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R. & J. HOLMES.

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First Class Outfit for Commercial Travellers at Special Rates.
A comfortable bus meets all day trains and night also if ordered. Give us a call.
J. & H. WORDEN.

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Pause and Consider
That it will be to your own interest to patronize home trade. We would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Acton and surrounding country that we are again in full running order, and in a better position than before the fire to fill all orders entrusted to us. To parties building,
Lumber will be Dressed
while you wait, and Mouldings, &c., made with neatness and despatch.
N.B.—We are also prepared to fill all orders for
PUMPS
on short notice, and from long experience in the business we feel confident that we can give satisfaction every time. So come on with your orders and help to roll the ball along. Money makes the more go, whether she has legs or no.
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Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Rubbers, &c., &c.,
which were bought right and are being sold right. Call and inspect them.
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Goods Sold for Cash or Trade Only.

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O. H. RYDER,
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Wishes to inform the public that he has removed his business to the shop where Mr. J. Fyfe has for many years so satisfactorily served his customers.
Here I will open out a larger and more varied stock of goods than ever.
First-class Goods and good fit every time.
Leave your order.
O. H. RYDER.

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PAPER MAKERS,
GEORGETOWN, ONT.
MAKE A SPECIALTY OF
Machine Finished Book Papers
—AND—
HIGH GRADE WEEKLY NEWS.
The paper used in this journal is from the above mills.
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Elegant and Substantial Goods.
Splendid in Quality!
Complete in Assortment!!
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—IN—
MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
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RUBBERS, OVERSHOES, &c.
At prices that always lead to speedy sales
LOWEST PRICES
—CONSISTENT WITH—
GOOD QUALITY.
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Poetry.

HOME.

Do you remember, Sweet,
A summer long ago—
A quiet village street
Its houses all in a row;
Broad maple trees shading each,
Gay woodbine clasping one,
A little lawn's clear reach
In the sun?

As like as nest to nest,
When robins build and sing,
With rapture in the breast,
Through all the days of spring?
As like as bird to bird,
When early snowdrops glow,
Those simple homes that stood
In a row?

Yet never breast of bird
But knew its chosen rest,
And never heart but stirred
The sweeter for its nest.
'Twas not the woodbine spray,
Nor light of sprinkling flowers—
'Twas love, with kindling ray,
Showed us ours.

Oh, simple were our cares,
And all our store of wealth
Was daily love and prayers,
Clear hope, abiding health,
Our hearts with youth were light,
And the burdens of the day
The greeting kiss at night
Could repay.

Those summer days are done,
The autumn winds are cold,
We shiver in the sun;
'Tis late, and we are old!
Already on our sight
Heaven's many mansions glow
With lustre pure and bright—
Let us go.

I wonder—will it be
A vide and stately dome,
A palace large and free,
Where we shall find our home;
Or just a sheltered nook,
Clasped in the woodbine's fold,
With dear, familiar look
As of old?

—Ida Whipple Benham.

ACTON.

A Glance at The Town And Some of its Various Manufacturing and Business Interests and General Surroundings.

In the present article the aim is to present in brief form a description of Acton, with a short review of the manufacturing and mercantile businesses located within its borders.

That the village possesses many real and permanent advantages which being utilized and developed by men of enterprise and ability is fast placing Acton foremost among the towns of Ontario, is a fact so well known as to require no comment here.

In reference to the early history of the place little need be said here, as it is probably familiar to most of our readers. It may be said to have taken its start about the year 1840. It was first called Danville after a clerk in the first dry goods store, which was owned by Wheeler Green. The next name it bore was Adamsville, so called after the first settlers in the place. In 1844 a post office having been obtained the name was again changed to Acton, on request of Mr. Robert Swann, a native of Northumberland, Eng., who died in Acton some years ago. The first grist mill was situated on lot 24, in the 2nd concession, foot of Mill street—and was known as McCallum's mill.

In 1873, the population having reached the required number, it severed its connection with the township of Esquesing and became an incorporated village. The first council was composed of W. H. Storey, Reeve, and Messrs. John Speight, Asa Hall, C. T. Hill, and Dr. McGarvin, Councillors. Acton has one of the most substantial school houses in the county of Halton, being built of stone and employing an efficient staff of teachers. There is no subject in which the inhabitants take more public interest than in providing a liberal education for the young. The number and character of the church edifices indicates to some extent the religious zeal of the people. The following denominations have comfortable church edifices:—Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptist, Disciple, and Roman Catholic.

