GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Acton as follows:—

GOING WEST.

Night Express	1:04 a.m.
Toronto mail	9.10 a.m.
Day Express	1.57 p.m.
Express	5.20 p.m.
Galt mixed	7:07 p.m.

GOING EAST.

Night Express	3:38 a.m.
Galt mixed	9:10 a.m.
Day Express	11:34 a.m.
Western mail	5:20 p.m.
London mixed	10:10 p.m.

LOCAL MATTERS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To Breeders—Alex. Waldie.
Abstract of Acton School Division.
Important Notice—Robert Creech.
Important to the Sick—Dr. McCullough

—Another change in the Grand Trunk time table. See above.

—Don't fail to visit the great discount sale now going on at G. M. Scott's.

—The masquerade carnival on the skating rink in Georgetown last week was a grand success. Several prizes were awarded for the most tasteful and the most comical costumes.

—Don't fail to secure some of the Tea they are selling at the Post Office Store for 35c per lb., or three pounds for $1. It is extra value.

Mr. Alex. Wright lost a gold watch seal last Monday night, in front of Campbell's hotel. The finder will confer a favor by returning it to the owner, who will give a suitable reward for its recovery.

—Grand discount sale of Dry Goods for two weeks only. G. M. Scott, in order to reduce his stock previous to stock-taking, will give a discount of ten per cent on all Dry Goods except Cottons. Now is the time to save money.

—A lady's gold brooch was lost on Sunday evening between the Methodist Church and the residence of Mr. James Cameron. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it either at this office or at Mr. W. H. Storey's.

—Dr. McGarvin has taken an interest in the Acton Plow Company by purchasing the five shares formerly held by Mr. Woodyatt. A meeting of the stockholders will be held to-morrow evening when it is probable that arrangements will be made to push the operations much more vigorously than has been done heretofore.

☞ IMPORTANT TO THE SICK.—The inhabitants of Acton and surrounding country are requested to take notice of the advertisement of Dr. McCullough in another column of this paper. The Dr. gets great praise throughout the Dominion for his success in the treatment of chronic and lingering diseases, therefore all suffering from any disease whatever, would do well to consult him at Agnew's Hotel, where he will be from the 6th to the 13th of February. Consultation free.

TAKING STOCK.—In order to clear out our stock as low as possible, we have decided to sell all goods at cost for cash only during the next few days. Now bring out your cash and secure bargains.
SECORD BROS.

Acton Council.

The Council met on Monday evening; all the members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Smith, a by-law for the appointment of an assessor was introduced and read a first time. The auditors' financial report, in abstract and detail, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Finance committee. The Reeve stated that he had been requested by the County Judge to procure a suitable cushioned chair for his use at the Division Courts. Mr. Henderson presented the first report of the Finance committee, recommending the payment of the following accounts: To James Matthews $10 for use of hall for Division Court purposes; to the Sons of Temperance $23.10 for rent of hall for the use of the Council in 1876; to John Ross $3.50 returning officer's fees, and $5.20 for registration of births, deaths and marriages; to J. H. Hacking $4.50 balance of last year's printing account. The committee also recommended a monthly payment of $2 to John McPhee in February, March, April and May, to be charged to charities' account. On motion, the report was adopted. Afterwards the Treasurer of the Methodist Church handed in an account of $48 which he had paid for the construction of a sidewalk in front of their new edifice on Mill street. It was referred to the Finance committee, and their report recommending its payment by the Council was adopted.

The Council went into committee on the by-law for the appointment of assessor, Mr. Christie in the chair. Mr. Henderson moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the first blank be filled with the name of Stafford Zimmerman. On motion of Dr. McGarvin, the blank in the salary clause was filled by inserting the words twenty dollars. The committee rose and reported. On motion of Mr. Smith, the by-law for the appointment of assessor was read the third time and passed as amended.

A communication was received from James Matthews, offering the use of his hall for Council meetings, Division Court and Reeve's Court, at the rate of $30 per annum, to be lighted and warmed at his expense. On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Nicklin, the communication was laid over till next meeting of Council.

The chairman of the special committee to confer with the Trustees of the Temperance Hall in reference to joint action in the construction of a lock-up, stated that he was not prepared to report, as he had not had an opportunity of meeting with the trustees.

