BORN.

CREWSON.—At Crewson's Corners, on Dec. 16th, the wife of Morgan Crewson, of a daughter.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1890.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The petition from Charlottetown, P.E.I., asking for a vote on the question of repealing the Scott Act has been found to be regular and accordingly a proclamation will be issued this week fixing January 8 as the day for holding the election. Mr. James Curtis, sheriff of Queen's county, has been appointed returning officer. This is the third attempt to repeal the Act, the two former ones having been unsuccessful.

Great efforts are being put forth just now among almost all the European nations having interests in Africa, to suppress the odious slave trade. The Congo State Government has put in force strict rules for the proper inspection of all vessels navigating the Upper Congo, in order to prevent, as much as possible, the transporting of slaves and also firearms and liquor. These rules will be rigidly enforced by a properly constituted marine police force, and will receive every support and aid from all the nations of Europe. Public opinion has at last awakened and brought the several governments to a sense of their duty in the premises, and ere long, it is to be hoped, the last vestige of slavery will be utterly stamped out and beyond recall, not only in "Darkest Africa," but in every part of the known world.—*Star.*

The *Champion* in taking a preview of the *personnel* of the County Council for next year has arrived at the following conclusions:—"Some of the ablest and most useful members of this year's county council will be missing at the opening meeting in January, 1891. Reeve and ex-Warden Henry Robinson of Trafalgar, Reeve and ex-Warden W. H. Storey, of Acton, Reeve Wm. Richardson, of Burlington, Reeve W. G. Kennedy, of Georgetown and Deputy Reeve Fields, of Nelson, all talk of retiring, while Reeve R. Graham and Deputy Reeve Webster, of Esquesing, will run for the reeveship of that township and only one of them can be elected. There will be more new faces than usual in next year's council. Who the coming Warden will be it is hard to say; but the race will probably be between the reeves of Trafalgar, Esquesing and Milton.

RETIREMENT OF REEVE STOREY

When pressed to retain the office of Reeve of this municipality at the nomination last year, Mr. Storey stated to the electors that if he accepted the position for 1890 his office would assuredly terminate with the year. During the year he has reiterated this determination to all who have approached him upon the subject, and our citizens were not surprised on Monday at seeing the following letter in circulation throughout the town:—

TO THE ELECTORS OF ACTON.

GENTLEMEN:—

I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the trust and confidence you have reposed in me during the many years I have been your servant as Reeve of this Municipality, and to assure you I shall always remember your kindness and consideration as the happiest recollection of a lifetime.

I also beg to advise you that I am no longer a candidate for Municipal honors, as my association with civic affairs will end with the present year.

I am, your obedient servant,

W. H. STOREY.

Acton, December 12th, 1890.

While none can gainsay his right to retire from municipal office, many regret that Mr. Storey has come to this decision. For eighteen years he has been intimately associated with Acton's government and has, with the exception of some four years, occupied the office of chief magistrate ever since incorporation. Mr. Storey was the first Reeve of the new corporation formed in 1873, with a population of 900, and had associated with him Messrs. the late John Speight, Asa Hall, C. T. Hill and Dr. McGarvin.

To his able administration Acton owes much of its success, and its tidy appearance and various attractive features bear evidence of his superior taste and foresight. It must be a satisfaction to him to take a retrospective view and compare the municipality of to-day, with its population of between 1400 and 1500 and numerous public improvements, with that of eighteen years ago when he assumed the reins of power. Mr. Storey has been a faithful servant of the public and has often given time to public matters which could have been profitably spent in his own large and continually growing business. In the county council there was no more able representative than Acton's Reeve, and this body did him and his town the honor of electing him to the highest office within its province, that of Warden of the County.

Mr. Storey has certainly earned retirement and we have no doubt the entire community will unite in wishing him comfort and pleasure in his rest from municipal turmoil. From our acquaintance of him we feel safe in saying that whoever may be the future occupant of the Reeve's chair he may rely upon receiving any advice or assistance which the lengthened experience of the retiring officer so well qualifies him to give.

TALK OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

The locomotive works at Kingston have enough orders to keep them going full time until midsummer.

Another industrial school is to be erected in Manitoba, at East Selkirk, under the auspices of the Methodist body.

Cholera is rampant in Guatemala. There are more than 12,000 cases, and 1,200 people have died in seven weeks.

The Mercier Government has declined the offer to take over the new Protestant Hospital for the Insane in Montreal.

