

THE FREE PRESS.

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TO THE FARMERS

When in Acton call at Geo. Hynds—Sign of the Big Watch—and see his large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery & Spectacles.

LOCAL MATTERS.

PLEASANT moonlight nights again. An open winter is predicted by the weatherwise.

SOBRIETY you didn't sell your wheat and barley, did you?

THE Village Council managed to get a quorum on Tuesday evening.

BOARD of Education met Monday evening at the public school house.

NEW families are arriving in our village every week, and tenement houses are scarce than ever.

THERE were very few garden gates left on Monday night for the young couples to lean over.

IT rained again last Saturday, making the seventh wet Saturday in succession in this section.

YOU can have the FREE PRESS from now to Jan. 1st, 1882, for \$1.00. Send your name and the cash.

VENOR says: "A friend was may be expected tomorrow the close of November and early of December, 1881."

A NUMBER of young men in town forgot themselves so far as to carry on their All Hallows' eve pranks Tuesday night.

DO not wish to know how you can break up any crowd? Go through it with a subscription list for any benevolent object.

MR. T. H. Campbell of Milton, has purchased Lennox's hotel, Streetville, for the sum of \$4,000, and opens out on November 13th.

BUILDING operations are brisk in town at present. The expectations of cold weather in a few weeks is no doubt hurrying on the workmen.

OUR neighbor boasts that his cabinet organ has sixteen stops. But it is not the stops we object to, it is the beginnings and endings.

J. C. W. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed; be anything else, and you will be a thousand times worse than nothing.

WE think it would be an excellent idea to put some of the young men of this village into the penitentiary if they don't get to bed at an earlier hour.

THE Sunday schools are beginning to have larger attendance. The wide-spread little chips see Christmas trees and Santa Claus in the distance.

MR. W. W. Henstreet, architect, of this village, has had twenty-six auction sales in the last thirty days. His reputation as a first-class auctioneer is unexcelled.

A SCANDAL school journal very sensibly addressed the Superintendent and teachers: "Let your light shine, but not from the bowl of a pipe, or end of a cigar."

WE would like to see our council take some steps to induce other manufacturers to locate here. Acton is admirably adapted for almost any large manufacturing business.

THIS is the season that the young man who has this summer gone into housekeeping, wishes he hadn't, or wishes the inventor of stove pipes in a place where stoves are not required.

HEAVY "Box" Brown, a colored magician, performed slight-of-hand tricks in the Temperance hall last Thursday. His audience was composed principally of children, and they were highly amused.

WE have received our *Essex* for November and find every page replete with pure and interesting illustrations and reading matter, interesting to the juveniles. This magazine continues to improve. Send for it to Boston, Mass.

IT TAKES three full grown men and a rat terrier to kill a mouse, and then they sometimes fall, as was illustrated on Friday afternoon on Mill street, near the post office. The spectators seemed pleased, but the would-be murderers had very faces.

THE following teachers have been engaged for Milton Public School for 1882, at the salaries:—H. McLean, head teacher, \$600; Mr. J. H. Fall, 2nd dep., \$425; Miss Jarvis, 3rd dep., \$275; Miss Patterson, 4th dep., \$225; and Miss Kennedy, 5th dep., \$200.

THE Hamilton Spectator says:—"This is the way the *Geophyl Herald* puts it: 'The many friends of Mr. H. E. O'Griffin, of Geophyl, but now of Acton, will be pleased to hear that his residence narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Thursday morning.'

THE village youths behaved themselves very well on Halloween. Very little depredation was committed beyond the removal of a few gates and the construction, with Temperance hall benches and Elgin St. sidewalk plank, of a couple of obstructions on Church street.

MR. J. Ferguson of Erin, has purchased from Mr. Wm. McMillan the property on Agnes St., containing six lots, for about \$700. Mr. Ferguson intends to bring his family here and make Acton his future home. He will build an addition to the house on the property.

FARMERS in this vicinity are jubilant over the fall wheat prospects. Owing to the absence of severe frosts the wheat has had a good start, and is of splendid promise. The recent rains have had the effect of hastening the growth and the young shoots present a healthy and strong appearance.

REV. T. J. Williamson has announced that he will give the first of a series of discourses on the Second Advent, next Sunday evening. We believe, it is the intention to continue these discourses to the evening service. They will be illustrated with charts. The Quarterly Service will be held next Sunday morning, commencing at 10.30.

HEAVY frosts.

Now's the season for huck wheat cakes. PLASTERERS and painters are exceedingly busy.

WE publish a most interesting paper this week as usual.

WONDER if we're on the verge of an Indian Summer? Hope so.

WHAT do you think of the early closing movement? A good idea, isn't it?

BRAMPTON has been created a Port of Entry. The Customs House was opened last Monday.

AND now the smart young man is endeavoring to find some new resolution for the new year.

WONDER what made Williams' store smoke so badly on Tuesday morning? Ask the Hallowe'en boys.

REV. C. E. Whitcombe, of Hamilton, preached in St. Alban's Church on Tuesday evening—All Saints Day.