Claims were preferred by Messrs. A. Hall, John McCaffrey, and W. Ramshaw, for the refunding of one dollar each, dog tax, on the ground that the dogs were destroyed immediately after being assessed. On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Treasurer was authorized to return one dollar each to the parties named.

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Nicklin, that the Reeve be instructed to procure a cushioned chair for the use of the County Judge.

Mr. Henderson moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the auditors be paid four dollars each for their services.

The Council adjourned till Thursday, 22d inst.

Esquesing Township Council.

The members elect of the township Council met at Clark's Inn, Stewarttown, on Monday, 15th inst., and subscribed to the necessary declaration and qualification of office, viz: Wm. Clay, Reeve; John Warren, 1st Deputy Reeve; J. S. Frazer, 2d Deputy-Reeve; John Shortreed, Councillor. The Reeve took the chair, and briefly addressed the Council.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following sums for losses sustained by dogs: To Robt. S. Hall, $3, being two-thirds value of one sheep; to George Anderson, $20, being two-thirds value of seven sheep.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, the Treasurer was authorized to pay $1.75 to Edw. Nixon for fuel and attendance at the nomination; $1.75 to John McPherson for keeping R. McDougall, a pauper; and $9 to Archibald Currie for maintaining Peter McDonald up to the 18th inst.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Frazer, that $15 be refunded to Messrs. Douglas and and Bannerman, the taxes on their personal property destroyed by fire.

A by-law for the appointment of Auditors was introduced and duly passed, with the name of John Brain as one of the auditors. The Reeve appointed David Cross as the other auditor. Each to be paid $5.

Mr. Frazer moved, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that $35 be granted to Geo. Lyons, for the construction of a new stone culvert on Lot 22, 9th line.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Frazer, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay John McPherson, $20 for maintaining John Douglas ten weeks, from the 5th of November last, less $6 already paid him on account.—Carried.

Mr. Frazer moved, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that the Treasurer refund to Alfred Cook $1 dog tax, he having had no dog.—Carried.

A by-law for the appointment of Assessor was introduced and duly passed, with the name of James Menzies as assessor.

On motion of Mr. Shortreed, seconded by Mr. Frazer, the Treasurer was authorized to pay T. J. Starrett $28 for printing 250 copies of minutes and by-laws, notices of election, and 1100 ballot papers; also to John Murray $8 for distributing ballot boxes, posting "corrupt practices," etc., necessitating two journeys over the township.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that Mr. Peter Mann be authorized to get a suit of clothes, and two sets under clothing for Peter McDonald, and send in the bill to the Council.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till Friday, 2d February.

—Opening to-day at the Post Office Store an immense stock of Shoe, Stove, Scrubbing and Whitewash Brushes. Also the largest, cheapest and best assorted stock of Wall Papers ever brought into Acton; all the latest styles. Call and see them.—GEO. YEMEN.

—Christie, Henderson & Co. will pay the highest price in cash for any quantity of good Dairy Butter in nice new tubs. They also offer bargains in job lots of goods at all times. Have you had a trial of their famous 60 Tea? If not, ask for a sample.

—Christie, Henderson & Co. on strike—a fatal blow to long credits and long prices. See their new advertisement this week. Cheap Jackets, Cloths and Blankets are what the people want, and by calling on Christie, Henderson & Co. they can have their wants supplied, and satisfaction guaranteed.

ABSTRACT
OF THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE BOARD OF
Public School Trustees
OF THE
ACTON SCHOOL DIVISION,
For the Year 1876.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1875	$ 85 38	
Municipal grant	14 56	
Government grant	137 26	
Tax levied on taxable property of Division	1142 70	
Clergy reserve, non-resident fees, etc.	225 52	
		$1605 52

PAYMENTS.

Teachers' salaries	$1050 00	
Repairs of school house etc.	138 73	
Interest on loan for building	84 50	
Library, maps and apparatus	66 15	
Fuel, caretaker's salary and other expenses	140 93	
Borrowed money and interest	102 00	
		$1582 21
To balance on hand		$23 11

SCHOOL POPULATION AND ATTENDANCE.

