

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Trains leave Acton as follows: Night Express, 10:30 a.m.; Day Express, 1:35 p.m.; Express, 3:15 p.m.; Galt mixed, 7:07 p.m.; Night Express, 3:35 a.m.; Galt mixed, 9:42 a.m.; Day Express, 11:53 a.m.; Western mail, 3:17 p.m.; London mail, 9:30 p.m.

Service in the Methodist Church every Sabbath evening at half past six o'clock and 8 1/2 minutes and 10 minutes on the first Sabbath of each month. Rev. R. H. Hume, Pastor.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Wedding and Birthday presents in Fancy Goods and Jewellery all the year round at Geo. Hynds Jeweller, 45 St. Acton. Call. ... Such roads: ... Were you at the fire! ... Night moonlight nights. ... Gardening will commence ... Read Nelson's advertisement in another column. ... Combs, long, fine, and circular at J. E. McGarvin's. ... There was skating on the rink last Tuesday evening. ... Go to G. E. Morrow's for Green's August Flower. ... The roads in the country are in a fearful condition. ... A wedding procession passed through town yesterday. ... Get four Quinine Wine at G. E. Morrow's Drug Store. ... Tip top all wool tweeds at 62 1/2 cents at Fyfe and McNab's. ... Mr. John Brown, of Sarnia, formerly of Acton, is in town. ... Now you have them—try J. E. McGarvin's Worm Powders. ... They have got new blinds on the windows of the Public School. ... Business in town is extremely dull, on account of the bad roads. ... Buy your garden and flower seeds, at E. W. Morgan, Drug Store. ... A number of suspicious looking characters were seen around town lately. ... Luby's Hair Renewer just arrived at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. ... Mr. Chas. Coleman, of Toronto was in town on Saturday on a visit to some of his friends. ... Wade & Butcher's Razors, Strips, Shaving Soap, &c., at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. ... The residence of Mr. Alex. Cammies, near Acton, had a narrow escape from fire on Monday last week. ... Green's August Flower for Dyspepsia, Bileworms and Indigestion at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. ... It has been said that the bread made by the Acton Bakers has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. ... We have a large quantity of waste paper on hand, suitable for wrapping purposes, which we will sell cheap. ... Mr. Albert Matthews left town on Wednesday, for Port Rowan, Co. Norfolk, where he will holiday for a couple of weeks. ... SOMETHING ASTONISHING.—Those pills made to order in the latest style, and best material, ebony and diamonds for \$11.00, at Fyfe & McNab's. ... We have for sale one of Best's celebrated Pianos that will be disposed of at a great bargain. For particulars apply at this office. ... The meeting of ratepayers to discuss the bonus question was held last night. An account of the proceedings will appear in next week's Free Press. ... One of our merchants wishes us to inform the party who sold him a roll of butter, with a muffer in the centre, can have the muffer by applying at the store. ... Mr. John Hawkins, who has been in business in this Village for some time past, left for Berlin on Friday, where he has gone into the grocery business. ... The 3rd department of the Public School was dismissed on Tuesday afternoon, for the remainder of the week, on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Moore. ... Mr. Wm. Planks, who has been employed by Mr. Matthews during the past year, has rented the farm of Mr. David Storey, west half lot 23, con. 6, Nassagaweya. ... That spicy daily paper, the Guelph Herald, comes to hand in a new dress. The proprietors of the Herald seem to be gifted with unbounded enterprise, which enterprise, we are sure, will be appreciated by the public. The Herald is one of our best exchanges, and we have watched, with pleasure, the rapid progress it has made of late. We wish the Herald continued success. ... CHEAP! CHEAP!—It is a fact that Goods this Spring are undoubtedly one year ago. Instance a good quality Canadian Cotton at 70 cents (100 a year ago). But to get goods at the right price, you must go to the right place. Christie, Henderson & Co., have the very best facilities for securing goods at bottom prices and sell decidedly cheap. Example: the new stock and be your own judge. Remember the famous one.

