BORN.

MOORE.—In Acton, on the 16th inst., the wife of Robt. Moore, of a daughter.

WORDEN.—At Toronto, on the 7th December, the wife of Mr. William Worden, jr., of a son.

MARRIED.

MACLEAN—FIRSTBROOK.—In Toronto, at the residence of the bride's father, No. 23 Wilton crescent, on Dec. 11th, by Rev. Dr. Johnston, assisted by Rev. Dr. Hunter, Martha Zoe, third daughter of William Firstbrook, to George Maclean.

ROWLAND—FIRSTBROOK.—On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at the residence of the bride's father, 23 Wilton crescent, Toronto, by the Rev. Dr. Johnston, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, Katherine Victoria, youngest daughter of Wm. Firstbrook, Esq., to Arthur Ernest Rowland.

HILL—HACKING.—On Thursday, 12th December, at the residence of Mr. J. G. Hill, artist, 91 Sibley St., Detroit, Mich., by the Rev. E. Gruett, B.D., of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Henry F. Hill, Detroit, youngest son of Mr. C. T. Hill, Acton, to Lillian, eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. Hacking, Winnipeg, Man., the founder of the Acton FREE PRESS.

DIED.

BETHELL.—At Oakville, on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, Francis Bethell, formerly of Toronto, aged 82.

CAMERON.—In Acton, on the 16th Dec., James Cameron, aged 77 years.

WILLIAMS.—At midnight on Monday, Dec. 16th, at 30 Maitland street, Toronto, in great peace, the Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., general superintendent of the Methodist church, in the 42nd year of his age.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1889.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

In about ten days the nominations for the Council for another year will take place. Very little is current upon the subject, but no doubt the present Council can have an opportunity of serving the municipality for another year if they desire it. The business of the year has been as well attended to as by previous Councils, and remarkably little grumbling is heard concerning their doings. We are not prepared in this issue to voice the intentions of the members of the Council now in office, pertaining to next year, but during the coming week, our reporter will interview them and give the public the benefit.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Ontario Legislature has been called to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 30th next.

A St. John, N. B., ghost mystery has been satisfactorily solved. Rev. Mr. Lawson, who investigated it, declared in his sermon on Sunday that the affair was "real spirit and that its name was Gin." It is to be feared that this spook, under various *aliases*, exhibits itself too frequently.

After a trial which extended over seven weeks, and after nearly three days deliberation, the jury in the Cronin case rendered their verdict Monday, finding three of the prisioners guilty as charged in the indictment one notguilty, and the fifth sufficiently guilty of wrong doing in the matter to merit a light punishment.

If the women of Montreal were endowed with the franchise, as Alderman Baxter of Toronto says the women of that city ought to be, short work would soon be made of the saloon question. There is no class in the community having a deeper interet in this question none that understand its inner workings better: none more seriously affected by it; none who have a better right to make their feelings known with regard to it and pronounce upon it. Give the women the ballot and the saloon will disappear forthwith.—*Star.*

Emin Pasha, if he comprehends anything now, understands what the phrase, "the irony of fate" signifies. For a man to live thirteen years in the heart of barbarous Africa, fighting savages, exposed to wild beasts and deadly serpents, breathing the poisonous malaria of jungles, enduring the blaze of an equatorial sun, overcoming hordes of Mohammedan fanatics, and finally making a perilous journey to the coast only to tumble off of the balcony of the first house he comes to and incur terrible and possibly fatal injuries is—well, it is aggravating.—*Exchange.*

The clergy of Goderich are urging the establishment of a poor-house or house of refuge for Huron. Lambton and Oxford are also advised to build with a view to maintaining the victims of poverty. There nothing more heartless than neglect of the poor, yet too many of our municipalities are guilty of this neglect and cruelty. It cannot be said in extenuation that the poor are not deserving of consideration, for they are. Many of them suffer through no fault of their own; and it is as much the duty of the public to look after these unfortunates as it is the duty of the family to look after its weaker members. The idea of dotting the country over with poor-houses is certainly not a pleasant one; but the instincts of humanity, not to speak of the claims of religion, demand that the poor be sheltered and fed.—*Mail.*

The connection between beer and socialism appears to be vital. The one cannot exist without the other, it would seem, at less it among Germans. The Prussian officer who gave the order that no beer was to be supplied to persons known to be Socialists is therefore, a deadly blow at the movement. In England such an order would produce a ministerial crisis. In fact, we know that beer has upset more than one government. And there is always the popular imprecation of him who would "deprive a poor man of his beer" hanging over the heads of the powers that be. It is an old notion that beer promotes sociability, but now that it has come to be a promoter of socialism, a new terror has been added to the flowing bowl. Perhaps the Prussian officer thinks that Socialism is the result of exhilaration, and by removing the cause, he can cure the disease.

