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PHOTOGRAPHS! PHOTOGRAPHS! J. G. HILL, ACTON, Would respectfully inform the public that within the past few weeks he has had great improvements made in the arrangement of lights, and that he is now prepared to Turn Out First-class Work During any part of the day, in all kinds of weather. I have secured the services of Mr. W. H. KAHRS, a first-class artist, late of New York City, and as his time is limited, all would do well to call at once who are desirous of obtaining pictures, which for artistic lighting and brilliancy of finish are unequalled outside of the first city galleries in the Dominion. Having lately purchased another very valuable instrument (second to none in the country) I am enabled to produce work any size, from the ordinary card picture to 4x14. In Copying and Enlarging, Any size can be obtained and finished in Ink, Oil, Water Color, Crayon or Plain, and in the highest style of the art. I would again remind the public that I have constantly in stock a large assortment of Oval and Square Picture Frames, Plain and Fancy Mouldings, &c., which will be sold at the lowest prices. Parties anxious to secure a really artistic picture will please bear in mind that it will be to their interest to call early, as Mr. Kahrs will be unable to remain in Acton longer than a few weeks. JAMES G. HILL, Photo. July 1, 1875.


## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**SERVANT GIRL WANTED.** For general house work. Good wages will be paid to a suitable person. Apply to MRS. R. AGNEW.

**I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL** my accounts and notes paid in by the first day of September next, before adopting the cash system. JAS MATTHEWS.

**WANT TO EXCHANGE, A TOP BUGGY FOR A HORSE.** Apply to J. MATTHEWS.

**VOTERS' LISTS.** Notice is hereby given that the list of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, to be entitled to vote in the said Municipality for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly and House of Commons, who just passed off in my office, in the said Municipality, on the twenty-first day of July, 1875. Any person complaining of any error in the said list, must deliver to me within thirty days after the said twenty-first day of July, 1875, a written notice of his complaint to apply to the Judge of the said County in respect thereof. JAS. G. HILL, Village Clerk, Acton. Dated this 22nd day of July, 1875.

**MILK! MILK!!** The subscriber has commenced the dairy business, and will deliver milk every morning and evening at the houses in the village. Milk warranted pure. Twenty-eight quart tickets for $1, if paid in advance, or twenty-one pint tickets for 50 cents. P. S. ARMSTRONG. Acton, June 8th, 1875.

**WANTED. 1000 CORDS OF Good Hemlock Bark** For which I will pay FIVE DOLLARS per Cord, AT THE ACTON TANNERY if delivered in summer. G. L. BEAUMORE, Proprietor. Z. A. HALL, Agent. Acton, July 1, 1875.

**VILLAGE LOT FOR SALE.** To be sold by private sale, without delay, the vacant lot situated on Main street, Acton, between Dickie's and Agnew's hotels. This is one of the most eligible Lots in Acton for Business purposes. Apply, within the next few days, to MRS. J. LYNCH, at Mr. J. Gibbons', near the village. Acton, July 29, 1875.

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**GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE.** Trains leave Acton as follows:—

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| GOING WEST. | |
| Morning Express | 9:10 a.m. |
| Day Express | 1:50 p.m. |
| Mail | 5:20 p.m. |
| Mixed | 7:15 p.m. |
| Night Express | 12:45 a.m. |
| GOING EAST. | |
| Night Express | 3:40 a.m. |
| Mixed | 8:35 a.m. |
| Day Express | 11:35 a.m. |
| Mail | 5:20 p.m. |
| Mixed | 8:40 p.m. |

**ACTON POST OFFICE.** Mails going West are closed at 8:45 a.m. Going East at 5 p. m. Registered Letters must be in five minutes before the above hours. Knaresbrill mail, Tuesdays and Fridays.

