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ELECTION NOTICE

1878.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your support and influence is respectfully solicited for

Mr. GEO. HYNDS

AS YOUR

Watchmaker and Jeweller.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VILLAGE OF ACTON.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1878.

To the Electors of Acton

Your vote and influence is respectfully requested for

P. S. ARMSTRONG.

AS COUNCILLOR.

If elected I will use all my influence to the progress of the village.

Your Vote and Influence is respectfully requested for

DR. McGARVIN,

AS REEVE.

CAST OUT

But not Destroyed.

Having made arrangements with Mr. Mitchell, of Milton, for an agency for the sale of

Sash, Doors, Frames, Mouldings, Dressed Flooring, Sheeting, Weatherboarding, &c.

I am prepared to furnish any of the above, at prices that defy competition. Please call and see samples of moulding, &c., before purchasing elsewhere.

BLINDS 30 CENTS PER FOOT.

Kindly thanking customers for patronage and hoping still to merit a fair share of your patronage.

I am respectfully yours

THOS. EBBAGE, Agent.

Shop at Mr. Cameron's old stand.

Acton, Dec. 20th, 1877. 26-1y.

XMAS! XMAS!!

Splendid Xmas presents, for old and young, at

PETRIE'S BOOKSTORE,

MASONIC BLOCK,

Upper Wyndham Street,

GUELPH.

The best place to get your Xmas Presents. A splendid assortment of XMAS CARDS, BOOKMARKS &c

All The Annuals.

British Workman & Workwoman, Sunday Magazine, Sunday at Home Leisure Hour, Quiver, Chatterbox. &c. &c.

R. W. PETRIE.

Orders may be left at this office.

Guelph, Dec. 1, 1877. 22-3m

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ACTON MONTHLY SALE.

The Acton monthly sale will be held at Agnew's Hotel, on Fair Day,

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1878

All kinds of Stock, Implements, &c. will be sold by paying 50 cts a-piece.

Sale at 12 o'clock.

TERMS.—Twelve months' credit on approved joint notes.

All entries must be made to Mr. Jas. Ryder, Sec.

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

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Pringle's Jewellery Store, Guelph.

TO FARMERS AND EVERYBODY ELSE.

Why is Pringle's jewellery store in Guelph the best place to deal at? Because all the watch, clock and jewellery repairing is either *done* by himself, or under his personal supervision. He being a first-class workman in all the branches, and having the greatest interest in keeping his customers, it follows that all the work will be done well. Every job which comes into the shop is examined by him before it is taken away.

You can buy watches and clocks cheaper there than anywhere else, because Pringle having bought from Thos. Russell & Son for cash the whole of their stock in Guelph, and got it cheap, he can afford to sell cheap. All stock bought by him in future will be bought for cash. Merchants and traders know that this is a great advantage. Pringle has no connection with the firm of Russell & Son, any more than he is still their authorized agent for the Russell watch, which is acknowledged to be the best watch made. G. D. Pringle has also been established as agent for the Waltham and Elgin American watches, and a full line of them, from the lightest to the heavy six-ounce case, will be kept on hand. Remember that all those watches are now bought entirely for cash, and therefore can and will be sold by him cheaper than they can be got anywhere else. Beautiful Christmas goods coming in every day. Gold chains, gold rings, lockets, brooches, &c.

22 3m. ONE WHO KNOWS.

ACTON BAKERY.

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon the late firm of Galloway Bros., solicits a continuation of the same, feeling assured that the utmost satisfaction will be given, and that the high reputation of our bread and pastry will be fully maintained.

Our superior quality of

BREAD, BUNS AND CAKES

Delivered fresh around the village and vicinity every day. A good stock always on hand at the Bakery—fresh and cheap for cash.

No credit given except to prompt paying monthly customers.

Wedding and Fancy Cakes

Made to order on the shortest possible notice, and satisfaction guaranteed.

All goods are warranted pure; as nothing but the best material is used.

R. T. GALLOWAY.

Acton, Oct. 17, 1877.

DIED.