Shop licenses in Woodstock have been reduced from \$200 to \$150 this year. ... Fresh, choice Spring Goods, Christie, Henderson & Co., have pleasure in announcing daily arrivals of new spring goods bought under most favorable circumstances and selected with great care. New lines of dress goods in the latest shades and styles and decidedly cheap. ... Mr. J. B. Watson, the humorist did not lecture in the Temperance Hall last Thursday evening, as was advertised. He had not recovered from his illness, which had kept him in bed for over a week, and, therefore, was not able to appear. As soon as he has recovered he will lecture here, of which due notice will be given.

Who is going to give the next social? It is well known that the Acton Brass Band does not receive the encouragement which it deserves from the private citizens of this Village. The Band requires several new instruments which will necessitate the outlay of a considerable amount of money, and it is to be hoped that our citizens will come forward and lend a helping hand for this purpose. Don't all speak at once.

Complimentary Supper. A complimentary supper was given in Agnew's Hotel, on Tuesday evening, to Mr. Horace J. Hall, of Berlin, formerly of Acton, and Mr. John Kennedy, on the occasion of their departure to new spheres of labor. About 30 persons were present. Mr. D. D. Christie, occupied the chair and Mr. Jas. Matthews the vice chair. After justice had been done to the excellent spread supplied by Mr. J. Knorr, the cloth was removed. The chairman stated that the object of their meeting together was to bid farewell to two of our most respected citizens. He said they would derive from the general course, and not propose all the formal toasts, such as "The Queen," etc., as the took it for granted that they were loyal subjects. He expressed his sorrow at parting with Messrs. Hall and Kennedy, and he was sure he expressed the sentiments of all those present when he said he was sorry. He proposed the toast of "The Guests." Mr. Hall said it gave him pleasure to meet with so many of his friends and old neighbors. It was with regret that he left Acton, as it was the place of his birth. He had been shown great kindness by the citizens of Berlin, since he had become a resident of that place, and expressed himself well pleased with his choice of the town of Berlin as his future home.

Mr. Kennedy expressed his sorrow at parting with so many friends. Messrs. Jas. Matthews, Major Allan and Duncan Kennedy were sorry that they were losing two of their best citizens and wished them success in their new homes. The wife and family of Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kennedy, was responded to by Messrs. G. Tolton, C. S. Smith, Shoemaker, of Berlin, James Symon, and S. W. Galbraith. The prosperity of Acton was next toasted, and called forth responses from Messrs. H. J. Hall, Robt. Crane, and H. Hunt in a song. The "Agricultural Interests" was responded to by Messrs. P. S. Armstrong and W. P. Brown. Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again was proposed, after which the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," which terminated one of the best and most enjoyable entertainments which it has been our pleasure to attend.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY.—Christie, Henderson & Co., have pleasure in intimating that their stock of Millinery is now coming to hand. The greatest care has been exercised in selecting only what is choice and decidedly new so that the Ladies can depend on getting the latest and the nicest. This branch will be superintended by persons thoroughly experienced and who have just come from the centres of fashion. No fancy prices for Millinery. The Ladies will please remember this.

AUCTION SALES.

March 22.—The farm, thorough-bred stock, and implements of Mr. Alex. Wallie, lot 24, con. 2, Township of Esquesing. For particulars see advertisement. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... March 23.—The farm stock and implements of Mr. J. Diamond, lot 21, con. 5, Nassagaweya. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... March 26.—The farm stock and implements of John Grove & Sons, lot 10, con. 7, Township of Eramosa, near Everton. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... March 27.—The farm stock and implements of Mr. John Sibbald, lot 4, con. 3, Erin. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... March 28.—The farm stock and implements of Mrs. W. G. Simpson, lot 28, con. 7, Eramosa. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... March 29.—The real estate, farm stock and implements of Mr. Thomas Hume, west half lot 12, con. 4, Township of Esquesing. The real estate consists of part of the west half of lot 16, con. 5, Township of Esquesing, containing 50 acres, more or less; also the east half of lot 12, con. 1, Township of Esquesing, containing 100 acres, more or less. G. Gibbs, Auctioneer. ... March 30.—The farm stock and implements of Mr. John Arthur, lot 24, con. 3, Esquesing. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... April 1.—The farm stock and implements of Mr. David Storey, west half lot 23, con. 6, Nassagaweya. W. W. Roe, Auctioneer. ... April 2.—The farm stock and implements of Mr. Jas. Collins, lot 27, con. 3, Eramosa. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. ... April 4.—The farm, farm stock and implements, of Mr. John Kennedy, lot 25, con. 5, Nassagaweya. Also a new double brick house and late situated on Main street, Acton. Sale at Kennedy's brick block, Acton. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

FIRE!

