

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO., GLASGOW HOUSE, ACTON,

While thanking their numerous customers for their very liberal patronage during the past season, beg to intimate that they are again fully equipped for the Fall and Winter campaign, having laid in one of the largest, cheapest, and most choice stocks of

GENERAL DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, MANTLES, TWEEDS, FLANNELS, HOSIERY, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, HATS, CAPS, ETC., ever imported into this county by any one house, and at prices below anything ever known in the history of the Dry Goods trade. Their object is to suit every one in quantity, quality and price, and cordially invite the fullest inspection of their goods and prices. Their stock of **BOOTS AND SHOES** in Men's, Women's and Children's wear, for quantity, quality and price combined, far exceeds anything ever offered before in this or adjoining counties. This advantage over other dealers is obtained by their purchasing direct from the manufacturers, instead of buying through jobbers as most houses do, thereby saving the wholesale dealers profit. A liberal discount to families buying in one lot five or more pairs. Their **ORDERED CLOTHING DEPARTMENT** still maintains its reputation for style, neatness, durability and cheapness. In fact to get a neat and stylish suit at a reasonable price it is necessary to call at the Glasgow House. Full lines of **GROCERIES, TEAS, &c.**, always on hand. **TEA** at 50c per pound, worth 80c.—decidedly the best value ever offered.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS

TERMS.—The dollar a year, strictly in advance. If paid before the month of July, a half will be charged; or two dollars if not until the end of the year. No paper will be sent to any person more than one year in advance. **RATES OF ADVERTISEMENTS**—Eight cents per line for first insertion, and two cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Short advertisements of eight lines and under \$1 per three insertions. Business cards of eight lines and under, \$1 per annum. A liberal discount allowed on advertisements inserted for extended periods. Advertisements without special instructions inserted till ordered, and charged accordingly. Any Special Notice, the object of which is to attract the attention of the public, and which is not of a permanent nature, to be considered as an advertisement, and charged accordingly. Transient advertisements to be paid for in advance. All advertising accounts rendered on the 1st of the month. **Deaths, Births, and Deaths** inserted free.

Family Matters.
A teaspoonful of powdered borax dissolved in a quart of tepid water is good for cleaning old black silk dresses, cashmere, or alpaca.

Ink may be taken out of a carpet by a little dissolved oxalic acid or salt of tartar rubbed on with a brush, and afterwards washed off with cold water; then rub on some lard.

To make lime whitewash that will not rub off, take one half bushel of unsifted lime, one gallon of salt, two pounds of tallow, and water enough to make it of a consistency to brush on.

It is said that silk which has become wrinkled may be made to appear like new by sponging the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic or white glue, and ironing on the wrong side.

Wax flowers, if left out in the drizzling rain, will be thoroughly cleaned in a short time, and will look wonderfully refreshed and beautiful. The hard-wiring of a chandelier may be obliterated in this simple manner.

The removal of foreign substances from the ear may often be accomplished by doubling a horse hair in the form of a loop, placing the patient upon the side, passing the loop into the ear as far as it will go, and then turning it gently.

Linseed Poultice.—Six linseed flour into boiling water, in sufficient quantity to form a poultice of proper consistency, and before application smear the surface with a little olive or linseed oil. If irritation, with great pain and tenderness, or hardness, should prevail, it will be necessary to substitute a decoction of poppy heads for the common water poultice, as it is in general use in all the hospitals.

Throwing the Old Shoe.
Very few, probably, of the thousands who throw old shoes after bridal parties, are aware that they have some knowledge of the origin of the custom. Like almost all our customs, its origin is ancient, and can be traced back to Bible times. It was then the custom for the brother of a childless man to marry his widow, or at least, he had the refusal of her. If he chose to reject her, the ceremony was public, and consisted in her tossing her shoe from this foot and spitting in his face, thus giving up the shoe as a symbol of renouncing all dominion over her, spitting in his face was a declaration of independence. There was an altar of this kind between Ruth and Boaz. In some parts of the East it was a custom to carry a slipper before a newly married pair as a token of the bride's subjection. The custom, as it exists with us, is very old in England and Scotland. The usual saying is that it is thrown for independence, and that is the idea in this country; but originally it means a renunciation of the parents over the bride. It was formerly a custom among the Germans for the bride, when she was conducted to her bed chamber, to take off her shoe and throw it among the guests. Whoever caught it, in the struggle to obtain it, received it as an omen that he or she would soon be happily married. In the history of the "Isle of Man" it says: "On the bridegroom leaving the house, it was customary to throw an old shoe after him, and in like manner after the bride on leaving home to proceed to the church, in order to insure good luck to each respectively, and if by stratagem either of the bride's shoes could be taken off by any inspector on her way from church, it had to be resumed by the bridegroom." In Kent, England, after a couple have started on their tour, the single ladies are drawn up in one row, and the bachelors in another. An old shoe is then thrown as far as possible, and the ladies run for it, the successful one being the first female who it is supposed will be married. She then throws it to the gentleman and the man who it hit by it is deemed to be the first male who will enter wedlock. Generally it is considered the elder the shoe the better.