Acton has the finest town hall in the County, and, indeed, we very much doubt if there is another country town in Canada that can show a public hall possessing the architectural beauty and convenient appointments exterior and interior as ours.

A feature of decided merit is the excellence of the private dwellings, which are mostly constructed of brick.

In the matter of manufactories Acton is particularly favored, and few if any country towns of its size possess so many and important factories, mills and workshops as does our own.

First and foremost of course is the immense Glove Works of Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, where from 175 to 250 persons are given employment, and gloves, mitts and moccasins of every description are made for the markets of the Dominion. Much of Acton's growth is due to this extensive business.

The trunk and travelling bag manufactory of Messrs. J. B. McGarvin & Co., is a flourishing industry, and turns out a surprisingly large quantity of goods, in fact the shipments of this firm are larger than those of any other in town owing to the bulky character of their products. An evidence of the excellence of their trunks and valises was seen at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition last fall where they secured a silver medal for merit, in a contest against the oldest firm in Ontario. This business employs about 30 hands.

The sole leather tannery of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., here, is one of the largest in Canada and employs 30 to 35 men.

Canada Cordovan Works, P. Jacobi, proprietor, turns out a large quantity of fine leather, under the superintendence of Mr. W. Smith. Improvements are in progress and when completed some twenty or more experienced workmen will have steady employment.

Mr. I. Francis operates a tannery and finishing shop where he manufactures kid and other glove leathers of various qualities and colors, all of which are consumed by the Canada glove works.

Another tannery has lately been put into operation by Mr. William Ramsay, where buckskins, calf and russet leathers are turned out. These are also for the glove factory.

The planing mill and box factory of Mr. Thomas Ebbage is a hive of industry, and is always filled up with orders. He supplies the trunk factory with boxes and trays and the glove factory with packing cases.

Mr. Peter McCann also runs a planing mill and sash and door factory in connection with his building and contracting business.

The shop of Mr. John Cameron, architect and builder, turns out a large quantity of work. Mr. Cameron is the most extensive builder in town.

Mr. James Brown does quite an extensive saw mill business. Some six or eight years ago he had about concluded that business in his line was nearly ended for this vicinity, but with his own stock and the usual custom work each successive year has found his yard filled with a good season's cutting.

Acton shingle, stave and heading mills and cooperage, owned and operated by Mr. Thomas C. Moore, is an old and successful business. It was established by Moore Bros., some thirty years ago and has done a busy trade ever since.

The roller grist mill of Mr. John Harvey is one of the first businesses Acton ever had. The mill gave the street upon which it is located its name. Mr. Harvey has made considerable improvement since coming into possession of the property and further improvements are contemplated.

The old established undertaking and carriage and wagon works of Speight & Son, are a land mark in Acton. This business was commenced by the late John Speight and Rev. Matthew Swann, now of Brussels, some thirty odd years ago. Since the death of his father Mr. J. A. Speight has managed the business with successful results.

The blacksmithing business of the place is done by Mr. James McLean in the south and Mr. A. Stephenson in the west of the town. Both are practical men and give their businesses personal supervision.

While many of the private residences and some of the factories and public buildings in town are ornaments to the place and generally attractive in appearance, we regret that generally speaking the mercantile establishments present a very indifferent external appearance. There are a number of neat brick and rough cast stores, but none of the fine blocks of stores which many other places can show. However, the mercantile interests are represented by capable and pushing business men, and the appended review will show that we have a considerable number. Commencing at the corner of Main and Mill streets we have:—

R. B. Jermyn. This gentleman is too well and favorably known over the surrounding country to require any introduction by this edition of the FREE PRESS. Although not so long established as some of our other merchants, he has built up a flourishing business which is now counted among the first in the county. Mr. Jermyn enjoys the advantage of a thoroughly practical experience, and his store exhibits this in its exceedingly tasty arrangement and the selection of goods that meet the wants of the people. The large trade that this business has built up is the best evidence of its popularity. Nothing succeeds like success, and acting on this plan Mr. Jermyn's efforts have been in the direction of giving to the people a class of goods that offers the very best value for the money. The stock includes, staple and fancy dry goods, dress goods, millinery, gloves, hosiery, &c., tweeds and worsteds, hats and caps, gents' furnishings, carpets and house furnishings, boots and shoes, groceries, &c. The spring goods are carefully selected and offer great inducements. The different departments are managed by a competent and obliging staff, who are always willing to show customers and visitors through. We are pleased to see this gentleman meeting with the success he so well deserves.

