Acton Free Press

S. W. GALBRAITH, Editor.

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THE CHAMPION (Gossiper).

We don't want to fight,
But, by jingo, if we do,
We've got the ink, we've got the pens,
The brains and papers too.

The editor of the Milton *Champion* does not seem to have appreciated the rib stabber we gave him the week before last, and, last week, he came out like what he generally does when he is cornered, by giving a lot of senseless harangue for his readers to stomach about the personal appearance and private matters of his adversaries.

In the first place, he tries to make out that we had incurred the displeasure of the majority of the people of this Village, and had received a scathing rebuke from no less than three different pulpits, on account of a proposition we made in a former issue of the FREE PRESS, and that we were trying to compromise by taking the part of those who had rebuked us. Well, this is news to us, as no doubt it will be to "a majority of people" in this Village. We are not aware that we have incurred displeasure from anyone since we took hold of the FREE PRESS, and we know that we were not rebuked from *one* pulpit for anything we have ever done. The *Champion* further says that instead of trying to raise ourselves in public opinion we are trying to pull our contemporaries down to our own level! Far from that; we have been trying, and we think it will be a life-long task, to *raise* the *Champion* to our own level, and we have a lively recollection of a time when it was benefitted by our advice, which was given in a late issue of this paper. It also says that the FREE PRESS is "hardly a *newspaper*," and holds itself up to the public as a sheet worthy to be called one. If it is essential, in publishing a *newspaper*, to conduct it in a manner like the *Champion* is, and give every particle of gossip which may take place in a neighboring town, we hope and pray that it may never fall to our lot to publish one. We do not require to praise up the FREE PRESS through our own columns, like the *Champion*, does, but we leave the public to decide whether it is a *newspaper* or not. If quack advertisements constitute a good *newspaper*, then the *Champion* is an extra good one. If any person can point us out a meaner or lower-languaged "official paper of the county," in any county in the Dominion, than the Milton *Champion*, we are prepared to give them a bonus for their trouble in hunting it up.

The editor of the *Champion*, not being able to answer us in a straightforward manner, has resorted to the most cowardly thing that an editor can possibly do—that of discussing the personal appearance of a rival. He describes the editor of this journal as carrying a cane and parting his hair in the middle, and tries to give his readers the impression that we are, like himself, a regular fop. What a crime to carry a cane and part your hair in the middle! Why, we think that hanging would be too good for a person who would do such things! We confess that we do generally carry a cane when we call upon such persons as the editor of the *Champion*, and would advise all rival editors who call on him to do the same, but when he seen us with our hair parted in the middle it must have been at the same time that he seen everyone walking on their heads, and, by some mysterious agent, the sidewalk would not remain under his feet.

It was only the other week that the *Champion* had a local which reflected upon a mechanic of that town, and one who is, we have no doubt, as respectable as the editor of that journal, and yet it turns out that what it said was false. Any person who would write, like the editor of the *Champion* has been doing, in order to bring disdain upon a person who, perhaps, is better than himself, is a coward, and it is gross flattery to call him a coward.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

THE FENIAN RAID.

The proposed Fenian raid on Canada is now beginning to take up the attention of the newspapers both in Canada and the United States. It appears that secret meetings are being frequently held in the States by persons of not the best character. Last year, a little later than this, meetings somewhat similar resulted in the railway riots, in which all the lowest elements of the United States were banded together to upset the peace of the country, and, from the present secret gatherings, if they are on any large scale, the United States has much more cause to fear than Canada has. It must not be forgotten that only a few weeks ago the American papers were full of rumors of communistic gatherings, which threatened the peace of the Republic; now these gatherings, it is reported, are those of Fenians. The fact appears to be that there is in the United States a lawless element of considerable social and political power, whose sympathies are foreign to the country which is unfortunate in being that of their adoption, and which, by its mere presence in the community, weakens it. It is possible that these people, led on by some irresponsible agitators, anxious for glory and pelf, may yet cause trouble, but of this the citizens of the United States have quite as much to fear as ourselves, and quite as much interest in doing what they can to keep their explosives quiet. We notice that the Government has taken every precaution to give the Fenians a "warm" reception in case they should attempt to cross the border, and all the volunteer forces in the Dominion have received orders to be in readiness at a moment's notice.