**ACTON MARKETS.**

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| White Wheat | 1 05 to 1 10 |
| Treadwell | 1 00 to 1 05 |
| Spring Wheat | 1 00 to 1 05 |
| Oats | 0 50 to 0 00 |
| Peas | 0 75 to 0 00 |
| Potatoes, new, per bush | 0 70 to 0 75 |
| Wool | 0 34 to 0 36 |
| Butter | 0 16 to 0 00 |
| Eggs | 0 12 to 0 00 |
| Dried Apples, per lb | 0 08 to 0 00 |
| Pork | 0 12½ to 0 00 |
| Cherries, per pail | 0 40 to 0 00 |
| Raspberries, per lb | 0 05 to 0 00 |
| Green Peas, per bag | 1 00 to 0 00 |
| Hay, per ton | 14 00 to 16 00 |

**GUELPH MARKETS.** Fall wheat, $1.05 to $1.10; treadwell, $1 to $1.05; spring wheat, (Glasgow), 81 to $1.05; spring wheat (red chaff), 81 to $1.05; oats, 43c to 45c; peas, 69c to 70c; barley, 65c to 70c; eggs, per dozen, 11c to 13c; butter, dairy packed, 16c to 17c; potatoes, per bag, $1 to $1.50; wool, 33c to 34.


# Acton Free Press

JOS. H. HACKING, EDITOR

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 30, 1875.


And now it is officially announced that the Hon. Mr. McKellar has resigned his position as Provincial Secretary. His successor is to be Mr. Samuel Casby Wood, member for South Victoria. It is understood that Mr. McKellar will at once assume the office of Sheriff of Wentworth, and thus will he receive the reward justly due for his long and valuable public services. Mr. Wood is a native Canadian, having been born in the village of Bath in 1830. He has been County Clerk and Treasurer of Victoria since 1860, and was elected by the School Inspectors as their representative in the Council of Public Instruction in 1874. He came into Parliament in 1871, is a capital speaker, and an active, energetic business man.

## HARVEST PROSPECTS.

A drive through the centre of Nassagaweya as far as Campbellville on Tuesday, gave us a good idea of the state of the crops in that township. Magnificent fields of wheat, peas and oats were to be seen all along the road side, giving promise of a most bountiful harvest. Fall wheat is being reaped in many places, and from all we could learn will give a fair yield, though not equal to what the spring wheat is likely to do. Hay is good, but short and thin. Peas and oats probably never showed a prospect of a more bountiful yield. Although there has been a want of rain the last two or three weeks, nothing appears to be suffering to any appreciable extent, owing to the heavy night dews. In one or two places, however, we heard a fear expressed that the wheat would be effected somewhat with the rust caused by these dews and the hot sun during the day. This appears to be the chief danger which the grain is now exposed to—there being no insect or other pest to destroy it, except it be the grasshopper, and we fancy *it* will not prove nearly as destructive as was imagined. On the whole, we have every reason to expect this year a harvest such as has not been known for many years, and the probability is that prices for wheat will be considerably higher than they have been during the past year.

The *Globe* of Wednesday publishes reports of the state of the crops from all parts of Ontario and Quebec, the whole occupying over fifteen columns. We notice that from all quarters of the Province the prospects of an excellent harvest are apparent, and there appears to be a universal feeling that "better times" are close at hand. Speaking of the prospect of the crops in other countries and the probable effect on prices, the *Globe* says:—"While, so far as we are able to ascertain, the harvest on the American continent appears to be a very prolific one, the accounts to hand do not give equally cheering prospects of the crops in European countries. Without pretending to speak authoritively on this point, it may, we think, be concluded that the supply of wheat from Russia will not be at all above the average. In England, and to a far larger extent in France, the grain crops have suffered most disastrously from floods, and the weather has also been lately very unfavorable. These conditions point rather to fair prices for wheat being maintained than otherwise. The quantity of barley planted this year both in Canada and the States has been largely—probably forty or fifty per cent.—in excess of former years, the cause being the high prices the crop of last season realized. From the nature of the barley market it is possible that at the first rush some lots may realize fancy prices, but the natural tendency of a greatly increased production and prolific yield, will be somewhat to reduce the value in comparison with last year's quotations."

## Business Prospects.

The upward tendency of the grain market would seem to be putting the whole community into good spirits. Within the last four weeks flour has went up from $4.50 to $5.50 and even $5.75; and the prospects are that it will go still higher. This, combined with the fact that the harvest is likely to prove more than an average one, may well make the people feel hopeful of brisker times in all departments of general business. It is an important thing to remember, that we are, above all, an agricultural people, and that good crops and good prices for grain are of far more importance to our prosperity than protective tariffs and the institution of exotic industries. We congratulate the agricultural population on the prospect, and also the business population as well, for the prosperity of the latter is a sure concomitant of the prosperity of the former.