Ryder's Carriage Factory and House Completely Destroyed by Fire.

SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

LOSS \$15,000; INSURANCE \$3,500.

On Friday morning last about two o'clock the carriage works of Mr. James Ryder, corner of Mill and Elgin streets, was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was immediately sounded from the Congregational Church bell.

In a short time a large crowd of villagers assembled and took steps to stay the fire, but there being no fire engine in the Village, they had to carry water in pails until they threw on the flames.

The building was a two-story frame one and burned with fearful rapidity. Seeing that their efforts to save the factory were in vain, the villagers stood close beside the factory. The excessive heat from the burning building would not allow them to remain long in the vicinity of the house, which soon caught fire and was burned to the ground along with the factory.

Some houses and outbuildings in the vicinity of the factory had a narrow escape, and had it not been for the extra efforts put forth by the crowd present there would have been a terrible conflagration. The house of Mr. Wm. Massias, on the opposite side of the street, caught fire several times, but was extinguished. The whole side of his house is blackened and charred with the excessive heat.

Very little was saved from the factory, but nearly everything was taken out of the house in a damaged condition. Messrs. John Barber and David Smith, two of the employees, lost all their tools, valued at \$150 each, on which there was no insurance. Mr. Ryder's books, notes and a sum of money were consumed in the office, where it is supposed the fire originated.

Mr. Ryder had a large number of orders for carriages, &c., to fill, and intended to employ an extra number of hands.

The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss amounts to nearly \$15,000, which is made up as follows:—

Books and note accounts, \$6,000; Raw material, 1,600; Partially made stock, 750; Ready made, 400; Paint shop, 150; Trimming shop, 75; Tools in workshop, 300; New stock, 3,740; Buildings, 1,600; Total, \$14,515.

Insured for \$3,500—\$1,500 in the Wellington Mutual, and \$2,000 in the Watploo Mutual.

Mr. Ryder has a staff of men employed clearing off the burnt timber, &c., and has commenced the erection of a temporary shop. He intends to erect, as soon as building operations can commence, a fine brick factory, 66x90, 2 1/2 stories high, which, when completed, will be an ornament to the Village of Acton.

Two illicit stills have been seized in the neighborhood of Napanee, Ont., and the Government Inspector, who was present, made the announcement that in four months he has seized eighteen such stills, and every one of them in localities where the Dunkin Act is in force.

Flour, oat meal, corn meal, Graham flour, buckwheat flour, cracked wheat, etc., etc., cheap at Secord's Cash Store.

Special bargains at Secord's Cash Store.—Flour \$2.00 per bushel, Toilet Sets full 9 pieces only \$1.80, Largest Dinner Plates best quality 85 cents per doz., Medium or Breakfast Plates 75c per doz., White Stone Tea Sets 44 pieces, Cups, Saucers, in fact, everything in these lines at wholesale prices, and lower.

Our 50 cent Tea has distanced all competitors. All rivals have had to stand back. Try it at Secord's Cash Store.

PLOW FACTORY OPENED. The subscriber, having purchased the Acton Plow Works, is prepared to furnish Single and Double Frame Iron Plows, as well as the Best Gang Plow, which has gained the reputation of being the best Gang Plow made, at the usual rates. All repairs done on the shortest notice and at the cheapest prices. 37-4

LEGAL.

Having altered my intention of removing from Georgetown, I beg to intimate to my friends and the public generally that I will continue the practice of my profession at my present office, Mill street, Georgetown. J. D. MATHISON, Georgetown, March 6th, 1878. 36-2t

SHORT-HORN BULL FOR SALE.

