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## UP THE LAKES.

### Jottings by the Way.

For the Acton Free Press.

Each year adds to the popularity of summer travel. The vacation fever returns annually with "the season." Exhausted nature requires, and custom demands, a summer tour. The merchant, mechanic, professional man, banker, clerk, student and teacher, male and female, are alike affected—all desiring change, new scenes, and a respite from the cares, duties and perplexities of life. The observing tourist will derive much pleasure and profit while travelling, whether by road or rail. The picturesque beauties of a pleasant route, with green fields, the growing corn, the waving forest, the rugged and sublime grandeur of the mountains, the serpentine course of pure water, the broad lakes, majestic rivers, and the wonderful glens, are to the admirers of nature a continual mental feast, and a pleasure of which they do not tire. The many and constantly increasing number of summer resorts in our own country, afford sufficient variety to satisfy every taste, and to those whose daily toil is at the counter or the desk such a change is necessary, to give to the mind and body that freshness and vigor without which the purposes of life can never be half fulfilled, and the pleasures of life never half enjoyed.

On the 27th of August it was my privilege to take the morning train, by G. T. R., for Sarnia. A brighter or more pleasant day could not have been desired, and as we swiftly pass along, on every hand is to be seen the busy agriculturist gathering in the golden grain, which, from appearance and report, indicate a larger yield than in any former year, from one end of the country to the other; and from what I saw, I feel satisfied that the people in the Western part of Ontario have reason to be thankful for a bountiful harvest. We arrived at Sarnia in due time, 3 p.m., and was much pleased with the appearance and situation of that place; I think it is destined to be one of the most important in our country. It is honored by being represented in Parliament by the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, the Premier of this our Dominion. At 10.30 p.m. we went on board the steamer "Manitoba," of the Beaty line, bound for the different parts of the upper lakes, to which we shall presently refer. But first let me say, (and with all due deference to other similar lines) that the Beaty line of boats is second to none, in this or in other countries for convenience and comfort. The "Manitoba" is a side-wheeled boat, and a steady sailer. On embarking, we at once realized that we were joining with quite a number of pleasure seekers, but it being late we could form but few acquaintances, and retired to bed. Next morning we awoke to find ourselves safely landed at Goderich harbor. The hour of the morning being rather early to prospect that place, we will but say that it occupies a beautiful situation, high above the lake, and on the banks of the Maitland river. It is there that salt was first discovered in Ontario. We also observed that the harbor is undergoing repairs, and the river is being dredged. On the arrival of the morning train, we again set sail, keeping within view of the beautiful coast of the counties of Huron and Bruce on the right, and the dark green waters of Lake Huron to the left.

The next place of interest at which we touched was Kincardine, a thriving town, famous for its salts wells. Here we halted for a couple of hours and enjoyed a ramble on *terra firma*. But again the warning whistle is sounded, and we glide pleasantly along to Southampton, where we added to our number as we previously had done at the former mentioned ports. In approaching this place the first thing that meets the eye is the harbor of refuge which is being erected between Chantney Island and the mainland, and which forms shelter to the mariner in time of storms. The village being some distance from the new harbor, time would not permit us to visit it. At 5.30 p.m., on the arrival of the train and the mails, we steamed from the coast in a north-westerly direction, and before the shades of evening spread o'er us, we were out of sight of land. Next morning, by the break of day, we were sailing along between those rock-bound islands that beautifies the northern extremity of Lake Huron.