## The World's Crop.

Latest European despatches say: "The partial relapse in corn markets yesterday following the complete change of weather, indicates a revival of hopes respecting the harvest, which the persistent rain of the previous three weeks seemed wholly to forbid." The *Mark Lane Express* of this week says:—"The average rise in wheat since last week has been fully four shillings here and in France. There much grain has been prostrated by the heavy wind and rain. Should the weather continue fine, crops may not suffer so much on the yield, whatever may be the result as to quality. A return to the former low rates seems to be impossible with the stacks so near exhaustion, but millers are not likely to purchase freely at high rates while there is a possibility of improved prospects."

Mr. Goldwin Smith—we beg pardon, the *Nation*—is so completely overcome by the persistent attacks of the *Globe* and *Mail* that it candidly confesses its inability to cope with them. It says:—

Last Saturday they poured out, in concert, such a torrent of their usual amenities, and so exhausted all the forms of courtesy, that we really do not know what is left us by way of retort, unless it be to say that they have both robbed banks and that their "mothers" stole clothes from the wash.

We think the *Nation* is fairly entitled to the champion jack-knife after this elegant retort.

## Political Items.

Mr. John Buck has been selected as the Reform candidate in East Kent.

Judgment in the Muskoka election trial has been postponed until Monday the 2nd of August.

The petitions against the return of Mr. F. Mackenzie, M.P. for Montreal West, and Dr. O'Sullivan, M.P.P. for East Peterboro', are now in progress.

On Monday the Hon. Mr. Justice Wilson delivered judgment in the North Renfrew election case, declaring Mr. Wm. Murray, Reform, unseated on account of several corrupt practices by his brother.

A despatch from West Wellington informs us that at the Reform convention held at Teviotdale on Monday, Mr. Thos. Garbutt, of the township of Peel, was nominated as the candidate to oppose Mr. McGowan.

## News Items.

Western Fair, London, on 28th, 29th, and 30th September, and 1st October.

A sturgeon was caught at Hamilton on Saturday weighing 200 pounds.

Mr. Isaac Singer, the inventor of the Singer sewing machine, died on Friday last.

The Reeve of Ancaster, Mr. James Calder, was on Friday night gored to death by a vicious bull.

The new Town Hall at Orangeville, is to be ninety feet long by forty-five feet wide.

A despatch from Kingston says it is rumored that Rev. H. W. Beecher is to visit the Thousand Islands Camp Meeting.

The Western Adventists are moving in the matter of observing Saturday as their Sabbath. Many have obligated themselves to do so.

The geologists of the Wheeler Expedition have discovered in Southern Utah a field of lava fifty miles square, and one of 200 miles square in New Mexico.

Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co.'s Bank, New York, failed on Tuesday. The liabilities are reported to be between five and six million dollars.

On Saturday, while assisting at a barn raising in Pilkington, Mr. D. Blinco had his leg broken in two places by the pulpoin plate falling on it.

Telegrams from England announce the death of Sir Francis Bond Head, whoduring the troublesome times of 1835-8, was Governor of Upper Canada.

Fashion papers announce that there is very little change in men's pants. Will the young ladies at bazaars, and such like affairs make a note of it?

Over $1,200 have been paid this season for express charges on strawberries from the Oakville station. The quantity raised in that vicinity must be immense.

Near Newmarket, on the estate of Mr. Nelson Graham, there is a spring of water from which a gas—light carburetted hydrogen—has issued for more than fifty years.

The Salt Lake *Tribune* charges that Brigham Young and his Mormon followers have stolen lumber to the value of $3,000,000 from Government lands since the organization of the Territory.

The Atlantic cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass., have shut down work. One thousand two hundred and fifty operators are thrown out of employment. The stock of manufactured goods is too large for the demand.

A shrewd Tennessean has not only cleared his own land of the dreaded grasshoppers by keeping a flock of turkeys, but is now doing a thriving business in letting out the birds to his neighbors at a dollar a day.

With the departure of grasshoppers from Kansas, the State Relief Society has been dissolved. The Society expended about $135,000. From other sources about $400,000 more was contributed for 20,000 grasshopper sufferers, or about $20 a head.