Only eleven cents for the best! "I exclaimed a Georgian colored man, as he gave it back. "Bride, the Lord never heard of dis one-horse congregation!"



LIVERY & SALE STABLE

J. P. ALLAN
Takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that he is prepared to furnish
First-class Horses and Carriages
At Reasonable Rates.
His High-class Horses are the best that can be had, and he is determined not to be surpassed by any City Stable.
Acton July 1st, 1875.

WM. STEWART & CO.,

WYNHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Are now selling their Splendid Stock of
DRY GOODS at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES
Preparatory to removing to more extensive and commodious premises.

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MINISTERS, STOCK COMPLETE

In every Department at the
FASHIONABLE WEST END.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Rece to intimate that his Stock is now complete in every department, and desires to inform the public of the fact, and that he is prepared to supply the public with the most fashionable goods at the lowest prices. Special attention is invited to our
Silk and Dress Department.
Shawl and Mantle Department.
Millinery Department.

ANDERSON'S

CHEAP BOOKSTORE
On East side Wyndham Street,
GUELPH.

FOUND AT LAST.

That the cheapest spot in the County for
BOOTS AND SHOES

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.
KENNEDY BROS.
Acton, August 24, 1875.

ACTON Steam Carriage & Wagon Works

MAIN STREET.

MICHAEL SPEIGHT, FREE PRESS

General Blacksmith, Carriage and Wagon Maker.
Best Horse-Shoers in the County
Perfect satisfaction guaranteed or no price charged.

FIRST-CLASS PLOWS

Gollard's Patent Iron Harrows
Always on hand.
A Good Stock of Carriages and Wagons.
REPAIRING promptly and properly attended to.
Acton, July 1, 1875.

THE FREE PRESS PRINTING and PUBLISHING OFFICE,

Over the Post Office, Mill Street
Orders for all kinds of Job Printing promptly attended to.

THE VILLAGE OF ACTON

It is proposed to grant a bonus to parties establishing any kind of manufacturing business employing ten skilled hands and upwards, and where said business does not conflict with any business already established within the corporation. Acton possesses good railway facilities, being on the Grand Trunk Railway, thirty-five miles west of Toronto. It is a beautiful and healthy location, is free from municipal debt, and property can be obtained on reasonable terms.
W. H. HOOKING, Proprietor.
Acton, 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 SPECIALTY.
Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
D. McNAIR.
Acton, July 1st, 1875.

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POST OFFICE STORE

ACTON
Having adopted the

READY PAY SYSTEM,

And discount for cash of

EIGHT CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

for three months past, would take this opportunity of stating that the
System Has Proved Most Satisfactory
To my numerous customers and also to myself, I will continue to

Sell Goods as Low as any House in the Trade

Doing a Credit Business, and will give the

8 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

Customers will no doubt avail themselves of the discount. I am fully satisfied of success, and satisfaction to all concerned, in the cash and discount system.

Cash for all Kinds of Produce,

Conveyancer, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Insurance Agent
Agent Money to Loan, Agent Montreal Tel. Co., Clerk
Fourth Div. Court, Com. in Q. B., &c.

JAMES MATTHEWS,

Acton, September 1, 1875.

THE PRINCIPAL REASON

WHY SHE

GOLDEN LION

OF GUELPH

Is underselling all the other merchants, is because he

BUYS FOR CASH AND CASH ONLY,

and has secured in the British market two first-class buyers, one in Glasgow and the other in London, England, both daily in the spot, reaping all advantages for the patrons of the Lion.

THE LION! THE LION!!

Is now opening FALL GOODS extensively and at such low prices, in fact the Lion will sell goods this season lower than other merchants pay for them. Bring your money to the Lion, and

Get Twenty Dollars Worth for Fifteen.

J. D. WILLIAMSON,
Proprietor of the Leading Store and the only direct importer in Guelph.
August 30, 1875.

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BUSINESS

W. H. LOW
Member of the
New York, also
College, Canada
Thursday, at 11
Acton.

JAMES MA
Master, Insuranc
to Loan, Agent
Fourth Div. Co
Acton, Ont.

D. HENDER
ance Coal, Devel
pared neatly, p
resonable price
Mortgage, and
House, Acton.

J. D. BRAT
Street, Guelph

W. M. LADD
Office, Main St
will be under ad
Campbell, and
at the "Milk"
week.

WILLIAM
Business pr
County, Guelph

MRS. S.
Teacher of the

CUNNINGHAM
Office, over the
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R. G. CUNNINGHAM

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Four and
wholesale and
Shopping Hall
Grand.

ROSS H.
the G. T. T.
public, Guelph

D. DOMINON
new House, a
with new furn
lers will find a
comfortable
attention, and
travelling pub
best Linens at
and attractive

ROYAL
Sample Room
for Commercial
moderate for
Best brands of
Bar, Good
Hostlers, &c.

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Sales agent
County, Guelph
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