

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Train leaves Acton as follows: ONTARIO WEST. Night Express 10:40 a.m. Day Express 1:10 p.m. Day Express 3:20 p.m. Galt mixed 7:00 p.m.

LOCAL MATTERS. To give is human; to pay up, is divine. The public schools open next Monday. The Juniors of Acton played a match game in Milton yesterday, gaining 42 runs against 10.

Note and Foolcap Paper, Envelopes, Slates, Ink, Pens, Holders, Pencils, &c., at McCarvin's Hall of Pharmacy.

Bed boys and young men still persist in getting around the Methodist Church during Sunday evening services. They should either take seats inside, behave themselves outside, or be sent to jail.

Two young ladies entered one of our drug stores the other day and called for "two-lip salve." The gentlemanly young druggist thoughtlessly informed them that he had none, but has since discovered that he has—and the young ladies may call again.

If you want to see all the local news in a paper, hand in a memorandum of any observations. Reporters cannot be expected to know anything about anything they don't know anything about.

The Milton Champion recently stated that the Union of Commissionaires of Halton. We beg to intimate that the Pastimes of Acton would like to have something to say in the matter. The so-called champions should try their skill in Acton.

The temptation to take fruit from people's orchards without permission is too great for some youngsters to resist, but they may as well consider that there is a very stringent law for such offences, and one which makes the penalty very uncomfortable for the offender.

The demand for Christie, Henderson & Co.'s famous 50c Tea still increases. They sell it in 5 lb. lots at 65c, and give 10 lbs. of sugar for \$1.

A report was current in the village during the past week that the First Post office had changed hands, and that a young man who was hanging around here was the purchaser. We can assure our friends and all others concerned that there is no truth whatever in the report. The stranger referred to, who gave his name as H. Harper, and who no doubt is the very fellow who proved himself a house-toughed fellow as well as a contemptible cheat.

If you feel you have need of a new felt hat we advise you to feel your pocket for a dollar and call on Christie, Henderson & Co., who feel warranted in saying that they can supply you with a felt that will give you more satisfaction than any other. These felts are a decided improvement on the old ones. A person scarcely feels the cost of a new felt, besides their style and finish is such that a person can feel he has a felt equal in appearance to the one he wears without feeling that he has felt too deeply in his pocket. These felts, like their famous 50c Tea, are bound to find their way into every house in which their superior value has not been felt.

The St. John Fire. We have received from the publisher, Messrs Bellows Toronto, a handsomely bound copy of "The Story of the Great Fire in St. John" by George Stewart, of St. John. The book, which comprises over 270 pages of graphically written and copiously illustrated incidents and details of the great conflagration, has been long in Bedford's best and most attractive style in the wonderfully short space of four weeks, and has already become one of the most saleable books of the day. A great many thrilling incidents and hair-breadth escapes from the devouring element, are artistically and vividly related by a writer who evidently sympathized how to wield a ready and sympathetic pen.

The Political Destiny of Canada is the title of an article by Mr. Goldwin Smith which was first published in the London "Fortnightly Review" and now issued in pamphlet form by Messrs Bellows, with the addition of a critical reply by Sir Francis Hincks. We have just received a copy of the pamphlet.

Warm Times on the 4th Line. To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir, As a grateful reader, I beg to express my appreciation of the energetic people of the 4th line have commenced going for each other. We may soon hope to see a rival of the good old times, and with us a proper 18th century feud instituted among the clans.

Frays allow me to avail myself of your valuable paper as a means of venturing a certain young man to the vicinity of Acton, that he is making himself somewhat of a name in the style of his communications; that there is a difference between the use and abuse of the press. His last self-righteous production, while condemning others, was eminently expressive of the feelings of those who are other men are. That he is not an other man are, may be gathered from a short sketch of his antecedents. This people who have no honor in his own country, spent his early days as a teacher of mathematics, but, finding that the "dear old" was in this calling, and having