In Esquesing, on the 21st inst., Margery, daughter of Mr. Peter Mann, aged 30 years.

MARRIED.

In Esquesing, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. G. W. Calvert, Mr. Benj. Nicklin, of Acton, to Miss Margaret Lasby, of Esquesing.

ACTON MARKETS.

Flour	$2 50 to 3 00
Fall Wheat	1 15 to 1 18
Spring Wheat	0 75 to 1 05
Sprouted Spring Wheat	0 75 to 1 00
Barley	0 50 to 0 60
Oats	0 30 to 0 34
Peas	0 60 to 0 65
Butter	0 17 to 0 18
Eggs (new laid)	0 18 to 0 00
Chickens	0 05 to 0 06
Geese	0 05 to 0 06
Turkeys	0 06 to 0 07
Potatoes, per bag	0 60 to 0 70
Apples, early, per bag	0 55 to 0 70
Hay, per ton	10 00 to 14 00

GUELPH MARKETS.

Special to the FREE PRESS, *per Dominion Line.*

GUELPH, Dec. 27th, 1877

Flour, per 100	$2 50 to 2 75
White Wheat, per bush	1 20 to 1 24
Treadwell do	1 17 to 1 20
Spring Wheat	1 05 to 1 10
Oats	0 32 to 0 35
Barley	0 45 to 0 53
Peas	0 60 to 0 64
Hay, per ton	10 00 to 12 00
Eggs, per doz.	0 17 to 0 18
Butter, per lb.	0 15 to 0 16
Potatoes per bag	0 60 to 0 70
Hogs, per cwt	4 75 to 5 25
Chickens per pair	0 00 to 0 65
Geese	0 80 to 1 00
Turkeys	0 70 to 1 00
Ducks	0 40 to 0 60

EPPS' COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Sold only in packets labeled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London."

FARM FOR SALE.

The subscriber is offering for sale his 50 acre farm, being North West half of Lot 24, 2nd con. The farm is nearly all under cultivation, a good house and barn, a young orchard, and never-failing well on the premises. Apply to

W. WALDIE,
on the premises.

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—This is a progressive age. New features are constantly being introduced, old theories are revolutionized. Music, which but a few years since was unthought of in that connection, has been introduced in our Public Schools in many sections of our country and it has become almost a necessity for every family to possess either a Piano or Organ, or both, and it is important that all should know where the best instruments can be bought for the least money. Daniel F. Beatty Esq., of Washington, New Jersey, has a world wide reputation for making the best, and we believe his prices compare favorably with other first class makers. We would earnestly recommend all to write to him for information before buying.

Dr. S. P. May, of Toronto, Ontario commissioner to the Paris Exposition next year, has published an estimate of the cost of a trip thither. He has completed arrangements by which the visit can be made, including three week's stay in Paris, for $200. This is via New York, but it is probable that even cheaper rates will be given by the Allan and other lines sailing from Canadian ports.

English is the court language of Germany. It is a proud moment when a Briton or American visiting the Palace, is saluted with "Dot vas a pooty splendit morning, ain't it."

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, 1877.

FRONTISPIECE FOR A PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.

Here fondly turns the longing eye
To scan my album through.
To gaze on shadows eagerly—
Fond memories to renew.

Here can be seen some loving friends
Who yet the grave survive,
Whose presence joyous pleasure lends
To bless and cheer our lives.

Here too are pictures of the young,
Whose race has just begun,
Whose gentle and untutored tongue
Ne'er sinful victory won,

Whose footsteps only yet have known
The ways of smiling truth,
And e'er whose head pure winds have blown,
Blown transiently forsooth!

And here in calm confusion rest
Great Statesmen, Patriots, Kings,
Famed world wide for their noble zest,
The heart their glory sings.

And here are shadows of the forms,
Who to us joy imparted,
But all fatigued with earthly storms,
This weary world departed.

Here, kind "Spectator," still is room
To place thine imaged face,
Kind friends will greet its genal lume
Wherever they it may trace.

