

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Trains leave Acton as follows: Morning Mail, 9:15 a.m.; Day Express, 1:57 p.m.; Night Express, 5:30 p.m.; Mail, 7:35 p.m.; Night Express, 1:04 a.m.; GOING EAST: Night Express, 3:38 a.m.; Mail, 9:16 a.m.; Day Express, 11:34 a.m.; Mail, 5:20 p.m.; Night Express, 9:20 p.m.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The public schools open on Monday next.

The question—Who runs this country? is easily answered. Grand Trunk engineers, of course.

Ye who have not yet paid your taxes had better do so before the Collector gets wrothy.

At a meeting of the School Board Monday evening, Mrs. Hughes was appointed caretaker of the school for the year 1877, at a salary of about \$75.

The snow shower is not used on our sidewalks as much as it ought to be. Perhaps our constable will try and save a little of his salary by poking up the delinquents.

How happy we could be without railroads and things if we owned a good ox-team. Then we wouldn't be "shakeladen" to Grand Trunk engineers for our daily meals.

Just think of it! four mortal days without a daily newspaper in Acton! No New Year letters! No Compliments of the Season! Ah! there's no telling what those naughty engineers will have to answer for.

The practice indulged in by boys of hanging on behind sleighs driven through the streets is a dangerous amusement, especially in the more frequented thoroughfares. The driver who "whips behind" does the proper thing.

The large water wheel in Messrs. Nicklin's mill broke into smithereens yesterday without any apparent cause. It will cost over \$100 to repair the damage. It will not cause any stoppage of the mill, as their steam engine will be made to do full duty.

Mr. Donald McNaair, who has been seriously ill for some weeks past, is reported somewhat better.

W. McCraney, Esq., M.P. for this county, paid a flying visit to Acton yesterday.

Mrs. Secord, senr., was one of the many victims of Grand Trunk deception. She was compelled to remain in Toronto from Saturday morning until Wednesday, against her inclination.

Mrs. Wilkinson, wife of Rev. T. L. Wilkinson of Nassagaweya, was taken suddenly ill on her way home from Acton on Wednesday morning, and has had to remain at the house of Mr. Robert Aiken.

Mr. John Secord may be congratulated on the top, the other day. Very few thought he would tally so well.

Mr. Walter Laing, of Nassagaweya, recently strayed his side in killing a quarter of beef, and Dr. Wain states that a blood-poison has been broken in the region of the liver, and that he lies in a precarious condition.

Mr. John Hogan and Mrs. Hogan, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. James Gibbons are on a visit for a few days to the paternal residence. They reside in Shelburne.

Those young rascals who bet so high on the election, now wish they hadn't. Moral: Don't bet unless you're sure.

Mr. Hunt and Isaac have had easy times at the station lately. So have Laird and Dismore—no trucks or mail-bags to bother them. Their work has been principally to poke pert puns at peaky people who presumed to pester them with querulous queries regarding the regular running and the seriously sudden stoppage of the Trunk train traffic.

Temperance Lecture. The entertainment under the auspices of the Acton Division Sons of Temperance, in their hall on New Year's evening, was attended by a full house. After the cakes and things had been properly disposed of, Mr. Christie took the chair, and the brass band played a stirring march in their usual excellent style. The choir sang "Fond Out" in a pleasing manner, no doubt a soothening lullaby to the unfortunate victims of the habit. Mr. R. Cook gave a brief address on temperance. Mr. Chas. Dean sang in splendid voice the touching Scotch song about the "Drunkard's Haggled We'en," and an encore brought out that fine old song "Castles in the Air." The band played "Fair Canada."

Mr. John Speight made an interesting and amusing address, occupying more than an hour, which he took and upon nearly every subject under the sun. Miss Clara Watson sang a sentimental song, the title or words of which we were unable to catch, owing to the constant buzzing noise throughout the hall. A quartette consisting of Messrs. Dean, Hill and Gibbons and Miss Watson, sang "We roam," and Mr. Dean told us about "Yap bright shore."

Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, of Nassagaweya, then spoke for fully an hour, the time being principally occupied in reviewing a speech recently delivered in Toronto by James Fahy, in behalf of the Licensed Victuallers Association. The speech was caustically handled and Fahy's sophistry effectively disposed of.

Christmas cakes, lunch cakes, pound cakes, fruit cakes, sponge cakes, etc., etc., at Galloway Bros., Bakery.

Installation and Presentation.

On Wednesday evening at the regular communication of Walker Lodge, No. 321, A. E. & S. M., Acton, the following officers were installed by V. W. Bro. Hugh Walker, assisted by W. Bro. H. H. Moore, of Guelph.

