Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the several churches in town to-day as follows: Knox Church at 11 A.M. St. Alban's Church at 11 A.M. Methodist Church at 7 P.M. A Thanksgiving social will be held in the Methodist Church in the evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. A good programme has been arranged and will include a short address by Rev. J. W. Rae, of Knox Church.

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### Explorations at Rockwood.

Professor Pantou and the third year students of the O. A. College are investigating the caves at Rockwood. Last Saturday they started in the main cave, which is sixty-six feet long, and by working their way through passages, some less than two feet in diameter, which opened out into other chambers, they reached a distance of 112 feet from the entrance of the cave. This morning they left, armed with picks and shovels, to get to the bottom of the pot hole there. These pot holes are circular in shape with perfectly formed sides and are supposed to be made by the friction of small stones under a glacier. The one at Lacerte, Switzerland, is supposed to be the largest in the world, but this one at Rockwood bids fair to closely approach it, as it is estimated to be 25 feet deep and 20 feet across. Prof. Pantou has found a field for his geological studies in this vicinity which has never been fully explored, and the result of his researches will be looked for with much interest.—Guelph Mercury.

### Owed to the Saturday Morning Sun.

The Guelph Saturday Morning Sun, "shines for all," it says. It is as bright as sunshine, and in many respects a credit to its enterprising publisher, Mr. James Hough, Jr. The great amount of enterprise put forth by the publisher has evidently caused him to neglect due discretion in accepting matter for publication from outside contributors. The Sun's editor is a great admirer of original poetry, and if a sub-headline stated that it was "written for the Sun," that catches him every time. A poet with the name "B.M." has been doing the special poetry business for the Sun, to its great pleasure, but also we find by a careful perusal of a couple of these original poems that "B.M." is a real live "nigger in the fence" to Dr. Hough, for upon examination we find that in the last two "originals" a couple of acrostics, reflecting severely upon the Sun and its finances, have been cunningly wrought in by the poet at the Sun's expense. By reading the first letter of each line of the first poem "An Ode to the Sun" downwards, the reader is rather surprised to learn that "The Sun is a failure," and by reading the first letter of each line of the second poem "The contented tiger" upwards, the reader is confronted in a plain paragraph that "James Hough's paper can't live." Poor Sun! It has been sorely victimized, and all its so-called "boiler-plate" contemporaries will laugh, and we fear there'll be no more "original" poetry from "B.M." for the Sun man will be found waiting for him at the head of the stairs with a new set of bills, purchased immediately upon perusal of this revelation in the Free Press.

### Adjutant Steve Marshall of Toronto.

conducted the services at the Salvation Army last Sunday. A good deal of interest was manifested. The readers of the Free Press should be careful about accepting Central Bank bills, for at present payment has been suspended by this bank.

### The Canada Glove Works is running.

over time right along on gloves, mitts and moccasins, and Moore & McGavin are unable to keep up with their orders for trunks and valises with twelve hours work per day.

### The Acton Methodist church has

extended an invitation to Rev. G. Gifford, Mr. A. of Ripley, to become their pastor for the next conference, term. Mr. Gifford has preached in Guelph, and created a very favorable impression.—Mirror.

### The Preston People confirm the

report that Heppburn's Saw Factory will be removed from that village within a short time. It is reported that the factory is to be moved to Preston at the end of the next season. Another big bonus swallowed and Preston got of pocket.

### The Canada Localities, published at

Peterborough by A. G. Mortimer, came to hand last week in an entirely new dress. The Liberator is a model journal and contains matter of great interest to those engaged in the trade.

### Markham loaned a woman mill five

thousand dollars. The mill has now closed, and the loan runs behind all the other liabilities. This is the first time since the loan was made that the mill has been permanently closed of its municipal loan.

### District warrants were issued for

the recent County Scott Act fines imposed by P. M. Lewis as a result of the visit of the Hon. Brown, and Mr. S. Duffell, Rockwood, has paid \$50 and Mr. A. Foley, Morrison, \$100 on two convictions. These are the men who publicly declared they would pay no Scott Act fines.

### John B. Clark is expected in Acton

in the course of a month or so. He has given entertainments in Toronto ten times, and has been in the city six times since. He is a well known figure of all classes, and never fails to delight, even to flood tide.

### In the advertising columns on this

page our readers will find an interesting and attractive announcement from the mammoth establishment of Messrs. W. R. Phillips & Co., Brampton. Customers are assured that they can do as well or better there than in Toronto, and can save one half their railway fare.