The following from the Detroit *Free Press* illustrates how American capital is multiplying at the expence of our timber lands:—"Canada is now the most profitable field for the investment of surplus capital in standing pine," said Wm. Whitney the widely known lumber dealer and stockraiser in the lobby of the Hotel Cadillac yesterday afternoon. "It is true a duty of a couple of dollars per thousand is required, but the pine lands can be bought so much cheaper over there than on this side that the amount thus expended is in reality a very trivial matter. In the neighborhood of Georgian Bay, the standing pine is simply magnificent. I bought a tract thirty-six square miles up there a few years ago, and it has turned out to be the very best investment of the sort I ever made. The tract was looked over for me by a local expert, and I took it at his valuation. I have forgotten the exact price paid, but I think it was somewhere in the neighborhood of $7,000. I am satisfied that I could now readily obtain $200,000 for my bargin. Pretty fair interest on the investment, eh."

CHRISTMAS TIME.

Before another number of the FREE PRESS is issued the holidays will be upon us. Christmas day, which stands at the head of all our holidays of the year, will be celebrated next Wednesday. Throughout almost nineteen centuries the natal day of Christ, the Saviour of men, has aroused in the hearts of all true believers feelings of holy joy and gladness. The mind naturally turns to the first Christmas and the infant Jesus, cradled in the manger, at the humble village inn. The first lesson of Christianity is humility, and at these joyous times our hearts should be opened to deeds of generosity and kindness especially to those in poorer circumstances than our own.

None seem to forget that the glorious time of mirth, good humor and enjoyment comes at Christmas time. You see a smile on every face, and the light of happiness in every eye. There is an excitement about these festivities that never tires. From the hour when we commence to play with a whip and wooden horse, or hang the stocking for old Santa Claus, up to the period of the heavier cares of business and professional life, there is a continued love in the heart for the gaieties of Christmas.

There is something always freshening in the emotions with which we witness the return of those happy eras of childhood. However callous the heart may be in ordinary matters, however vexing may be the daily thought, the spirit will always throw off the clouds of care which cumber it and rejoice in the merriments of Christmas. It is indeed well that something of the kind should occur every year to lift the bosom from its brooding dreams—something that affects the whole Christian world at the same time.

It is a beneficence of heaven thus to have ordained an event which in so many ways has been an advantage to the human race. It benefits the sinner and the saint—the child, the man. All colors and degrees partake of the enjoyment it brings, and the human breast, under all situations, finds something of solace in these merry days. Look at the child crazy in his gaiety and boisterous in his joy when the far-famed Christmas saint has filled his stocking with cakes, candy and pretty toys. See the happy look of fond parents as their bosoms throb with affection for their little ones, who are now so innocent and so easily pleased.

Sit down in imagination, at the old dinner table, where the sons and daughters of a numerous family are gathered "once every year," some married and all scattered, a family which has grown up in honor and the strength of good character, to be an ornament to society and a consolation to the aged heart. There the bright reunion in the evening—the well 'told tale—the roguish joke—the hearty laughter and the crackling fire—tell us if there be not joy in the Christmas, and happiness over the whole land. We wish our readers all the happiness and charms of the season, and to every child in every family, we say, "be good, and you will always have a "merry Christmas."

SUBSTANTIAL APPRECIATION.

On Friday evening about twenty members of St. Alban's congregation, Acton, assembled at the residence of their clergyman, Rev. Geo. B. Cooke, and presented him with an address accompanied with a handsome new cutter, two comfortable robes, and a pair of elegant dogskin gauntlet gloves for driving. The address was read by Mr. W. Stark as follows:—

TO THE REV. GEO. B. COOKE, INCUMBENT OF ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.