MR. J. E. Farmer, of Evanston, Ill., formerly an Acton boy, has our thanks for a copy of the *Evansville Northwestern*.

MR. James Carew, of Nassagaweya, has sold his farm, and intends removing to a farm on the line of the Northern railway.

"CHARITY begins at home," and with some it ends there too.—Clearfield, Pa. (N.Y.). But with the majority it doesn't begin at all.

ON Friday afternoon a large snow plough passed through Acton for the west on the G.T.R., to be in readiness for the first big snow-storm.

A G.T.R. employe, named Wm. Coyle, was run over by a freight train at Geophyl pass, near depot on Friday evening, and had his leg amputated.

OUR citizens are again conversing on the advisability of the organization of a fire brigade. The subject will soon drop again, until another fire takes place.

THE farm stock and implements belonging to the estate of the late Samuel Moore, Esq., of this village, will be sold by auction on Saturday, at the premises.

THE person who takes upon himself the task of applying to himself every remark of a general nature which he sees in a newspaper, has a difficult task to perform.

A PROMINENT school teacher residing at Neapel pre-announces the following "question":—"On a knowledge of frigs be called mystical lore?" We refer him to Venor of Moses Oats.

A COUPLE of our young men are going extensively into the potato business.—*Watford Advocate*. Nearly all of the men of our village, young and old, were it to the potato business long ago.

ON citizens would no doubt esteem it a favor if the laud would occupy the band stand to-night, if the weather is fine, and treat them to a few of their excellent tunes. It will soon be too cold for our door playing.

OUR village fathers should take into consideration the improvement of Mill street at some time in the near future, with a liberal coat of broken stone. The condition of this street at present, owing to the mud, is very bad.

WE seem to wonder if Dr. Willd. of the Board St. Congregational Church, is soon going to organize the *Terkville Ave.* His weekly sermons and answers to letters are received from six to eight columns per week out of the twenty-four.

AND now they say that a territorial artist residing about a hundred thousand miles from Acton, soon intends to get into the matrimonial noose. The present indications are that wedding bells will be rung with pleasant frequency during the coming two or three months.

THE following gentlemen have recently been appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Halton, viz: Wm. Moore, Esq., P.O.; John Shortreed, Manswood P.O.; in the Township of Esquesing; Walter H. Lindsay, Milton P.O.; John Harris, Camminville P.O.; Township of Nelson; and James Allan, Burlington P.O.

A TRAY of horses belonging to Mr. Wm. Scott of the 6th line, Esquesing, near Limehouse, which were tied in front of Mr. J. C. Hill's tinshop on Friday evening, became frightened, and breaking the tie reins, galloped away at a fearful speed. We are informed that they ran all the way home, but very little damage was sustained.

IN reference to the proposed running of Sunday passenger trains on the Grand Trunk, Mr. Hixson says he will be compelled to go if the Credit Valley persist in running theirs. We hope the railroad authorities of our country will not further deprecate the Sabbath by running passenger as well as freight trains.

THE Toronto News Company has sent us their two latest publications.—"A Curious Experience," which is Mark Twain's latest hit, and a good one it is, and "The Builders of a Bashful Man," by the author of "A Bad Boy's Diary." This little volume is the most complete and laughable thing in the subject of bashfulness that we have ever come across. It is sure to take well. Price ten cents for the former and fifteen for the latter.

THE lectures delivered by Rev. E. J. Robinson, in St. Alban's Church and Temperance Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, were very interesting, and were listened to by very fair audiences. The Rev. gentleman seems to understand his subject. As to the lecture on Friday evening in the Masonic Hall, we know nothing, owing to the unavoidable absence of our reporter, and hope of the Masonic fraternity have been kind enough to give us a report of the meeting.

THERE are pumpkin socials, and squash socials, and also grape socials. The latter are said to be very fine affairs, but they haven't been introduced here yet.—*Port Elgin Busy Times*. We had no idea that our remarks about grape socials a few weeks since would branch off in such a delectable style as this. Should any more thoughts cluster around it, we hope they will be tenderly. To avoid anything like ferment in the minds of our columns, we trust the matter will proceed no further. If it should, we fear that some of them might become intoxicated with pride or piety.

AND All Hallowe'en is passed.

Did you lose your gate on Hallowe'en? 'Acton continues to be the best market in the county.

NEW subscribers to the Free Press get the balance of the year free.

THERE are 100 persons employed in manufacturing leather and leather goods in Acton.

SEVERAL cows have been running at large lately. The constable should impound them.

ELECTION time is drawing near, and citizens are speculating as to who will sit at the council board next year.

THE next sitting of the Fourth Division Court will be held in Matthews' Hall, on the 16th inst., commencing at 9.30 a.m.

MR. ABRAHAM Stauffer has purchased from Mr. W. H. Storey the vacant lot on Elgin street, opposite Mr. John Kenney's property.

THE tailoring business will no doubt be lively in London. The *Advertiser* says:—"The telephone posts look well in their new coats."

IN another column will be found a card of thanks from Mr. W. E. Adams, to those who assisted in subduing the fire last Thursday morning.

