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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 2, 1876.

—We are compelled to omit editorials this week, to make room for communications.

—We learn that Mr. W. D. Lyon, M.P.P., for this county, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are reported to be very heavy, while his assets are comparatively small. Under a recent Act, the fact of an M. P. P. being insolvent does not disqualify him from holding his seat in the Legislature. It remains to be seen, however, whether or not Mr. Lyon will take advantage of the Act.

—Mr. Henry Stingle, hotel-keeper in Nassagaweya, who was recently fined $20 and costs, for an alleged infringement of the liquor law, appealed from the decision of the magistrates, and his case was argued, last week, before the County Judge. The peculiar circumstances in this case were taken into consideration, it being shown that Stingle was not knowingly committing a breach of the law, as he supposed his license to be properly and legally transferred to him from his predecessor. Judgment was given in his favor, reversing the decision of the magistrates. We are told that the charge was laid against Stingle through personal spite.

Comparative statement of rateable property of the Township of Esquesing for the last four years:—

		TAXES.
1872	$1,435,024	$ 7,713 23
1873	1,556,736	10,472 13
1874	1,364,907	9,889 01
1875	1,382,958	10,697 47

There were 121 births, 24 marriages, and 29 deaths registered in the Township of Esquesing, last year, against 132 births, 36 marriages, and 56 deaths in 1874.

The war in Spain is reported to be virtually at an end, but the latest dispatch says Don Carlos and several battalions are in the field, and show no signs of abandoning their cause.

Charles Rykert was elected last Friday, M.P.P. for Lincoln, by a majority of 22 over Mr. Neelon.

The Hon. Mr. Crooks has been sworn in as Minister of Education. It is to be hoped that becoming acquainted with the workings of the whole educational system, that he will see much to simplify and thereby improve, of which not the least is the Educational book store.

During 1875, 20,410 immigrants are reported to have settled in Canada, against 39,373 in the previous year. In the same time the number of people who entered Canada from the United States was larger than that of our citizens who crossed over to that country.

Municipal Accounts are frequently audited in the most imperfect manner, being only a check of a Dr. and Cr. account, leaving the public entirely ignorant of the true financial position of the corporation — and the auditors sometimes knowing little more. Such ought not to be the case, but in every abstract statement, the assets and liabilities at the date of audit ought to appear. To enable this to be done satisfactorily the collectors' roll for each year should be closed by the end of December; or if this is not possible, a balance sheet of his accounts also shown. A little more care in this respect would be a valuable guide to ratepayers and councillors, especially the latter, in their calculations as to taxation and expenditure.

Halton Agricultural Society.

A special meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society was held at Cook's Hotel, Milton, on Tuesday of last week when the majority of the Directors were present. On motion it was resolved to hold the Spring Show on 21st of April. Several additions were made to the prize list, the affairs of the Society being in a healthy condition. The report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting in reference to the Centennial Exhibition was adopted. The following is their report:

"In compliance with a request from the Hon., the Minister of Agriculture, to the County of Halton, the Committee which have been appointed request all parties who have superior Grain or Seeds to send two quarts of each with the proper names, also their own names and address. Also Millers, two quarts of each sample of flour, bran and shorts, to be forwarded by the 10th of March to W. C. Beaty, Secretary, Omagh P. O., through any of the following persons, Wm. Storey, J. R. Barber, C. P. Preston, J. Brothers, W. Whitaker, James Harvey, J. Harrison, Wm. Kerns, John Ramsey, and all the members of the Agricultural Board.