DEAR SIR:—It is with the liveliest feelings of esteem and good will that we beg your acceptance of the accompanying Christmas gift of a cutter and outfit as a slight recognition of your valued services to us in the cause of the Master and His church. We desire to place on record our high appreciation of your rare abilities as a minister of the all-powerful Gospel, and your sterling worth as a man; and it is our heartfelt wish that you may long be spared to minister to our spiritual necessities to the glory of God and the welfare of His church. It is with regret we admit, that in things both temporal and spiritual St. Alban's was at a rather low ebb prior to your appearance here, but we rejoice in the fact that under your kindly ministry she is now in a most flourishing condition. Nor must we forget in this connection to mention that most useful of all adjuncts to a church, the Sunday School, which under your fostering care has attained such a degree of excellence. We have every confidence that under your able guidance both church and school will enter on an era of prosperity and usefulness that will be a blessing to the community and a credit to the grand old Church of which they form a part. At this Christmas season the prevailing sentiment is "Peace,—good will towards man," and we cannot close this short address without tendering to yourself and family our hearty good will and best wishes for a merry Christmas, and may the new year be fraught with every blessing. In conclusion, we would say "God's Benison be with you and with those that would make good of bad or friends of foes."

Signed on behalf of St. Alban's congregation.

SAMUEL LAING—Minister's Warden.
THOS. SMITH—People's Warden.

Rev. Mr. Cook replied in the following terms:—

MY DEAR FRIENDS.—I confess I feel quite unable to adequately comprehend your kindness this evening. Such an early and substantial expression of your love after only six months labor among you, is more I am disposed to think, the natural outflow of devout and benevolent hearts, that the recognition in myself of such qualities as would merit so high a regard. I thank you warmly for this beautiful and excellent cutter and also those comfortable robes. I shall prize such an outfit very highly, and above all, I assure you I esteem very greatly the spirit and love that prompted such munificence. You were pleased to allude to the evidences of success that had attended the work in the parish of late. I trust that which is only the beginning of greater extension and strengthening of our beloved church:—which like the ark of old, has her storms and floods to encounter, but we know ever carries in safety the faithful souls who remain within her doors. I thank you also for your expression of confidence, which above all things is the most sacred and dearest object to a clergyman's heart. I shall strive ever to maintain it and pray that throughout the future God's grace and Holy Spirit will be in our midst to guide and strengthen our hearts and hands in their labor in the church of Christ. May every peace and joy abide in your hearts at this blessed Christmas time. With prayers and good wishes, believe me, dear friends, yours very faithfully,

GEO. B. COOKE.

The cutter is a fine one, Portland style, and supplied with all the latest improvements. It was purchased from Parker, of Guelph. The robes were supplied by Mr. R. B. Jermyn and the gloves were donated by the table cutlers employed in the Canada Glove Works.

After the presentation refreshments were partaken of and a most enjoyable evening spent with vocal and instrumental music and pleasant conversation. The National Anthem was sung and the benediction given before separating.

The Canadian Almanac.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS.

DEAR SIR.—We notice your remarks about the errors in the list of physicians published in the *Canadian Almanac*. We much regret that these should have occurred but we were unable to get any list except that published by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. We are aware that this list is not accurate and any corrections furnished us by the Profession will be noticed in the next issue.

Yours respectfully,

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Toronto, Dec. 16th, 1889.

THE CRONIN CASE ENDED

Coughlin, O'Sullivan and Burke Sentenced to Imprisonment for Life.

KUNZE GETS THREE YEARS—BEGGS ACQUITTED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—When the jury sent word this afternoon that they had agreed on a verdict, Judge McConnell took his seat upon the Bench and the Court was declared to be in session. At 2.20 the iron doors leading to the gaol were again swung open, and as the word went around the audience, "Here they come," the members of the jury filed into the room. Perfect silence prevailed. Even the Judge, usually calm and collected, nervously mopped the perspiration from his brow. The prisoners maintained the demeanor which they had worn when entering the Court room, expect that Burke chewed with redoubled energy at his quid of tobacco, while O'Sullivan ran his fingers into his hair with a desperation that threatened to tear it out by the roots. The voice of Foreman Clarke came out clear and distinct, and with a triumphant ring in it, when he answered "We have,' in response to the question of the Clerk of the Court as to whether he and his colleagues had agreed on a verdict. Rising in his seat he handed a folded paper to the Clerk. The stillness at this moment was not merely oppressive, but painful. Every eye was turned upon the five men whose fate in another moment would be determined.

In another moment the voice of the Clerk, clear and distinct, rang out on the air:—"We find the defendant John F. Beggs not guilty as charged in the indictment." There was a buzz in the Court room, as though a thousand bated breaths had been let loose. The blood rushed to the face of the lawyer prisoner, and in a second it was of a carmine hue. His right arm, which had been resting on the rail, fell to his side, and his entire frame shook like that of a man afflicted with the palsy. All this was but the work of a moment.

