**GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE.**

Trains leave Acton as follows:

| GOING WEST. | |
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| Morning Mail | 9.10 a.m. |
| Day Express | 2.00 p.m. |
| Express | 5.20 p.m. |
| Mixed | 7.15 p.m. |
| Night Express | 12.45 a.m. |
| GOING EAST. | |
| Night Express | 3.37 a.m. |
| Mixed | 9.10 a.m. |
| Day Express | 11.35 a.m. |
| Mail | 5.20 p.m. |
| Mixed | 8.35 p.m. |

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## THE NEW LICENSE ACT.

The Act for restricting the sale of spirituous liquors, passed the second reading in the Ontario Legislature on Monday, without amendment, and with but little opposition. It may, therefore, be said to be now as good as law, and that it will in all probability, remain substantially as first introduced, and be in full power and effect within a few weeks. According to its provisions the number of tavern licenses in cities, towns, and incorporated villages is to be limited to one for every full 250 inhabitants for the first 1000 of the population, and an additional one for each full 100 over the first 1000. Any municipality may, however, still further limit the number of taverns if they desire to do so. The duty of granting licenses is to be vested in a board of three Commissioners for each city or county, to be appointed by the Lieut. Governor. There is also to be an Inspector for each county, who receives his appointment from the Lieut Governor. The license year is to date from the first of May in each year, and all licenses now in force may be renewed for two months only, at the same rate as has been heretofore paid. The following are to be the license fees:—

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| For each wholesale license | $150 |
| Shop licenses in cities | 100 |
| " " in towns | 80 |
| " " other municipalities | 60 |
| Tavern licenses in cities | 100 |
| " " in towns | 80 |
| " " other municipalities | 60 |

The council of any municipality may by by-law require a larger duty to be paid for tavern or shop licenses therein, but not in excess of $150 in the whole, unless the by-law has been approved by the electors under the 23rd section of the License Act.

A more rigid system of inspection of taverns will be instituted, in order to secure the proper accommodation for travelers, and to secure compliance with the law in every respect. By the operations of the act, we fancy the principal reduction in the number of taverns will be in cities and large towns. Villages and rural districts will be comparatively but little effected. We notice that in Toronto it will reduce the number from 300 to 170, and in Hamilton from 111 to 70. In Guelph we believe there will be very little reduction from the present number; Acton will remain as now.

We believe it will be generally conceded by nearly all classes, that the Act is a step in the right direction, and that its tendency will be to materially reduce the drinking customs. Still we are quite prepared to find that it does not meet the views of the more radical temperance advocates. There are, indeed, some who even go so far as to say that it is very little, if any, improvement upon the old law—that they are entirely disappointed in the action of the Government; that when they cried for bread they were given but a stone. May we not venture to suggest that the country is not yet prepared to accept Prohibition, and until such be the case, it would be useless for the Government to place upon the statutes a law that would be to all intents and purposes a dead letter. Legislation in advance of public conviction is not wise nor desirable. An overwhelming majority of the people we believe are in favor of restricting the liquor traffic and keeping it within well defined limits, and this is exactly what the Government proposes to do. People are being gradually educated to the necessity of greater restriction in the liquor traffic, and nearly every enactment for a number of years, on this question, has had this tendency. Radical reforms of this nature require time and patience to become established facts.

The time for building the Streetsville and Port Credit Railway has been extended for three years.

The Red Stocking Baseball Club of Listowel has been re-organized for the current season.

Robert Chalmers, a married man with several children, died at Charleston, Ont., last week from the effects of excessive drinking.

On Saturday a verdict of Not Guilty was returned in the case of Wm. Fraser, charged with being accessory, before the fact, to the the murder of Jane Gilmour.

About a week ago, as Mr. Alex. Campbell was engaged in chopping wood for Mr. H. Cargill, Nassagaweya, he met with a very painful accident in getting one of his arms badly hurt.

Mr. J. S. Garnett, editor of the Ingersoll *Chronicle*, died rather suddenly on Thursday. Mr. Garnett has been for many years a prominent member of the Canadian press.

A successful forgery was practised on one of the banks at Port Hope, by a Jew calling himself Will Bernheim, and representing himself as agent for the Standard Oil Co. of Cleveland.

At a meeting held in St. Catharines on Saturday, Mr. J. C. Rykert was nominated as the Liberal Conservative candidate for the representation of Lincoln in the place of Mr. Neelon, unseated and disqualified.