Like all, we too shall soon depart,
For life will soon be snared,
Mementoes thus will cheer the heart,
Of those whose love we shared!

A kindly word from us or act,
When we are laid to rest,
Our picture will revive intact—
Our life by them be blessed.

To New Subscribers.

Now is the time to send in subscriptions for the coming year. New subscribers, who pay in advance, will receive the paper from the present date to the 1st Jan. 1879. Only $1.00 a year.

We purpose introducing into the next volume several new and interesting features, and confidently rely upon all the old friends of the FREE PRESS, and expect many new ones, to support us in our endeavors to furnish a good and reliable local paper.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

We hope our readers will excuse us in issuing a half-sheet this week, as editors and printers require a little rest and enjoyment once in a while. We notice that the majority of the country papers will not issue at all this week, but, as it has been the custom of the former proprietor of this paper to issue at least a half-sheet Christmas week, we are resolved not to be behind. By publishing a half-sheet it will give us a couple of day's recreation in which to prepare ourselves for the coming year's toils. Ere the next issue of the FREE PRESS the New Year will be ushered in, and we therefore wish our readers A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Parliament is again prorogued till the 15th of January.

Old inhabitants say the winter of 1837 was very much like the present season.

It is reported that Lord Dufferin's successor will be the Marquis of Normandy, who is at present Governor of New Zealand. As Lord Mulgrave he was a few years Governor of Nova Scotia. Since the foregoing was in type a rumor comes by cable that the Duke of Manchester will be our next Governor General.

Christmas Trees.

The Methodist Church.

The annual Christmas Treat, given under the auspices of the Methodist Church Sabbath School, Acton, took place on Monday evening. The church was well filled, there being between 300 and 400 present. Rev. Mr. Hobbs occupied the chair. The choir opened by singing a hymn. Rev. Mr. McLean of Georgetown addressed the children at considerable length, after which the presents from the Christmas tree were distributed. Some of the presents were gorgeous there being gold watches and chains, gold pencils and several sets of mink furs among them. The tree was valued at about $500. The choir rendered several beautiful hymns during the evening which added greatly to the enjoyment of the entertainment. The door receipts amounted to about $43.

St. Albans Church.

The entertainment given in the Temperance Hall, under the auspices of St. Alban's (English) Church, Acton, on Tuesday evening, was a great success. Tea was served from 7.30 o'clock, during the serving of which various games and amusements were indulged in by those who could not secure a seat at the table. The tables were furnished with an abundance of good things, and reflected great credit on the ladies who had charge of that department. After tea a number of scenes, were shown on a canvas, which afforded unbounded amusement to the little folks. The tree fairly groaned under the weight of toys, etc., which Santa Claus had hung on, and it seemed that he had been very liberal with his presents this year. It was lit up with numerous wax candles, which gave it a splendid appearance, and showed off the articles to good advantage. After all the presents were distributed from the tree, the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Lee, was made the recipient of a beautiful eight day clock and bracket, from the members of the congregation. Mr. Lee thanked them for their present, after which the meeting broke up, and all went home satisfied that they had spent a most enjoyable evening. We understand that the door receipts amounted to about $23.

Pen and Scissor Selects.

London has 1,000 policemen.

Harriston has got a fife and drum band.

How to get rid of a mother-in-law—Don't marry.

Pilkington will have two Deputy Reeves next year.

Brantford has school accommodation for 2,000 pupils.

The township of West Zorra has $22,000 out on interest.

Temperance Reform Clubs are being established all over Nova Scotia.

It is computed that London will contain fully 6,000,000 of people in 1900.

The Dunkin Act was carried in Lokefield, on Saturday, by a majority of 29.

The French Republicans have a majority in forty five of the Councils General.

When will there be only twenty-five letters in the alphabet? When you and I are made one.

Ten lives are now believed to have been lost by the Barclay-street, New York explosion.

One thousand Sheffield iron-workers have quit work, owing to the proposed reduction of wages.

The war correspondents in Bulgaria are having a magnificent time. Most of them get hanged as spies.