"Belle Duke." Red. Two years old. Sire—3rd Duke of Springwood; Dam—Maggie Belle, by Constance's Duke, &c. Can be seen on the farm adjoining the G. T. Railway. C. S. SMITH, Acton, 36-4

GEORGE LEVENS.

Barber and Hairdresser, adjoining Second Brass Store, Mill Street, Acton. Hair switches and combings prepared to order.

Those wishing to have a shave or hair cut had better call early, as Acton will soon be minus a barber.

TO THE PUBLIC OF ALL NATIONS A POLITICAL CREED.

If you want a good AUCTIONEER try GEORGE GIBBS. He understands his business. Sun Address Hillside, Acton, 37-2t

NOTICE.

The undersigned begs leave to announce to farmers and others engaged in butter making, who are getting a new cream and the cream coming out their own interests by ordering one of A. Home's Improved Tubular Dash Creameries. I can show taking orders for them, having purchased the patent right to your patronage is respectfully solicited. Your purchases will be promptly delivered. Territory for sale. Manufacturer's stand sold by D. L. McARDALL, 29-2t

PORK PACKING HOUSE.

The subscriber has always on hand all kinds of fresh Meat, Sausages and Poultry, cheap. CHAS. CAMERON, Acton, Dec. 12th 1877. 23-3t

Seeds, Seeds, Seeds, Garden and Flower SEEDS. —AT— J. E. MCGARVIN'S DRUG STORE.

SPECIAL LOTS AND PRICES W. STEWART & CO. Invite attention and inspection to special lot of 5,000 YARDS OF NEW AND FASHIONABLE DRESS GOODS.

Purchased at a Discount of 33 per cent. The lot was detained in transit by cable hence the large sacrifice. These goods are cheaper than have been offered for years and could not be replaced. NO FAMILY SHOULD BUY THEIR Winter DRY GOODS before they see our immense stock of New and Fashionable Goods.

W. Stewart & Co., GUELPH. March 12, 1878.

PEACE PROCLAIMED NEW DRY GOODS HOUSE

Sales extraordinary at the ACTON. Everybody satisfied. JAMES SYMON would return his thanks to his numerous friends for the very liberal support they have already accorded him, and begs to inform them that he has this week made large additions to his Stock at extraordinary low prices.

A word to the wise—Symon's cheap store established in the interests of cash paying customers—Symon's cheap goods tell their own story—All new seasonable goods—All new styles—All new makes—All new improvements in buying and selling—Symon's store full of bargains—No credit accounts—No bad debts—No discounts—Every purchaser their own judge—Come out early in the day, and come often—it will pay you to come twice a day—James Symon's invites special attention of intending purchasers—Friends—Customers—And strangers to the following Departments and come often—it will pay you to come twice a day—James Symon's invites special attention of intending purchasers—Friends—Customers—And strangers to the following Departments

In addition to the above Jas. Symon has secured the services of a first class Milliner who will be on hand for the Spring trade. Ladies who may depend upon getting your orders filled in the Latest Styles at the most reasonable prices. Yours Truly, JAMES SYMON.

Produce of all kinds taken as cash at highest market price. Acton, January 23, 1878.

Read This! SWEEPING Half-Yearly CLEARING SALE. Christie Henderson & Co. ACTON

To avoid carrying over any heavy goods yet in stock, on account of the unprecedented mild winter announce a GRAND SWEEPING SALE, COMMENCING ON SATURDAY JAN. 19, 1878.

All lines of heavy Woolen Goods—Dress Goods, Fancy Goods—In fact their entire stock of Dry Goods will be offered at "VERY BOTTOM PRICES."

Two cold months yet to be provided for. Heavy Overcoats, Tweeds, Blankets, Mantles, Shawl, hirtings, Winceys, Furs, socks, Hose, Mitts, &c., &c., will be absolutely required. Don't fail to secure them at the right place and at the right price. This is a Genuine Sale.

TERMS CASH ONLY. No goods charged except at regular marked prices. REMEMBER THAT FAMOUS 5.0 TEA. In 5 lb. lots at 45 cents. CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO. Acton, Dec. 5, 1877.