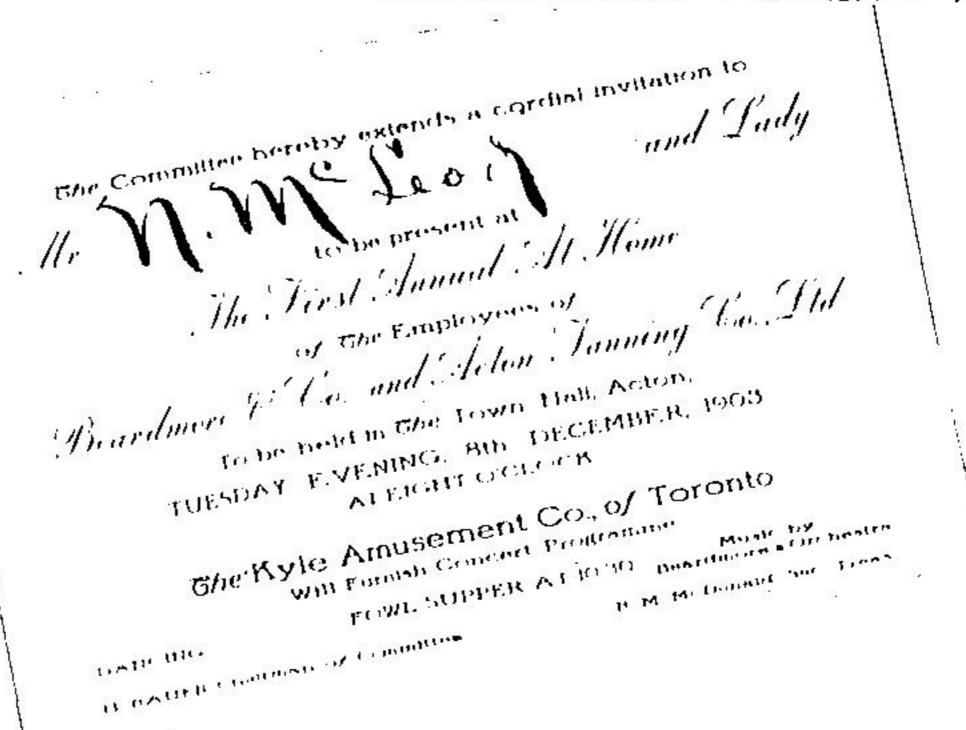


115 LOGS in one load something of a record. This picture was taken in 1911. E. E. Perry man is marked with an X.



Shops and factories flourish

For a village of 750 Actorhad a flourishing business section, mostly on Main St. ag. those days. From 1825 to 1835, Main St. was the only street, except, for Mill St. down to the mill. The first store was the Danville grocery (at the Legion hall site? Both Main and Mill were parrow, dort streets, with plank walks and pleasantly overhung with shady trees

Many of these stores and workshops were of frame, and many trage bres account for some of the changes in the face of the town. In our blaze, the alarm was telegraphed to Guelph who sent down help on the train There was no fire lighting equipment here

At the far end of Mill St., steam locomotives of the Grand Trunk Railway have been steaming through since 1856 People who lived over the track mostly on tarms complained of the time spent in buggies and carts waiting for the interminable shunting at the crossing. A house stood. in the way of Mill St., extension, annid the Adams grainfields

Post office

The post office, under longtime postmaster James Matthews, was located in his Post Office store on Mill St where the Toronto Dominion bank is now > "Cash or Trade Only Reduces Prices Six to Eight Per Cent," Mr. Matthews advertised. He had already been in business 20 years when the village was meorporated

Mr. Matthews sold dry goods: crockery, school books, groceries—and also "Conveyancer, Issuer of Marriage Licenses. Insurance Agent, Agent well-selected stock of Dye Money to Loan, Agent Montreal Telephone Compains. Clerk Fourth Division. Court, Com in B.Q. etc., The telegraph was located at the back of his shop with the post. office

He had been a postai cierk for his uncle. Robert Swann, who chose the name "Actor" with fond memories of his native town in England

