

THE FREE PRESS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, August 9, 1881.

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HOME NEWS.

Sayings and Doings in Town and Country. ITEMS COLLECTED AND REPORTED FOR THE FREE PRESS.

Full moon to night. Have you seen the new comet? Civic holiday to-morrow—Wednesday.

School commences next Thursday, 15th August. Farmers are getting a little breathing spell now.

Barley is a good crop and the grain is generally bright. Look out for McLeod, Anderson & Co.'s new ad. next week.

Business was very brisk in town on Saturday, after the rain. Georgetown is being favored with a first-class fire every week now.

We had a splendid rain, continuing for about five hours, on Saturday. Our farmers should endeavor to make their agricultural fair successful.

Correspondence, heavy correspondence, is solicited from friends of this paper. New wheat is now being brought in.

The berry is plump, heavy, and fine sample. There's an "R" in next month. Ovens can then be eaten—if you can get them.

A fly can have more fun out of a bald headed man than six boys with a top hat. An excursion from Stratford passed through here on the G. T. Railway to Toronto on Friday.

Mr. Vernon predicts frost and strong northerly cold winds from the 12th to the 20th inst., inclusive. The boys enjoy battling in Nickle's pond early during the hot weather, and they indulge nearly every evening.

A family fracas occurred on Willow street last night about midnight. The trouble was settled in court this morning. The new comet is an early user. It will be at its best about the 15th of August.

Delightful subscribers had better "pony up." The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division will make out their estimate for the current year at their next meeting—Sept. 5th.

A person once sent a note to a witty friend, requesting the loan of his nose-clip, and received in return his friend's marriage certificate.

A large number of the members of Acton Lodge, L.O.O.F., intend visiting Stratford to-morrow to take part in the Oddfellows' Celebration. A number of boys were before the court this morning for indecently exposing their persons while bathing last evening.

They were fined \$1.75 each, with a caution. Saturday's Guelph Mercury contains eleven items clipped from the local columns of last week's FREE PRESS. The Mercury undoubtedly appreciates the FREE PRESS.

The hum of the thrasher is now heard, and the face of the farmer looks happier, for crops are turning out better than expected. The rain of Saturday and Sunday did much good.

An agent for the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals might find employment in this section of the country, if he came around while some of the horse traders were in town. Our citizens are indebted to the brass band for a number of fine selections on Monday evening. We trust our people will reciprocate the favor and give them the hearty support they so richly deserve.

A large number of towns and villages in Ontario have their civic holiday to-morrow, and there are excursions from all points to Stratford on that day. A very interesting celebration is expected to take place. Markets, white wheat, new, \$1.15 to \$1.20; white wheat, old, \$1.15 to \$1.22;...

Several boys were fooling with a lacrosse ball on Mill street last night when it was sent crashing through the window of Mr. J. C. Hill's tinshop. The constable was present and collected the amount of damages from the guilty parties. From the Kingston Whig we notice that improvements to the extent of \$2,500 are about to be made to the Baptist church.

Mr. C. A. Cook, formerly an Acton boy, is pastor of the above church, and we are happy to learn that the charge is prospering under his superintendence. A new wrinkle is being played by sharpers upon the unwary. Fortunately, in making change, two two-dollar bills are doubled up and placed between three other bills, and by counting each end of the doubled bills the amount will be fourteen dollars—Toronto News. This is not a new wrinkle. It has been played by sharpers for years, but the publication of it as a new trick is a proof that it cannot be made too widely known. It is very deceptive, and people are easily swindled by it in a crowd.

Shooft the hoop skirts. Village council meets this evening. KATYDIDS are gossiping these evenings. To-morrow is Oakville's civic holiday, too.

Now is the time to look out for bush fires. A lot of waste paper for sale cheap at this office. The business places in town will be closed to-morrow.

Money found—apply to Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton. It is said that we are to have very warm weather in September. Young ladies shouldn't be too haughty. Read our story on first page.

Boys, make the best of the present week, for school commences on the 15th. New subscribers can have the FREE PRESS from now to Jan. 1st, 1883, for \$1.25 in advance.

If we weren't afraid of getting our hair pulled, we could tell on what street the handsomest girl lives. Voting on the Town Hall by-law takes place on Friday 26th inst. Pull your vote in favor of the by-law.

The number of boys' velocipedes in town is increasing so rapidly that they are becoming a nuisance on the sidewalk. A heavy piece of timber fell on Mr. Alex. Brown's foot the other day, bruising it badly and laying him up for several days.

