

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Train leave Acton as follows: GOING WEST. Morning Mail 9:10 a.m. Day Express 2:00 p.m. Express 3:30 p.m. Mixed 7:15 p.m. Night Express 12:45 a.m. GOING EAST. Night Express 3:37 a.m. Mixed 9:40 a.m. Day Express 11:35 a.m. Mail 5:20 p.m. Mixed 8:35 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. Knockball mail, Tuesdays and Fridays.

LOCAL NEWS. We shall be glad, at all times, to receive news of local news, such as special church services, meetings of temperance or other societies, accounts of any kind, which are interesting, either in this locality or in the country generally. Matter of this kind may be sent marked "Printer's Copy," at the rate of five cents per line, and not sealed. It is to insure its publication it is necessary for us to receive it by Thursday evening, at the latest.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Village Council (this evening). Monthly Cattle Fair on next Thursday.

Mr. Waldie of Wellington Square, has been re-elected Warden of this County.

The snow of Tuesday has made the roads now quite passable for sleighs and cutters. More of it would be daily appreciated.

A young man named McMillan, slipping on the ice when carrying a pail of water, the other day, and fractured the small bone of his ankle.

Angus Cameron's ash wagon came to grief, the other day, when crossing a small bridge near the railroad tank engine house. We have not learned that any one was hurt.

Hilton County Council always completes its business in one day's session. We doubt if there is another County in Ontario whose Councilors remain on duty less than three days. Each session of the Wellington Council usually occupies five or six days.

Mr. John Ramsey, Reeve of Nassaraweya, claims to be one of the oldest residents of the township, now living in it. He was born on the western boundary of the township fifty years ago when it was almost a wilderness. One of his sisters was the first female child born in Ermoussa.

Christie, Henderson & Co., of Acton, have decided to extend their Grand Clearing Sale so as to give visitors to next Fair full opportunity of getting twice the worth of their money. A trial of that famous 50c tea, lately from New York direct, will surprise those from distance who have not had the opportunity of buying a really fine tea at such a low figure. Don't fail to secure a 5 lb. lot - undoubtedly the best value in Canada.

A communication signed "Governor" has been handled in with the request that we should publish it. We respectfully decline to do so, on the ground that we have no desire to encourage any controversy on church matters through the medium of the Free Press. This is a subject which should be rigidly guarded against in secular newspapers, for when once commenced, there is no telling where it will find. We are always glad to publish correspondence on subjects of general interest, but such matters as "Governor" speaks of are much better kept out of print.

Job Printing. The best job printing in the County at the Free Press Office. Call and examine our specimens.

To Correspondents. We invite all who can do so, to send us short descriptions of accidents, or unusual occurrences in any part of the County. Write on one side of the paper only. Mail your letters on Monday or Tuesday, to be sure of insertion in the Free Press of the same week.

See that famous yard-wide cotton first quality, only 10 cents a yard, at Christie, Henderson & Co.

Second Bros. have made another grand reduction in prices. This firm certainly deserve the thanks as well as the attention of our readers. We have the efforts they are constantly making to place cheap goods in the hands of consumers. Their present reduction in prices is made just at the proper time, and will help the people to ride over the prevailing hard times. It appears to be their study how they can provide their patrons with goods at the lowest possible price. We wish them every success.

A FRENCH TRICK. Some miscreant put a stick of wood charged with powder into a pile belonging to Mr. J. Newton, of Kilbride, and last Sunday it was put into the stove and exploded, bursting the stove into pieces, and blowing open all the doors in the house. Mrs. Newton was so badly burned that a doctor had to be sent for. The furniture, &c., was badly damaged. Mr. Newton had a stock of good sound wood, and the stick that was charged was rotten, and of a different kind from the rest. It is to be hoped that the perpetrators of the outrage will be discovered and brought to justice. - Champion.

THE PETIT ROBBERY. As it was feared that an attempt might be made to rescue the prisoner Mills on his way to penitentiary, the Sheriff of Milton took him off Monday night 17 inst., via George's town.