Driesbach, the lion-tamer, died on his Ohio farm, on Wednesday, a poor but contented man of seventy years.

The largest aqueduct in the world is the Croton aqueduct of New York. This enormous structure cost over $13,000,000.

ELORA CARPET FACTORY.—Mr. W. H. Frazer is in Elora, making an effort to re-establish the carpet factory there, on a firm basis.

The defeat of the Toronto and Ottawa bonus by-law in Toronto on Thursday has caused the withdrawal of the by-law granting $200,000 to have been voted on in Ottawa on Saturday.

The Toronto and Ottawa Railway Bonus By-law was beaten on Thursday by a large majority, in every ward of the city; the total majority against it being 1,943. The total of ballots cast was 4,303.

A fire that was kindled in a standing elm tree on the 4th day of September on Newton Johnston's farm, lot 7, concession 13, Camden, was still on fire on December 18th, having burned continuously for 105 days.

A prominent citizen of Peterboro', while attending a chancery sale in the Court House, had a farm knocked down to him, and in less than half an hour he had again sold it, making four hundred and ten dollars on his bargain.

The Montreal Board of Trade will recommend the discussion at the Dominion Board of Trade of the amendment of the Insolvent Act, so as to require the consent of two thirds in number of the creditors, representing three fourths of the liabilities of the insolvent.

Fatal Accident

Man Killed at Crewson's Corners.

About six o'clock last (Wednesday) evening, an unknown man was found dead under a culvert on the townline, between Nassagaweya and Esquesing. From facts that we can glean, we learn that he is supposed to be a tramp, as he had been seen walking down the track past Crewson's Corners at dusk. He fell a distance of about fifteen feet, alighting on his head, and, when picked up, he was quite dead. He is about 35 years of age, with light brown whisker and moustache; dark hair; dressed rather ragged, and is about five feet, five and a-half inches high. He had in his pockets a paper entitled *The Young Catholic*, together with two combs, len out of spectacles, two needles, pipe and small quantity of tobacco, a Catholic tract, and a piece of cloth with which to mend his clothes. At the time of his death it is supposed he was under the influence of liquor. The body was taken to Mr. Lang's residence, near the scene of the accident, where an inquest will be held to-day by Dr. Freeman, of Georgetown.

"I take my text dis morning," said a colored preacher, "from dat portion ob de Scriptures whar de Postol Paul pints his pistol to the Fessions."

HOTEL CHARGES.—The Mount-Forest *Confederate* says that the hotel keepers of Mount Forest have issued a tariff of charges whereby there respective houses will be governed as regards accommodation for man and beast. The specified rates are as follows:—Man and team, with hay and oats for team, per day, $2.25; man and horse, ditto, $1.75; man and team, over night, with hay and oats, $1.75; man and horse, do., $1.25; man and team to hay, over night, $1.25; man and horse, without oats, $1.00; man to dinner, and team to hay, 50 cts.; man to dinner, and horse to hay, 35 cts.; one horse to hay, one feed, 10 cts.; team, do. do., 20 cts.; horse to hay, night, 25 cts. They have also concluded to furnish no free stabling in future, consequently parties requiring stable room for their horses, with dinner or hay or oats, will be charged 5 cents for each horse. When a man takes dinner and stables his team without hay, his bill will be 30 cents. Oats will be furnished at not less than 10 nor more than 15 cents per gallon.

Esquesing Council.

Stewarttown, 6th Dec., 1877.

The council met pursuant to adjournment. The Reeve in the Chair. Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed.

