

## THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 8, 1881.

At Geo. Hynd's Jewellery and Fancy Goods Store, Acton, Ont.

We are doing a ripping trade in School Books, just opened out. Another cross of Books, No. 2c, 4c, As each. All the other School Books, best price paid. Cheap at the discount. Some are bound in Berlin Wool. Opened this week. Crescent Conjur, Pick & Caster, Back Combs, Dressing Combs, pushing off cheap. Wedding and Birthday Presents. Toys for the children at Geo. Hynd's.

## HOME NEWS.

Sayings and Doings in Town and County.

ITEMS COLLECTED AND REPORTED FOR THE FREE PRESS.

## NOTICE.

We are at present rendering our accounts to all subscribers in arrears, to which we would request their prompt attention. We have during the past year been continually adding to our plant, and must have money to pay for these improvements. We trust all our patrons will at once comply with our request and settle their accounts.

Were you at the wedding?

No big trout catching stories now. Has coon hunting commenced yet, boys?

Be careful with your fires this dry weather.

There is a big crop of beech nuts this year.

Mr. R. Little is having his new house painted.

Look out for Mr. Laing's new advertisement next week.

The rain greatly improved the appearance of the lawn.

TUESDAY'S rain settled the dust, but it's getting dry again.

MITTON Public School requires \$2.750 for maintenance this year.

A GREAT many wells and cisterns have become dry in town and vicinity.

The next sitting of Acton Division Court will be held on Wednesday, 14th inst.

Cats can be found who would not acknowledge that the last few days have been "awfully hot."

The temperature has been higher thus far this month than during any September in twenty-one years.

The number of strangers in our town is great, and especially on Sunday, a very noticeable feature of the times.

THE thermometer registered 95 degrees in the shade on Monday at noon, and had only failed to 84 at ten o'clock in the evening.

Quite a number of our citizens are visiting Toronto Industrial Exhibition this week, visitors will doubtless be more numerous next week.

Bush fires have been blazing in the surrounding townships for the past two weeks, but so far no serious damage has been reported.

Lost on Mill street, on Monday evening, a gold (Masonic) pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at Dr. Morris' drug store at this office.

THOMAS White, a section hand on the Credit Valley Railway at Milton, fell from a jigger on Tuesday, while it was in motion, and was instantly killed.

HOW long does the Elgin street contractor intend to be in completing his work on that street? Guess it will be finished by Christmas at the present rate of progress.

THE ratepayers of Acton passed a by-law to raise funds to build a new town hall by a large majority. The Acton folks believe in keeping up with the times—Oakville Standard.

THE Georgetown Herald calls our township fair the Georgetown exhibition. We will refer the Herald to the posters issued from its office and it will learn that it is the Georgetown exhibition. Don't try to claim what's not your own, Mr. Herald.

THE Temperance Convention held at Milton on Tuesday was very well attended; delegates being present from all parts of the county. The temperance men of the county are determined to be prepared, in case of any emergency when the Scott Act comes in force.

THE Norval Brass Band gave a grand concert in that village on Monday evening. They were assisted by Messrs. W. Philip and John Dickey and the Misses Stevenson, of Guelph. The band intend competing at Exeter Fair, held at Georgetown on the 29th inst.

BELIEVERS in Yester as a weather prophet would have their faith somewhat shaken were they to note his prophecies. For the month of August he gets four days right out of the thirty-one. The hottest day we shall tell us will be "cold" and the days when the wind was northwest and the air perfect, he informs us it will be "cold."

AN exchange says:—The boys exhibited will soon be on his rounds again. At all the large shows are to be found those who exhibit fruit, vegetables, works of art, and other things which he neither grows nor makes. These impostors should be prohibited as far as possible, and a sharp lookout kept for them.