Editorial Notes.

Parliament was prorogued last Friday.

"Coward, Coward, Liar, the biggest liar," were the last words heard in the House of Commons before its prorogation—the last dying words, in all probability, of a Parliament which, like its predecessors, has given Canada much cause to blush.

Sixty thousand (46,000 seamen and 14,000 marines) is the present personnel, afloat, of the British navy. Over and above these, however, are the reserves, including 12,000 able seamen in the mercantile service and 5,500 fishermen liable to be called out at any time by the Queen's proclamation.

At a meeting of Mr. Joly's Cabinet, held on Thursday last, the Ministers agreed to surrender voluntarily about twenty per cent of their salary to the Province. This reduces them from $3,750 to $3,000. It was also resolved to abolish immediately the Provincial Police force, which will effect a saving of $25,000 annually.

There is a politician in this Province who has done more towards keeping the Reform party together than any other man living; who has in fact the political Moses who led them out of the wilderness of Opposition into the promised land of Office, his newspaper serving the purpose of a rod, and yet the Reform party are not grateful enough to burn a quart of coal oil in his honour or pull him the length of a block in a carriage. He lives in Toronto and his name is George Brown.—*Telegram.*

There is now a daily mail between Guelph and Erin Village.

An attempt to assassinate the Emperor of Germany was made at Berlin on Saturday afternoon, a man firing a revolver at him as he was returning from a drive.

Mr. J. H. Bates, lately senior partner in the newspaper firm of Bates & Locke, at No. 34 Park Row, having succeeded to the business of the firm, has rented and fitted up rooms in the *Times* building, No. 41 Park Row, N.Y. Mr. Bates is one of the oldest advertising agents in the city, having been in the business for a great many years. He was for a long time a partner with Mr. S. M. Pettengill, with whom he continued until 1873, at which time he formed a co-partnership with Mr. D. R. Locke, at that time largely interested in the Toledo *Blade* newspaper, both as editor and stockholder.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

Correspondence.

We wish it to be understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Who is Right?

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Mr. Manly said, in his lecture at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, that Christ is not a priest, nor that he finished his priestly work when he died on the cross. Paul says, "We have (not we had) an high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God," Heb iv, 14.

Mr. Manly says, "Christ never will come personally to this earth, and that in person we will never see him again. Jesus said, "Ye shall see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven," Mark xiv, 62. The angels said to the Apostles on the Mount of Ascension, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus (not another) which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts i, 2. Was this fulfilled at the destruction of Jerusalem? Paul says, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first," &c., Thes. iv, 16, 17. Was this at the distinction of Jerusalem? John says, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him for *we shall see* him as he is," John iii, 2. Also, "Behold he cometh with clouds and *every eye shall see* him and they also which pierced him," &c., Rev. i, 7.

Knowing this first that there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of this coming, for since the father fell asleep all things continue as they were," &c., 2 Peter iii 3, 4.

Yours truly,

One looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE McCOSKRY SCANDAL.

THE PROBABLE TRUTH IN THE MATTER.