Again the voice of the clerk rang out:—"We find the defendant John Kunze guilty of manslaughter and fix his penalty at three years in the penitentiary." The little comedian simply smiled and showed his teeth. To all appearances the verdict at the moment suited as well as an acquittal. There was a pause before the Clerk resumed. No doubt remained but the three remaining defendants had either been condemned to die on the scaffold or to suffer a living death. The eyes of Coughlin, Burke and O'Sullivan were riveted on the reader, with the convulsive movements of the jaws showed that each man was making a superhuman effort to control his feelings. For the third time the Clerk cleared his throat and proceed:—"We find the prisoners Daniel Coughlin, Martin Burke and Patrick O'Sullivan, guilty of murder as charged in the indictment, and fix their punishment at imprisonment in the Penintentiary for the terms of their natural lives." The suspense of the auditors found vent in a half-suppressed shout and the demeanor of the three passed unnoticed in the wild scampering of the newspaper men and officers from the room. Over 2,000 people were congregated on the outside of the gaol, and the verdict was received by them with satisfaction. Attorney Forrest, on behalf of Coughlin, Burke, O'Sullivan and Kunze, immediately made a motion for a new trial.

The prisoners declined to be interviewed after being taken back to gaol, as also the jurymen who had made an agreement to keep silent.

DEATH OF REV. DR. WILLIAMS.

After a Protracted Illness. A Life Devoted to God's Service and the Growth of his Kingdom on Earth.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—The death of Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, which was very long expected, took place early this morning.

The biography of the deceased is written in raised letters upon the history of Canadian Methodism. From the time of his conversion during the troublous year, both ecclesiastically and civilly, of 1836, John A. Williams has been more and more a power in some branch of the Methodist Church in this country.

He was born in Wales in 1817, and spent his boyhood days among the crags and amid the keen mountain air of that rugged country.

The *Globe* says:—By the death of the reverend and venerable John A. Williams the Methodist Church loses a member who long held men greater influence and respect than is signified by the fact that he was twice elected to the highest position in the gift of his brethren. By the strength and sweetness of his character, by a peculiar, old-fashioned warmth of affectionate feeling in private and public address, by the sort of manners which the French call "the manners of a good heart," he had won extraordinary upon the affections of many people as well outside as within the Methodist denomination. To all he stood for many years as a beautiful survival from the early times when Methodists were but a small number in the land, ministered to by circuit-riding preachers of singular unselfishness, enthusiasm, simplicity and piety. Notwithstanding this primitiveness of the venerable old man, he was never at a loss in conducting great public assemblies, but always signalised himself as a calm, cautious, shrewd and eminently sane mind. In presiding over Conference he was universally acknowledged to display pre-eminent tact and ability. No figure was more familiar than he to the religious people of this Province, and no death will be more generally and thoughtfully regretted.

A sad incident in his illness was the death last week of Dr. Williams' daughter, Mrs. Boice, of Hamilton, who came to assist during her father's illness.

Another Flood at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 15.—The heavy rains of the past 24 hours raised the river to an alarming height. At 3.45 p.m. yesterday the bridge across the Conemaugh at Woodville was washed away. At 5 p.m. the Lincoln street bridge was carried away, thus cutting off communication between Johnstown and the Pennsylvania railway station. No lives were lost. The water at 8 p.m. was falling rapidly, and no further danger is apprehended.

Six Stock of Barley Burned.

BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—The Exchange elevator was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. At the time of the fire it contained about 200,000 bushels of barley, worth about $120,000, all of which is ruined or badly damaged. The barley market here has been dull and weak all this season. The withdrawal of so large a stock cannot but have a buoyant effect to some degree. Choice Canada barley is none too plenty.

A Child Fatally Burned.

HAMILTON, Dec. 16.—Little Mary Heintzman daughter of Mr. Joseph Heintzman, organmaker, No. 40 Sheaffe street, accidently set fire to her clothes this morning, and was terribly burned from head to foot. She was conveyed at once to the hospital in the ambulance, but was found to be so frightfully injured that little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

ACTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Elections Arranged for—The County Council is Convinced of its Duty.

Council met Monday evening.

Reeve Storey in the chair. All the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A By-law arranging for the municipal elections was introduced and regularly passed.

The places for holding the election are the same as usual as also are the deputy returning officers.

The Committee on Finance presented their 20th report and recommending that accounts be paid as follows:—

James Brown, lumber	$93 50
Angus Johnson, balance for keeping injured tramp	5 00
J. B. Pearson, nails	6 13
C. T. Hill, sundries	1 50
	$31 13

The report was adopted.