THE PIC NIC given by a number of the young people of this village, Mr. C. S. Smith's grove, yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended. Amusements of all kinds were provided, but the greatest attraction of the afternoon was the dancing platform, and those who participate in that pastime say they enjoyed themselves. The brass band was in attendance and played number of lively airs in excellent style. A number of young folks from Georgetown, Milton and Glenshaw attended.

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Dod's eyes closed on Monday. Lakes were lighted at four o'clock on Monday.

THERE are a few wild ducks on Nicklin's pond.

It is sixty-eight days since President Garfield was shot.

The crop of hops in this vicinity is turning out exceedingly good.

The moon was full last night at twenty-two minutes past eleven.

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TUESDAY night was the most uncomfortable hot night of the season.

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We understand that Mr. J. B. Coates is about to remove his business to Woodstock.

The man who has a good well of water does not need to lament that he has a scarcity of friends at present.

IT WAS a young housekeeper who set the cake she had baked for a party out of doors one cold night to be frayed.

A DANGEROUS hole appears in the sidewalk on Main street, near the barber shop, which should be repaired at once.

GUESS it isn't the crew of the railway operator at present occupying at the G. T. R. depot here, to oblige anybody.

MR. GEO. GARRETT has purchased the property on Church street, now occupied by Mr. W. Williams, from Mr. John Walde, for \$600.

WHY were the street lamps not lighted on Monday night? It was so dark that the people could hardly see three feet before them.

SOX of our more superstitious citizens thought the world was coming to an end on Monday afternoon from the appearance of the sky.

A box of Mr. Peterman, of Trafalgar, aged sixteen years, died on Monday, 29th ult., from blood-poisoning, caused by a severe bruise which he neglected.

WE are disposed to think that the editor himself can "take the cake" this year for beans. We have in our own garden beans over twenty-six inches in length.

EVERT house in town is at present occupied, and still there is a large demand. We hope some of our enterprising capitalists will put up enough suitable buildings to supply the requirements of the village.

THE Guelph Mercury says:—"A barrel of lager contains about thirty gallons. There are sixteen half pints to the gallon. Retailers, however, get about twenty glasses from the gallon. From a barrel of beer which costs \$8 the retailer receives about \$30."

OUR streets have been lively every day since the grain market was opened, and business is booming. Farmers generally are pleased to get a good price for their grain, and are now ready to settle standing obligations with the merchants and make new purchases as well. This is as it should be.

FARMERS here are looking pleasant.

Crops are all housed in splendid order. Fall wheat turns out thirty bushels to the acre; spring wheat a good average; peas extra; oats and barley good; potatoes fair; corn light; hay well cured, prices good and likely to be better. Why should farmers not be happy?

A NUMBER of boys who believed themselves very nearly on Church street on Tuesday night, are troubling for fear that their names will appear in print this morning. Out of respect for their parents we withhold their names from this issue, but should their bad conduct be continued we will expose the names of all of them.

A PROMINENT farmer residing a few miles from here, informs us that the crops have turned out remarkably well, and that the yield is better than for years. Some fields show an average of from thirty to thirty-eight bushels to the acre, and as it was all housed and gathered without receiving any wetting the sample is excellent.

CONSTABLE Henstreet met with a slight accident on Sunday evening, which might have proved more serious. He is improving in health, and will soon be able to attend to his business again.

Fashionable Wedding.

On Tuesday evening the Methodist church in this village was the scene of one of those events which give pleasure to the people, as well as to the principals engaged therein.