acquired considerable knowledge of hydraulics, hydrodynamics, hydrostatics, and all other applied mathematics, he became the happy possessor of four or three machines. He succeeded well with these till some matrimonial disaster caused him to leave his logical brain to discover that he ought not to pay for them, as they had been sold to him under false pretences. This little difficulty having been satisfactorily settled, he has since relapsed into placid contemplation of his powers, mechanical and mental. For the former he has found no use, his occupation is gone, but he is bent, however, on utilizing the latter for the benefit of humanity, it is probable that his visits to his neighbors are extended to the small hours, possibly also as a solace for loss of boot in his machine transactions. I would humbly suggest that he should cease troubling himself about the moral condition of his neighbors, and instead of giving his literary lubrications to the world, apply some of Secor's celebrated seal oil to his machinery already clogged with rust of use, and would also remind him that as those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, he should not rush into print, as there are others who can sling ink beside himself. Apologizing for so long a letter on so unimportant a subject, I remain Dear Sir, yours truly,

ESQUERBACH. Bannockburn S. S., Aug. 12, 1877.

The wife of James V. Spears, living near Clearmont, was struck by lightning during severe thunder storm on the afternoon of the 7th. Hurrying from the fields, Mr. Spears' wife and hired man ran down the cellar, that door being open, and the roughest slier from the storm. Mrs. Spears sat down to rest on a box containing some glass bottles. The position being under the kitchen stove, the lightning went from the stove through the door, struck Mrs. Spears on the back of the head, went down her back, leaving a black mark, then through the box, scattering the contents. The shock was a very severe one. She remained unconscious for about twelve hours. Next morning some slight hopes were entertained of her recovery. None of the other parties were injured.

Mayor Chadwick has succeeded in disposing of \$20,000 of Guelph debentures, realizing \$18,900. This is one hundred dollars better than was done last year.

Peculiar Accident. A TERRIBLE THREE HOURS' EXPERIENCE. (From the Harrison Tribune.) One day last week, Mr. F. Wilk, who resides two, and one half miles down the Saugeen road, went to a small beaver meadow on the back of his lot, to look for water for his cattle and horses. He sank a small hole about four feet deep, but not finding water, went home. In the afternoon he went back to extend his search and found the hole he had sunk filled with muddy water. He commenced to dip it up with a dish, and, to his surprise, to stop and reach in, resting the left arm upon the side of the hole. The earth caved in from under the arm he rested upon, and Mr. Wilk slipped in head first. The hole being too small to allow him the least room to move, there he stuck fast, and, as the water rising again, made his position a very dangerous and dreadful one. But in despair he commenced to scrape in the earth below his head with his hands, filling up the bottom, and thereby keeping the water down, and also enabling him to keep raising his body up. For three long hours he kept digging with all his strength, the water in the hole steadily but surely following, and as the water increased he must either raise himself or drown; but at the expiration of the above time, with the last desperate effort, he cleared himself, and was again righted up, but so far exhausted that he was hardly able to crawl home, and for a few days afterwards presented the appearance of one who had just passed through a month's sickness.

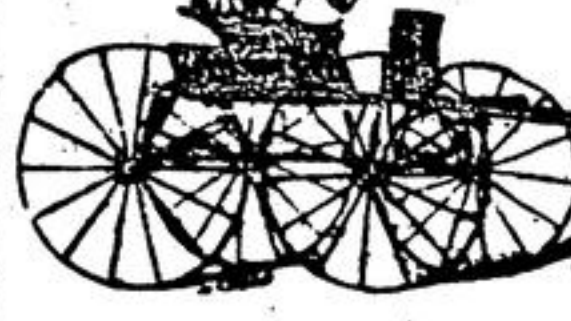
The Whitty Chronicle says: The dwelling of Mr. Thomas Bennett, lot 24, 4th concession Pickering, was entered on the night of the 26th ult. during his absence, and his wife outraged by two ruffians. About midnight Mrs. Bennett heard the parties raising the window, which was done by passing the hand through a broken pane and pulling out the nail fastening the sash. The woman got up to prevent the entrance of the midnight intruders, when it is stated, chloroform was applied to her, and her person afterwards treated in a brutal manner. She lies in a critical state, attended by Dr. Ferrier, and her recovery is considered doubtful. The woman is the mother of several young children, who were sleeping while the outrage was committing. The ante-mortem deposition of Mrs. Bennett has been since taken before Mr. John Phillips, J. P., who attended at her house for that purpose. She describes the men and expresses her ability to identify them. She distinctly saw them both; says they had wide whiskers and moustaches, and travelled north in a buggy or wagon.