A new grocery and provision store is being opened next door by Mr. W. King.

Then we have the tin and stove depot of Mr. George Havil, a live business man.

In our business sketch of Acton, we have pleasure in devoting space to a brief reference to the merchant tailoring business of Mr. M. Brennan. This business has gained an enviable reputation for the excellence of the work turned out. Mr. Brennan enjoys the advantages of a long experience. His abilities as a cutter are too well known to require any comments here. He keeps on hand a first class stock of goods to select from consisting of foreign and domestic tweeds, fine French and English worsteds, &c., which cannot fail to suit the wants of every customer.

The popular boot and shoe store conducted by Mr. Wm. Williams should not be omitted from this review. In other articles we have referred to the high standard of efficiency of our mercantile interests and in referring to the boot and shoe trade, Mr. William's business may be taken to represent this branch of mercantile industry. The business has been before the public for about five years with the result of a large yearly output of goods and an increasing trade. The stock kept is large and well selected and consists of everything from the ladies' finest French kid to the mens' and boys' heavier wear, also a good selection of trunks, valises, &c. Boots and shoes are also made to order from the best material.

Next door is the well conducted jewellery and fancy goods store of Mr. Geo. Hynds, which is one of the neatest stores in town. The fancy store of Miss Perryman is a favorite spot with many of the ladies.

Mr. J. B. Pearson carries a fine stock of hardware, paints and oils, while wall papers, chinaware and groceries receive the attention they deserve. He does a flourishing trade.

The Post Office Store, now owned by Mr. L. G. Matthews, was established by his father many years ago in connection with his post office business. It is now separated, however, and Mr. Matthews does a good business in groceries, crockery, flour and feed, &c. He has also an excellent bakery in connection.

Mr. Sweetman has a harness business in the same block.

The meat shop of Mr. W. H. Butledge is an establishment which supplies hundreds of customers with the best the country affords every day.

Next in the list is the FREE PRESS steam printing office, of which nothing need be said, for with it our readers are all perfectly familiar.

On the north side of Mill street we first visit the very neat and attractive store of Mr. John C. Nelson, and a better kept stock is nowhere to be found. He has staple dry goods, groceries and boots and shoes.

Coming westward we have Mr. J. C. Hill's stove and tinware business, where a good stock is always to be found.

Next to this is the Metropolitan Studio of Mr. H. Ramshaw. A glance at the portraits in his show window will give an idea of his artistic skill.

One of the pioneer merchants of the place is Mr. C. T. Hill, who opened his general store before many of the present population were born. He is the only merchant in town who has uninterruptedly continued in business in the same place from those early days.

We have pleasure in devoting space in our business review to a brief reference to the popular merchant tailoring business of Mr. O. H. Ryder. This gentleman has been established about a year and already has a good trade worked up. Mr. Ryder is a cutter of acknowledged ability and his work is well able to speak for itself. He keeps on hand a select stock of goods, consisting of foreign and domestic tweeds, fine French worsteds &c. We heartily recommend this business to the public and predict for Mr. Ryder a large measure of success.

Next in order as we proceed is the general store and merchant tailoring business of Messrs. Kelly Bros. They are enterprising young men and push business right along. The tailoring department is comparatively new but is meeting with much favor.

The drug and stationary store of Dr. N. McGarvin comes next. This being the only drug store in town it does a large and profitable trade. In these premises the immense proprietory medicine manufactory of Messrs. T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, originated and here Mr. Milburn conducted the business for a number of years.

In presenting to the public an edition of the FREE PRESS descriptive of Acton's business interests, a business that will come in for prominent mention is that of Messrs. Henderson, McRae & Co. This business has been established nearly half a century. About fifteen years ago Messrs. Christie, Henderson & Co. became its proprietors by purchase. About five years ago the firm was reorganized and Mr. McRae became a partner. We are only giving expression to a well known fact when we say that the firm enjoys the entire confidence of the public and a large share of public patronage. They should also be given credit for drawing much outside trade to the town, as farmers from a long distance come here to do their trading. In reference to the stock kept, want of space will not permit of any detailed mention. Buying in large quantities from the best markets the firm is noted for handling a superior line of goods, and offer to their customers all the advantage of an extensive and varied selection. In staple and fancy dry goods, dress goods, millinery, gloves, hosiery, &c., tweeds, worsteds, &c., hats and caps, gents' furnishings, boots and shoes, carpets and house furnishings, &c., and groceries. Each department is fully stocked. Goods for the spring trade are on hand and a large spring business is looked for.