One thousand barrels of flour and five hundred boxes of cheese, both made in the county of Waterloo, together with ten thousand bushels of wheat from Aylmer, were sent to Glasgow, Scotland, last week by Mr. Todd, of Galt.

Mr. Adam Hudspeth, barrister, has been nominated by the Liberal Conservative Club of Lindsay to run as a candidate in South Victoria in opposition to Mr. S. C. Wood. The nomination for the riding takes place on the 3rd of August, and the polling on the 10th.

Mrs. Lincoln's mental condition is unimproved. She remains in the insane asylum at Batavia, Ill., where she has careful attendance. She is often visited by her relatives. Although she dresses shabbily, her mind is constantly occupied with plans for new clothing.

At the examination of teachers at Brampton, there were sixty-eight candidates for second and third class certificates, of whom thirteen were for the second, and fifty-five for third, but seven of the second class having failed in their arithmetic quit the field early, without attempting to wrestle with the other papers.

The County Council of Brant has decided by a vote of eight to six to purchase an industrial farm and house of refuge, and have chosen a farm and residence on the Burford road, within three miles of Brantford. The farm contains 153 acres, and, with buildings, costs $12,000, of which sum $2,000 is to be given by Brantford as a bonus.

In pursuance of the postal convention between Canada and the United States, money orders after the 2nd of August will pass between the two countries at the following rates:—For sums not exceeding $20 Canadian currency 25 cents commission, not exceeding $40, 50 cents commission.

Only six out of the 162 mills belonging to the employers at Oldham, England, are working. Thirty-one mills are closed at Dundee and 12,000 persons are out of employment; both employers and operators have held meetings and resolved not to yield. If the Oldham strikers should extend to all the mills in that district 30,000 persons will be out of employment.

The Montreal *Star*, an independent organ, considers that "the Government's immigration policy has so far proved nothing better than a very costly failure." It bases its opinion on this ground: The *Globe* says there were 24,000 immigrants settled in Ontario last year, while the official figures show that there were less than 24,000 came to the whole Dominion, and of these only 6,022 were farm hands or laborers. The cost last year for immigration was $511,251.78. These figures give us pause.

They have started a Temperance Society of a novel order in Wellsley village. There are no grips or passwords, and the pledge is a little different from the common order. Each member solemnly pledges himself on his word of honor not to *treat* any other member in any saloon or public house, and not to accept a "treat" from any member.

The famous boulder in the middle of the Niagara river channel, below the main Goat Island bridge, lies about thirty feet further down the stream this summer than last fall. During the heavy flow of ice the huge rock was moved from its former to its present situation. Before the rock was barely visible, lying just under a ledge; now it rests with a very conspicuous portion of its ragged surface above the rapids. A new boulder was brought down the river by the ice during the past winter, and now lies, a very prominent object, a few yards south of its more famous companion.

MENNONITES FOR MANITOBA.—Over six hundred Mennonites left Collingwood on Friday night by the steamers *Frances Smith* and *Cumberland*, *en route* for Manitoba *via* Duluth. They are a fine healthy lot of people.

THE ANCASTER KNITTING FACTORY.—The Dundas *Banner* says, that from present indications it is not probable that this factory will be repaired in Ancaster. Negotiations have been commenced between the Company and the Council of Strathroy concerning the removal of their works of that place, and at a mass meeting recently held a resolution was unanimously carried by the meeting requesting the Town Council to submit a by-law granting the company a bonus of ten thousand dollars on the terms named by them.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.—The Special Committee appointed by the Wellington County Council on the House of Industry for that County, are advertising for a suitable farm for the purpose, for which offers will be received till the 8th of September.

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association's annual prize meeting will be held at Ottawa on Tuesday, the 7th Sept., and following days. The prizes offered amount to the magnificent sum of $4,150, besides gold, silver and bronze medals.

An immense shirt factory is being erected in San Francisco. Four hundred persons will be employed, half of whom will be Mongolians.