A brighter morn never dawned, a clearer sun never shone, and a more envigorating breeze could not be felt, nor a more pleasant company be desired, than the morning of August the 30th, found on board the "Manitoba." By this time all on board had become somewhat acquainted, and each and all tried to add somewhat to the pleasure and amusement of their fellow companions. Before the day had far advanced, we landed at the Bruce Mines. This is as rugged and forsaken a spot as man could wish to look upon; yet underneath that rocky shore there are rich beds of copper ore. But all the mines that we visited, with the exception of one, had suspended operations, but on what account we could not get reliable information. After satisfying our curiosity as to how the ore is extracted from the quartz, &c., we all returned to our vessel, tired but wiser. For the next few hours, we were sailing up the Sault Ste Maria river. The scenery along that river is really grand, I have seen nothing in this country nor in Scotland to surpass it for magnitude and wild beauty, if I may so term it. But 4 p.m. brought us to Sault Ste Maria—the terminus of our journey, and the parting place with our fellow passengers.

This is the entering point of Lake Superior. About one-third of this place is on the Canadian side of the river, and two thirds on the American side, containing in all probably 4000 inhabitants; and as an indication of prosperity, property is much more expensive there than it is in Acton, and with prospects of still advancing. And as I stated before this was our parting place with the "Manitoba" and our fellow pleasure seekers, who were bound for Duluth, regretting that time would not permit us to accompany them. We cannot now say that we regret it, as our vessel had sailed but 30 miles from that place when she collided with and sank the "Comet," causing the loss of eleven lives. I am not able to say on whose head the blame rests for this melancholy accident, but one thing I think, much blame rests in some quarter; when in broad and deep water, and seeing each other's lights for miles, I think it sheer carelessness and indifference, that such an accident should happen; and while lamenting the loss of those who found a watery grave without a moment's warning, my sympathies were drawn to our companions on the "Manitoba," who had experienced such a shock, and seen such a sight, and had come themselves so near filling a watery grave. I was informed by one who witnessed all, that the peculiar sensation that passed over them at that trying moment can only be imagined, not described. And we do not wonder, for sudden death was near to them. The "Comet" was a propellor, loaded with pig iron and silver ore, and three times the size of the "Manitoba." Had she been struck 20 feet nearer midships, both would have sunk in fifty fathoms of water, and all must have perished. When the "Manitoba" returned on the following morning to the Sault, with those that had been saved off the last boat, it was my privilege to visit, console, and get particulars from the fellow passengers. Much praise was awarded to the ladies on board, for their courage and calm resignation at that trying moment.

On the morning of the 31st we left for home on the propellor "Quebec," the largest and finest boat on the Beatty line, reviewing all that we had previously admired with unabating interest. We think that a trip up our Canadian lakes is preferable to an Atlantic voyage, both in point of pleasure, comfort, and expense.

RAMBLER.

### The Laing Abortion Case.

On Thursday morning, in the Toronto Police Court, Arthur Davis and Olive Davis were brought up on remand charged with the murder of Catherine Laing by procuring abortion.

The magistrate said he did not think there was sufficient evidence given to warrant him in sending Amor for trial. He felt satisfied that no jury would bring in a true bill against him, and therefore as far as he (the magistrate) was concerned, Amor was honorably acquitted. So far as the prisoners Arthur Davis and Olive Davis were concerned a very strong *prima facie* case had been made out. It was proved that the deceased was in the house of the prisoner Davis the day before death, and that she died from abortion; and he (the magistrate) felt morally certain that the prisoner Davis was the person who procured the abortion. He would therefore commit Arthur Davis and Olive Davis for trial on the charge of having murdered the deceased Catherine Laing.

THE FASHION.—A New York paper, speaking of the opening display of fall fashions in that city, says:—The prevailing fashion, it is thought, for Fall and Winter wear will be plaids of all kinds, brown and gray being favorite colors. Scotch plaids will also be worn extensively. Of these goods a full line was displayed. Among the other goods displayed were colored silks of all shades, the more desirable, it is stated being seal brown and myrtle green, navy blue in all grades, and some new figured silks. A speciality will be made of black silks 1 and 1¼ yards wide.