The trial of Michael McConnell for the murder of Mr. Nelson Mills, of Hamilton, begun on Monday morning, was concluded Tuesday night, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty, and the judge sentencing the prisoner to be hanged on March 14th.

Mr. Creighton's Bill, giving women the right to vote at municipal elections and on money by-laws, was defeated in the Assembly last week by a small majority. The vote stood, Yeas, 31; Nays, 33.

In Chatham last week the people voted on a By-law for raising the licenses of taverns to $250, saloons, $500, and shops $300. The total number of votes polled was 657, the by-law being carried by 135 majority.

Mr. Bracken, Reeve of Caledon, was chosen Warden for the County of Peel at the meeting of the Council last week. Mr. Lindsay, the County Clerk, tendered his resignation. Several applications were made for this office, but we have not yet learned the name of the appointee.

The engineers of the Hamilton and Northwestern railway have commenced a survey of the road and will continue their labors until the road is completed. Active operations are now in progress for the construction of the line between Hamilton and the Beach, the intention being to complete this portion of the road by the first of June next.

The Ontario Poultry Society hold their annual exhibition in the Drill Shed at Guelph, commencing on February 29th and continuing till March 3rd. A splendid show is expected, as leading Canadian and American poultry men intend to exhibit. Let all interested take warning in time. The Society will give prizes amounting to $1,000, and about $350 has been subscribed by the merchants of Guelph, so that the total value of the prizes will not be short of $1,400.

The creditors of the Joseph Hall Works, Oshawa, met recently, when a settlement was arrived at as follows: Messrs. Whitely, of the firm of Whitely, Easler & Kelly, of Springfield, Ohio, and Barnes, of the firm of Sweet, Barnes & Co., of Syracuse, purchased the whole establishment, including buildings, stock and assets for the sum of $13,000, to be paid one-half in one year and the other half in two years from date. The employees are to receive their wages in full.

MR. BARBER.—The disposal of the appeal against Mr. Justice Patterson's decision in the McCraney election trial, will no doubt be very gratifying to Mr. Barber, as it goes far to confirm the popular opinion that he is innocent of the misdemeanor for which he suffered disqualification. There is now no doubt that Mr. Barber, with Messrs Stock and Scott, will be at once relieved by a special Act of the Ontario Legislature.—*Champion.*

SENT TO GAOL.—On Saturday last, Richard Stinson was lodged in the Guelph gaol under the following circumstances. Some months ago he was boarding with a widow named Elizabeth Brecken, and shortly afterwards he left and went to work in Erin township, where he took a house, and invited Mrs. Brecken to come and take charge of the house, in consideration of which she was to receive free board for herself and little girl. During her absence in Guelph, last week, he sold part of the furniture which she claims, and advertised the remainder by public auction in Rockwood. She thereupon applied to a magistrate for a warrant to search Johnston's hotel, where some of the articles were found. Mr. Breckon then charged Stinson with stealing her goods, and upon this charge he was arrested.

## Erin Township Council.

This Council met in the Town Hall, Erin, on the 17th January. The newly elected Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, and Councillors met and subscribed to the declaration of qualification and declaration of office, namely: D. McMillan, Reeve; John W. Burt, Deputy-Reeve; Robert Barbour, Robert A. Reid and Wm. McDowell, Councillors, after which the Reeve took his seat, and the Council proceeded to business. The Reeve appointed Mr. George Worts, Auditor. On motion of Mr. Burt, seconded by Mr. Reid, Mr. Thos. Young was also appointed auditor. Moved by Mr. Barbour, that leave be granted to bring a By-law for remunerating township officers, and that it be read a first and second time. Moved by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. McDowell, that the standing Committees for the current year be as follows:—Road and Bridges, the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Council; Education, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Mr. Reid; Finance, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Mr. Barbour; Benevolent, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Mr. McDowell.

By-law No. 1, for the remuneration of Township officers was filled up, as follows, and passed:—Township Clerk, $200, and no extras; Treasurer, $60; Assessor, $100, and to attend Court of Revision two days; Collector, 8½ cents; Tavern Inspectors, $10 each; Auditors, $8 each; Councillors, $3 each per day while in session, and 10 cents per mile, one way only. The Reeve read a petition from John Morris and eleven other ratepayers in School Section No. 11, in reference to certain lands to be added to said Section, which petition, on motion by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Barbour, was laid over until next meeting of Council, and the Clerk ordered to notify Trustees of School Sections No. 9 and 11 to attend. On motion $1.50 was ordered to be paid to Lachlan Currie, for letting and inspecting a job of work on Town line, between Erin and Esquesing. Moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Burt, that the taxes against Jeremiah Worden's lot, No. 27, in the 1st Concession, be struck off the Collector's roll, the taxes on said lot having been paid by John Gauthrop. On motion by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. Burt the Council adjourned to meet on Monday, the 7th of February, for Township business, and receiving applications for the offices of Assessor and Collector, and two Tavern Inspectors.