The by-law to raise $100,000 to aid the Hamilton and North-Western Railway, will be voted on in Hamilton on the 10th of August.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS.—We have received the third number of the Acton FREE PRESS, it has thirty two columns, is neatly got up, and reflects much credit on Mr. Jos. H. Hacking, the proprietor. The paper, we hope, will be liberally supported, and we wish our contemporary all the success his spicy paper well merits.—*Chatham Free Press.*

THE "ACTON FREE PRESS" is the title of the first newspaper published in the village of Acton. It is one of the best printed papers in the County of Halton, contains 32 columns of reading and advertising matter, is independent in politics, and is certainly a credit to the publisher—Mr. J. H. Hacking—late publisher of the *Daily* and *Weekly Advertiser*, Guelph. We welcome Mr. Hacking to the journalistic profession here, and try to do all that the success his enterprise deserves.—*Galt Reporter.*

—The public are beginning to appreciate the cash system and discount at the Post Office Store, Acton.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such copy may be sent at the rate of one cent per ounce if marked "Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Wednesday morning.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

—Acton Monthly Fair next Thursday.

—Remember the 8 per cent discount at the Post Office Store.

—Dry weather—dusty roads—cisterns empty—rain wanted—grain ripe—reapers busy.

—More clothes-line thieves around. Watch 'em! Shirts were stolen from Mr. Ebbage's yard Wednesday night.

—Cows and pigs should not be allowed to run at large in the village. They are a nuisance and should be impounded.

—A watch and chain were lost on Main Street, Monday afternoon. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at Moore's shingle factory.

—Mrs. J. Lynch, of Chicago, formerly of Acton, who is now on a visit to her friends here, advertises to sell that eligible building lot adjoining Dickie's hotel.

—Farmers! Don't forget the Acton Fair next Thursday. Bring out all the stock you have to spare, and endeavor to have these monthly markets established as successfully as possible.

—Mr. Duncan McLean, an old and well-known settler of Erin, went on a visit to Collingwood last week, where he was taken suddenly ill and died. His remains were brought to Acton station on Tuesday.

—Mr. Peter S. Armstrong sent us a hen's egg the other day, which we fancy will compare very favorably with the big eggs that any other hen is capable of producing. It measured 7½ inches by 8 inches. Now let's hear from the next ambitious biddy.

—Messrs. W. H. Storey & Co.'s new tannery building is progressing favorably. The stone basement is completed and the two storey frame is about ready for "raising." The tannery is to be used exclusively for dressing the fine leathers required for their glove factory.

—The Milton *News* has a paragraph about some fellow who created an excitement in that town the other day by inciting a quarrel between Dan Wilson's gray cat and somebody's black dog with a white tail. Tabby finding Rover too much for her, jumped into the seething pool below the bridge, but the dog was shoved in after her and the brutal attack was renewed, with puss up to her neck in water. After a sanguinary struggle, she was finally rescued by some humane individual. The other fellow should have been ducked in the pond, and held there until he promised to do so no more.

**The Owner Found.** The stray sheep that were advertised by Messrs. Slasser & Alexander, in last issue of the FREE PRESS, were claimed by their owner, the other day—the advertisement having had the desired effect. Thus do we see the benefits of advertising.

**Insurance.** Messrs. Cunningham and Drake, of Guelph, the well known insurance agents, have authorized us to take charge of any applications in this vicinity, for insurance, in any of the several first-class companies which they represent. Persons whose policy is about to expire, or who wish to insure any description of property would do well to call at the FREE PRESS Office and leave their order, which will receive prompt attention, without any additional cost.

**Pic Nic.** On Friday last the members and friends of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, at "Dublin" in Esquesing, held a pic nic in the beautiful grove of Mr. Kinnard, Superintendent of the School. There were about 300 persons present, quite a number of them being from Acton. The weather was delightful, and a most enjoyable day was spent—all parties and denominations kindly participating—with swings and other amusements. Appropriate address were given by Mr. Willis, school teacher, of Stewartown, Mr. Councillor Warren, and Revs. Messrs. Cameron and Calvert, of Acton—the chair being occupied by Mr. Arch. Campbell. Excellent music and singing furnished by the choir of the Acton Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Mr. Gordon, lent additional charm to the entertainment.

—You can get goods at the Post Office Store as cheap as any place in town, and 6 cts. discount on the dollar for cash (excepting sugar and salt.) Cash buyers will bear in mind and make the 8 per cent.

—Perpetual motion—Christie, Henderson & Co. weighing out their famous 50c. tea.