Children between the ages of 5 and 16 residing in the municipality, 269; No. enrolled 264; boys 143; girls 121; average attendance during first half year 140; during second half year 116; pupils attending less than 20 days, 9; between 20 and 50 days 46; between 51 and 100 days 80; between 101 and 150 days 56; between 151 and 200 days 61; between 200 and the whole year 10.

CLASSES.

Number of pupils in part first, 1st Reading Book, 86; part second, 1st Reading Book, 24; 2nd Reading Book 69; second class 3rd Reading Book, 21; third class 3rd Reading Book, 39; fourth class 4th Reading Book, 34.

Number of pupils in Natural History, 34; British History, 34; Canadian History, 34; Chemistry and Botany, 34; Composition, 85; Grammar, 85; Geography, 239; Arithmetic, 264; Writing, 264; Reading and Spelling, 264; Linear Drawing, 264; Book-keeping, 34.

Nineteen maps and 18 charts.

LIBRARY.

Total number of volumes, 1195; number taken out during the year, 2605; value of library, $892.35.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Total value of books, maps, furniture and school house, $4846.31.

SALARIES.

John Ross, head teacher	$550 00
Miss McKellar, 1st assistant	275 00
Miss Moore, 2d assistant	225 00
Caretaker	70 00
	$1120 00

H. J. HALL, Secretary.
ALEX. KENNEDY, Chairman.
Acton, Jan. 27, 1877. 31-1t

SPECIAL BENEFIT
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
THE LION.

During the past year we have done a larger business than has ever been done by a Dry Goods House in Guelph, and in return for this large patronage we have decided to offer our customers a

SPECIAL BENEFIT.

Our stock is the heaviest ever held in Guelph, amounting to over $100,000, the whole of which we will offer at cost.

If this will not do, we shall have to give the goods away, for we are determined to reduce our immense stock to $50,000 by the 1st of March, as our new Spring goods will then be coming to hand, and we must make room. Our buyer, Mr. W. McLachlin, of Montreal, has been in the British Markets for two months past, (we do not rush off there, pick up the first goods that offer, and back again) carefully inspecting the stock, and we shall have the best selected and cheapest stock ever offered. Prices at home are low, and we secure great bargains by paying cash.

This will be found to be the greatest chance for buying Cheap Dry Goods ever known in the annals of Guelph.

The Lion has already the greatest reputation for selling cheap of all the stores in the Province, but this time we will surpass all previous efforts, and beat the world.

The enormous Bankrupt Stock we bought in the summer enables us to put every other store in the shade. The bulk of it is gone, but it includes a big lot of winter goods, such as Blankets, Flannels, and Woolen goods generally, which we will also offer at cost, or at 50 cents on the dollar of the wholesale cost. We guarantee them all perfect, and the prices cannot be touched. We count it a pleasure to show our goods to the general public. It is impossible for us to mention all the bargains we are offering. We should need every column of THE FREE PRESS to do so, but we will only name a few leading lines. Our customers must remember, however, that

The Reduction is general throughout our Stock.

Everything to be rushed off at cost. No one should lose this big chance.

DRESS GOODS.

65 Pieces, reduced from 30 cents to 20 cents.
36 " " " 25 " 15 "
24 " " " 19 " 12 "
89 " " " 22 " 15 "

These are the very latest styles and colors, and no one should buy a dress without first making an inspection of these goods.

Fancy and Plain Silks at Extraordinary Figures.

Special drives in Clouds, Furs, Shawls, Wool Shirts and Drawers, Flannels Blankets, Quilts, Home Blankets, and Winter Shirts.

WINCEYS! WINCEYS! WINCEYS!

420 Pieces put down from 12½ to 10 cents.
235 " " 17 12½ "
140 " " 20 18 "
Lower priced Lines put down to 7 cents a yard—great value.

SPECIAL ATTENTION:

Our Ready-made Clothing and Millinery and Mantle Branches deserve special notice. These goods we will run out at any price, and any one needing these goods should come to us at once for they will never have a better chance to secure a bargain.

FIFTY BUFFALO ROBES STILL LEFT.

The season is advanced and we will refuse no decent offer for them

A fine assortment of Tweeds all marked down to cost. Full Cloth 30 Cents.