WM. TYLEE, Tp Clerk.

## Esquesing Council.

The members elect of the Township of Esquesing, Municipal Council, for the year 1876, assembled at Clark's Inn, Stewartown, on Monday, the 17th of January, and made and subscribed the declaration of office and qualification as follows: Wm. Clay, Reeve, John Warren, first Deputy Reeve; William McEnery, second Deputy Reeve; George Wrigglesworth and Ninian Lindsay, Councillors.

The Reeve having taken the chair addressed the Council.

A By-law was introduced and passed, appointing John Brain one of the Auditors. The Reeve named David Cross as the other Auditor.

A By-law for the appointment of two Assessors, was introduced and read the necessary times, and the blanks were filled up with the names of Samuel H McNaughton and James Menzies.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Joseph Shortill the sum of $8.20, being his account for a coffin and shroud for the late Irvin Love, who died in indigent circumstances.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Warren, that $12.50 be granted to John Campbell, for building a bridge on the town line between Esquesing and Erin, in the 11th concession, the township of Erin having paid a similar amount.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law to appoint one Inspector of Licenses also an officer to enforce the law and the By-laws of this Municipality respecting tavern and shop licenses, and that said By-law be read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wrigglesworth, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the Treasurer pay to William Thompson the sum of $6.10, being the two-thirds value of one sheep killed by dogs, the owners of which are unknown.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the By-law to appoint a Tavern License Inspector and an officer to enforce the law be laid over until the next meeting of the Council.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 28th January.

THE FRASER TRIAL.—The trial of William Fraser, who was charged with being an accessor after the fact to the murder of Jane Vaughan Gilmore, was concluded on Saturday. The jury retired to consider their verdict at half-past two o'clock, and returned into court at ten minutes past five o'clock, when the foreman announced that their verdict was Not Guilty. The verdict was received with applause in Court, which demonstration was quickly suppressed. Fraser, after leaving the Court House, was escorted by a large crown along Adelaide street.

## HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council met at Milton, on Tuesday. The whole of the members elect were present except Mr. Lyon.

Moved by Mr. Clements seconded by Mr. Ramsey that Mr. Jno. Waldie be Warden—Carried unanimously.

After the usual routine, Mr. Waldie thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him and trusted that the same harmony that characterized last year's and in fact every year's proceedings since he held a seat in the Council would mark its sessions during the present year.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Barber moved that Messrs. Clay, Foster, Ramsey and Clements be the Committee to strike Standing Committees—Carried.

The Council adjourned to await report of Committee on Standing Committees.

The Committee presented a report which was adopted, recommending the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES.

Finance—Messrs. Barber, Buck, Clay and Foster. Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Foster, Ramsey, Robinson and Warren. County Buildings—Messrs. Lyon, Menzies and Watson. Printing—Messrs. Clements, Barber, McEnery and Young. Education—Messrs. McGarvin, Warren and Lyon.

Mr. D. Dewar, by the Council, and Mr. P. McLean, by the Warden, were appointed auditors at a salary of $20 per annum.

Moved by Mr. W. H. Young, seconded by Dr. Buck that Mr. McDougald be appointed trustee of Oakville High School—Carried.

Halton Agricultural Society was granted the sum of $100, as usual.

Col. Clay called the attention of the Council, to the lateness of the date at which the accounts were printed, and made the suggestion which was well received that the accounts be audited as soon as possible and placed in the hands of the Printing Committee.

A communication was read from Dr. Bennet offering to perform the duties of goal Surgeon the ensuing year for the sum of $50.

A communication from the Government was read relating to emigration; asking the Council to take steps to ascertain the number of farm laborers and female domestic servants who could find situations in the county.

SEVENTH LINE ROAD.

Col. Clay stated that himself and Mr. Warren had waited upon the Trustees of the Oakville and Erin gravel road relative to the abolition of the toll gate on said road in the township of Esquesing. These gentlemen were now in attendance. The committee had strongly urged upon the company the injustice inflicted upon the people by the said toll gate. He moved that the President of the road Mr. Cross, be heard.