The Reeve reported that at the last meeting of the County Council he had succeeded in securing the passage of the account of Angus Johnson of the $24.00 for keeping the injured tramp, who fell from a G.T.R. train last spring.

Moved by Dr. Lowry, seconded by Alex. Secord that the sum of Five Dollars be refunded to Mrs. James Ryder, the same having been paid owing to an error in assessment.—Carried.

The nuisance of throwing coal ashes upon the street was reported to the council. The constable was instructed to deal with offenders.

Mr. J. B. Pearson addressed the Council upon the necessity of establishing a reading room in the library.

The matter was favorably regarded by the members of the Council and no doubt the preposition will eventually be put into operation.

The Council adjourned at nine o'clock.

The Dominion Alliance.

The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic opened its annual Convention in Richmond Hall, Toronto, west, yesterday morning. Delegates from different parts of the province were present, and the whole question of the present position of the political phase of the Temperance question will come up for consideration. It is understood that a strong effort will be made to obtain a measure of prohibitory legislation from the Local Assembly at its approaching session. The meetings are open to the public, and will no doubt be of unusual interest.

A TOKEN OF RESPECT.

At the semi-monthly meeting of the A. O.U.W., held on Dec. 17th, 1889, the following resolution of condolence was passed by the Lodge to Bro. Thos. Cameron.

TO THOS. CAMERON:—

Your brethren of Acton Lodge A.O.U.W. having heard with deepest regret of the death of your father, we, as members of A.O.U.W., tender you our respectful and heartfelt sympathy in the bereavement upon which you have been called to mourn, and earnestly pray that the all-wise Father who in his infinite wisdom removed to His House above one so greatly beloved will in His goodness and tender compassion comfort and sustain you and other members of your family and to enable you to bear the afflictions thus laid upon you.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge.

WM. STARK, M.W.
J. J. KELLY, O.

New Registrar of Toronto.

TORONTO, Dec., 17.—A morning paper announces the appointment of Peter Ryan to the registrarship of Toronto. The vacancy was caused by the division of the original registrarship.

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Hamilton, Dec. 12th, 1889. THOMAS C. WATKINS.

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to
JOHN BULL.

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SANDY.

"Siccan a place for bairgains as you Glasgie Hoose in Acton I dinna ken o' in a' these parts. Baith the Misters Henderson and McRae are thocht weel of in a' oor pairts an' its the bonny bairgains they gie that tempts the bawbees oot o' ane's pocket the noo and again."

PAT.

"Shure, and where abouts in the wide world wud Oi go til for the splindid bargains if it isn't till thim same Misther Henderson, McRae & Co., the Glasgow House in Acton beyant. Biddy always sinds me there for the foine Tay, an Shugar, and Dhriss Goods an iverdthin' else entoirely!" and they bate all for Christmas Goods.

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We can make you a good Tweed Pants for $3.00. Don't miss your chance to secure these goods as the prices are right.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We have in the ready-made clothing line a very large stock of Men's Youth's Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Suits all prices and sizes. Boy's Overcoats from $2.50 up. Men's Overcoats from $4.00 up. The largest stock of Gent's Furnishings in the County are to be seen at Kelly Bros. and the prices are right. We have a very large stock of Underwear, Hats and Caps at the lowest prices.

A good stock of staple dry goods always on hand. Good factory Cotton 5c. yd. All wool Flannel 30c. yd. Our stock of Groceries is large and complete and always fresh. Any kind of spices 30c. lb. 5 bars Electric soap for 25c. Of course everybody admits our 25c. Japan Tea is the best.

KELLY BROS Acton.

New Advertisements.

SERVANT WANTED.

A good general servant. Apply to
MRS. W. H. STOREY.

RAM ASTRAY.

CAME upon the premises of the undersigned, lot 1, con. 5, Erin, about the 15th October, a ram. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses.
C. J. RUSSELL.

STRAYED.

STRAYED to lot 1, con. 3, Erin, about the 15th of November, 2 steers, red and one heifer, one white and two spotted. Owner can have them by proving property and paying expenses.
MORGAN CREWSON.

Cash for Fur Skins.

THE undersigned will pay cash for all kinds of fur skins including muskrats, raccoon, mink, skunk, etc.
CHAS. QUITTNER,
Agnes St., North of Elgin St.

Card of Thanks.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ACTON AND VICINITY AND NASSAGAWEYA.

MR. Hugh Akins and family hereby return to all you most sincere thanks for the liberal manner in which you have subscribed to aid them in their loss by fire and pray that God may supply the wants of you and your families and give to you all of His mercy and peace.