—The Grangers' Tea House—Second Bros., Acton.

**Only 32 Days.** More of the old fogy credit business at the Post Office Store, Acton. Two people all say they are glad, for they would rather pay the cash and get the 8 per cent. discount.

MYSTERIOUS.—It has been observed that there are to be seen nightly at almost every house in the country, about here, a number of lights burning, with signs of a good deal of conviviality, and the query is, What does all this convivialty mean at such unusual hours? Being somewhat interested, and after some inquiry, we have discovered that it is people up drinking Second Bros. 50c. Meteor Tea, pronounced by experts and judges to be the best grown in China at the price.

MONTHLY FAIR.—Visitors to the next monthly fair at Acton, on Thursday next, will bear in mind that for their special advantage Christie, Henderson & Co. have extended their grand clearing sale another week. Goods will be sold at special reduced prices. Fresh lots of that famous 50c. tea just to hand.

$8.00 REWARD.—Lost on the road from Acton to Guelph, a ten pound box of Christie, Henderson & Co.'s famous 50c. tea, worth 80c. Any person returning the same to the owner, High Street, Guelph, will receive the above reward.

—8 per cent. made by buying for cash at the Post Office Store, Acton.

**MARRIED.** On the 21st inst., at Bonesteel's Hotel, Erin Village, by the Rev. H. Reid, Mr. Geo. McLean, of Georgetown, to Miss Ellen Lee, of the same place.

**DIED.** At Lyon's Hotel, Nassagaweya, on the 19th inst., Mr. David Weir, aged 67 years.

Near Collingwood on the 25th inst., Mr. Duncan McLean, of Erin, aged about 60 year.

A two story frame dwelling house in Guelph, occupied by Mr. Thos. Hewer, was destroyed by fire, with nearly all its contents, last Sunday evening. The house was owned by James Kennedy, and insured for $600. Mr. Hewer's loss is estimated at about $800, on which there was no insurance. Why will people neglect to insure their property when it costs so little? Reader, are you insured?

The Aberfoyle Town Hall was entered by some evil disposed persons some time between Friday night and Tuesday morning, and the lock on the cupboard belonging to the Aberfoyle Division Sons of Temperance forced off and all their officers' emblems, regalias and other things, valued at $60 stolen. Such conduct is worse than disgraceful and we hope that the burglars will be found and visited with the heaviest penalty of the law.

Mr. D. Sirton, M.P. for South Wellington, returned to Guelph from his trip to Manitoba, last Monday morning. He came by the Ontario from Duluth to Southampton arriving there on Sunday morning. He looks hale and hearty and speaks highly of the resources and capabilities of the country. The grasshoppers have, however, wrought terrible destruction on all growing crops. He brought with him several curiosities from that country, among others a mammoth pelican shot by Mr. Barclay. His return journey occupied just two weeks.

A daring robbery took place on Saturday night or early Sunday morningest the store of Mr. W. F. McCollum, of Georgetown. It appears the chief or thieves managed to make there way into the cellar during the fore part of the evening, before the store was closed, unperserved, and stayed till all had gone home. As far as can be ascertained only about five dollars worth is missing. Storekeepers and others cannot be too careful when locking up at night.

A serious accident occured at the new Methodist Church in Guelph last week. A scaffold had been erected about eighteen feet in height, on which four men were working when it gave way, and precipitated them to the ground. Three of them received serious injuries. John Pearson was badly hurt, on the back, Frank McNab received serious internal injuries, and had his leg hurt, and John T. Hagge had two ribs broken. The other man, James Potter, saved himself by jumping, and escaped unhurt.

CROPS IN PUSLINCH.—We are pleased to learn from Puslinch farmers that for the past few days wheat cutting in that township has been in full blast, the quality and yield of which promises to be more than usually good. This state of things we hope to be able to chronicle all through the coming fall.—*Guelph Herald.*

MENNONITE IMMIGRANTS.—Fifteen families of the poorer class of these people arrived at Berlin on Saturday. They were housed in the drill shed, till they could be provided with work by the farmers.

—Always foremost in the army of progress and enterprise, Messrs. Second Bros. have just imported the largest stock of groceries, teas, sugars, syrups, coffees, tobaccos, fruits, etc., etc., the product of every land and clime, ever shown in Acton.

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