Concerning Our Roads.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR. - In your last issue, a communication from "Suffror," made its appearance. While I fully agree with him as to the disgraceful state of the roads through Esquimaux, I cannot see that the residents of Acton are called on to move so strongly in this matter as he seems to advise. If "Suffror" will task his memory he may possibly recall the fact that in 1874 we were compelled to separate from Esquimaux, to enable us so to expend our own taxes that we could get over Acton streets without a mud-bath; and although the improvement now is almost incredible, we have still ample room for our own funds. Several parts of the village have been rather neglected, and any efforts made in their behalf will be appreciated by the ratepayers. If, as he says, the trouble in Esquimaux is a surplus of money, our case is different. Our share of the Municipal Loan Fund has been spent as for recommendations (without any intention), and we have something to show for it; and the funds needed for further improvements must be raised by direct taxation. I cannot but think that "Suffror" has made a "big push" in the wrong direction. Instead of asking us to persuade and help the Township of Esquimaux to mend their own roads, why not use the eloquence he so evidently possesses, in laying his grievance before the Council of his own municipality, and half the delicate flattery applied (in vain) to the inhabitants of Acton would, if directed against that august body, surely produce such results as would entitle him to the lasting gratitude of the travelling community. In conclusion, allow me to hope that (at least till we learn what a big push in Esquimaux really means) we may be permitted to attend to internal improvements much more necessary to us, and when these are supplied, it will be quite soon enough to listen to his kind invitation "Will you be one?" Yours Truly, R. TAFFNER, Jan'y 26, 1876.

Nassaraweya Council. The members elect met on the 17th inst., at 1 o'clock p.m. The members were all present and signed their declarations and qualifications of office, viz: John Ramsey, Reeve; James Menzies, Deputy; Reeve; Theophilus B. Winn, George Scarr, and David Hutchison, Councilors.

Mr. Norrish moved, seconded by Dr. Winn, that \$37 be paid to Wallace & Pantor for printing minutes and by-laws, as per account. Also \$23, to Innes & Davidson, for printing. On motion, one dollar each was ordered to be refunded to J. Henderson and T. Taylor, being arrears in assessment for 1875. On a motion of Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Menzies, the following sums were ordered to be paid for sheep killed by dogs to Lambert, Barrieree \$24.88 and to W. Morton \$6.67. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Dr. Winn, that Alex. McPhie be appointed Auditor on behalf of the Council. The Reeve appointed James Stancombe as the other Auditor. A By-law for the appointment of township officers was introduced and read a first and second time with blanks partly filled. Owing to the sudden illness of the Clerk, the Council adjourned till Saturday, 22nd inst.

Council met on the 22nd inst. - Members all present, Reeve in the chair. Minutes read and confirmed. The sum of \$4 was ordered to be paid to John Keen for sheep killed by dogs. Account of J. Easterbrook of \$11.60 for rec filing \$5 births, 20 deaths, and 11 marriages in 1875, ordered to be paid. Also account of Wm. Dredge \$1.77 for planks. Also account of Jonathan Tasker of \$3 for 500 feet of lumber.

By-law for defining salaries of certain public officers was read a first and second time, and blanks filled up as follows: Auditors \$6 each; Assessors \$80; Collector \$75; Clerk \$100 (to include the school rate list); Inspector of Taverns \$8. By-law finally read third time and passed. The By-law appointing certain Township officers was read a third time and passed. The blanks were filled up with the following names: Assessor, Malcolm McMillan; Collector, Samuel R. Lester; Auditors, McPhie and Jas. Stancombe; Inspector of Licenses, Thos. M. Taylor.

Moved by Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law defining the duties of Tavern Inspector. The By-law was duly read the necessary times and passed. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that \$10 be paid to Peter Black in aid of Mrs. Brain, a poor and destitute person. Moved by Dr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that \$14 be paid to H. Corrigill for clearing road allowed on side road between Lots 15 and 16 in the 6th concession; and also on road allowance between 6th and 7th concessions. Also \$6 to Thos. Cox for clearing road allowance between Lots 15 and 16 and 16 and 6th con. and along the 16g, and \$1.25 for repairing a bridge opposite Lot 16, between 6th and 7th concessions.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the sum of \$3.90 be paid to Anthony Hixson for 65 yards gravel for road division No. 9. Mr. Norrish moved, seconded by Dr. Winn, that the sum of \$29 be paid to Joseph Anderson for making a road opposite Lots 12 and 13, between 6th and 8th concessions. Moved by Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law for the purpose of regulating the number of houses of public entertainment (not to exceed four in number). Also a By-law to regulate amount to be paid for houses and the amount of bonds for the due fulfillment of all By-laws and statutes concerning the same. All parties interested are requested to take notice and send in their applications on or before the 20th day of Feb. next.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet again on Saturday, 19th February.