Mixed Tea Cakes and Buns, fresh every day in great variety, at Galloway's Bakery.

The place to get a good loaf of bread is at Galloway's Bakery.

The Canada Life and the Confederation Life association are having quite a lively newspaper war, as to the standing of their respective companies, and by last accounts the Canada Life seems to have by far the best of the argument. The Confederation issued a statement comparing its business in 1877 with that of the Canada Life in 1852, each company being five years old in those respective years but the managing director of the Confederation seems to forget that the comparing of business now with that of twenty-five years ago is not only stupid and absurd, but a statement that every business man will look upon with ridicule. D. Henderson is agent at Acton for Canada Life Assurance company.

Now is the time to leave your order At J. Ryder's Factory for a Stylish Buggy or Serviceable Wagon. I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and See our Handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-Shoeing & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER. Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.



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WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY For the School Room. 3200 Engravings, 1610 Pages Quarto. A NEW FEATURE. To the 2nd Illustrations heretofore in Webster's Unabridged we have added four pages of COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS, engraved expressly for this work at three cents each.

STATE PURCHASES. The State of New York has placed 10000 copies in as many of her Public Schools.

CONSUMPTION CURED. All who suffer from this disease and have tried every other remedy, will find relief in the use of Dr. J. C. Felt's Consumptive Cure.

LIST OF MUSIC BOOKS. Sold wholesale and retail by John Anderson Bookseller, Guelph.

Borrower's Pianoforte Primer. Jousso's Musical Catechism. Bertini's New Method for the Piano. Clarke's New Method for the Piano. Hutton's Piano Forte School. Howo's Piano without a Master. Richardson's New Modern School. Gitso's Parlor Organ. Silver Wreath (Vocal). 100 different Music Books. A Big Discount on all MUSIC BOOKS AT ANDERSON'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE On the East side of Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

ACTON PLANING MILLS AND PUMP, SASH, DOOR AND BLIND FACTORY. THOMAS EBBAGE, Manufacturer of Window Sash, Doors, Venetian Blinds, Mouldings, and other Building Requisites. Also Maker of IMPROVED SUCTION PUMPS. Lumber Planed and Dressed to order in the best manner. All work guaranteed. Acton, Jan. 1877.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO. FRESH ARRIVALS. New Felt Hats. In all the latest English, American and Canadian styles, suitable for the early Fall Trade.

Over 50 Styles to select from. A superior Felt in style, quality and finish for only \$1. IN FINE FELTS. They show the very latest at close cut prices.

A new consignment of that FAMOUS 50 CENT TEA just to hand. 10 LBS SUGAR FOR ONE DOLLAR. CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO. Acton, Aug. 15, 1877.

THE GRAND SWEEPING SALE. Enormous Reduction in Prices. The Grand Cheap Clearing Sale of the Season NOW GOING ON AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END GUELPH.

Entire stock of Silks, Poppins, etc., reduced to 30 per cent. Entire stock of Fancy Dress Goods reduced 50 per cent. Entire stock of Plain Dress Goods reduced 20 per cent. Entire stock of Costumes reduced 50 per cent. Entire stock of Shirts and Shirts reduced 30 per cent. Entire stock of Shawls and Mantles reduced 50 per cent. Entire stock of Lace Shawls and Jackets half price. Entire stock of Trimmed Millinery reduced to half price. Entire stock of Untrimmed Goods reduced 25c each. Entire stock of Flowers, F.athers and Wings half price. Entire stock of Small Wares regardless of cost. Entire stock of Cotton Goods at mill prices. Entire stock of Shirtings, Tickings, etc., cost price. Entire stock of Tweeds at cost price. Entire stock of Coatings at cost price. Entire stock of English and American Prints, cost price. Entire stock of Table Linens, cost price. Entire stock of Flannels, cost price. Entire stock of Underclothing, cost price. Our entire stock has been reduced and will be sold. We are determined to clear out every piece of goods if prices will do it. Intending purchasers will please remember The Grand Clearing Sale of the Season.