The reaction in public sentiment at Detroit over the McCoskry scandal is complete and overwhelming. It is now known that the letters upon which the charges against the venerable Bishop were based are of two classes, the real and the forged ones. The first class includes four, which are now in the safe of the first National Bank in that city. They are said by a correspondent who has seen them to be "letters such as any Christian gentleman, especially a clergyman, might write to a young female ward—letters of advice, counsel, and intsruction." The indecent letters, on the other hand, are plainly the work of another hand. They bear no signature except a hieroglyphic cipher, and their language is coarse, misspelled, and vulgar, as different as possible from the chaste, scholarly manuscript of the Bishop, as shown in the genuine letters. Another fact is of great weight as pointing out the real author of the scandal. McConnell, the printer who professes to have stolen the letters from Fannie Richards while courting her, has a certain aptness in drawing. The forged letters are interladed with innocent drawings in pen and pencil, just such sketches as McConnell has been frequently known to make, but which Bishop McCoskry could not make if he had wished to. All this, with the prompt and honestly indignant denial of Mrs. Bannister, and McCoskry, ought, it would seem, to constitute an impregnable case, without further examination or trial. The obvious fact is that a low-bred, foul-minded villain stole a few harmless letters from a girl whom he was courting, wrote some other ones, and made up a prurient sensation for the dirty newspaper market. He offered his filth to the New York *Herald* and other papers, but could find no purchaser until he encountered the Chicago *Times*. How much that journal paid for this last privilege of making a fool of itself and spreading a reeking libel, no one probable except the parties to the bargain knows or cares. The *Times*' account made it appear that its correspondents, sent ostensibly from Chicago, had seen the letters on which the story was based. If they did so and are men of even average intelligence, they must have seen that the indecent letters were forgeries—at least written in a different hand-writing from the others. If they saw this they must have walked into the enterprise consciously and with open eyes. If not, there should be some means of teaching them and Mr. Storey better discretion. Here would seem to be a case in which to test the question whether a man or woman of blameless life has or has not any protection against the class of newspapers which deliberately and wantonly prey upon private character.—*Cleveland Leader.*

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

EXPLOSION OF THE "SARDINIAN."

PARTICULARS OF THE CATASTROPHE.

LONDONDERRY, May 11.

At three o'clock yesterday the Allan steamer *Sardinian* arrived at Lough Foyle to receive mails and passengers before proceeding on her trans-Atlantic voyage. Shortly after she came to anchor an explosion occurred in one of the coal bunkers, and the vessel immediately caught fire. The passengers in the forecastle were cut off from their comrades, and for some time the greatest confusion and consternation prevailed. With some difficulty the captain was able to communicate with the shore, and the telegraph wires were brought into requisition for the purpose of obtaining the assistance of tug steamers, and making arrangements in this city for the accommodation of about four hundred passengers with board. When the officers of the vessel had succeeded in restoring comparative order a hasty examination of the various compartments was made, and it was found that about forty passengers had sustained serious injuries in various parts of the body. Several had legs broken; others arms injured; and a few were burned about the head. Three were found dead. It is not yet known how many were killed, but it is generally believed that when the scrutiny of the passengers list is made the number of already stated will be considerably increased.

Shortly after nine o'clock three steam tenders brought ashore about 400 passengers. The wounded were temporarily placed in the stores running parallel with the quay, where they were promptly attended by Sir William Millar and other medical gentleman. The spectacles was harrowing in the extreme. The shrieks of the unfortunate sufferers attracted large and sympathetic crowds. The thorough-fares in the immediate neighborhood were completely blocked. The passengers are chiefly Germans and Italians; but a number of English and Scotch emigrants are among them.

The *Sardinian* foundered, and is a total wreck.

At the Huron assizes, Thursday, Duncan Macdonald was sentenced to be hanged on June 10th for the murder of Roderick Munro, with whom he boarded at Port Albert. The injuries from which Munro died were inflicted in July last, but death did not take place until more than five months afterwards.

DIED.

Suddenly, of heart disease, in Acton, on the 12th inst., Patrick, eldest son of Mr. David Maloney, aged 16 years, 1 month and 20 days.

In Guelph, on the 12th inst., Mary Ann, wife of Mr. Jonathan Kelly, aged 53 years.

In Acton, on the 15th inst., Robert Fisher, Esq., aged about 40 years.

ACTON MARKETS

Flour	$2 50 to 3 00
Fall Wheat	1 15 to 1 18
Spring Wheat	0 95 to 1 05
Sprouted Spring Wheat	0 75 to 1 05
Barley	0 00 to 0 00
Oats	0 30 to 0 34
Peas	0 60 to 0 65
Butter (fresh rolls)	0 15 to 0 15
Butter (salted rolls)	0 12 to 0 14
Lard (light)	0 10 to 0 10
Lard (dark)	0 08 to 0 09
Eggs (new laid)	0 08 to 0 10
Potatoes, per bag	0 60 to 0 65
Apples, per bag	1 00 to 1 25
Hay, per ton	10 00 to 12 00
Timothy seed	2 25 to 0 00
Clover seed	4 25 to 0 00
DRY GOODS	CHEAP

GUELPH MARKETS.