The excursion to Brantford to-morrow is only \$1.50 for the round trip, and you go by way of Stratford, which is 92 miles. The Georgetown Herald wants the village council to follow the example of Brantford and put in waterworks. Rather fast, Bro.

Messrs. Croftman Bros., Georgetown, have purchased the "Travis" block and purpose erecting their new knitting machine factory thereon. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Methodist church on Sunday last. The various services were largely attended.

We are informed that a young man who went to Manitoba, a few weeks ago, will return in October for one of Acton's belles, and take her with him to the far West. FREE PRESS issued two days earlier this week so that our staff could enjoy the civic holiday to-morrow, which they richly deserve after the rush of work during the past few months.

Mr. Charles Clarke, M.P.P., speaker of the Ontario Legislature, was married last week to Miss Halley, daughter of the Post-office postmaster. Mr. Clarke is 58 years of age, and his bride is only eighteen. Two large excursion parties from Listowel and Clinton, passed through Acton on Friday on the Grand Trunk for Toronto. The two trains carried about seventeen hundred passengers. The fare was only \$1 from Listowel.

The Mercury says:—"The population of Guelph in the year 1875, was 9,915; in 1880 it was 10,016; in 1881, 10,025. The assessment in 1875 was \$2,895,450; in 1879, \$2,618,550; in 1880, \$2,841,570; and that of 1881, \$2,829,000. BEFORE us is a copy of the Yorkville News, an independent local newspaper started a few weeks ago at Yorkville, Ont. It is a sheet of four pages, half the size of this journal, is neatly printed, and takes a lively interest in local matters.

The constable has been very busy looking after the cows during the past week. He is determined that none will escape him during either day or night. Quite a number of citizens have been obliged to visit the pound, one of our village councillors was among them. The annual Sabbath school convention of the Guelph District of the Methodist church of Canada will be held in Georgetown on Wednesday and Thursday, 7th and 8th September. A number of important subjects will be discussed, and several interesting addresses will be delivered.

In one day last week the Guelph papers announced that ex-Mayor Howard had two ribs broken, James Blarney dislocated his shoulder, and had a bone broken, George Meire broke his leg, a woman named Casey broke her leg, John Faskin broke several ribs, and William Hudley had two ribs broken. The Royal city seems to be rather unfortunate. Mr. Peter McCann has purchased the Plow factory, including the machinery in the building and the water privilege. Mr. McCann intends removing the machinery from the plating mill on Willow street to the plow factory, and will continue to do a general plating mill business. In connection with this he will also manufacture cabinet ware of all kinds. He will retain his present shop for a finishing and show room.

The Hamilton Spectator says:—"The grand L. O. O. F. demonstration to take place at Brantford on Wednesday, 10th inst., will be one of the most brilliant affairs ever promoted there. The committee have completed all preliminary arrangements, and have wrought most assiduously to have everything in apple-pie order, so prevent the possibility of those little over-ights arising, which so naturally crop up in demonstrations of every kind."

Mrs. C. S. Smith, the estimable lady of our worthy reeve, will kindly accept our thanks for a splendid bouquet, which adorns our editorial table. Mrs. Smith exhibits superior taste in the arrangement of her bouquets. Through the kindness of Mr. Smith we had the pleasure of a walk through his beautiful grounds the other day. For several years past he has been adding improvements of various kinds until they now present an appearance equalled by few private residences in the county. By the aid of the hydraulic ram which he put in some time ago, his lawns and flower beds are kept in healthy condition, while others are parched by the hot sun and continued dry weather.