The Bonus Question.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—The sensible letter of "Freeholder" on this question, which appeared in your issue of the 17th inst., has evidently hit its mark, and hence the letter of "Oppositionist" in your last issue. Now, while I freely admit the right of "Oppositionist," or any of his class to express themselves on this question honestly and frankly, yet I have an aversion to that class of tactics pursued by them, which have been of the hole-and-corner character, and not above board. If "Oppositionist" so champions the people's right, and feels such an interest in their welfare as he would have us suppose, why did he not attend a meeting of so much importance to *him* as the one called to consider the propriety of granting a bonus to Mr. Baker. He would lead us to suppose that his missionary zeal would not allow him to be absent from the Bible meeting that evening. Unfortunately for the community, his missionary services are not of that character, but consist in persuading weak persons to embrace his views, and filling them with distrust of an object which has for its aim the prosperity of this village. Why did he not present himself at the meeting referred to? or if he did, why did he not in a straightforward and manly way oppose it there, instead of trying to stigmatize the object now, and by innuendoes of the meanest character, seek to cast reflections on a few of our leading citizens. The people of Acton, I am pleased to say, are capable of forming an intelligent opinion on the desirability of offering a bonus, and I think having done so, and pledged themselves to it, they will not dishonor and stultify themselves now as "Oppositionist" would lead us to believe by refusing to vote for the By-law. Should Mr. Baker do his part and prove true to his agreement, the people of Acton will be true to theirs. "Oppositionist" tells us it was a bright idea to "take the sense of the meeting." This is meant for wit, and is intended to prove beyond doubt that he has not lost his. He then asks, "was not Mr. Baker a little too fast when he remarked that the man who signs the paper cannot go back on the vote?" Now, sir, Mr. Baker never made any such remark to my knowledge, and I happened to *make it my business* to be present at the meeting and watch the proceedings. "Oppositionist's" reference to the "pet scheme" as he calls it, of not providing a sinking fund for the first ten years, merits no reply, and savours of ignorance. Possibly the persons against whom these remarks are levelled will by their public spirit and enterprise, succeed beyond his wishes and expectations, and have business here when he has none. Again, he refers to some of our citizens being so intensely patriotic as to support a scheme which they inform us is to their injury. Not much danger of "Oppositionist" doing that; his calibre is of too small a pattern. We only wish he had one-twentieth part of the patriotic disinterestedness of the persons to whom he refers, there would, to say the least, be one less obstructionist and creator of distrust in the community. People of his class never made Canada what she is to-day, and had the growth and prosperity of Acton depended on the united energies of *such*, the primitive forest would yet stand on her streets to-day. Yours truly,

A CITIZEN.

Acton, Feb. 29, 1876.

The Bonus Question.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—I take the liberty of troubling you with a few remarks on the bonus. I cannot see that their is any "lofty principle" involved in the question; it is entirely a business matter. If the people of Acton think they are receiving value for their $4,500 let them support the By-law; and let those who hold a different opinion vote it down. I oppose the bonus and will let you have my reasons. Hearing other places cited as examples in favor of granting a bonus, I took the trouble to look the matter up and find in Oshawa for $10,000 they established an Agricultural Implement factory employing one hundred *skilled men*. In Parkhill a flax mill employing fourteen men receives a bonus of $350, and then in the face of facts like these we are asked to give $4,500 to an affair employing thirty-five *children* where everything necessary to establish it is convenient and cheap. As an example of the way manufacturers are likely to flock into our village in consequence of our acquisition, I have Mr. Beardmore's authority for stating that as his taxes have already been raised to over $250 he will in case of further increase remove his works from the village unless exempted from taxation. I think you will find very few of the Freeholders of Acton will say they can see $4,500 difference between the two establishments, and those who do will most likely see it in favor of the tannery. In conclusion, I would say, any statement that appears in either of my communications I am prepared to prove, and having shown good reason why I can "honestly" oppose it, I venture a word of advice to the "hearty supporters." Let the matter drop in time, and do not run the village into further useless expense for the By-law will certainly be defeated and you may then experience the gratitude of the ratepayers in a manner you do not at all anticipate.

Yours, OPPOSITIONIST.

"The Charity Fund."

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—Would you kindly allow me space in your columns to reply to a communication in your last issue signed "Humanity Jun." I would not have noticed it were it not that the ratepayers would expect that I should give some explanation regarding the charges brought against their representative and custodian of the charity fund.