These Goods must be Sold, at A. O. BUCHAN. Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, July 4, 1877.

OUR SPECIALTY SALE LADIES! Has proved to be the Greatest Success of the Season. And we may add that it has stimulated us to renewed efforts to place before the public Special Lines of Goods each week. During the Remainder of the Season At prices that must command the attention of every intending purchaser. The greater portion of the goods that we have been offering this week have been sold, only a few of the higher prices in Costumes, Dusters and Skirts remaining, these will be cleared out at a STILL GREATER REDUCTION.

TRADE MARK—THE GOLDEN MAN. Don't fail to secure a NEAT SUMMER DUSTER. At nearly one half the original price. We will offer next week fashionable and reasonable goods. White Lace Stripes Muslins at 12 1/2 cents, formerly 20 cents. White Lace Stripes Muslins at 15 cents, formerly 30 cents. White Check Stripes Muslins at all prices. White Marcellines 12 1/2 cents, wonderful value. Black Plain Grenadine. Black Check Grenadine. Black satin Stripes Grenadine. Black Check Silk and Wool Grenadine, beautiful goods. Patronize the most enterprising store in Guelph. JOHN HOCC & SON, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. July 24, 1877.

STOCK-TAKING SALE! The MAMMOTH beg to announce that they have commenced their Annual Summer Clearing Sale. And in order to reduce their immense stock before Stock-Taking, GREAT BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN. The Public will have a choice out of one of the finest stocks ever imported. The stock is even now over \$50,000, and as we never advertise anything but what is bonafide, you may depend upon getting the CHEAPEST GOODS YOU EVER SAW. As we want money, we will commence Dress Goods at 5 cents, worth 25 cents. Prints at 4 cents. Cottons at 5 cents. Shirtings at 10 cents, worth 20 cents. All wool Tweeds at 50c, worth \$1. Cottonades at 20c, worth 37c. Brown Denims at 12 1/2 cents, worth 20 cents. Gents' Straw Hats to be slaughtered at a quartar and half their prices. Beautiful Colored Silks at 55 cents, worth at wholesale \$1.00. Black Silk at 75c, worth \$1.25. A Black Lustre at 25c, usual price 50c. Ready-made Clothing, great bargains to be given to effect a clearance. MILLINERY & MANTLES AT HALF PRICE. And a large lot of LADIES' HATS at 5 and 10 cents each. CARPETS at 10 per cent off. The above is an enumeration of a few articles and gives you a faint idea of the Great Reduction in Prices. This will be the most searching and Thorough Clearing Sale we have ever held. The whole stock is reduced, and whoever will be kind enough to call on us with their money will be amply repaid for their trouble. The Sale will begin on the Fourth of July, and will continue one month from that day. Gents don't forget our Ordered Clothing Department and Gents' Furnishings. We turn out the Handsomest, Cheapest and Best made Suits in the Dominion. Great bargains will be given in the above Department likewise. Patronage is Respectfully Solicited. McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO., MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN. July 3, 1877. EAST END CLOTHING STORE. The undersigned in tendering their sincere thanks to their numerous patrons for the liberal support with which they have been favored in the past as members of the late firm of Dickson & McNab, would beg leave to call attention to their SPRING STOCK, which this year is larger and better assorted than ever, comprising a large assortment of TWEEDS—Scotch, English and Domestic Manufacture. The patterns are the choicest in the market. Our stock in HATS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS is well assorted and at low prices. Coltons, Prints, and Staple Dry Goods. At prices that cannot fail to satisfy everybody. We respectfully invite an inspection of our goods. F. YRE & McNAB. Acton, April 17, 1877.

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