DIABOLICAL PROCEEDINGS.—A few nights ago Mr. John Stevenson of the 2nd con., Erin, had his barn and contents destroyed by fire. From evidence collected, there is no doubt but the building was fired. The barn contained 11 tons, 8 acres of peas, 2 box sleighs, two long sleighs, one cutter, a fanning-mill, besides other farming implements. The morning before the buildings were burned Mr. Stevenson found in a field where he had eight horses, a large quantity of Paris Green mixed with salt. Accidentally, the first plot did not succeed, and so the villians tried the second.—Listowel Banner.

DR. J. MORROW, Physician, Surgeon, &c., of Bellevue College, New York, also Graduate of Victoria College, Canada. Consultation days—Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9 a. m. till 4 p.m. Residence—West Bower street, Acton.

JAMES MATTHEWS, Conveyancer, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Post-Master, Insurance Agent, Agent Money to Loan, Agent Montreal Tel. Co., Clerk Fourth Div. Court, Com. in Q. B., &c., Acton, Ont.

D. HENDERSON, Conveyancer, &c., also Agent Canada Life Assurance Co. Deeds, Mortgages, &c., prepared neatly, promptly, correctly and on reasonable terms. Money to Loan on Mortgage security. Office—Glasgow House, Acton.

WM. LAIDLAW, Barrister, Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Offices:—Hamilton, 10 King street. Milton, Main street. The Milton Office will be under the management of D. W. Campbell; and Mr. Laidlaw will attend at the "Milton Office" on Friday of each week.

W. H. LOWRY, M.B., M.C.P.S., Graduate of Trinity College, Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons.—MILL STREET, ACTON.

CUNNINGHAM & DRAKE,
INSURANCE AGENTS,
Office over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.
We are agents for several first-class stock and mutual companies.
Orders left at the FREE PRESS Office will receive prompt attention.
ROBT. CUNNINGHAM. HENRY. L. DRAKE.

OLIVER LOZIER, PLASTERER, ACTON, ONT. Every description of Plastering and Rough-casting done on the most reasonable terms, and satisfaction guaranteed.

MRS. S. CARTER,
Teacher of Music, Drawing and French, Church street, Acton.

ROSSIN HOUSE, Acton. Close to the G. T. Railway Station. Excellent accommodation for the travelling public. THOS. CAMPBELL, Propr.

DOMINION HOTEL, ACTON, ONT. ROBT. AGNEW, Proprietor. This new Hotel is fitted up in first-class style with new furniture. Commercial Travellers will find good accommodation and commodious Sample Rooms. Special attention paid to the wants of the travelling public. Bar supplied with the best Liquors and Cigars. Good Stabling and attentive Hostlers.

ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL, Acton, Ont. ROBT. DICKIE, Prop. Sample Rooms large and commodious for Commercial Travellers. Good accommodation for Travellers and Guests. Best brands of Liquors and Cigars at the Bar. Good Stabling and attentive Hostlers.

R. CREECH,
ACTON,
Wholesale Manufacturer of
COLLARS,
DEALER IN
Saddles,
Harness,
Trunks,
Valises,
Travelling Bags,
Horse Clothing,
Whips,
Combs
And Brushes

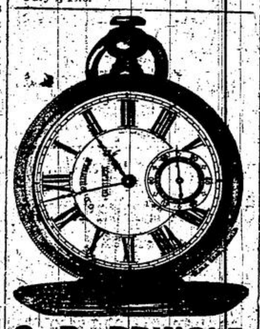
All orders given into our hands will be strictly attended to, and warranted to give satisfaction, as we employ none but the best workmen and material.

COLLARS warranted to give satisfaction, as they are of our own manufacture.

REPAIRING
Of all kinds done with neatness and on the shortest notice.

All who require goods in our line will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

Remember the Stand—
R. CREECH, Acton.
July 1, 1875.



C. D. PRINGLE,
Watchmaker, Guelph,
Takes advantage of the FREE PRESS to thank his customers in and around Acton for their past patronage, and solicits a continuance.