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

GUELPH, May 16, 1878

Flour, per 100	$2 50 to 2 75
White Wheat, per bush	1 16 to 1 22
Treadwell do	1 08 to 1 22
Spring Wheat	1 00 to 1 08
Oats	0 37 to 0 37
Barley	0 40 to 0 45
Peas	0 60 to 0 65
Hay, per ton	10 00 to 12 00
Eggs, per doz.	0 08 to 0 10
Butter, per lbs	0 12 to 0 13
Potatoes per bag	0 40 to 0 50
Hogs, per cwt	4 00 to 5 00
Clover seed	4 00 to 5 00
Timothy seed	1 80 to 2 25

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."

ACTON MONTHLY SALE.

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

Thursday, 6th June.

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

Sale at 12 o'clock.

TERMS.—Ten months' credit on approved joint notes

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

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

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EXPRESS!

MR. JAS. BURNS

Having made arrangements with the G. T. R. is now prepared to carry any

EXPRESS AND FREIGHT

Delivered at Acton station, at

VERY CHEAP RATES,

Be sure and see that Burns carries your goods, as he is sure to deliver them safe. 45-3m.

PIANO OR ORGAN SENT FREE! Any person who will take the trouble to read a list of testimonials which will be published in this paper, shortly, relative to the merits of the Piano and Organ manufactured by the undersigned, will be convinced that they are the best instruments now offered to the public. Not only do I make this assertion, but I will prove it to the satisfaction of any person who will write to me for information. I will mail to any address my Illustrated Catalogue containing the full and complete list of testimonials referred to above, and also a list of prices and other information relative to the Piano and Organ business, which I think will be found interesting to those contemplating the purchase of an instrument. I do not ask any person to purchase a Piano or Organ until they have received my catalogue and price list, and have had time to consider the matter and satisfy themselves that they can do better by dealing with me than any other manufacturer or dealer in Pianos and Organs. I do not ask any person to purchase a Piano or Organ from me without first ascertaining what I can do with them, and after you have made inquiries, if you can do better by purchasing elsewhere than with me, do so by all means. Address, DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey, United States of America.

BEATTY PIANO AND ORGAN.

There is no manufacturer of Pianos and Organs in the United States who has been more successful in securing for his instruments the highest testimonials as to their superiority over all others than the undersigned. I do not make the assertion that my instruments are the best in the world, but I do say that they are equal to any made in the United States, and I can prove it to any person who will write to me for information. I will mail to any address my Illustrated Catalogue containing the full and complete list of testimonials referred to above, and also a list of prices and other information relative to the Piano and Organ business, which I think will be found interesting to those contemplating the purchase of an instrument. Do not fail to read my list of testimonials and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Address, DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey, United States of America.

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BEATTY PIANOS, ORGANS, RAGING VIX, &c.

To Cleanse your Houses,

—GO TO—

WALKER & CAMERON

Who are prepared to

PAINT, PAPER,

And thoroughly Renovate houses at the very lowest rates.

Orders from town and country attended to. All orders to be left at William Walker's residence, John-st., Acton.

Acton, April 17, 1878.-3m Walker & Cameron

ACTON

Livery Stable.

Having purchased the Livery Stable and business formerly owned by Mr. R. Adams, we are prepared to furnish

First-Class Rigs at the Most Reasonable Rates.

TERMS CASH. Good Commercial Rigs always on hand.

MATTHEWS & NICKLIN,

45-6m John Street, Acton.

James Ryder

Wishes to thank the public for the patronage they have conferred upon him heretofore.

As his books and notes were destroyed by fire, he would be thankful if those against whom he held notes would give him the dates and amount of them, and also if those whose accounts have been rendered would bring them forward and settle. He would also say that he is

STILL CARRYING on BUSINESS at the old stand,

where he will be glad to see his old customers, and, as times are hard, he has made the prices to suit them.