Why is it?—The question often asked is, Why is it that in a few years we have been able to increase the small business formerly done at The Lion, to its present enormous size, (the largest outside of Toronto)? The true answer is that we do the best we possibly can for our customers. We buy at the lowest figures; we sell at the same and we treat our friends so that they always come back to us. Honesty is the best policy, and honesty and courtesy are the ruling principles at The Lion.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.
Guelph, Jan. 8, 1877.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

Who is the true Philantropist?

The merchant who provides the best goods at the cheapest value for his customers.

GEORGE YEMEN

Begs leave to inform the public generally that he is prepared during

THE HOLIDAYS

to make great sacrifices for cash on all kinds of goods. My stock is now complete in toys for the little folks, and has a beautiful assortment of goods, useful as well as ornamental, suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For both old and young, but their great feature is their cheapness.

GROCERIES.

In this line my customers may rely on getting their goods fresh and good, as I have purchased them all within the past two weeks, and am selling them at prices they would have to be paid for goods that have been in stock for several months.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

During the Holidays I will sell goods in this line at prices that defy competition, as my present large stock must be cleared out by the beginning of the New Year to make room for a new stock.

SPECIALTIES.

Fresh Oysters, Finnan Haddies, Pork and Bologna Sausage, Yarmouth Bloaters, &c., always on hand.

Call and examine the goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

☞ Please note the address.

GEO. YEMEN,
Post Office Store, Acton.
December 19, 1876.

WONDERFUL EXCITEMENT! TREMENDOUS RUSH!

THAT WONDERFUL MAN'S COST PRICE SALE.

The largest amount of Goods sold yesterday

BY JOHN HOGG & SON

Even Sold in one day in Guelph. GREAT BARGAINS!

Best quality of Seasonable Goods less than Manufacturer's Prices

The great Sale continues each day. Hurry in and partake of the great advantages offered.

Jan. 8, 1877.

JOHN HOGG & SON,
Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

On Strike!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY,

Christie, Henderson & Co.,

ACTON,

This Week will offer extra special values in the following Goods, to reduce preparatory to Stock-taking:

Dozen Cardigan Jackets, $1.50, worth $2.00
Dozen Cardigan Jackets, $2.00, worth $2.50
22 pairs Blankets, $2.50, worth $4.00
17 pairs Blankets, $3.50, worth $5.00
20 pieces Full Cloth, at 55c per yd, worth 70c
16 pieces Full Cloth, at 60c per yd, worth 75c

CLOUDS,
WOOLEN GOODS,
MILLINERY,
At Give Away Prices.

Any one in need of Full Cloth for Men or Boys' Clothing, will find our stock well suited to the times. Positively free from shoddy.

Remember that Famous 60c Tea,

Cash paid for any quantity of good Tub Butter.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO.
Acton, Jan. 23, 1877.

SECORD BROS.

Have laid in a mammoth Stock of everything Rich, Rare, Useful and and Beautiful, in

GROCERIES, CHINA

Glassware, Hardware, &c.

CHINA DEPARTMENT.

Gents' Mottoed Mustache Cups and Saucers,
Ladies' Mottoed Cups and Saucers,
Children's Mottoed Cups and Saucers,
Glass and China Mugs, mottoed, all colors.
Flower Vases,
Glass Pitchers,
Preserve Dishes,
Celery Glasses,
Goblets, Tumblers,
Pickle Jars, Wine Glasses,
Glass Sets,
Sick Cups and Feeders
Stone and China Tea Sets,
Lamps, Lanterns,
Everything in Granite Ware,
Everything beautiful in endless variety.

GROCERIES.

Canned Peaches, Plums, Gooseberries, Blackberries, Cherries, Pears, Preserves, Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Lobsters, Salmon, Sardines, Clams, Oysters, Fruits, Raisins, Currants, Figs, Nuts, Biscuits, Confectionery and Honey

The Largest and Cheapest Stock of Teas ever brought into Acton.

Tobaccos, Rice, Barley, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Soaps, &c.
Hardware, Cutlery, Spoons, Forks, Oils, &c.

Acton, Nov. 29, 1876.

SECORD BROS.

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