In the first place I would say that Humanity Jun. is not sincere in his remarks about the charities dispensed by the custodian of the charity fund of this municipality, or if he is he knows very little about it. I might say for his satisfaction and for the information of the ratepayers that the Council voted $20 to be disbursed for charitable purposes, but I do not think that the council expected me to give to everybody that asked it, if so it would not have lasted above two weeks. I know the hard times presses severely on many people, but you know there are a great many *tramps* going through the country who make it their business to travel from place to place and calling on the Reeves of the different places asking alms, and by such means they can travel without any expense, and who in very many cases do not deserve our sympathies, and there are others who come in a beastly state of intoxication. The latter I will in future not assist. I have had since my incumbency some thirty applicants, and if I had given each what was necessary to keep them over night, I would have spent the $20 long ago. Then Humanity Jun. would have made his voice heard when the statements of accounts were presented at the end of the year, if he has any interest in that fund. I have but in three instances sent them away empty.

I have always found that those who cry the loudest in these matters contribute the least to such funds and care very little how the charities are dispensed so long as they are not called upon to contribute anything to it except to make a little noise; further, to show how insincere or ignorant Humanity Jun. is when he imputes such motives to me as "Be generous. The cost of one coroner's inquest would amount to more than the price of a dozen beds and suppers." To enlighten him a little in this I would say for his information that if such an unfortunate occurrence should happen in this municipality, the expense of such inquest would not effect his purse any, as that expense would be borne by the County, and that I would not likely be called upon to hold the inquest unless Humanity, Jun., would first hand me a formal information sworn to by himself.

Having the confidence of a large majority of the Electors of this municipality as shown by their votes, I consider it my duty to guard their interests in fostering the funds intrusted to my care, and I trust I shall never misplace their confidence by uselessly spending their money in charities to uncharitable people. We have persons in our midst who should claim our attention in this matter and I shall consider it my duty to see to them first. And I will tell Humanity Jun. that I will only give to those whom I believe should receive some assistance and reject those whom I believe are able but unwilling to earn their own livelihood and who have misspent their time during the summer when work was plenty and wages good.

In conclusion, I would advise Humanity Jun. to come out boldly in his true name and character if he has any complaints to make, and I am prepared to justify my acts, but not assassin-like attempt to stab in the dark. I am yours, &c.

N. MCGARVIN.

Acton, Feb. 29th, 1876.

Examination and Social in Nassagaweya.

The quarterly examination of the pupils of Pine Grove School, Section No. 7, Nassagaweya, was held on the 18th ult. The pupils were examined by their teachers, Mr. McPhatter and Miss Donaldson, and Wm. S. McTavish, teacher of S. S. No. 12, Nelson. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner highly complimentary to both the parents and teachers. At the close of the examination Mr. McPhatter was called to the chair, when short but appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs. Arch. Bell, R. Aikens, Wm. Dredge, M. McMillan, and several others, complimenting the teachers on the rapid progress the pupils had made under their instruction, and urged the pupils to embrace the excellent opportunities afforded them of acquiring that knowledge which would be of incalculable benefit to them in after years when called on to take their places in the different spheres of life.

In the evening an entertainment was held which proved to be the best ever held in this locality. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads, the spacious school house was filled to the utmost capacity, so that even standing room could not be obtained and consequently some did not obtain admittance. Mr. M. McMillan was called to the chair, the duties of which he discharged in a very efficient manner. Space will not allow us to enter into the details of the proceedings. The following constituted the programme: The entertainment was opened by a piece of music from the Cumminsville string band; Mr. McPhatter gave a piece entitled "Bro. Fowler," followed by a piece from W. S. McTavish, entitled "Pathetic;" song by J. Lochlean; stump speech by Alex. Bell; song by H. McLeod; "The Highland Immigrant," by N. McPhatter; song by A. Robinson; dialogue by S. McTavish and Alex. Bell. At about 8 o'clock the chairman announced intermission during which time the audience did justice to the inner man with the excellent things provided by the ladies of the section. The meeting being called to order, the people were again entertained by a stump speech from J. McTavish; song by Miss Hogg, accompanied by her sister at the organ; dialogue by H. Cargill and Alex. Bell; song by S. Anderson; debate by Messrs. McPhatter, Bell, Wm. and J. McTavish; song by J. Lochlean; dialogue by Messrs. McMillan and R. Aikens; Song by P. Gould; "Putting on style," by Wm. S. McTavish; song by Mr. and the Misses Hogg; stump speech by Alex. Bell; song by J. McTavish; a piece entitled "Ladies and Gentlemen," by N. McPhatter; song by A. Robinson; "The School Boy," by Wm. Tavish; song by J. Williams; recitation by W. S. McTavish; song by P. Gould; address by N. McPatter. The Cumminsville string band aided the entertainment greatly by playing at intervals in their usual good style. After the usual vote of thanks, the entertainment was brought to a close about 12 o'clock by the band playing the National Anthem. Notwithstanding the crowded house the best of order prevailed.—COM.