C. D. P. also hopes soon to make arrangements whereby watches and jewelry may be sent to and from Guelph with safety, and without trouble and expense to customers.

Guelph, July 15, 1875.

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END
Dress, Mantle & Millinery Establishment,
87 UPPER WYNDHAM ST., GUELPH,

GRAND EXHIBITION SALE
PRICE LIST.

BLACK GLACE SILKS, warranted pure good wearing qualities, at 50c. 75c, 80c, 90c., $1.00, $1.20, $1.40 and $1.50.
BLACK GRO GRAIN SILKS, remarkable for their superior appearance and extraordinary durability, 90c, $1.00 and $1.20.
PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS, in immense variety, at 75c., 80c, 90c and $1.00.
250 PIECES PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS, new and approved styles, to be sold all round at 20c, 25c and 30c per yard—the best goods for the money we have ever sold over the counter. Every Lady must see this lot.
60 PIECES FINE BLACK LUSTRES, to be sold at a reduction of from 5 to 15c per yard from former prices. Our 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c. qualities are specially recommended for good wear.
WE WILL ALSO SHOW a large and beautiful representation of New Fall Mantles, Mantle Materials, Millinery, Shawls, Skirts, etc., to which we invite particular notice.

Also 100 PAIRS HEAVY BLANKETS, at a Bargain, as follows:
5/4 lb Blankets, large size, ... $2 50 per pair.
6/4 lb Blankets, extra sizes ... 3.75 " "
7/4 lb Blankets, twilled, extra sizes ... 4.75 " "
Also 200 Quilts and Counterpanes to be sold off Cheap.

Hotel and Housekeepers are requested to give these goods their careful attention.

Our intention is to make this Grand Exhibition Sale the great commercial event of the season, and we beg to assure visitors that nothing will be left undone on our part to meet their highest anticipations.

A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment,
87 Upper Wyndham St., Guelph.

WM. STEWART & CO.,
WYNDHAM STREET.
GUELPH.

Are now selling their Splendid Stock of DRY GOODS at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

Preparatory to removing to more extensive and commodious premises.

Their old friends in Acton and vicinity are specially invited to call and participate in the bargains now offered.

WM. STEWART & Co.

G. E. MORROW,
Chemist and Druggist
ACTON,
DEALER IN
DRUGS,
CHEMICALS,
PERFUMERY,
PATENT AND
PROPRIETARY,
MEDICINES.

Always on hand a large and well-selected stock of
Dye-Stuffs, Liquid Dye, Fancy and Toilet Soaps, Brushes, Sponges, Trusses for Children and Adults, Shoulder Braces for Men, Women and Children, Paints, Oil and in oil, Books, Stationery and Fancy Goods.
PURE WINES AND LIQUORS
For Medicinal Purposes.

Physicians Prescriptions and Domestic Receipts, and Horse and Cattle Medicines, carefully compounded.

G. E. MORROW,
Medical Hall, Acton.
Acton, 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-one quart tickets for $1, if paid in advance, or twenty-one pint tickets for 50 cents.

P. S. ARMSTRONG.
Acton, June 8th, 1875.

NEW MAGAZINES.

BOW BELLS
AND
Young Ladies' Journal
FOR
SEPTEMBER at
ANDERSON'S
CHEAP BOOKSTORE,
On East side Wyndham Street,
GUELPH.

JOB PRINTING
Of every description
In the best and most attractive styles,
promptly executed at the
FREE PRESS
OFFICE
(In Matthew's New Buildings)
ACTON.
J. H. HACKING, Proprietor.

PHOTOGRAPHS!
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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 light, 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 Life.

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.

THE EMPORIUM

FOR CHEAP
Millinery,
Mantles,
Dress, and
Fancy Goods,
Jewelry,
Toys, &c., &c.

Don't fail to go to The Emporium. The above lines you will find complete.

MILLINERY A SPECIALITY.

Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

D. McNAIR.
Acton, July 1st, 1875.—3m.

ENGLISH MAGAZINES FOR
SEPTEMBER.
AT
DAY'S
BOOKSTORE.

Young Ladies' Journal for Sept.
Bow Bells for September.
Every Week for September.
London Journal for August.
Sunday Magazine for August.
Good Words for August.
Chambers' Journal for August.
Young Men of G't Britain for Aug.
Kind Words for August.
Sunday School Papers for August,
at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Day Sells Cheap.

C. T. HILL,
Mill Street, ACTON,
DEALER IN
General Groceries,
Boots and Shoes,
Wall Paper,
Window Blinds,
Crockery,
Glassware,
Nails,
Glass,
Putty.
Linseed Oil, Raw & Boiled
Paints,
Turpentine,
Machine Oil,
Coal Oil,
Salt, etc.
ALSO
PARIS GREEN & HELLEBORE
For the Destruction of Potato Bugs, Caterpillars and other insects.

The subscriber begs to return his thanks to the inhabitants of Acton and surrounding country for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and at the same time solicit their further support.

N.B.—Cash Paid for Hides delivered.

Acton, July 1st, 1875. C. T. HILL.

FOUND AT LAST.

That the cheapest spot in the County for
BOOTS AND SHOES
IS AT
KENNEDY BROTHERS,
Who are selling off the balance of their immense stock at
GREAT REDUCTION FOR CASH.
In order to make room for their Fall Goods.

Don't fail to secure some of the unheard of bargains that they are now offering in
Men, Women and Children's Boots and Shoes.

Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing. As we employ only first class workmen, we can turn out work that for style and durability is second to none in the Dominion.

Acton, August 24, 1875. KENNEDY BROS.

THE CENTRAL STORE
Mill Street, Acton,
Is the Place for Cheap Goods.

J. W. MANN'S
STOCK OF
Dry Goods,
Ready-Made Clothing,
Groceries,
Crockery and
Glassware
Is Large, Well Selected and CHEAP.

Groceries always fresh and of the best quality,
Great Bargains may be always had for Cash or Produce.

I wish to do strictly a Cash business, as our goods are selling at the LOWEST Market Prices.

Highest price paid for all kinds of Produce
☞ Call and Examine our Stock.
Acton, July 1, 1875.

CLEARING SALE
Startling, Sweeping and Unheard of Bargains
TO BE GIVEN AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL SALE OF
McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co.
GEORGETOWN.

In order to make room for our Fall importations, and to ease our fixtures of loads of Dry Goods, and on account of the scarcity of money, we have determined on a more sweeping, energetic and
CHEAPER CLEARING SALE
Than hitherto attempted, as we must convert the goods into Cash.
☞ Remember the Sales are FOR CASH, and in no case will a second price be made.

We enumerate our Leading Departments:
DRESS GOODS from five cents upwards.
PRINTS, from five cents upwards.
MUSLINS from five cents upwards.
COTTONS, White and Grey, from 5 cts. upwards
MILLINERY, MANTLES, SHAWLS AND PARASOLS, large lots, for Half price.
Special lines of SILK MANTLES for $2.00, worth $6.50.
Special Bargains in CHECK SHIRTINGS, DENIMS, DRILLS, and ALL STAPLE GOODS.
A Special line of LADIES' COLLARS AND CUFFS—wholesale price $1.63 and $2.17—for 50c and 75c.
Special lines in LINEN DRESS GOODS, for 15c and 20c, worth 37½c and 50c per yard.

It is impossible for us to enumerate all the GREAT BARGAINS we have to offer, but we especially want to meet the hard times, so come all and be convinced.

We again remind the public that our
Millinery and Ordered Clothing Departments
Are second to none in the Dominion, and outstrip anything of the kind West of Toronto.

The Sale will commence on the First of July and continue for six weeks.

McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co.,
Mammoth House, Georgetown
July 1, 1875.