Albert Seaton, son of Robert Seaton, of London, was found dead in bed in the McCartney house, Ingersoll, yesterday morning.

Buyers of poultry in Eastern Ontario are paying much lower prices than in former years on account of the McKinley tariff.

M. H. Deveyes, a rivetter at Roach's shipyard, Philadelphia, is one of the three who have become heirs to an estate worth $5,000,000 in Staffordshire, England.

A Winnipeg despatch says 100 Dakota farmers have selected homesteads in eastern Assiniboia.

James Whitfield, a farmer's son, living near Morden, Man., was fired upon by the hired man of another farmer recently, but escaped injury. The hired man has disappeared.

The White Star steamer Teutonic on the 10th inst. carried the largest number of passengers that ever left New York on one steamer. There were full saloon and second cabin lists and 1025 steerage, in all 1444 passengers.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Business of the Last Session—The Warden's Supper.

The last meeting of the County Council for the year was held on Monday, 8th inst., when the business of 1890 was finally closed up.

The Council met at 10.30 a.m. in accordance with adjournment.

The warden in the chair.

Members present: Buck, Bigger, Fields, Felan, Graham, Husband, Hutcheon, Kennedy, Menzies, Richardson, Robinson, Robertson, Storey, Webster.

The presentment of the grand jury at the fall assizes was read, also a copy of a memorial to the Lieut. Governor from the county council of Middlesex re milk inspection, and communications as follows: From H. O'Hara, Toronto, on the drawing of by-laws, and John Miller, Deputy Minister of Education, giving high school grants for first half of 1890 as follows: Oakville, $262.50; Georgetown, $320.77.

Dr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Husband, that the sum of one hundred dollars be granted to the Halton Agricultural Society, payable to Wm. Clements, treasurer of the society.—Carried.

Mr. Storey presented and read the fifth report of the standing committee on finance.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Robinson presented and read the second report of the county buildings committee.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Storey moved and Mr. Felan seconded, that the thanks of this council be and are hereby tendered to the Warden, P. D. Scott, Esq., for his uniform courtesy towards the members of this council and for the gentlemanly and able manner in which he has disposed of his duties.

Mr. Storey put the motion, which was carried unanimously, and presented the thanks of the council to the warden, who acknowledged in suitable terms the compliment paid him.

Mr. Graham presented and read the second report of the standing committee on roads and bridges.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Robertson moved and Mr. Robinson seconded, that the statutory grant of twenty-five dollars be granted to the Teachers' Association of the county model school for the year 1890, payable to R. Meade, treasurer of the Association.—Carried.

Mr. Fields moved and Mr. Robinson seconded, that the sum of $30 be paid to Mr. Graham, chairman of the road and bridge committee, to defray expenses of said committee for examining roads and bridges and attending to repairs of same.—Carried.

Mr. Felan moved and Mr. Hutcheon seconded, that this council adjourn.

The council adjourned.

At the conclusion of the council the warden invited the members of the council and a few friends to Bennett's Hotel where the usual Warden's dinner was provided, and this social ending of the council's labors for the year was fully enjoyed.

NOT FOR SELLING.

Mr. Agnew Was Charged With Allowing Liquor to be Drunk on His Premises.

Mr. Robert Agnew, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, called at the FREE PRESS office on Monday morning to interview the editor. He stated that the FREE PRESS had not given the facts of the liquor case in which he was concerned last week correctly.

Handing the editor the summons served upon him, it was found to read as follows:—

"That you did on your premises, being a place where liquor may be sold by retail, unlawfully allow liquor to be drunk in such place during the time prohibited by the liquor license Act for the sale of the same, by a person other than an occupant or some member of your family or a lodger in your house."

"There," said the proprietor of the Dominion House, "you see I was not charged with selling liquor on Sunday, only with allowing it to be drunk, and how could I help that when I was sick in bed."

The Editor—Yes, I see, that is the charge. But as the FREE PRESS man did not receive a summons you will not wonder that such an error was made.

Mr. Agnew—No. But as I have never had a charge against me for selling liquor illegally in the eighteen years I have been in business, I don't want to lie under such an error.

The Editor—Then I suppose you claim that you never sell any liquor on Sunday.

Mr. Agnew—Of course I don't sell any, and you are at the liberty to tell the people so. You see they've got a ring against me because I stand in with John Bennett, of the Thompson House, Milton, who went from here, instead of the other hotel there; and somebody just for spite had the men who were witnesses in the case against me summoned. Of course I sent the Mrs. down and she settled with Mr. Kennedy the Magistrate, because I didn't want to have the boys humiliated by going into court.