Mr. Cross said that owing to the absence of the other members of the Board, he would be unable to settle anything. He had tried to collect the other members together and decide what they were willing to do. He had written to Mr. R. K. Chisholm to ascertain the views of the Directors in Oakville and whether they were willing to take off the gate or resist the wishes of the Council, which they had a perfect right to do. The Road was chartered about twenty-five years ago, a great deal of money had been spent including a grant from the County Council. They had taken off the gates on the whole of the road except the upper portion. They kept this because they thought it unjust to the township of Esquesing to allow people of other townships the use of the road and pay nothing to keep it up. He had managed the road the past seven years, and there had been about $5,000 received for tolls, the whole of which had been spent on the road. He had taken great trouble in the matter and would be quite willing, if the other Trustees were, to surrender the road. Mr. R. K. Chisholm had written him that the Trustees in Oakville had held a meeting and that Mr. John Barclay would be present in Milton to-day, to state the conclusions they had arrived at. He (Mr. Barclay) was not present so that he could give no decision. Mr. R. S. Appelbe was in the room, and was at the meetings of the Trustees in Oakville and would be able to tell the Council what was the decision of these gentlemen.

The Warden—Are you willing to surrender your share if others are?

Mr. Cross—Yes, if amicable arrangements could be made not to sacrifice the road.

Col. Clay—Would you be willing to accept the same promise that the Company gave the Council when they (the Council) surrendered the road? They had given the company $15,000 but it failed to fulfill the conditions of its charter and only kept eight miles of the road that could be most easily repaired and abandoned the rest. He had no doubt that the township of Esquesing would take good care of the road by grants of money and the statute labor. He hoped the company would not be so stubborn and self-willed as to force the Council to a law suit.

By permission, Mr. R. S. Appelbe addressed the Council. He stated that he appeared before them as a representative of the Road Company, and thought that the Council ought to take another view of the question. It was not correct that the rights of private citizens should be sacrificed for the public good. The shareholders had invested large sums on the road, which had all been sacrificed—the public having received the entire benefit of it. They ought to be remunerated before they surrendered their rights. The grant made to the Company was only $4,000, not $15,000 as stated by Col. Clay. He maintained that the Company had kept up the road and the people had had ample returns for the money received from the county. The shareholders were willing to surrender their right if the County would undertake to grade the road to Oakville, but refused to do so on any other terms. They would continue to grade the road by degrees, and finally open it to the lake. He considered the offer of the company to be extremely liberal and ought to be met in a liberal spirit.

Mr. Clay stated that on reference to the by-laws he found that he was perfectly correct in saying that $15,000 had been given to the company by the Council.

Mr. White then addressed the Council. He said the company by its failure to fulfill the conditions of its charter had lost its legal status. The road had not been kept in repair. Heavy subsidies had been paid, both by the old Council and the new; which had all been spent and the people to-day had nothing for their money. Under these circumstances therefore, bearing in mind that they have been receiving tolls for so many years and had done so little, the company was entitled to nothing, and the toll gate ought to be removed at once.

Mr. Barber submitted a motion to facilitate the settlement of the question. He moved the appointment of a special Committee to confer with the directors and come to amicable terms if possible. The resolution, however, would not prevent the previous resolution being carried out, which authorized the Warden at once to institute legal proceedings should negotiations be of no effect.

Mr. Warren pointed out the anomaly of the case. People who live on the sides of the road and were consequently most interested in having a good road were those who wished the gate abolished; and those who lived many miles away from, and could not possibly have any interest in it were those who wished a perpetuation of the abuse. It was absurd to suppose that the Council should be thus dictated to by the directors. It was absurd to suppose that two or three men could compel the County to fulfill the company's stipulations. It was ridiculous to suppose that Trafalgar would undertake the responsibility. The fact was there was not even a remote possibility of the company completing the road. And if it was completed, he questioned whether the people of the two townships would be willing to pay tolls on it.

Mr Young was a shareholder in the road but he knew nothing about the proceedings of those who professed to call themselves directors. He never received a summons to attend any meetings. The thing was a farce from beginning to end. The toll-gate was an incubus on the people of Esquesing and if it were necessary, legal action should be taken to remove it.

The motion for a committee was then carried.

EDUCATION.

Mr. Warren, from the special committee on Education reported that the government declined to receive deputations on educational questions until the contemplated changes in the Department were effected. On motion of Dr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Warren, the report of the Committee was adopted.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Dr. Buck moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that a petition from the Council be forthwith presented to the Ontario Legislature, against the granting of grocery liquor licenses, which was carried.