GENERAL NEWS.

An item has been placed in the Estimates for granting a similar bounty to the 1812-14 veterans as was given last year.

We understand that the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway have made a large reduction in freight rates along their line to Toronto.

Last week the Dunkin Bill was tried in Uxbridge and Colchester. The by-law was defeated in the former township and carried in the latter.

Mr. G. B. Packham, widely known as a bandmaster and instructor of several cornet bands, died very suddenly at Jarvis on Friday.

Weston, the American pedestrian, is now in England, and has succeeded in walking two hundred and seventy-five miles in seventy-five hours.

An entertainment was given at Oakville on Friday evening by several young men of the town, and over $70 dollars were realized, which was handed to the Mayor for distribution among the poor of Oakville.

The Drayton *New Era* says—A pedlar who had been offering for sale a preparation for the teeth, has, we understand, succeeded in inducing a young lady who has but lately taken up her residence in Drayton to elope with him.

On Tuesday of last week, while a son of Mr. C. Sparling, Georgetown, was sliding down a hill at the School house, he fell and when picked up was insensible. It is supposed that his skull is injured. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Councils of London, Kingston, Toronto, and Parkhill have either passed or submitted by-laws for the reduction of the number and increase of the cost of liquor license. The township of Sarawak, in Grey, has adopted the Dunkin Act.

On Friday night, in Dundas, as Mr. Freeman the leader of the Freeman Band accompanied by members his family, was walking home on the middle of the street, after having been playing at a party, he was knocked down and run over by a waggon. The hind wheel passed over his chest, causing instant death.

At a meeting in St. Thomas on Saturday night, a young man named Marriott suddenly dropped from his seat and fell to the floor, and before he could be picked up life was extinct. Deceased was an employee of the Canada Southern Railway. The cause of his sudden death is supposed to have been heart disease.

On the 8th of last month a lad, ten years of age, named Robert McKenzie left the house of his guardian, Mr. Meldrum, at Mount Forest, and has not since been heard off. When last seen he was three miles from Fergus. Any information of him would be thankfully received by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum. The boy is rather slim, fair hair, and when he left home was dressed in a dark jacket, grey pants, rather short boots laced in front. He had his school bag along with him.

CHILD DROWNED.—On Monday 21st inst, a pump on the premises of Mr. William Hodkinson, lot 10, con. 4, Eramosa, had been removed for repairs, and the well had been temporarily covered with planks. During the afternoon a little son of Mr. Hodkinson, about six years old, was playing round the place, and it is supposed that it must have removed some of these planks and fallen into the well. He was missed in a short time, and a search instituted, and he was finally discovered down the well. Mr. Hodkinson was away from home, and some of the neighbors were sent for, who took the child out, but he was dead. The event has cast a gloom over the neighborhood, as Mr. Hodkinson and family are very highly respected; and much sympathy is felt for them.

EASTER SUNDAY.—Easter will fall this year on the 16th of April, —not on the 9th as is supposed—because Easter day is regulated not by a solar, but by a lunar cycle—the cycle that regulates the golden number. Now, by a solar calculation a day always begins at midnight; but by a lunar calculation it begins at noon. If, therefore, the Paschal moon falls on a Saturday, after 12m., it is counted as falling on Sunday, and then Easter day is, under a rule of the prayer book, the Sunday following. This is what happens in the present year. The Paschal moon falls on Saturday, April 8, at 2:43 p.m. It is therefore counted as falling on Sunday, April 9th, and Easter is the Sunday following—*i. e.*, April 16th. It may be added that should the full moon fall on March 21, before 12m., that full moon (counted as falling on March 20) would not regulate Easter day, but the one following. This happened in 1819.