The Editor—You have a good idea who laid the information then I suppose.

Mr. Agnew—Yes, I have, and it was no temperance man this time, either.

The Editor—That is unlike the Scott Act cases we used to have then, you think?

Mr. Agnew—Yes. Did you see this slap the *Champion* gives me?

The *Champion* was looked up and read:—"Robert Agnew, hotel keeper, of Acton, also appeared on a similar charge, was convicted and as it was his first offence, was fined $25. He had better be careful in future. Another conviction and he will soon be an ex-hotel keeper."

The Editor—That seems bad coming from the *Champion* which has stood by you through thick and thin for so many years.

Mr. Agnew—I understand all about that; the *Champion* is on to me too, but I have it in for them.

Assuring Mr. Agnew that we would point out in this issue of the FREE PRESS the error in the charge referred to, he paid another year's subscription, bade us good morning and left.

After his departure we were surprised to find that the County License Inspector had made the same error in his paper, the *Reformer*, which says:—

"Robert Agnew, of Acton, was also fined $25 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday."

We sincerely hope there will be no future selling on Sunday in any of the hotels here. There is certainly evidence on the streets nearly every Sunday that people drink liquor. The hotels should be careful not to have it drunk on their premises.

A NEW NIAGARA BRIDGE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have filed a notice of application for an act to incorporate the Ontario & New York Bridge Company, with power to construct a bridge for a railway and other purposes across the Niagara river at or near Niagara Falls to such other point as the company may select, and to amalgamate with any company duly incorporated in the United States for building a railway bridge across the river, the bridge to be open to all railway companies in Canada and the United States on equal terms, and with power to collect tolls and for other purposes.

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

Miss Nellie Grant returned to St. Thomas on Tuesday.

Mrs. Vestel and daughter have removed to Rockwood.

Mr. H. Lawson, of Harriston, is in town for a few days.

Inspector Deacon visited the schools here on Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Fernley and son are guests at the paternal home.

Miss Josie Heffernan, of Rockwood, is visiting Acton friends.

Mr. T. Gowdy, Jr., of Guelph, visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Lee, of Nassagaweya, is visiting her Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson spent a few days this week in Toronto.

Mr. Wm. Stephenson, of Guelph, paid a flying visit to Balsam Home last week.

Mr. Bonis, of St. Marys, visited his sister, Miss Maggie Bonis, teacher, this week.

Mr. P. C. Maddock left on Monday for London where he has secured a good situation.

Messrs. J. L. Warren, S. C., and H. P. Moore, P. C., attended the District Council, Royal Templars of Temperance at Oakville last Friday.

Mr. H. H. Stovel, insurance agent and formerly publisher of the *Confederate*, Mount Forest, died suddenly at West Lynne railway station, Manitoba. He was in the best of health.

Mr. Robert Craig, of Brampton, who last week reached his eightieth year, was surprised at the old homestead by his sons, daughters, their wives, husbands, and children, to the number of 32. They heartily congratulated the old gentleman, who is still in active business, and his wife, and presented them with easy chairs. Mr. Craig is well known throughout this county.

A SINGULAR TRAGEDY.

A Father Accidently Hurt, the Son Drops Dead While Going for Help.

MITCHELL, Dec. 12.—Thos. Baker and his son, a young man, went to the bush in Hogan township to chop cordwood. A limb of a tree fell on the elder man, rendering him unable to walk home. The youth, about 20 years of age, was sent to get a sleigh to convey the injured man home. The boy started off as fast as he could run, but before reaching the house he dropped dead. The young fellow was subject to heart disease, and the excitement of the accident was too much for him. The wounded man had to remain in the woods until he recovered sufficient to crawl home. On the way he discovered the dead body of his son.

Day Awaiting His Doom.

WELLAND, Ont., Dec. 16.—Arthur Hoyt Day, who is to be executed here on Thursday next for wife murder, has been visited by his mother from Rochester, this being the first time she has seen him since his arrest. The prisoner does not appear to fear his approaching doom, and says he will walk firmly to the scaffold. He yet holds a slight hope that he will escape the gallows. No interviewers are allowed to see him, and he is kept strictly isolated by order of the sheriff. It is not thought he will make a confession. Radclive is to officiate as hangman.