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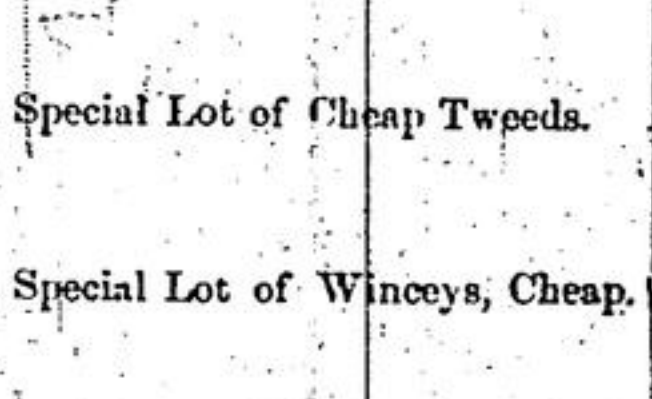
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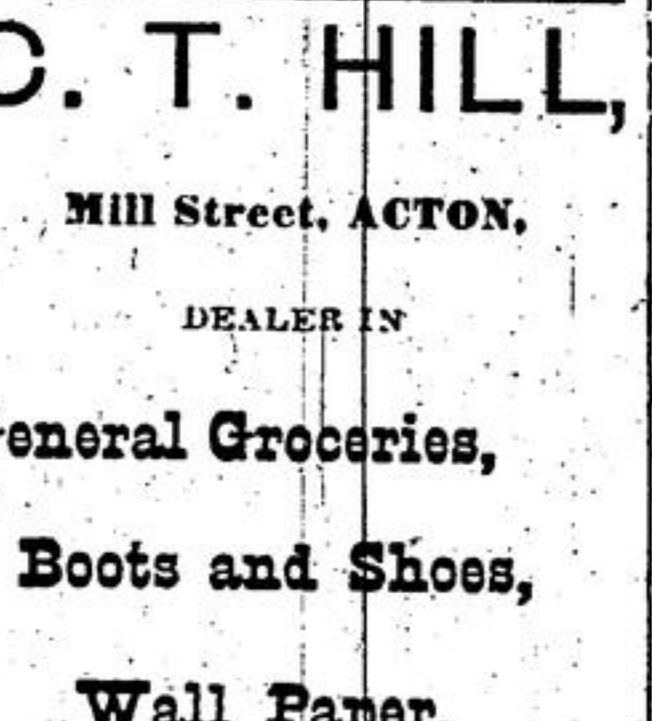
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THAT WONDERFUL MAN SPECIAL TO THE PUBLIC. 103 PIECES CROSBY'S TAPESTRY CARPETS AT THE EXTREMELY CHEAP PRICE OF 75 Cents Per Yard, Worth \$1.20. 78 Pieces Assorted 2 and 3 ply Kidderminster Carpets BEAUTIFUL GOODS, AT A LARGE REDUCTION ON USUAL PRICES. The above goods have been bought by me at less than the makers' cost, and I offer for the next two months the cheapest carpets to be met with in the Dominion. Call early and select. JOHN HOGG, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Oct. 27, 1875.

Second Bros., STOCK COMPLETE In every Department at the FASHIONABLE WEST END. A. O. BUCHAM, Guelph, Oct. 12, 1875. Requests to intimate that his Stock is now complete in every department, and desires to inform the ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that his display of New and Fashionable Goods is the finest he has ever submitted for public approval. Special attention is invited to our Silk and Dress Department. Shawl and Mantle Department. Millinery Department. Furs, Fancy Woolen Goods, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Blankets, Flannels, Tweeds, &c., All of which we are prepared to cut at the very lowest prices. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment, Guelph, Oct. 12, 1875.

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READ THIS. Having adopted the system of doing business on a Basis of Three Month's Credit, We feel assured it will result to the advantage of our customers as well as ourselves, and we propose showing our customers a few of the advantages they will gain by it. If we can get a settlement of all accounts every three months, it will be as good to us as cash, and as we intend to carry this out, and whether the account is one dollar or a hundred, insist on cash or note, and interest every three months, we have made a GREAT AND GRAND REDUCTION IN PRICES. Of all goods capable of reduction, a few instances of which we give below:

- 8 Tea reduced to 85 cents. 80 cent Tea reduced to 70 cents. 75 cent Tea reduced to 50 cents. 40 cent Coal Oil reduced to 30 cents. \$25 Silver Watch reduced to \$18. \$18 Silver Watch reduced to \$12. \$15 Silver Watch reduced to \$10. \$6.50 China Tea Set reduced to \$5.50. \$6.00 China Tea Set reduced to \$5. \$1.50 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1.35. \$1.25 Chopping Axe reduced to \$1. \$1.50 Granite Cups and Saucers reduced to \$1.25. 7 1/2 cent Toronto Biscuits, by box, reduced to 7 cents. 20 pounds of Rice for \$1. A further reduction of 50 per lb. on all Teas except our 50c Tea, when sold in 5 or 10 lb. lots.

It is a great and glorious thing to sell good goods cheap, and the man who has accomplished this has always been regarded as a public benefactor. If this be so, we think we can justly lay some claim to the title for our house has always been acknowledged one of the cheapest anywhere; and we are now making another effort to throw cheap goods and money into the pockets of our customers, and we are already convinced that the public hail it with pleasure. THE FREE PRESS OFFICE, Next Door to the Post Office, Mill Street, Acton.

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