Next door to the Glasgow House Miss Alice Vanatter does an extensive dressmaking and mantle business.

Miss Froeland has a well appointed fancy goods store and Miss McKeown a dressmaking establishment in the premises formerly occupied by W. P. Brown, grocer.

On Main street Mrs. J. Adams has a confectionary and fancy goods store.

Messrs. Graham & Graham have a neat butcher shop next door and are doing a nice trade.

Kenney Bros. This firm has been connected with the boot & shoe trade of Acton for over ten years, and are so well and favourably known over the surrounding country that little more than a mention of the business is needed here. Messrs. Kenney Bros., have many advantages in their business which enables them to make the success they have of it. Practical in the mechanical part, and long experienced, they possess that essential of success which is a thorough knowledge of the business. Their store is always found well stocked with boots and shoes of all grades, secured from the best wholesale manufacturers. They also do a large amount of custom trade, as well as repairing of all kinds.

Prominent in the grocery trade of the town is the well known and popular business of Mr. T. H. Harding which has been established about seven years. Mr. Harding is a thoroughly practical grocer, and spares no pains to keep his business to the front. His store is always found well filled with a choice line of groceries of all kinds, pure teas, coffees, sugars, spices, canned goods, flavoring extracts and all the table delicacies, also crockery, glass and chinaware, provisions, vegetables, &c. The business has grown in much public favor which is owing to the fact mainly, of the superior line of goods kept.

Messrs. R. & J. Holmes have recently opened a meat shop next door to the premises formerly occupied by Mr. Robert Holmes and where for some years he did a thriving business.

The harness emporium of Mr. J. A. Halsted does a nice trade in harness and supplies.

South of mill street on Main we have the tasty little shop of Mr. C. C. Speight where picture frames, mirrors, scroll work, fancy designs in bracket work and turning are found in profusion.

Across the street is Geo. Stoddard's spring bed factory, where quite a business is transacted in an improved bed.

On the corner above is the Excelsior Bakery of Mr. T. Statham whose reputation for first class bread is wide.

On Willow street Mr. D. Maloney has had a boot & shoe shop since the days of Acton's early history.

The new store in the east is owned by Mr. W. H. Denney, who keeps a neatly assorted stock of groceries and notions. This store is a great convenience to the residents in this rapidly growing section of the town.

The monetary institution of the town is Acton Banking Company, of which Mr. D. Henderson, the member for the House of Commons of the County is the manager. This institution transacts a large volume of business, is a great convenience to our business men, and enjoy the confidence of the public.

The oldest butcher in town is Mr. W. L. Worden whose shop is found on Church street, nearly opposite St. Joseph's Church.

The legal business of Acton and vicinity is looked after by the firms of Messrs. Johnston & McLean and J. A. Mowat, both of whom have offices in Guelph as well.

Quite a business is done by the agricultural implement agencies, which are carried on by Messrs. A. F. Smith, Wm. Hemstreet, Edw. Nicklin and J. A. Murray.

The new roller mill of Messrs. Fruere Bros., a mile below Acton, built a couple of years ago to replace the George Tolton property destroyed by fire, does a good trade.

The hotels here have ample accommodation for visitors.

Acton has neither a store or dwelling unoccupied, and large numbers of new buildings are being erected every year. Property is being purchased and new surveys being made on all sides for new buildings, and everywhere the spirit of progress is apparent.

The location of our little town is advantageous and picturesque. Municipally the place has been well governed and carefully managed. We have good sidewalks, clean and tidy streets, well lighted, and planted in many parts of the town with maples and other shade trees. We have no expensive bridges to keep up and our roads are in fairly good condition, though we understand the Council has under consideration improvements in this direction. Acton's municipal debt is nominal.

The finest agricultural park and surroundings to be found in the country is located here. Last year the most successful fair in the history of Esquesing Society was held on these grounds, and the coming fall will see one of even larger proportions, as an organization of wider scope has recently been effected.

One of the most attractive points the municipality can show is Fairview Cemetery. The premisses include nineteen acres of the most picturesque beauty that could be desired. The front six acres is very level, while the remainder is undulating, dotted here and there with pretty little groves and natural mineature lakes. The interest now being taken by our citizens in beautifying the graves of their departed loved ones is commendible, and much is likely to be accomplished in this direction the coming summer. From Monument Hill in the rear of the cemetery there is a delightful view of the town and broad acres of field and forest in the distance. The large mill pond of fresh spring water, deservingly christened "Fairy Lake," nestles a short distance to the west, and a view from here in the summer when the crops are growing, the forests in their rich green foliage and the orchards in bloom is really enchanting.