Execution of Blanchard.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 12.—William Wallace Blanchard was hanged here this morning for the murder of Chas. A. Calkins on the 18th November, 1889. The drop fell at 9.07½, and at 9.30 the jail surgeon stepped forward and pronounced him dead. The execution was performed by Radcliffe, the man who hanged Birchall, and the whole proceedings were without a hitch.

East Luther Against Local Option.

GRAND VALLEY, Dec. 14.—The by-law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in the township of East Luther, submitted under the Local Option Act, was voted on yesterday and defeated, the vote being a tie at 219, and a majority being required to carry the by-law.

Chief Constable Farrell, of Cayuga, Ont., has arrested a young man supposed to be William H. Pope, charged with embezzling $60,000 of the funds of the Louisville City National Bank while holding the position of teller. The man is in Cayuga jail. He was caught by means of a photograph.

STATEMENT

—OF THE—

Receipts & Expenditures

OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE

VILLAGE OF ACTON,

FROM JAN'Y 1st TO DEC. 15th, 1890:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from 1889	$ 66 48
Taxes from 1889	450 49
Taxes for 1890	3900 00
Cemetery	207 84
Charities	24 00
Legislative Grant	114 00
License	259 00
Town Hall	100 00
Borrowed Money	990 40
Tax Arrears	28 88
Fines	7 00
Park	78 00
	$6225 59

EXPENDITURE.

Cemetery	$ 84 85
Contingencies	110 25
Charities	20 00
Debentures	235 00
Board of Health	20 00
Interest	437 84
Public Schools	1699 00
Streets and Sidewalks	1453 39
Insurance	58 75
Printing	101 41
Town Hall	17 57
Salaries	501 18
Refund Tax	2 00
County Rate	163 35
Borrowed Money	990 40
Public Park	191 56
Balance	189 04
	$6225 59

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$ 139 04
Buildings and Real Estate	13648 00
Library, 1364 Volumes	682 50
Arrears of Taxes	57 47
Cemetery Grounds	1500 00
Uncollected Taxes	1126 67
	$17,153 68

LIABILITIES.

County Rate unpaid	$ 163 35
Debenture on Town Hall	3785 00
Debenture on Cemetery	1000 00
Debenture Public Park	3000 00
Due School Board	400 00
Balance	8805 33
	$17,153 68

T. T. MOORE, Treasurer. W. H. STOREY, Reeve.

Acton, Dec. 16th, 1890.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

In these days of sensational newspapers when much which is unfit for family reading is inserted because it is likely to attract readers, it is a pleasure for the FREE PRESS to recommend Toronto *Saturday Night* as being thoroughly clean, wholesome and improving. The illustrations are numerous artistic, humorous and timely; the faces of the great men and women of the decade and reproductions of celebrated paintings being the leading pictorial features. The articles on the questions of the day are admittedly of a high class while being exceedingly entertaining and certain to attract and hold the attention of young people as well as older readers. Musical matter, the drama, and everything socially requisite to the enlargement of the mind and cultivation of the habits is made a feature of this excellent publication. Two serial stories always of absorbing interest but pure in tone and by the best authors, are to be found in *Saturday Night*—and by the way, they can be found nowhere else as they are copyrights of the best English publication which have not appeared in Canada. The independence and friendliness of tone so characteristic of this paper has made it a personal advisor of its readers and the strong attachment which seems to exist between the readers of the *Saturday Night* and its editors, is certainly unique. The only explanation which can be offered is that all its articles are signed and it has an individuality of a very pleasant sort which makes the reader feel that he is personally acquainted with each writer. Subscribe for it. Price $2.00 per annum, either at your newsdealer's or by sending your money direct to the Sheppard Publishing Company (Limited), Toronto.

OUR HOMES.—We are in receipt of the first number of *Our Homes*, a 32-page magazine, issued monthly by *Our Homes* Publishing Co., Brockville, Ont. In their prospectus the publishers state that the magazine will be devoted to building, house decoration, house furnishing, housekeeping, and choice fiction, and the initial number shows that the programme has been carefully carried out. An especially valuable feature is the publication of original architectural drawings with specifications for the construction of homes for workingmen and people of moderate means. The magazine is handsomely printed, on good paper, and should meet with success. To increase their list of subscribers, the publishers announce an error contest, in which cash prizes aggregating $3,050 will be given to the parties discovering the largest number of mistakes (wrongly spelled words) in their December issue. A copy of *Our Homes*, and the rules for the competition will be sent to any address on receipt of 15 cents in stamps, by addressing *Our Homes* Publishing Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Christmas Star.