THE family of Dr. Forster arrived yesterday. We trust they will be pleased with our little town, and will soon be comfortably settled in their new home.

WE would again inform our advertisers that changes of advertisements must be in by Tuesday at noon, otherwise they will be left over until the next week.

MARSHALL's hotel, Hornby East, was consumed by fire last Wednesday night. The fire was first discovered in the roof of the kitchen. There is some insurance on the furniture.

THE *Port Elgin Busy Times* has discarded its patent inside and eight page form, and now appears as a four page home paper in new type. We hope the *Busy Times* will profit by the change.

MR. R. H. Weaver, foreman of the Berlin *Daily News*, died last week. He had been connected with the *News* for eight years, and was regarded in the highest esteem by his employer and acquaintances.

THE next examination for the admission of pupils to the Oakville High School will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st and 22nd days of December, at the hour of nine in the morning of each day. Candidates should notify the Head Master, N. J. Wellwood, Esq., Oakville P.O., without delay, of their intention to present themselves for examination.

YESTERDAY's Hamilton Spectator credits us with the following:—"Money often leads men astray. Some of them will run after a dollar; but a honest dog is more cautious; he will follow a cent.—*Acton Free Press*." You mistake Bro. Cameron. Our paragraph didn't catch that pun, nor did it appear in our columns. We don't want credit for another's wit, thank you.

MR. J. C. Hill is making arrangements for the erection of a shop and residence on the lot between his father's shop and Mrs. Swan's property. The shop will be about 20 x 44 feet in size, and two story high. Mr. Hill will occupy the ground floor with his tin and stove business, but what he intends to do with the residence we are unable to say.

A FOUR year old named Scranston, who was employed as stove blaker in a foundry in Hamilton, received a letter from Dublin last Thursday, informing him that he had been heir to \$10,000 sterling in hard cash, besides three or four splendid warehouses in Dublin and several valuable buildings in London, Eng., as well as a country estate. He left the next day for the Old Country to receive his legacy.

DR. MORROW removed to Geophyl this week.

MR. Alfred Boomer, of Liswood, was in town on Friday.

MASTER John F. Williams, of Palmerston, is visiting his friends in Acton.

REV. G. W. Calvert, of St. Catharines, made his Acton friends a short visit last week.

MR. Percy Secord returned home on Saturday evening, after a six weeks visit with Toronto friends.

WE have just received from Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, a copy of their *Newspaper Annual* for 1881. The book contains a complete list of all the newspapers published in the United States and Canada, giving the circulation of each and also the advertising rates. The annual just issued is the most exhaustive directory of American newspapers ever issued by this firm, and we have no hesitation in saying that it is superior to that published by any other firm. The volume is exceedingly well got up; it is printed on extra fine paper, and bound in first-class style. It will be indispensable to extensive advertisers and newspaper publishers.

THE *Erin Advocate* in its report of Erin Show says:—"The *Acton Brass Band* arrived about noon, and made the air ring with their beautiful and harmonious strains of music. This band, which took first prize, (the other bands that had entered failing to put in an appearance) has won golden laurels in band competitions during the summer; and judging from their efforts here on Fair Day, we believe they are justly entitled to rank as first-class. The people of Acton deserve exultation if they fail to give their band encouragement and support." We are happy to be able to say that our people do take an interest in their village band, and to-day feel just cause for being proud of them.

IN another column will be found a notice of the death of Miss Jane Fife, or "Auntie Fife," as she was more familiarly known, who was for many years a resident of this village. Her brother and herself resided in the house on Bowyer Avenue, now occupied by M. O. W. Hill, until the brother died several years ago, at the ripe old age of 91 years. Since that time the old lady lived with her friends in the village, and finally, and justly, when she was taken to Shelburne to live with Mr. Henry Yeman, formerly of this village. She was respected by all who knew her, and her many friends in this vicinity will be pained to learn of her decease. She passed away at the extraordinary age of 94 years.

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MONEY, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, &c., All Fits, All Sizes, Kenney & Son, Main St., Acton.

EXAMINE, our method of teaching, Watch the progress of our students, BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, TORONTO.

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Hughes & Griffin, Dress Goods, Great Push in Fall and Winter DRESS GOODS.

Black and Colored Cashmeres, CORSETS, - - CORSETS, Worthy the Attention of Closest Buyers, Prices range from 35c. to 95c.

The Famous Crompton Corsets, And other Makes to Hand This Week, We can give the Cheapest and Best Values in CORSETS, in sizes from 17 to 34, HUGHES & GRIFFIN.

KING OF THE DRY GOODS, THE LION, GUELPH, Extraordinary Offering!

During this month we offer Extraordinary value in Black gros grain Dress and Mantle Silks, ranging from 75 cents to \$3 per yard.

BLACK MANTLE VELVETS, IMPORTED DIRECT FROM LYONS—EXTRA VALUE, OUR GENERAL STOCK OF DRESS GOODS NEVER CONTAINED SO MANY NOVEL AND ELEGANT GOODS AS THIS SEASON, AND OUR SALES THIS FAR HAVE BEEN IMMENSE.

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cils, Perfumery,

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