LOOK out for mad dogs. It's a boy and Bill Williams is happy. Esquimaux Township Council meets on Saturday. SUBSCRIBE for the FREE PRESS and get the local news. SOME horses are never fast except when tied fast to a post. THRESHING machines are very busy in this vicinity at present. GOOD little boys stay at home at nights and read the FREE PRESS. The brick work of Mr. McDermid's new blacksmith shop is completed. The summer vacation ends and the public schools will be re-opened next Thursday, 16th inst. The moon might try her best but she couldn't get as full as some of the young men of this town can. OWING to a smash-up at Brantford on Saturday morning the mail from the east did not arrive until nearly noon. TELL your friends who do not subscribe for this paper that thirty cents will pay for it from now till January 1st, 1882. THE Oakville Express says the Odd Fellows of that town will attend the Brantford Demonstration in a body on the 10th inst. M. S. Hannant, of this town, has already manufactured and shipped flour to Montreal from this season's wheat.—Mill-ton News. THE Clifford Arrow is indulging in two week's holidays, after which a change is expected to take place in the management of the paper. THE friends of the Methodist and Baptist Sabbath Schools of this village, intend to have a union Sabbath school picnic, or an excursion to one of the scenic resorts. A lot of bad boys stole a number of hens the other day, belonging to Mrs. Smith, a widow, on the first line, and roasted them in the woods adjoining. They will answer for their crime in court next week. THERE will be a cheap excursion over the N. & N. W. Railway from Georgetown to Grimby Camp Ground, on Wednesday, 24th inst. Talmage will preach, and the Tandy Band, sing on that day. NOTHING, says the Philadelphia News, "so takes the conceit out of the average man as to order his paper discontinued, and then seeing the editor go right along and getting rich without him." THERE is too much Sunday work done in our country. If a poor man would haul a load of produce through town on Sunday the law would punish him. But a railroad company can do all the work it wishes on Sunday and nothing is said about it. QUITE a number of your citizens had the pleasure of hearing Talmage in Georgetown last Wednesday evening. His lecture on "The Bright Side of things," was greatly enjoyed. The hall was well filled, but we regret that the proceeds of the lecture failed to meet the heavy expense. THE old established Commercial Advertiser, of Detroit, Mich., is looking up as one of the best weekly journals, for family and general reading, published in the country. It is rapidly growing in increased popularity and bids fair to be the latest family paper of the West. Send for sample copy, free. DURING the week Mr. W. P. Brown has purchased from Mr. J. W. Mann the property on the corner of Main and Willow streets, together with the stock of groceries. Mr. Brown takes possession on the 1st of September and will combine the stock of groceries in his present shop with those of Mr. Mann. This is an excellent business stand, and Mr. Brown will do a paying business. Mr. Mann will dispose of his dry goods, etc., during the month. We are not informed into what business Mr. Mann intends engaging, or whether he has made enough money to enable him to retire from business altogether, and take things easy the rest of his days. PERSONAL. Mr. C. C. Speight is visiting his friends in Brantford. Miss Lilly Tyson, of Berlin, is visiting her Acton friends. Miss Tacie Reid, of Orangeville is visiting her Acton friends. Master Monteth Hall, of Berlin, is visiting his grandparents here. Miss Ellen Nickle, of Harrison, is paying her friends here a visit. Mr. John Douglas, of Toronto University, formerly an Acton boy, was in town on Monday. Mrs. Thos. Moore, (teacher) spent several days last week with her parents in King, York Co. Mr. and Mrs. S. Hason and children, of Brantford, visited their friends here during the week. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Arms, of Toronto, spent a few days with their Acton friends last week. Mrs. Steineche and three children, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting her friends in Acton and vicinity. Mr. R. Craine and Master Johnnie Dean left here on Friday morning, last on a visit to friends in Parry Sound. Mr. R. Little, P.S.L., and wife, returned home last evening from a four day's visit with friends in Huron County. Mr. Arch. Campbell left a couple of weeks ago to visit his friends in Manitoba. He will be away about six weeks. Mr. R. Craine is attending the Grand Lodge L.O.O.F., now in session at Brantford, as representative of Acton Lodge. Miss Mary Ellen Nelson, of Rockwood, who had been spending a week or so with her friends here, returned home on Tuesday. Mr. James Wilds and wife, and Misses Nellie Watson and Mary Thompson, of Listowel, came to Acton on Thursday last on the Listowel excursion and stayed over until the train returned from Toronto.

A WESTERN editor thus retorts upon his critics:—"We are sorry that you don't like our paper. We publish it simply to please you. We would ask you to come to the office and edit, only, if we did, some of our editors might write and tell you how much better he could do it himself, and that would annoy a nervous person like you."

The Milton News says:—"The By-law to raise, by way of loan, the sum of \$5,500, for the purpose of building a new town hall in Acton, has been advertised, and voting thereon will take place on the 25th of August. The village needs a hall, and it is likely that few votes will be cast against the By-law." We feel confident that our citizens are too much alive to the interests of the village to vote against the By-law. THE practice of taking a paper till the subscriber thinks his time is expired which is in reality from two weeks to six months past the date for payment has been made, and then requesting the postmaster to return it "refused," "has left the place," "time expired," etc., is considered a fraud by the law and treated accordingly. If a man wants to stop a newspaper, the proper way is to look up his receipts, enclose in an envelope what arranges there may be, whether five cents or five dollars and ask the publisher to discontinue from that time. The law also states distinctly that a man is responsible for payment if he takes the paper from the post office, no matter whether he ever subscribed for it or not, or whether he gave orders for it to be discontinued months before. THE CRADLE. WILLIAMS.—In Acton, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Williams, of a son. COOK.—At the Baptist Parsonage, Kingston, on the 5th inst., the wife of Rev. Charles A. Cook, of a son.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS: The undersigned has disposed of his business and all parties indebted to him will please call and settle their accounts on or before 1st Sept., after which date accounts unpaid will be placed in the Court for collection. J. W. MANN. 21 Acton, Aug. 8th, 1881.