Nassagaweya Council.

This Council met in the township hall, Brookville, on Saturday, 26th February. All the members present. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The report of the Tavern Inspector recommended the granting of licenses to the following parties, viz: Henry Stingle of Brookville; F. J. Dawson, Haltonville; Alex Davidson and Jas A Farrell, Campbellville.

Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that the report of the Tavern Inspector be received and engrossed on the minutes.

On payment of the necessary fee, the license was extended to the above-named parties until the 1st of May. After which date they will come under the provision of the new License Act.

On motion of Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Mr. Menzies, S. R. Lister was authorized and empowered to collect the balance of taxes remaining unpaid for the year 1875, and make his returns on or before March 20th to the Treasurer.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that one dollar be paid to Walter Laing, being error in assessment of one dog.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that the Auditors Report be received and examined by a committee of the whole. The Report having been read and adopted, a motion was made that the Auditors be paid $6 each in accordance with the By-law.

Petition of Walter Laing and 13 others was presented to the council, setting forth the dangerous state of a certain causeway opposite Lot 30 in 2nd con., in the spring of each year and praying the council to adopt some means to remedy the same. Referred to Road and Bridge committee.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. Norrish, and resolved that all By-laws, Bonds and other matters relating to the Licenses of Hotels or Taverns for this Township for 1875 be and are hereby adopted for the portion of the present year, and this resolution be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and have the Corporate Seal attached.

Moved by Mr. Menzies seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the requisition of Robert Irving and 37 others be received and read. On the petition being read, it was moved by Dr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the petition of Robert Irving and others in regard to the Temperance Act of 1864 be referred back to the petitioners for correction, as the proper form of procedure has not been adhered to, and that Mr. Hutcheon be appointed to confer with the said petitioners in regard thereto.

Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that $27.50 be paid to the Township Clerk, being the amount of expenses of the several polling subdivisions for the Municipal Election for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the amount of $4.12 be paid to J. Easterbrook for clothing furnished to Patrick McGarrigle, a poor and destitute person.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Dr. Winn, that the account of T. J. Day amounting to $3.21 for blanks for the Municipal Election, and the farther sum of $10.48 for blanks for Municipal purposes be paid.

Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Dr. Winn, for leave to introduce a By-law for the appointment of Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, and Overseers of Highways. By-law introduced and read the first and second time, and the blanks thereon partly filled up.

Moved by Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Dr. Winn, that Mr. Geo. Norrish be instructed to sell by public auction after giving proper notice, all the timber on the road allowance, adjoining lots 21, 22 and 23, between the 1st and 2nd con. of this Township.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet again on Tuesday the 2nd of May next, for the purpose of appointing Path-masters and for the transaction of other Township business.

J. EASTERBROOK, T'p Clerk.

Eramosa Township Council Meeting.

This Council met at the Centre Inn, on Friday the 25th inst., all the members present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Tavern Inspector presented his report which was received and approved of, and the Reeve and Clerk were instructed to grant certificates for renewal of license for two months to John Martin, Eden hotel; Patrick Lee, Townline hotel; Hermon Clark Royal hotel; John Cummins, Dominion hotel; Edward Barry, American hotel; Matthew Doran, Railroad hotel; Jeremiah Langford, Grove Inn; Michael Lyons, Four Corners Inn; Margaret Lamb Centre Inn; James Oaks, Fifth Line hotel: Jesse Usherwood, Halfway House. $12 was ordered to be paid to the License Inspector for his services. A By-law to appoint pound-keepers, fence-viewers, overseers of highways and thistle inspectors was introduced and was read a first and a second time; the third reading was deferred until the next meeting of the Council. $12 50 was paid to James B. Allan for the benefit of Mrs. Jones, indigent. The petition of John McMahon and others respecting road improvements was laid over until the usual time. The Clerk was instructed to notify the executors of the late Thomas Loghrin to move a fence on side road 25, 26, con. 3, before first day of May next. A By-law for the purchase of a piece of land on the west corner of the east half of lot 5, con. 7, was passed after the usual number of readings.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at the Centre Inn on Monday, the 10th day of April next.