There is great disappointment throughout the Dominion at the announcement that the publishers of the Montreal *Star* are too busy with their regular subscription and advertising business to allow of their completing a Christmas *Star* this year. These Christmas *Stars* are such gems that it is very generally hoped the publishers will see their way clear to continue their publication.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

IS the "ideal" Hair-dressing. It restores the color to gray hair; promotes a fresh and vigorous growth; prevents the formation of dandruff; makes the hair soft and silken; and imparts a delicate but lasting perfume.

"Several months ago my hair commenced falling out, and in a few weeks my head was almost bald. I tried many remedies, but they did no good. I finally bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor, and, after using only a part of the contents, my head was covered with a heavy growth of hair. I recommend your preparation as the best in the world."—T. Munday, Sharon Grove, Ky.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a number of years, and it has always given me satisfaction. It is an excellent dressing, prevents the hair from turning gray, insures its vigorous growth, and keeps the scalp white and clean."—Mary A. Jackson, Salem, Mass.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for promoting the growth of the hair, and think it unequaled. For restoring the hair to its original color, and for a dressing, it cannot be surpassed."—Mrs. Geo. La Fever, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a most excellent preparation for the hair. I speak of it from my own experience. Its use promotes the growth of new hair and makes it glossy and soft. The Vigor is also a cure for dandruff."—J. W. Bowen, Editor "Enquirer," McArthur, Ohio.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for the past two years, and found it all it is represented to be. It restores the natural color to gray hair, causes the hair to grow freely, and keeps it soft and pliant."—Mrs. M. V. Day, Colocs, N. Y.

"My father, at about the age of fifty, lost all the hair from the top of his head. After one month's trial of Ayer's Hair Vigor the hair began coming, and, in three months, he had a fine growth of hair of the natural color."—P. J. Cullen, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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The movement for hoisting the Canadian flag on the schoolhouses on anniversaries of noted events in our history is spreading rapidly throughout the Dominion and evoking the hearty approval of all patriotic citizens. Already

The Empire

has done its share in helping on this movement, by awarding a handsome flag to one school in each county of Ontario, but the number of enquiries from all parts of the Dominion as to how flags can be obtained by other schools has determined the publishers of THE EMPIRE to offer a handsome

CANADIAN FLAG

of best bunting, 12 feet long (regular price $15), as a premium for 30 new yearly subscribers to the WEEKLY EMPIRE at $1.00 or eight new yearly subscribers to THE DAILY EMPIRE at $5 per annum, or 4 propositions of each, one subscription to Daily counting for FOUR Weeklies.

Every school in the Dominion ought to have a national flag, and this offer presents an opportunity for each obtaining it without cost, and with little trouble. Let those who are interested in getting a flag for their schoolhouse join in getting up a club, and while subscribers get full value for their money in the best newspaper in the Dominion, the school obtains its flag FREE OF COST.

The WEEKLY EMPIRE has recently been enlarged to twelve pages, and is now, without doubt, the best weekly newspaper in Canada, while the reputation of THE DAILY EMPIRE as the leading morning journal of the Dominion is well known.

Send for sample copies and special clubbing lists, and go in for a flag for your school.

ADDRESS THE EMPIRE, Toronto.

A CHRISTMAS PUDDING,

WELL SPICED.

A grand repast for the Christmas trade, Spiced with tempting bargains, and attractive goods. Commencing on Monday, Dec. 15th, we shall inaugurate a

Grand Christmas Feast,

during which we shall serve up the most palatable and toothsome dishes, specially prepared for the time and the occasion, that you will find in the trade of Guelph. Note the Bill of Fare.

SILKS for evening wear in immense variety of shadings, at low prices.

DRESS GOODS. Piles upon Piles, many of them only to hand within the last few weeks, at great cuts in prices. A special 25c Pile in which are lines worth 40c to 50c. Lovely Embroidered and Braided Robes, very choice. Nothing more useful for a Christmas present.

SEALETTES AND FANCY CLOAKINGS, at greatly reduced prices. A saving of 33 per cent. on some. Not so much on others.

TABLE LINENS AND FINE LINEN TABLE CLOTHS with Doylies and Napkins to match. Really beautiful goods and variety great.