JAIL SURGEON.

Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that Dr. Bennet be appointed Jail Surgeon, at a salary of $50 per annum.

Mr. Foster did not think it wise to make the change. No complaint had been made against Dr Freeman. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried, on the following vote: Yeas—Clements, McEnery, Robinson, Warren, Young, Buck, Menzies, Ramsey, Barber—9.

Nays—Clay, McGarvin, Watson, Foster—4.

HAMILTON AND N. W. RAILWAY.

The Warden entered into explanations of the negotiations with the directors of the company, and the steps they had taken to protect the interests of the county. Mr. Lyon acted with them throughout, and Mr. McCraney also gave his influence. When they arrived in Toronto, the extension of time bill was before the committee. The delegation after consultation with Messrs. McCraney and Lyon, seeing that they had no chance of obtaining what they wanted, determined to get the best terms possible. The company then offered to let the county redeem the debentures at 94 per cent, the market price being 97½, and to forego interest to April next. We replied that we could not decide anything absolutely; we were only empowered to resist the extension of time. In reply they told us they wanted no favors from the county of Halton; they intended and were prepared to comply with the terms of the By-law and build the road at once through to Georgetown, six months earlier than the date fixed. We told them that the matter could not be settled until the spring session.

Col. Clay endorsed what Mr. Waldie had said, and added that the county of Halton did not wish to be placed in the same position as they were with regard to the Credit Valley—to pay them money and have nothing for it. He thought the Council could not do better than accept the offer.

The Warden explained the apportionment of the amount to be paid for these debentures by the several municipalities, should the offer be accepted, as follows:

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| Esquesing | $26,301 31 |
| Trafalgar | 16,326 37 |
| Milton | 2,258 68 |
| Georgetown | 2,258 68 |
| Burlington | 1,694 00 |
| Nelson | 16,160 96 |

He paid a high compliment to Mr. Switzer, the Trustee, and said he was sure that gentleman would do all he possibly could to protect the interests of the county. He (the Warden) said that as the township of Esquesing had made no levy of the tax last year, the authority of the Legislature would be needed to enable them to collect it. He had no doubt the matter would be satisfactorily arranged.

Col. Clay said that in regard to the collection of the railway fund, the township of Esquesing would do what was right. He did not think there was a man in the township mean enough to refuse to pay his lawful taxes.

Messrs. Warren, Ramsey and McGarvin were appointed a committee to wait upon the Government upon educational matters.

The expenditure of $20 on the Credit bridge, on the town line between Halton and Peel was authorized, Peel paying a similar sum.

Mr. Clay moved, seconded by Mr. Foster, that when this Council adjourn, it adjourns until Tuesday, March 2nd.

The printing committee presented its first report, which was adopted. The report recommended that the County printing and advertising be open to tenders.

The Council then adjourned.

[We are indebted to the Oakville *Express* for the above excellent report of the County Council proceedings. There is evidently a mistake in the date of adjournment, as the 2nd of March falls on a Thursday—not Tuesday.]

STRAYED CATTLE.—Some persons seem to think they have a perfect right to keep an animal which strays upon their premises, if they do not see it advertised, never thinking that they have any duty in the matter. The following, from the Bobcaygeon *Independent*, will awaken them:—"A rather curious case has recently occured respecting strayed cattle. A farmer was prosecuted for having a lost cow in his possession. The cow strayed on to his premises and he kept it without advertising it. The neglect to advertise the animal was considered *prima facie* evidence of an intention to defraud, and the farmer was sent to jail for two months. Farmers who have cattle in their possession, not their property should advertise them at once.

### MARRIED.

In Acton, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 27th January, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, assisted by Rev. Mr. Alexander, of Norval, Mr. John Burns, of Eramosa, to Miss Martha, eldest daughter of Mr. Thos. McMahon, of Acton.

At the residence of the bride's brother, W. E. Mitchell, Esq., Milton, by the Rev. James Gray, on the 26th January, 1876, Mr. D. Abbott, of Eramosa, to Miss Grace Ann Mitchell, of Milton.

### ACTON MARKETS.

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| White Wheat | 0 98 to 1 00 |
| Treadwell | 0 95 to 0 98 |
| Spring Wheat | 0 90 to 0 92 |
| Barley | 0 60 to 0 68 |
| Oats | 0 35 to 0 00 |
| Peas | 0 60 to 0 63 |
| Potatoes, per bush | 0 40 to 0 00 |
| Dried Apples, per lb | 0 08 to 0 00 |
| Onions, per bushel | 0 75 to 1 50 |
| Butter | 0 20 to 0 00 |
| Eggs | 0 18 to 0 00 |
| Dressed Hogs | 6 50 to 7 20 |

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## VILLAGE OF ACTON.