Look at these Rates:

Lumber Waggon, complete, with spring seat, $70.00.
Democrat Waggon, $100 to $110.
Buggies, $100 to $110.

All who require a Waggon or Buggy at these rates call and give your orders at once.

Material and Workmanship Guaranteed.

Jobbing as follows:

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY

New Shoes, 25c.; Setting Shoes, 10c.
Entire Horses, $2.00, for new shoes.
" 1.00, for setting shoes.
Laying Shear-, 50c. to $1.00.
" Coulters, 25c. to 50c.

All other Jobbing in proportion.

These prices are for Cash only. All work charged the old rates. Further particulars next week.

Yours truly,

41-3m JAMES RYDER.

LOOK!

T. Stewart & Co

Having purchased th Tinsmith business from Mr. Robert Fisher, would respectfully solicit the continuance of the patronage heretofore extended to him, together with as much more as the public of Acton and vicinity shall be pleased to extend.

All work entrusted to our Mr. Stewart will receive prompt and careful attention.

Our Stock is now well assorted

and shall be enlarged as soon as possible.

TRY US,

and be convinced that this is the place to get the best value for your money.

Stand—Next door to the Methodist Church.

41-3m T. STEWART & CO.

DRESSMAKING.

We take this opportunity of announcing to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that we have started dressmaking at Mrs. Stone's residence, John-st. Orders left with us will receive prompt attention. The most reasonable prices charged.

39-3m MISSES BELL & STONE.

ACTON

TIN WORKS.

Main Street, Acton.

WM. LEITH

Would respectfully call the attention of the public to his immense stock of

TIWNARE, STOVES, &c.

which he is now selling

Very Cheap.

Having had an experience of many years, all orders for

Repairing and Eavetroughing

will be filled on the shortest notice, and in the best style.

Be sure and go to Leith if you want good

TINWARE

or a good job of Eavetroughing done.

Produce Taken in Exchange.

WM. LEITH, Proprietor.

Acton, March 29, 1877.

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.

J. E. McGarvin's

DRUG STORE

Is the very best place to buy your

Drugs, Dye Stuffs, Seeds, Stationary, Toilet Articles, Notions &c.

N. B.—The quality of all goods warranted.

THE POST OFFICE

Cash Store

ACTON.

JAMES MATTHEWS.

Acton, Feb. 14, 1878.

THE GOLDEN LION

GUELPH.

Fresh Arrivals!

And Special Bargains.

We are constantly receiving New Goods from British and American Markets, and we have to-day the largest and most completely assorted stock in Guelph, and fresh goods are coming to hand every day.

In White and Grey Cottons, English and American Prints, Ducks, Shirtings, and all other varieties of Staple Dry Goods our Stock is immense, and prices are astonishingly low.

Special for Gentlemen.

We have the largest stock of Tweeds and Coatings in town. Canadian Tweeds were never so low as they are to-day. Several choice lines just in. Prices desparate. Our cutter never makes a misfit. Order Clothing fully 20% below other Guelph houses.

MILLINERY.

We have now on hand the largest and choicest stock of Millinery we have ever shown. Every lady should inspect it. We have just opened out a full lot of

Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, and Hat Ornaments.

DRESS GOODS!

We are also showing a grand variety of Dress Goods. Ask to see our New Lines at 8 cents, 10 cents and 12½ cents a yard. They are great bargains.

JUST IN---Dress Linens, 12½c, splendid value. Striped Linens, 10c, very cheap.

KID GLOVES.

Our Dollar Kid Glove is acknowledged to be the best article ever imported. This Glove was manufactured specially for "The Lion" and is stamped with our own name to avoid imitation. We guarantee it to be the best dollar Glove ever offered.

WHITE COTTON HOSE.---Four Pairs for Twenty-Five Cents.

Our Dressmaking Branch.

Is constantly crowded with orders. Ladies find they can get suited at the Lion far better than any other place, and at much lower prices. Mrs. Thompson is still in charge.

For Cheap Goods and courteous treatment go to the Lion.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.

Guelph, May 8, 1878.