Yours Gratefully,
HUGH AKINS

Christmas Entertainment.

The Sunday School
In connection with the Church of the Disciples of Christ, in Acton, purpose holding their
Christmas Entertainment
—ON THE EVENING OF—
FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

The programme will consist of readings recitations, singing by the choir of the Evangelical church. Mr. Geo. Munro of Erin, is expected to be present, who with the ministers of the town will be the speakers for the occasion.

A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

PUBLIC MEETING
OF FARMERS.

A public meeting for the further consideration of the formation of a
FARMERS' MUTUAL
FIRE INSURANCE CO'Y
Will be held in the
Council Chamber, Acton,
—ON—
MONDAY, 13th JANY, 1890,
AT 2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

All farmers residing in the townships of Esquesing, Eramosa, Erin and Nassagaweya are respectfully requested to attend.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.
ROBT. DEDGE, Sec.

AUCTION SALE.
Farm Stock & Implements

The undersigned has been instructed by
THOMAS ARTHURS
To sell by public auction on lot 17, con. 6, Nassagaweya, on
FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY,
AT 1 O'CLOCK, THE FOLLOWING:—

STOCK—1 span horses; 1 two-year-old colt; 1 milk cows, in calf, two to calve in February; 3 yearling heifers; 1 two-year-old heifer; 2 spring calves.

IMPLEMENTS—1 new Brantford binder, 6 ft. cut; 1 Massey mower; 1 Massey rake; 1 new market wagon; 1 lumber wagon; 1 pair bob sleighs; 1 light pair bobsleighs; 1 fanning mill; 1 seed drill; 3 pair iron harrows; 2 plows; 1 gang plow; 2 sets double harness; 3 lifting jacks; neck yokes, chains, forks, shovels and numerous other articles. About 250 bushels oats, 25 acres of fall wheat to be threshed and straw left on the place, 5 tons good timothy hay.

TERMS—All sums of $5.00 and under, cash; over this amount 12 months' credit, on approved joint notes. Six per cent. discount off for cash. Oats and hay cash.

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of James Anderson, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, yeoman, deceased.

PURSUANT to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 110, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of James Anderson, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton yeoman, deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1889, at the said Village of Acton, are hereby required to send postpaid or deliver to Finlay McCallum, Milton P.O., or John Duncan, Milton P.O., the Executors of the Estate of the said James Anderson, deceased, or to Guthrie & Watt, Guelph, Solicitors for the said Executors, on or before the 23rd day of January, 1890, their christian names surnames, addresses and descriptions, with full particulars and proofs of their claims, statement of accounts and notice of securities (if any) held by them.

And further take notice that after the said 23rd day of January, 1890, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which notice has been given, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received at the time of said distribution.

GUTHRIE & WATT,
Solicitors for the said Executors.

Dated at Guelph, this 9th day of December, 1889.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
—OF—
DONALD McPHEDRAIN, DECEASED.

THE creditors (including those having any specific or general lien or incumbrance upon the estate or any undivided share thereof) of Donald McPhedrain, late of the Township of Nassagaweya, in the County of Halton, gentleman, who died on or about the twenty-second day of September, 1889, are hereby required to send to Robert Akins, Snatchbull P.O., one of the Executors of the estate of Donald McPhedrain, deceased, on or before the twenty-third day of December, 1889, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, with full particulars and proof of their claims and statements of their accounts and the securities if any, held by them. Claims to be proved by statutory declarations.

And notice is hereby given that after the said twenty-third day of December, 1889, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice and the Executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims they shall not have notice at the time of such distribution.

This notice is given pursuant to R.S.O., 1887, Chap. 110.

McLEAN & McLEAN,
Solicitors for Executors.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1889.

TOWN HALL ACTON
FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

A. O. U. W.
CONCERT.

The members of Acton Court of the Ancient Order of United Workmen are arranging for one of the finest concerts ever given in Acton on the above evening. The following well known talent will take part:—

MISS KATE STRONG,
Soprano soloist, Mt. Forest.
MR. JAMES FAX,
Canada's Favorite Comique, Toronto.
MISS HEMSTREET,
Soprano, Acton.
MR. JOHN STRACHAN,
Elocutionist, Rockwood, and others.

In addition to the above, one of the PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE will be present to address the meeting upon the merits of this order.

The programme will be first-class in every respect.

ADMISSION 25 CENTS.

W. J. King,
L. Francis,
Jno. Matthews, Committee.
John Kelly,
John Kenney.

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