**A Public Meeting of the ratepayers is requested at Matthews' Hall, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at half-past seven o'clock, to take into consideration the granting of a Bonus to a brush manufacturer.**

**Mr. Baker will be present to address the meeting. A full attendance is requested.**

**N. McGARVIN, Reeve.**

Acton, Feb. 3, 1876.

## MISSIONARY MEETING.

A meeting in behalf of the Home Missionary Society will be held in the Baptist Church on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Guelph, Rev. Messrs. Baird, Reed, Cox and others, are expected to be present. Singing by the children. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Home Missionary Fund.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## OYSTER SUPPER.

On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a complimentary supper will be tendered to

**W. H. STOREY, ESQ., EX-REEVE,**

*and Messrs. C. T. Hill, John Speight and Edward Nicklin, Ex-Councillors,*

as a mark of respect and appreciation of their services during the past two years in the Village Council.

A general invitation is extended to all—including the ladies—to participate in the entertainment. (No intoxicating liquors).

Admission 50 cents; lady and gentleman 75 cents. The proceeds, after paying the net expenses, are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

COMMITTEE.—C. S. Smith, James Matthews, John Secord, D. McNair, Benj. Nicklin, J. H. Hacking, James Sharp.

**The LONGINE PATENT LEVER WATCH which I sell at**

## $20

**Is the best for the Money in Canada.**

**G. D. PRINGLE,**

Watchmaker, Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 1, 1876.

## AUCTION SALE.

**ACTON BOUND TO KEEP AHEAD.**

Times being a little tough, Mr. JAS. RYDER has instructed Mr. G. Gibbs to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 8, 1876,

A splendid assortment of

**Cutters,**
**Buggies,**
**Democratts,**
**Bob and Long Sleighs,**
**Lumber Waggons,**
**Iron and Wooden Harrows,**

*Good Driving Horse and Harness,*

All of which he is determined to sell

**At and Below Cost.**

Dead horses can't work, and stock kept over from year to year has ruined many a merchant and mechanic, consequently Mr. James Ryder has wisely come to the conclusion of knocking down all of the above stock to the public by public auction at his Carriage Shop, in the Village of Acton, on the above day.

Every article will positively be knocked down to the highest bidder regardless of cost.

Sale to come off at one o'clock sharp. If you want bargains attend this sale.

TERMS.—9 months' credit will be given by furnishing approved joint notes. 10 per cent discount for cash.

Old and young, male and female, are cordially invited.

GEO. GIBBS, Auctioneer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## LADY'S MUFF FOUND.

Found about the middle of January, on the road near Acton, a Lady's Muff. The owner may get it on applying to

THOS. BENNETT,

Lot No. 3, 5th con. Erin.

THE

# POST OFFICE CASH STORE,

ACTON, ONT.

On beginning the business of 1876, I would return sincere thanks to my numerous customers for the very liberal support they have given me during the past 22 years, and again I most respectfully ask a continuance of their respective support. During my experience in business I have pretty thoroughly found out the

## Ups and Downs in Trade,

And am fully convinced that a

**Credit Business is a Dangerous Business to both Seller and Buyer.**

I am therefore determined to do a

## READY PAY BUSINESS

And give my customers the benefit by giving them

Eight per cent off for Cash on all General Groceries

(excepting Sugar). By doing business as above, I will have the cash to buy my goods and effect a

SAVING OF AT LEAST 6 PER CENT

and

**MY CUSTOMERS WILL GET THE BENEFIT,**

And in reality get

14 per cent for their Money.

Please consider the matter over, and give me your support to carry out the only right way of doing business, that is

READY PAY.

My stock will always be found complete in

**Groceries, Provisions, Crockery, Glassware, Stationery, Wall Papers, Window Blinds, Window Rollers, &c.**

**Specialties.—SAUSAGE, OYSTERS, YARMOUTH BLOATERS, FINNAN HADDIES, &c., &c.**

PRODUCE TAKEN AS CASH.

I believe in the DISCOUNT SYSTEM, and as it has proved very satisfactory, I will continue to give the discount as follows: On 25 cts, 2 cents discount; on 50 cts, 4 cents; on 75 cts, 6 cents; on $1, 8 cents.

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

Acton, January 18, 1876.

**JAMES MATTHEWS.**