Many shops

otther stores included East End Dry Goods and Clothing Store: Dickson and McNab, J. W. Mann's Central Store Place for Cheap Goods: C T Hill general graceries Secord Eras Montreal House Christic Henderson and Remember their Famous 50 cent Tea" Mr. Henderson is to become Halton M.P. c Kennedy Bros Boots and Shoes, D. McNair dry goods Craine and Son Boots and Shoes

Businesses

Ebbage and Campbell's Acton Planing Mill was almost lost in the big tire of

1870 which destroyed a whole block of frame buildings around the site of Knox

There was R Creech Barness Shop, James Ryder wagon and carriage factory, Charles Dean Dominion Saddlery, Acton Bakery (wedding cakes made in the latest style), D. Galloway, Acton Livery and Safe Stable. Fisher Tin and Stove Shop, Sulney Smith's shingle mill

W. H. Storey Canada Glove Works was established in 1868. and over the years employed hundreds

Acton Flour Mills were in operation and there were of course several blacksmith shops. There was as yet no. paper or printer the Free Press is to sell its first crisp tour-page issue on Dominion Day, 1875

Slaughter here

Butchers in town weren't bothered by sanitary laws William Worden sold meat lamb at 5 cents a pound, a psur of chickens for a quarter

There must have been a barber, because the Free Press recorded "Our village barber levanted last Monday morning leaving unreceipted bill to trouble his conscience. A few trusting triends also mourn his early Hight There is a barber shop. to rent

Drug Store

Dr E G Morrow also operated the drug store and advertised

G. E. Morrow Chemist and Druggist Medical Hall, Acton Dealer in Drugs, Chemicals, Pertumery, Patent and proprietary Medicines Always on hand Stuffs, Lagund Dve, Faney and Totlet Soaps, Brushes, Sponges, Trusses for children and Adults, Shoulder Braces for Men Women and Children, Paints, dry and in oil Books, Stationery and Fancy Goods Pure Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes Physicians, Perscriptions and Domestic Receipts and Horse and Cattle Medicines carefully commounded

But from an edition a few months later "Complaint was made a few days ago by Mr. Hiram Ryder against Mr. F. Morrow, druggist, for selling liquor for other than medicinal purposes without a license. The case was tried before a magistrate's court and the case was dismissed." July 18, 1875

The two doctors whose names appear in the earliest Free Presses are W. H. Lowry, Mill St., Dr. R. Morrow (consultation days) Thesdays and Fridays 9 a m to 4 p.m.; West Bower St. and Dr. McGarvin who in 1875



TANNERY EMPLOYEES of many years ago.

began to build a "handsome brick residence which will be an ornament to the village." It was an ornament almost a century, and was forn down by Acton Medical Group in June 1974

One day three or tour lads claimed they had had as good entertainment as a circus. when Dr. McGarvin took a young patient to the door for better light and pulled the tooth out with forceps. The tooth and a yell came out at the same time, to the young spectators pleasure

Old Asa Hall had a good reputation as a north-puller

James G. Hill was the photographer First Class Work

D. Henderson was the agent for Canada Late Insurance. and handled deeds and mortgages

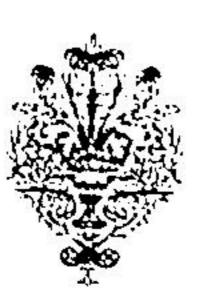
Mail by pack

Mails were carried from the station on a back pack Thomas Perryman had the contract but the carrying was done by his sons William and Thomas, who often heard the father declare, as he reminded them to leave. The Queen's mad must not be late". And the boys were never known to miss a mail

Horse and wagon was to carry the mail soon, on contract. One reason was the added weight of the new weekly newspaper



FREE PRESS staff about 1927 when G.A. Dills purchased the newspaper are Clara Moore, Earl Vincent, Arlot Dills, Bob MacArthur, Cam Currie and H.P. Moore



OTRE MILK.

The undersigned began to thank his customers for the liberal just person reretred during the past summer, and would say that he so now prepared a supply an additional number of restonere with great, pure, from mith deliver relevely morning, and two-a day on Setundays - Parties who keep powe will that it much cheaper and less trouble to get milk delivered at their dover, and they would do wall to sail their row and buy their milk Twenty one quarstackets for \$1 if part in advance, is I wenty one pint firetets for Mi centa, P. S. ARMSTRONG.

Action, Nov. 1988, 1875.