The account of Hart & Rawlinson for Collectors receipts and other blanks, amounting to $5.13, was presented and read. The application of Geo. Schram and others for a grant to repair road, Lots 9 and 10, 2nd concession, the applicants agreeing to expend labor to the amount of $12, was read.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Frazer, that the sum of twenty dollars be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. Geo. Lyons, being two-thirds value of the damage done to his flocks of sheep by dogs, the owners of which are unknown; also the sum of four dollars to J. S. Nixon, for one sheep. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the following accounts be paid by the Treasurer, viz: Robt. Moble, for plank and timber, Ward No. 2, $131.40; Hart & Rowlinson, Toronto, for blanks, $5.13; Robt. Harper, repair of road and bridge, Norval, $19.75; Mrs. Abbott, extra allowance up to death of late J. Cooper, $5.00; Isaac Bullevant, for his relief, $10.00; Mrs. McPherson, do, $10.00; Chas. Williams, repair of bridge, Glenwilliams, $6.00; Geo. Cooke, for lumber, $2.50. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Shortreed, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of twelve dollars be paid on the order of F. McCallum, Pathmaster, on application of George Schram and others, to be applied in repair of road, Lots 5 and 10, 2nd concession, on condition that the applicants pay the amount subscribed in work. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law to appoint places for holding the Municipal Election, and for the appointment of Deputy-Returning Officers. Carried.

Said By-law having been introduced was read the first time.

Moved by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that the Treasurer pay to Edward Nixon the following accounts: Shoes for Isaac Warden, an inmate of the poor house, $1.25; Clothes for John Douglass an inmate of the poor house, $6.80; Total, $8.08. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the Treasurer pay to Donald McMurchy the sum of ten dollars, for the maintenance of an illegitimate child left in his care. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that the By-law to appoint places for holding the Municipal Election, and for the appointment of Deputy-Returning Officers, be now read the second and third times and passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Clerk of this Municipality, for the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Stationery, etc. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay, in connection with the Municipal Election, the following sums, viz: To each Deputy Returning Officer, $4.00; To each Poll Clerk, $2.00; Constable, $1.50; also the necessary sums for Election blanks and ballot papers; and also that the Reeve and Members of the Council be paid for their services as road commissioners, as follows: The Reeve, one day, $2.00; Mr. Warren, two days, $4.00; Mr. Frazer, three days, $6.00; Mr. Lindsay, two days, $4.00; Mr. Shortreed two days, $4.00. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

County Council.

The Council met in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, 18th inst. The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk read a communication from the Minister of Education, relative to Model Schools for the training of Teachers, and regulations for Teachers' Associations. Also a communication from Waterloo, relative to a memorial to the Legislature, asking for an amendment to Municipal Act, transferring entire control and responsibilty for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges on county lines to minor municipalities.

The Warden said only two tenders had been received in answer to the advertisement for the purchase of County Gaol debentures. The tenders were opened; one from David McCarthy, for ½ premium on those due in 1884-85 86-87; and one from Mr. Crowther, Toronto, offering ½ per cent. premium on the whole; the County to pay all expenses certifying legality of by-law.

The Wadren stated that he had drawn up a copy of debenture, the cost of lithographing which would be $45; in letterpress the same would cost about $25.

The Warden also reported that the Gaol Committee had paid $11,200 on construction account.

Mr. Waldie moved, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, that the Warden, Treasurer and the mover be a committee to dispose of the debentures to be issued by this County for $10,000, and that they have full authority to accept such offer as shall secure the most money to the County. Carried.

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of $500 be granted to the Oakville High School. Carried.

Mr. Waldie presented the report of the Finance Committee, certifying to sundry accounts, which was adopted.

The Council adjourned to give time for the Committee on Debentures to prepare their report.

Council resumed.

The Committee reported in favor of the debentures being sold to minor municipalities, Trafalgar and Esquesing to be allotted $3,000 each; the balance of $4,000 to be taken up by the County with the money in the treasury belonging to the Credit Valley Sinking Fund.

On motion of Mr. Waldie, seconded by Col. Clay, the report was adopted.

The Warden submitted a statement of the expenses of the Building Committee of the new Gaol, $125, which was ordered to be paid.

The Warden stated that the Committee had ordered iron stairs for the new Gaol, which would, when erected, cost $140.

Mr. Waldie said they got for $140 exactly the same quantity and quality of work that cost the County of Oxford $250.

The Warden added that there were improvements in the stairs they had ordered that those purchased by the Oxford Council did not possess.

Mr. Foster said there was a question, whether the services of the Inspector of Works should be retained or not.