### A number of passenger trains are likely

to cross at Acton this winter. The winter time arrangements, and for the accommodations of travellers the G.T.R. authorities are building a platform about 100 feet long between the main line and the first siding. While the carpenters are here the sidewalk leading out of the G.T.R. yard should be extended to the crossing.

### Your Own Butcher.

The subscriber takes pleasure in thanking his many customers for their esteemed and liberal patronage in the past, and he respectfully solicits a continuance of their favors. He feels justified in expecting their patronage now inasmuch as during the hot summer months he paid special attention to the wants of all his customers and supplied them with the best meat during the season. He has served them well in the past and he settles in Acton to stay. W. H. BIRCH, Butcher.

### The police magistrate of Hamilton gave

judgment on Monday in the cases of three druggists charged by the licentiate inspector with selling liquor for other than medicinal purposes. Each was fined \$20 and costs.

### John Hays, Credit P. O. says:—His

shoulder was so lame for some months that he could not raise his hand to his head, but he was cured by Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil and the pain and lameness disappeared, and although three months has elapsed, he has not had an attack of it since.

### PERSONAL MENTION

#### Respecting Visitors to and fro, with Whom Free Press Readers are Acquainted.

Miss Eliza Matthews, of Toronto, is visiting friends in Acton. Mrs. (Rev.) Chas. Cook, of Toronto, visited friends in Acton this week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grindell, of Guelph, visited friends here this week.

#### Chas. D. L. Squires of Rockwood, was

in town this week, and gave an address at the Presbyterian lecture room Wednesday.—Guelph Times.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Marlett, Misses Annie and

Flora and Master Samuel Marlett, of Frogmore were guests at Aughenough Farm a few days last week.

#### Rev. G. A. Gifford, M. A., of Ripley, has

signified his acceptance of the invitation to the pastor of the Methodist church here. The appointment was made by the action of the Synodical Committee at the conference next June.

#### CHURCHWOMEN'S LETTER.

To the Editor of the Free Press:—I have sent our last "Churchwomen's Letter" to you our last "Churchwomen's Letter." To the last one you appended an unauthorized signature, "Rusticus." This, however, is not the name of the long delay.

#### However, not very many remarkable

things have occurred in the meantime, although there should have been some which did not.

#### To mention some of these non-occurrences,

we might refer to the fact that the Methodist people have apparently taken no steps towards making certain necessary repairs to their sanctuary, suggested by your "Churchwomen's Letter" some time ago. "The harvest is passed, and the summer is only a (no irrelevant job intended) and the broken ceiling is still unroofed, the coat of plaster needed on some parts of the outside is still not put on. Wake up, brethren, we always understood faith and works to be orthodox Methodist doctrine.

#### However, among things which have occurred,

and which has not been mentioned in the quarterly meeting services in the Methodist Church a couple of weeks or so ago, when all but one of the five appointments were represented, and at which about 70 or 75 persons partook of the sacrament. A similar service was held there a year before, which was the first for many years.

#### Another item is the cutting of a large

ditch, draining the road west of the "Corners" at a place which is liable to be in the spring.

#### The Methodist people have entered upon

a series of special religious services which are full of meaning and blessing for the church and neighborhood generally. Excellent order reigns, and great attention is given. Revs. Messrs. Swann and Barnby are earnest ministers of Christ and their labors are much appreciated. One feature of the services is the aim of getting at an early hour, in order that those coming a long distance be not fatigued.

#### Although people hold different opinions

the Halton Repeal movement is being eagerly watched. Halton has been a good place to test the Act, as it contains all grades of communities, from sparsely settled to those of considerable villages and towns; as well as being quite open, and we have to three cities at different points; also nearly completely crossed by a railway at each end, and one about the centre, as well as one traversing its length from north to south; besides having lake fronts.

#### In prohibition campaigns when Antis

are sent to Maine or Massachusetts, or Michigan, their opponents could exultingly say "Halton." Now however, if Halton should surrender the Act, the "bummer county" will be gone for the Scott Acts. GRAMER.

#### LADIES' UNDERWEAR.—Our

Patent Seamless Goods in Merino, Lamb's Wool and Natural Cashmere Wools, are finding more and more favor. The Garments are well shaped—no seams, nicely finished and cheap. They are a comfort to the wearer. They are low in price. No wonder they sell so well.

#### GLOVES AND MITTS.—Gents'

Department—Full Stock of Store's Napa Tan Glove, Chambray Lined Kids, Child Lined Gloves and Mitts. They are warranted to give satisfaction.

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