The above is but a brief review of our little town and what it contains. We might go on to describe more minutely the processes of manufacture, &c., of some of our factories; we might give biographical sketches of our citizens in public life, but we leave these features for some future edition, and hope the above will tend to give the outside world a better acquaintance of Acton and its attractions than they have had heretofore.

FROM THE SCHOOL ROOM.

Here are some answers actually given in questions in the examination papers at a certain school in the United States. Every one of them contains an absurdity; can every one of our readers detect it in each case?

"The natural features of the United States are in the western part of the continent."

"The countries of North America are British America, Denmark, Guatemala, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Alaska, and the United States."

"The principal rivers are Hudson, Tyson, and Columbus. The St. Lawrence rises in the Bay of Fundy and flows to the great lakes."

"San Francisco is the capital and seaport of Mexico."

Q. "What country in North America is the most important in power and inhabitants."

A. "The most important power in the inhabitants are the law and Congress."

"The climate of Greenland and Iceland is warm; The products are oranges, figs, and bananas."

"South America is situated in the southern part of Brazil. From South America we should sail North to Europe."

"The Rhone River flows through Italy, Spain, and Switzerland, and empties into the North Sea."

"Liverpool is the second city in the world in size, and is traversed by the United States."

"London is the centre of the world, situated on both sides of the Thames River, and is expanded by many beautiful bridges."

"The British Isles consist of Australia, New Zealand, India, North America, and Southern Africa. The government is a king or queen."

"Multiplication is the process of numbers."

Q. "In one-half how many tenths?"

A. "In one-half there are ten multiplied by one-half which is five whole ones."

"The feminine of Bridegroom is Bridesmaid; of Shepherd, Shepherd girl; of Jew, Jew lady; of Lion, female Lion; of Actor, Actorist."

"The Parliament is a body of men with whom the king or queen has to agree. It consists of Congress and House of Representatives."

"The social classes of England are three: the ability, the middle, the low."

"The greatest African explorer was living Stone. He discovered lake Albert, Victory, and many others. When he died he was buried in the great monument that covered thirteen acres of ground."

NO SUCH WORD AS CAN'T.

There recently died at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, Richard Donovan, who was one of the most remarkable men in Northern New York. When a boy he was one day caught in a belt in a flouring mill and received injuries that necessitated the taking off of both arms at the shoulder. This great misfortune, however, did not discourage him, and after recovering his health he set about earning his livelihood as best he could without the use of hands or arms. Part of the time he has lived alone, and from the necessity of helping himself he became wonderfully adept in performing all kinds of work, using his feet and mouth principally. He owned a horse, of which he took the entire care, harnessed it, fastened and unfastened the buckles, with his teeth, and drove with the reins tied around his shoulders. Being in need of a wagon, he bought wheels and axles and built a box buggy complete and painted it. He went to the barn one winter day and built a cow stable, sawing the lumber with his feet, and with the hammer in one foot and holding the nail with the other, he nailed the boards on as well as most men could with their hands. He dug a well twelve feet deep on a farm in this town and stoned it himself. He could mow away hay by holding the fork under his chin and letting it rest against his shoulder. He would pick up potatoes in the field as fast as a man could dig them. He would dress himself, get his meals, write his letters, and in fact do almost anything that any man with two arms could do. He has been engaged in buying and selling buggies and sleighs and hides and pelts. By his industry and frugality he succeeded in amassing a snug little property, owned a home and lot, and was worth in all about $2,000.—Watertown Times.

TWO SINNERS.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

There was a man, it was said one time,
Who went astray in his youthful prime.
Can the brain keep cool and the heart keep quiet
When the blood is a river that's running riot?
And boys will be boys, the old folks say,
And a man's the better who's had his day!
The sinner reformed, and the preacher told
Of the prodigal son who came back to the fold.
And christian people threw open the door
With a warmer welcome than ever before,
And a spotless woman gave him her hand,
And the world strewed their pathway with flowers in bloom,
Crying, "God bless lady and God bless groom!"
There was a maiden went astray,
In the golden dawn of her life's young day.
She had more passion than heart and head
And she followed blindly where fond love led.
And love unchecked is a dangerous guide,
To wander at will by a fair girl's side.
The woman repented and turned from sin,
But no door opened to let her in;
The preacher prayed that she might be forgiven
But told her to look for mercy in heaven.
For this is the law of earth, we know,
That woman is scorched, while the man may go.
A brave man wedded her, after all,
But the world said frowning, "We shall not call."