The question was referred to the Committee; the Warden observing that the man employed was thoroughly competent to perform the work required from him.

The messenger was ordered to be paid the sum of five dollars for his services during the past half year.

On motion, the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Waldie.

Col. Clay moved, seconded by Mr. Young, that the best thanks of the Council be presented to Matthew Clements, Esq., for his courteous and efficient services as Warden during the past year.

The motion was carried unanimously, with a standing vote.

Mr. Clements expressed his grateful sense of the compliment paid him, and invited the members to an oyster supper, which he had ordered at the Wallace House.

The Council then adjourned to the Wallace House, where they partook of a splendid repast prepared in "mine host" Wallace's usual good style.

Owing to the fact that many members had to leave by the early train, the speeches usual on such occasions were dispensed with.

REQUISITION

—TO—

W. H. STOREY, ESQ

SIR,—

We, the undersigned ratepayers of the Village of Acton, recognizing the urgent necessity there is that men of sound business capacity should be placed at the helm of our Municipal affairs, especially so for the ensuing year, and, having grateful recollections of the straightforward, business like and honorable services you rendered our Village during the first critical years of its infancy, when you so ably occupied the chair and discharged the arduous duties of Reeve, and, knowing the influence you exerted in the County Council,

We would, therefore, respectfully and earnestly request that you allow yourself to be placed in Nomination for the office of Reeve of this Municipality for the ensuing year.

Should you consent to our request, we hereby pledge ourselves to do our utmost to secure your election.

We are, dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

Ransom Adams,	G. L. Beardmore,
John Speight,	Adam Dixon,
Samuel Carter,	Joseph Fife,
Chas. Cameron jr.,	Peter McNab,
James Cobleu,	Asa Hall,
Isaac Fingis,	Fred. Second,
Robert Fisher,	Robert Ramsaw,
George Forbes,	Joshua Adams,
Henry Tamper,	Peter McCann,
Jas. H. Buckling,	Edward Moore,
Abram Matthews,	William Nicholson,
Robt. Galloway,	T. D. Hall,
Robt. Storey,	Matthew Kenney,
John Kenney,	Joseph Fairchild,
Wm. Kenney,	Jam s McGuire,
Jas. B. Wilson,	Thomas Warn p,
Jas. Wilds,	John F. Second,
James Moore,	Dr. Morrow,
Ed. Matthews,	Oliver Lodier,
George Levens,	Stephen Henle,
Wm. Thompson,	W. H. Walker,
Wm. Ramsay,	Charles Clerke,
Samuel Moore,	John Hawkins.
Thomas Moore,	

To Ransom Adams, Esq. and G. L. Beardmore, Esq. and 46 others.

GENTLEMEN,—

I sincerely thank you for the expressions contained in the above Requisition.

Also for the kind manner you have alluded to my past association with the affairs of this Village. I am grateful to know that any public service I may have rendered the Municipality has been kept in kindly remembrance by the people of Acton.

I assure you such service has been rendered cheerfully and heartily as to a people who, with myself, are anxious to promote, by every justifiable means (consistent with economy), the material prosperity and growth of our Village.

On my retirement from the Reeveship, two years ago, I had no further intention of again becoming a candidate for Municipal honors.

I assure you I should not now, had not your Requisition, influential in character and embracing all classes without distinction in politics or religion, been placed in my hands.

I regret that, owing to my being surety for the Village Treasurer, which renders me ineligible for election, I am unable to give your Requisition an unqualified acceptance.

I had, however, requested the Council a few days ago to release me therefrom, the Treasurer being prepared to fyle new bonds; and asked the Reeve to do me the favor to call a meeting of the Council therefor, not later than Monday, the 21st inst.

Although my request has not been complied with, I understand a meeting is called therefor to-morrow (Thursday), at 2 p.m.

Should I be released therefrom, I shall cheerfully comply with your request and place myself and services at your disposal. If elected, I shall do my utmost to stimulate the material interests and prosperity of Acton.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. STOREY.

Acton, Dec. 26th, 1877.