GOOD FARM FOR SALE: The subscriber wishes to sell his farm, lot 8, con. 4, in the township of Erin, consisting of 100 acres—45 cleared and under cultivation. The property is situated 8 miles from Acton. If not sold within three months it will be offered for sale by public auction. For further particulars address JOHN SAILLY, Glenwilliams P.O. July 28th, '81.

AUCTION SALE: REAL ESTATE, AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Emanuel Garrett, to sell by public auction on the premises, next to Agnew's hotel, Acton, on SATURDAY, 27th AUG., 1881, the following real estate and household furniture:—

Lot No. 11, West Main street, in the Village of Acton, containing one-fifth of an acre. On the premises is a good dwelling house, containing six rooms and summer kitchen, hard and soft water. The property is situated in the business part of the village. FURNITURE.—3 Bedsteads; 1 Bureau; 2 Washstands; 2 Centre Tables; 1 Hall Table; 1 extension Table; 1 Sideboard; 1 corner Cupboard; 2 Sewing Machines; 2 Lounges; 2 Parlor Chairs; 2 rocking Chairs; Kitchen Chairs; 1 Cook Stove; No. 10 Cook Stove; other articles not mentioned.

Terms.—On Real Estate will be made known on application, and on day of sale on Furniture, Cash. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock p.m. No reserve, as the proprietor is leaving Acton. W. HENNINGER, Auctioneer.

PREPARE FOR THE HOT WEATHER. HALIFAX TWEED SUITS, FROM \$11.00 TO 13.00. Just the thing for July and August Wear. THEY ARE NOBBY, DURABLE AND CHEAP. AT J. FYFE'S, ACTON.

CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & CO. Will not rest until every man, woman and child within a distance of fifty miles has heard that they sell Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, &c., At Almost Wholesale Prices.

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THEY ASTONISH EVERYBODY. We believe that profits lie in the volume of business done rather than in large profits on a small turn over.

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HUGHES & GRIFFIN OFFER FROM DATE, SPRING and SUMMER MILLINERY, At a Great Reduction.

DRESS GOODS, MUSLINS AND HOSIERY, At Wholesale Prices. Grey and Bleached Cottons, Denims, Ducks, Cottonades, and Fancy Prints, 50% Cheaper Than Ever.

Also, a Large Consignment of French Kid & Calf Boots and Slippers, MEN'S TIE-SHOES AND GAITERS. Just received from the Manufacturers, (goods we will guarantee), at PRICES THAT CAN'T BE BEAT.

A FULL LINE OF FRESH GROCERIES, Just in for the Harvest Season, AT BOTTOM PRICES. REMEMBER, We Sell Cheap for Cash, and Give Good Value. Hughes & Griffin, Acton.

KING OF THE DRY GOODS. THE LION. THE LION BEWARE. TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION AMONG THE DRY GOODS. SATURDAY, 23D JULY, We commence a Grand Onslaught in our Immense Stock of Dry Goods.

During the past week we have been busy at work re-marking the goods in every department at such astounding reductions in price as will startle the company—merchants, customers and all. Prices Reduced from 25 to 50 per cent, and to crown all we shall give during the next 30 days a cash discount of ten per cent on every purchase of \$1 and upwards. 10 per cent for Cash on every Dollar, mark this. All goods will be sold at the reduced prices, but the CASH DISCOUNT will not be allowed when goods are charged.

\$90,000 Worth of Choice New Goods at Slaughter prices. Oh, won't there be fun! We expect to draw the customers from all the other stores and surrounding towns during the next 30 days. We are determined to rush off the goods. LARGE FALL IMPORTATIONS are now on the way from Europe, and our present stock must be reduced. It will be a great pleasure to have you visit our store, for which we have laid aside this week, that we repeat that the reduction in price extends to every department, and a cash discount of 10 per cent will be allowed on every purchase of \$1 and upwards. This sale will be on hand for the Great Week at the Lion.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO., Acton. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, &c.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, etc., etc., at J. E. McGarvin's Drug and Stationery Store.