ONTARIO TO THE FRONT!

A Matter of Vital Importance.

The following unsolicited opinions from your friends and neighbors, men and women, whom you know and respect, ought to carry conviction to any doubting mind. These words of gratitude are from those who have been afflicted but are now well, and the persons giving them are naturally solicitous that others, troubled as were they, may know the means of cure. There is no reason why you should be longer ill from kidney, liver or stomach troubles. You can be cured as well as others. Do not longer delay treatment, but to-day obtain that which will restore you to permanent health and strength:

206 McNab St. North, Hamilton, Can., Nov. 2, 1886.—I had been suffering for over twenty years from a pain in the back and one side of the head, and indigestion. I could eat scarcely anything, and everything I ate disagreed with me. I was attended by physicians who examined me and stated that I had enlargement of the liver, and that it was impossible to cure me.

They also stated that I was suffering from heart disease, inflammation of the bladder kidney disease, bronchitis and catarrh, and that it was impossible for me to live. They attended me for three weeks without making any improvement in my condition. I commenced taking "Warner's Safe Cure," and "Warner's Safe Pills," acting strictly up to directions as to diet, and took thirty-six bottles, and have had the best of health ever since. My regular weight used to be 180 lbs. When I commenced "Warner's Safe Cure," I only weighed 140 lbs. I now weigh 210 lbs.

Mrs. S. Harlings

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 24th, 1887.—About six years ago I was a great sufferer from kidney disease, and was in misery all the while. I hardly had strength enough to walk straight and was ashamed to go on the street. The pains across my back were almost unbearable, and I was unable to find relief, even temporarily. I began the use of "Warner's Safe Cure," and inside of one week I found relief, and after taking eight bottles, I was completely cured.

R. E. Hawigg
Manager for American Express Co.

Toronto, (18 Division Street,) Sept. 17, 1887.—Three years ago last August my daughter was taken ill with Bright's disease of the kidneys. The best medical skill in the city was tasked to the utmost, but to no purpose. She was racked with convulsions for forty-eight hours. Our doctor did his best, and went away saying the case was hopeless. After she came out of the convulsions, she was very weak and all her hair fell out. The doctor had left us about a month when I concluded to try "Warner's Safe Cure," and after having taken six bottles, along with several bottles of "Warner's Safe Pills," I saw a decided change for the better in her condition. After taking twenty-five bottles there was a complete cure. My daughter has now a splendid head of hair, and weighs more than she ever did before.

Mrs. Jos. Bennett

Chatham, Ont., March 6, 1888.—In 1884 I was completely run down. I suffered most severe pains in my back and kidneys, so severe that at times I would almost be prostrated. A loss of ambition, a great desire to urinate, without the ability of so doing, coming from me as it were in drops. The urine was of a peculiar color and contained considerable foreign matter. I became satisfied that my kidneys were in a congested state and that I was running down rapidly. Finally I concluded to try "Warner's Safe Cure," and in forty-eight hours after I had taken the remedy, I voided urine that was as black as ink, containing quantities of mucus, pus and gravel. I continued, and it was not many hours before my urine was of a natural straw color, although it contained considerable sediment. The pains in my kidneys subsided as I continued the use of the remedy, and it was but a short time before I was completely relieved. My urine was normal and I can truthfully say that I was cured.

J. Woode

Galt, Ont., Jan. 27, 1887.—For about five years previous to two years ago last October, I was troubled with kidney and liver trouble, and finally I was confined to my bed and suffered the most excruciating pain; and for two weeks time I did not know whether I was dead or alive. My physicians said I had enlargement of the liver, though they gave me only temporary relief. Hearing of the wonderful cures of "Warner's Safe Cure," I began its use, and after I had taken two bottles I noticed a change for the better. The pains disappeared, and my whole system seemed to feel the benefit of the remedy. I have continued taking "Warner's Safe Cure" and no other medicine since. I consider the remedy a great boon, and if I ever feel out of sorts "Warner's Safe Cure" fixes me all right. I weigh twenty pounds heavier now than ever before.

John Geiles
Inventor of the Maple Leaf Lance-tooth Cross-cut saw.