The contracting parties were Mr. Simon Thomas, Humbleton, of Newbrook, York Co., and Miss Clara E. Speight, third daughter of the late Samuel Speight, Esq., of this village. The ceremony had been fixed for half-past seven o'clock, but long before that time persons intent upon seeing the young couple united in marriage, began to arrive, and at a quarter-past seven the side seats and gallery of the edifice were well filled with people—and still they came! At a quarter to eight the guests began to file in, and as each couple started to come up the aisle of the church there was a flutter of excitement, which subsided when the front seats were reached by the party who had entered. Everybody was anxious to see the bride, Mr. A. E. Matthews, organist of the church, had taken his place in good season, and had just commenced a most appropriate Wedding March when the parties to be joined in wedlock took their places before the altar. Rev. T. L. Wilkin, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, after which congratulations and good wishes were in order. The bride was splendidly attired, as was also her maid, Miss Minerva Storer and Augusta Nicklin. The bridegroom had for his groomsmen Messrs. Joseph Watson, Newtonbrook, and D. T. Fairbank, of the York Herald, Richmond Hill. After the ceremony a wedding repast was partaken of at "Home-dale," the residence of the bride's mother, and the happy couple left on the 9:30 p.m. train for Toronto. The Fax Pass congratulates the newly wedded pair.

Mr. G. Living, late of Paris, Ont., has leased the store in Agnew's brick block, and is opening to-day a large and well selected stock of first-class dry goods. Mr. Living leaves Paris with the best wishes of the people there, and we trust he will find the change a most profitable one. He has a good example to the merchants here by engaging exclusively in one line of goods, instead of launching out with a stock of every line of merchandise. Mr. Living was in business here about thirteen years ago, and his friends of that date will no doubt welcome his return.

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GREEN corn stalks are the latest. Mr. J. W. Mann has removed to Guelph.

Isn't it about time the hot weather was over.

What did you think was coming on Monday afternoon?

Houses renting at \$5 to \$8 per month.

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REV. J. Staples' melon patch was rolled on Tuesday night. Cheeky.

Mr. F. Barclay, County Registrar, will remove his family to Milton about the 1st of Nov.

ACTON Brass Band have decided on competing at Exeter Township Show, held at Georgetown.

Title of the band stand on Monday evening.

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There was no quorum at the meeting of the Board of Education on Monday evening. A full attendance is requested for next Monday evening, 12th inst.

THE factory of Messrs. Wilds & Selwood, Litton, (Mr. Wilds formerly of this village,) was broken into by thieves on Sunday night, and goods to the value of two hundred dollars were carried off. There is no trace of the thieves.

THE Georgetown Herald of last week has the following:

"A man evidently under the influence of delirious treasue attempted to commit suicide at the G. T. station on Wednesday evening. He would cast himself in such a position as to strike his head against the ground. He also endeavored to throw himself under a train. Being brought to the lock-up and securely guarded during the night, he somewhat recovered his senses and attributed his actions to drink; and so did not wish to disgrace his friends, and so wanted to get out of the world. He also stated that this would be a warning to him and that he would not drink any more. Vain promise—how many thousands like this have made it, and broken it again before a week has elapsed."

We are informed that the man above referred to is Mr. Edward Jukes, a glove cutter residing in this village. He had been drinking heavily for some time previous, and at the time was apparently impossible to control his actions. He has since repented of his rash attempt to take his life, and we trust he will in future abstain from the intoxicating bowl.

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Mr. J. T. Dempsey, of Walkerton, is visiting his friends here.

Mr. Archibald Campbell has returned from Manitou.

Mrs. Edward Moore returned from Michigan on Saturday.

Mrs. John Dean, Jr., of Guelph, is visiting her friends here.

Mrs. Fannie Boomer, of Clifford, is paying her Acton friends a visit.

Rev. Walter Dean, of Ales, paid his Acton friends a visit on Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Moore has been rather seriously indisposed for a week past.

Mr. J. T. Hemstreet and wife, of Shelburne, are visiting their friends here.

Mr. C. C. Speight spent several days with friends in Oxford County this week.

We had a call Monday from Rev. J. S. Fisher, of Nassagawaya, and Mr. J. Daniels, of New Hamburg.

Mrs. A. Stephenson returned home on Saturday, after a two week's visit with friends in Washington.

Messrs. J. C. Hill and J. A. Speight attended the land examination at Ingersoll on Wednesday and Thursday.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Geo. Tolton is improving in health, and will soon be able to attend to his business again.

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