FUR GOODS. All bought before the big advance in prices and sold cheaper than you can get goods of equal quality. Fur Capes, with Mary Stuart Collars, Storm Collarettes, Bear Boas and Muffs, Seal, Beaver, Persian Lamb and Astrachan Caps, Children's Fur Sets, all in great variety. Great clearing purchase of Ladies' Astrachan Jackets at a straight discount of 25 per cent.

A PERFECT MEDLEY of small wares and fancy goods, Ladies' and Gents' Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Collars, Ties, Scarfs, Gloves, Lined and Unlined, Braces, Socks, Stockings, Mufflers, Shawls, Fancy Woollens, and a thousands and one details in fancy articles beyond our ability to mention. All attractive and great bargains. Full range of sizes and colors of our noted Josephine Kid Gloves. Each pair warranted.

UNDERCLOTHING. The Great Bolton in line in Ladies' and Children's all sizes, especially low prices for Christmas. Natural Wool Cashmere, McCrae's reliable Heavy Wooled and other makes for Men, Women and Children.

MANTLE ROOM. Full of goods. Some cable repeats just arrived. All will be offered at reductions in price. The choicest goods for Ladies' and Children's wear at the lowest prices. That's it, now come and see if it "ain't so."

Warmth, Comfort, Health, Luxury, Saving of Money, all represented in the quality and prices of our Wool Blankets, Eider Down Quilts, Comforts, Cotton Quilts and other red Coverings. They are yours at a bargain.

OVERCOATS. Men and Boys, we want you to see them. We have determined to make a clearing out of our Ready Mades. The price must do it. We are not afraid to accomplish our purpose though it costs us money to do it. Come and see them. You needn't buy unless you like.

The Table is full and yet there is more to serve. You must come and help yourself. Come and pick up the tempting bargains, come and prepare for a "real merry Christmas," Come and enjoy the "Christmas Feast" at 25 and 27 Wyndham street, Guelph.

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A Magnificent Assortment of Christmas Presents,

comprising Combs and Brushes, Trays and Brushes, Manicure Sets, Whisk Holders, Work Boxes, Paper Knives, Rose Jars, Match Safes, Easels, Hat Racks, School Companions, Pin Boxes, Needle Cases. THE CARPETS AND HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS HAVE AN ENORMOUS SALE THIS SEASON. CROSSLEY'S TAPESTRY, BRUSSELS, WILTON AND AXMINISTER CARPETS BEAT THE WORLD IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR COLORING, the charming truthfulness to nature in their designs and their superior qualities. THE GREAT SALE AT ABOUT HALF PRICES IS STILL GOING ON, SO AS TO CLEAR OUT THE STOCK before rebuilding. Ribbons marked down from 80c. to 50c., 50c. to 25c., 35c. to 25c., 30c. to 15c., 20c. to 12½c. Astrachan Gloves, $1.50 to 85c., 85c. to 75c., 75c. to 50c. Aprons from 40c. to 30c., 30c. to 25c., 25c. to 20c. Dress Goods from 80c. to 65c., 70c. to 50c., 40c. to 25c. Feather Trimming, 40c. to 15c. A variety of Window Curtains from $12.50 to $6, from $8.50 to $4. Boys' Gloves 87½c. to 60c., Men's Gloves $1.25 to $1, $1 to 75c. Jerseys $4.50 to $3, $3 to $2. Men's Wool Undershirts 90c. to 50c., 80c. to 65., Children's Underwear 50c. to 35c. Fascinator, $1.25 to 90c., 90c. to 65c. Silk Plushes, $2 to $1.65, $1.75 to $1.45, $1.65 to $1.25, $1 to 80c., 85c to 60c., 60c. to 45c., $1.50 to 75c. Brocade Plushes $2.50 to $1.75. Velveteen, 75. to 25c. Aigrettes, $1.25 to 75c., $1.35 to 50c. Hats, $1.50 to 25c., Beaver Hats $1.50 to 75c. Birds $1.85 to 90c., $1 to 75c., 75. to 50c., 32c. to 20c.; Wings 75c. to 50c., 50c., to 35c., 35c. to 20c., 25c. to 10c. The Mantles and Mantle Cloths are still selling off at about half prices. Please come EAST OF THE CARPET WINDOW before entering the doors. Corner of King and Hughson streets.

Hamilton, Dec. 18th, 1890.

THOMAS C. WATKINS.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

In the rush and hurry of the busiest season of the year, advertising is apt to receive but little attention. The merchant's time is valuable, and more pressing duties than writing advertisements, press their claims upon him.

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