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J. P. MOORE, Proprietor.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS

FANCY GOODS

Day's Bookstore.

Dressing Cases, Leather Writing Cases, Wallets and Card Cases, Pocket Books, Glove Boxes, Shaving Cases, Photo Frames, Lamps, Fancy Baskets, Dolls, Toys, Toy Books.

A fine bright line of the Newest Novelties. The store is full of Christmas Goods. Prices away down at Day's.

DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Guelph.

THE TRADERS' BANK OF CANADA

Capital Authorized..... \$1,000,000
Capital paid up..... 700,000

Guelph Branch

We are now issuing Money Orders payable at par at any branch of the Bank in Canada, including the Yukon District, at the following rates:

Under \$10	8 cents
\$10 to \$25	10 cents
\$25 to \$50	12 cents
\$50 to \$100	15 cents

Interest allowed from date of deposit to date of withdrawal and paid or compounded half yearly.

Advances made to responsible farmers on their own names at the lowest current rates.

No charge made for collecting sales notes if payable in Guelph.

A general banking business transacted.

G. W. S. J. P. M. JOHNSON, Manager.



OUR CHRISTMAS.

Wouldn't you wish for a Christmas, My papa and I go and no one For mamma goes out to the prison To find the poor prisoners' food And Ethel, my little girl, goes to school Was down at the school all day To help at the great turkey dinner And teach games for the orphans to play She belongs to a club of young ladies With a beautiful cloak, they say, 'Tis so snug and warm and so nice And makes all their old habits more easy.

And Auntie, you don't know my Auntie? She's my own papa's half-sister Kate. She was 'bliged to go to the asylum 'Till 'twas—Oh, something dreadfully late For she plays the poor worn-out curate. The baronet she says so nice to her. So she 'rags the fowers and the music And he goes home 'round by our gate. And some folks say she's a good one. Just then I suppose he knows best. Aunt Kate says she's an intense most splendid. And his name is Hans Aligerson West. My papa had bought a big turkey. And had it sent home Christmas eve; But there wasn't a soul here to cook it. You see I'm 'bliged to go to the asylum. And the turkey was sent to her cousin. (He doesn't like her one bit) But she says she'll eat it all up. And the turkey was sent to her cousin. (He doesn't like her one bit) But she says she'll eat it all up.

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Business Directory

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WM. BARBER & BROS.

Linoleums and Oilcloths.

Good as we now how to buy and that means good as can be found anywhere. Prices as little as 35c. sq. yard and all the between prices up to \$1.00. Special department for these goods with excellent light.

ENTRANCES: St. George's Sq. and Wyndham St.

J. M. BOND & CO. GUELPH.

Christmas is Coming

And J. D. McKee, the Druggist, has opened up for your inspection his fine assortment of Christmas Goods, comprising:

Almonds	Walnuts	Chocolate	Ice Cream
Fruit Cakes	Confectionery	Stationery	Books
Flowers	Decorations	Christmas Cards	Gifts

And other such articles too numerous to mention. We have also the popular Annuals, the Christmas Bells, and the Christmas Song. We have opened out our choice assortment of Xmas Presents from all the leading Perfumers on both continents. See our Xmas Goods. Xmas Goods, Xmas Goods, Xmas Goods.

ACTON LIVERY BUS LINE

Well equipped and stylish rigs can all ways be secured. A comfortable bus (seats 12) runs between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Call on J. D. McKee, Druggist, for particulars.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Shoemaker

Boots and Shoes Made to Order and Repaired.

George Stovel, Practical Shoemaker

His shop is in the premises lately occupied by W. H. Adams, tailor. He has large experience in his work and is consequently able to fill all orders in the most possible manner. Fine turned work and matching receive special attention. Orders filled on shortest notice. Call or send your order by mail.

GEORGE STOVEL, Cor. Mill and Main Streets, Acton.

NOBBY SUIT FOR FALL AND WINTER

COOPER & AKINS THE TAILORS

Now you've tried 'em 't 't 't Nobby Suit for fall and winter we have just opened up a fine selection of Imported TWEEDS, SERGES AND WOOLSTENS and are prepared to take your order at right prices. Fit and Workmanship guaranteed. Prices and over to date.

Overcoatings

A good order of Fall Overcoatings! Call and inspect our stock before leaving your order.

COOPER & AKINS, MAIN ST., ACTON.

Our Stock

Bring your Custom Logs in and Take the Lumber Home with You.

SAYERS' Lumber & Planing Mills, Nassagaweya.

P. SAYERS, Proprietor

Has constantly on hand a full line of Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Cedar Posts, Wood, etc. Custom Logs and Mill Sill cut to order on short notice. Planing and Matching done to the best of satisfaction. Prices very cheap and made to suit the customer's pocket.

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Insurances on Fire and Marine. Any amount of insurance will be promptly paid. JOHN TAYLOR, Acton.

ACTON Sawmills

Large stock of lumber on hand. Call on J. D. McKee for particulars.

J. H. HAMILTON, PROPRIETOR

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Is the only direct importer of Marble and Granite used in Toronto and north of Hamilton. Come and see the largest and best imported stock in the Dominion. Prices for granite imported stock less than others ask for the commonest Canadian or American granite.

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We Hitch the Dollar

Bigger Load than it Ever Drove Before.

Footwear

At Lowest Prices. To Cash Buyers.

Fall and Winter Stock Complete.

White children's boots, "midnight oil" in making, prices according to the toboggan slide of gentleness and reasonable prices.

W. WILLIAMS, Boots and Shoes, Acton.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

I heard the bells on Christmas day That old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet They rang in my ears on Christmas day, They rang in my ears on Christmas day, They rang in my ears on Christmas day.

Select Family Reading.

A Belated Gift.

The portiere dropped back into their accustomed folds, shutting the gay little group from sight but not from hearing. There was a babble of childish voices, high pitched with excitement, "bring me the patient mother with questions regarding the Christmas mysteries as she lured them up the stairs. Katherine Leeds looked brightly from one to the other, "Dan's I trust you two?" she asked. "What children you are still with your giggling. Rowland Carow all ways does charming things."

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

ORIGIN OF GIFT-MAKING.

The custom of giving Christmas presents is said to have originated in Spain. During the revels of Christmas eve, when the books and banners were thrown wide open, the maddest revelers were accustomed to going from room to room, purchasing such articles as struck their fancy, and in the high carnival which followed these purchases were exchanged indiscriminately. The opportunity thus afforded of exchanging secret love tokens gave rise to the greater discrimination in the present of Christmas presents.—Exchange.

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Can Recommend It.

Mr. Snow-Bronze, Toronto, writes: "I am pleased to say that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is all that you claim it to be, as we have been using it for years, both internally and externally, and it has always received benefit from its use. It is our family medicine, and I take great pleasure in recommending it."