J. A. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk.

Scandal in Ailsa Craig.

Some weeks ago, the Rev. R. S. Green, English Church minister at Ailsa Craig, discounted a note for $400 at the Exchange Bank in Parkhill. It was signed by himself, and endorsed by the name of Christopher Lewis and Richard Blackwell, both of McGillivray. Mr. Green also left a deed of a parsonage in Ailsa Craig, as collateral security. Some days ago Messrs Lewis and Blackwell called at the Exchange Bank, and upon ascertaining that such a note was in possession of the bank, pronounced it a forgery. Mr Cameron, the bank agent, accompanied by Messrs. Lewis and Blackwell, together with Constable Smith, at once repaired to Ailsa Craig and interviewed the Rev. Mr. Green. The latter gentleman, upon being accused of forging the signatures, stoutly asserted that the note had been signed by both Lewis and Blackwell at his (the minister's) house, in the presence of members of his family. Messrs. Blackwell and Lewis called the rev. gentleman a liar and a swindler, and pronounced his whole story a barefaced lie. The matter was allowed to stand in this shape till to-day when Mr. Green was arrested and brought to jail to stand his trial upon a charge of forgery. —*London Advertiser.*

The examination of Mr. Green, of Ailsa Craig, on the charge of forgery was concluded on Friday. Prisoner was committed for trial but the Police Magistrate expressed himself as having strong doubt as to the actual guilt, and admitted accused to bail.

The Scandal and How Beecher Deals with It.

(From the Boston Bulletin.)

Mr Tilton — Mr. Beecher has ruined my home, and is guilty of adultery.

Mr. Beecher — Mr. Tilton, you are a liar. Prove what you say, if you can.

Mr. Moulton — Mr. Tilton tells the truth, for Mr. Beecher confessed to me.

Mr. Beecher—I never did anything of the kind. Moulton is as great a falsifier as Tilton.

Mrs. Moulton — Mr. Beecher made a confession to me that he was guilty of the charges made against him by Mr. Tilton.

Mr. Beecher—Mrs. Moulton is a Christian lady, one that I always respected, but she has purjured herself to save her husband. I will turn her out of the church.

Mrs. Moulton—Mr. Beecher, before you do that let the matter be investigated.

Mr. Beecher—I will, if you permit me to select the Council. If you have anything to do with it at all, it will be a hodge-podge affair.

Mrs. Moulton—Good-bye.

Mr. Bowen—Mr. Beecher is an adulterer, perjurer, and a hypocrite.

Mr. Beecher—Mr. Bowen is a slanderer and a liar. Will have an advisory council to discuss whether the Plymouth Church has violated the rules of the Congregational denomination or not

Mr Beecher's address to the Council closed with the emphatic words "If there is any man on earth that has any thing to say to my detriment, I hear now challenge him to say it. If there is any angel of God I challenge him to say aught against me; aye, I go far beyond that, I challenge truth from God himself."

OPENING REGISTERED LETTERS—It is reported that a considerable sum of money was stolen from a registered letter recently posted at Tara, addressed to a business firm in Toronto. Mr. Sweetnam, Post Office Inspector, has instituted an enquiry within the past day or two into the matter, and it has transpired that he has detected the thief and the money, which had been secreted, has been recovered. It is not many days since the Inspector's services were required in connection with money stolen from registered letters passing through the Thornbury post office. The offender in that case was also discovered, and the stolen funds will be recovered.

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Guelph, Feb. 21, 1876.

BIRTHS.

At the Limo-works, Esquesing, on the 22nd ult., the wife of David Smith, of a daughter.

In Acton, on 29th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Thompson, of a daughter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOARDERS.

Parties wanting board in a private house can hear of such accommodation by applying at the FREE PRESS office.

Acton, March 1, 1876.

WALKER LODGE No. 321, A. F. & A. M.

The Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, Acton, on Monday, 6th March, at 7:30 p.m. J. ROSS, Sec.

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Guelph, Feb. 27, 1876.

DR. ROBERTSON, of Drs. Robertson & Bennett, Milton, will be at

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