- Bro. Henry Hunt, W. M.
W. Bro. Caleb Chasid, I. P. M.
Thos. Kennedy, S. W.
Alex. H. Wright, J. W.
John P. Secord, Chap.
Jas. Matthews, Treas.
John Ross, Sec.
Jas. Byrder, S. D.
David Galloway, J. D.
John Morrow, I. G.
Fred Secord, D. of C.
R. Morrow.
Wm. H. Lowry, Stewards
Chas. Cameron, Tyler.

Immediately on the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, Bro. Hunt, on behalf of the brethren of Walker Lodge, presented their ex-master, Mr. Caleb Chasid, of Guelph, with a very handsome and beautifully chased Past Master's jewel, as a token of their esteem and recognition of his services as master of the lodge for the year 1876. It bore the following inscription:

Presented to WORSHEPFUL BROTHER CALIB CHASID, by the members of Walker Lodge, No. 321, G. R. C. December 27th, A. L. 1876.

After Mr. Chasid had made a suitable reply to the address accompanying the presentation, the brethren adjourned to Mr. Robt. Agnew's hotel, where an excellent supper was laid. On the removal of the cloth, a few hours were spent in social conversation, singing, &c., and the company parted, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." The Masonic Lodge at Acton is in a very prosperous condition, and has now a membership of over thirty.

NASSAGAWEYA.

Presentation in Nassagaweya. At the close of the Quarterly Examination of the pupils of Pine Grove School, Section No. 7, Nassagaweya, Masters Wellington D. Gurgill and A. McTavish jr., on behalf of the pupils, presented their teacher, Mr. N. McPhatter, who is about to retire from the profession, with a handsome gold watch, chain and the following address:

We, on behalf of the pupils of Pine Grove School, on this the eve of your departure from our midst, beg leave to present you with this watch, as a token of our affection and the esteem entertained by us of you. We regret that the time has arrived when we must sever our connection as teacher and pupils, but it consoles us to think that we shall often meet you in the future. We are assured that you will be kindly remembered by both old and young of this section. Many who have hitherto been strangers to you, and who will never see you again, will now miss your friendly counsel. We do not desire to present this watch on account of its intrinsic value, nor do we present it as remuneration for services performed, but as we present it as a slight acknowledgment of our regard and esteem for you. We conclude by wishing you every success in whatever sphere of life you may engage.

Signed on behalf of the pupils, Wellington D. Gurgill, Arch. McTavish, Jr.

Mr. McPhatter replied in suitable terms, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the kindness thus manifested towards him. He concluded by hoping that the school would continue to grow and prosper; and he assured his pupils and friends that he should not soon forget the many happy associations met with in Pine Grove school. The watch is a very handsome one, valued at \$46, and was purchased at G. D. Pringle's jewelry store, Guelph.

Complimentary Supper.

On Friday, 22d ult., a complimentary supper was given to Mr. Wm. S. McTavish, by the members of Lowville Lodge No. 183 U. T. O. There were about 120 present. Mr. Wm. Hardbottle occupied the chair, and Mr. W. O. Morse the vice-chair. After ample justice had been done to the oysters and the other delicacies with which the table was abundantly laden, the Chairman proposed "The Queen," which was responded to by Mr. Joseph Featherston. The toast of the "Governor General" and the "Government of Canada" was responded to by Mr. J. S. Kemp. "The Guest of the evening" was proposed by the Chairman, in which he referred to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. McTavish in advancing the interests of the Lodge. The audience sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. McTavish replied in very appropriate terms, thanking them for the compliment, and assuring them that when a favorable opportunity presented itself he would not fail to embrace it, and pay the Lodge a visit. The "Learned Professors" was responded to by Dr. McGregor, of Guelph; "The Agricultural Interests" by Mr. L. Hunter and Mr. Sam'l Dice; the "Cause of Temperance" by Messrs. W. S. McTavish and Wm. Hardbottle; the "Mechanics" by Messrs. A. C. McMillan, A. Smith and Isaac Bernhardt; "The Press," by Mr. John Turnbull, Rev. H. Hall and Mr. Geo. Hardbottle responded with thrilling speeches to "The Future." The concluding toast was to "The Ladies." Mr. A. Robertson and the Misses Nichol and Hopkinson, of Cambridgeville, Mr. D. S. Elliott, of Campbellville, and Miss Eykeman, of Waterdown, interspersed the toasts by singing some fine selections, which were well received and frequently encored. Mr. Griffin, of Waterdown, gave an excellent recitation, which was loudly applauded. The musical voices of the ladies were then given, and the audience joined in singing the national anthem, after which they dispersed, about 11:45, all apparently well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

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