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### BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scissors for readers of the Free Press.

- Another February.
- Slighting goes again.
- Changeable weather.
- Select your valentines.
- Have you been vaccinated?
- Beautiful moonlight nights now.
- Good skating at the rink to-night.
- Subscriptions are being rapidly renewed.
- Have you seen our new memorial cards?
- And still our subscription list increases.
- One man still wanted in our village council.
- The Manitoba fever is spreading hereabouts.
- Merchants, the present is the time to advertise.
- Did you ever experience such changeable weather?
- Guitars the galoot has been pronounced guilty at last.
- Grip's almanac christens this month "February."
- The days are growing perceptibly longer each week.
- Mr. Edward Dwyer has his sabbary in full blast now.
- Order a couple of dates of those new landscape cards.
- Found, on Main street, a door key. Call at this office.
- Are you keeping inviolate your New Year's resolutions?
- The ice harvesters have been busily engaged this week.
- The merchant's early closing movement continues successfully.
- The merry jingle of the sleigh bells is very seldom heard now.
- The wheeling is very good, but horses require to be sharp eyed.
- Business seems unusually brisk at the Glasgow House this week.
- The weather on Sunday was very unpropitious for street walkers.
- Perhaps Mr. — could supply us with another conundrum week.
- Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on February 2nd.
- Scatter sawdust on your sidewalk and receive the blessings of pedestrians.
- A little land is not enough to build a house on, because a man wants a lot.
- Dr. Robertson, M.P.P., has our thanks for a budget of Parliamentary papers.
- Mr. Duncan Kennedy has been re-appointed assessor for this municipality.
- Why does a miller wear a white hat? Give it up! To keep his head warm.
- Isn't that joke about the wicked standing on slippery places about "played out."
- Jack Frost didn't swear off at New Years. He still takes his early morning dips.
- A number of the young folks attended the skating Carnival at Guelph on Tuesday night.
- The carpenters are busy on Messrs. Speight's new finishing shop on Agnes street.
- The editor of the Berlin News has fallen out with the Hop Bitters proprietors. No wonder.
- The Free Press cannot be excelled among country journals as an advertising medium.
- Mr. James Moore has over 25,000 skins now in process of manufacture at his Kid Tannery.
- Tenders are asked by the Village Council for the lighting of the street lamps for the present year.
- Sheep give back to the farm more, in proportion to what they take from it, than any other animal.
- A good deal of new sidewalks will be required on Mill and Main streets during the coming summer.
- Can't you induce a friend to subscribe for the Free Press for a year, and secure a copy of our premium?
- A couple of extra clerks will be required at the post office for two or three days about the 14th inst.
- A horse belonging to Mr. Wm. Ismond got down in its stall on Sunday night, and by some means strangled itself.
- Give your farm implements and machinery a coat of paint one of these days when you've nothing else to do.
- As the rink was closed on Monday evening a large number of lads and lasses enjoyed themselves on the pond.
- The fee for non-resident pupils attending Acton Public School has been fixed at 50 cents per month, in advance.
- The windstorm last Thursday night was very severe. We have, however, heard of very little damage caused thereby.
- Have you seen our splendid premium, "Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse." Bring in your subscription and receive a copy.
- Referring to the weather of February, Grip's almanac says:—"Continued weather more or less, just such as Venosa didn't guess."
- The Oakville Express came to hand last week in a four page form. We cannot say that we admire the condition in which it appeared.
- Go, everybody, and see the world-renowned Fancy Skater, Mr. Bruce, at the

Acton Skating Rink on Monday evening, the 6th inst.

—The party who left for Manitoba yesterday morning were entertained at an oyster supper at Agnew's Hotel on Tuesday evening.

—An exchange says:—"If a man really wants to know of how little importance he is, let him go with his wife to the dress-makers." No doubt he's been there.

—Mr. W. G. Fee, Secretary of the Halton Prohibitory Alliance was in town last Thursday and spent a couple of hours with a number of the Temperance workers.

—A little heat that can't be beat, the window open wide; a little breeze, a little sneeze, and you're the doctor's pride. Seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents for ten visits.

—It is suggested that Acton imports a few men capable and willing to run municipal matters, from some of the cities, where there seems to be no lack of men anxious for office.

—Notwithstanding the fact that the holiday season is passed we have been deluged with job word during this month, and this is the place where you can get first-class work.

### VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers.

—No SCHOOL.—Owing to the illness of Miss Rumble, teacher of the second department of the Public School, the children have had vacation this week.

—PROGRAMME.—The programme for the Halton County Teachers' Association was printed at this office last week, and is pronounced a first-class job.

—SEND THEM REGULARLY.—Do you send your children to school regularly? If not, why not? The trustees intend to enforce the law in this respect this year.

—FANCY SKATING.—The skating club have made arrangements with Mr. Bruce, the professional Fancy Skater, for an exhibition in the rink next Monday evening. His feats in skating are said to be wonderful.

—FOR VISITORS.—Mr. John Keith and wife, of Winnipeg, who have been visiting their friends here during the past month, left for home yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. John Storey and Miss Keith.

—COUNTY COUNCIL.—At the county council last week, Mr. C. S. Smith, reeve of this village, was appointed chairman of the committee on Public Buildings, and Mr. John Warren, chairman of the committee on Education.

—CORRECT.—Agents for city weekly newspapers are at present canvassing this neighborhood, but meet with but limited success. The general reader in this quarter prefers his own local paper, the FREE PRESS. Correct.

—NON-ATTENDANCE.—The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School have issued a circular to all parents and guardians, requesting regular attendance of pupils. Our citizens should take a larger interest in the education of their offspring.

—STREET LAMPS.—Acton's street lamps will cost about \$80 per annum to keep them in running order. They have proved to be a good investment, and our citizens are satisfied. A few more might be erected in several localities with good results.

—NEW STREET.—Messrs. Christie & Henderson have surveyed their property on Bower Avenue and Willow street into village lots. A street has been surveyed to run from Bower Avenue to the pond, and an alley will run along the rear of the lots. The new street is called Alice, and the alley, Accommodation.

—DON'T FORGET.—At this season of the year, when all accounts should be settled, we beg to remind many subscribers that they are in arrears. A good paper is not managed and run without considerable expense, and publishers are often put to serious inconveniences through mere forgetfulness on the part of subscribers.

—A MISDEED.—The young folks of Rockwood being desirous of getting up a dance, and feeling we presume rather ashamed to call it by its right name, conceived the idea of announcing that a "Winter Picnic" would be held. The "break down" took place on Friday evening, and under the disguise the lads and lasses say they enjoyed themselves.

—THE "NOT" WEST FEVER.—Don't allow yourself to be carried away with the stories of the wonderful value of property in Manitoba. From \$300 to \$500 was paid for village lots in Acton when the G.T.R. was being surveyed thirty years ago, and the same lots sold twenty-five years afterwards for \$50 to \$75. So it will be with many of the towns and villages in the Northwest.

—NEW LITERARY SOCIETY.—A number of the leading business men are taking steps for the organization of a Literary and Social Club. It is proposed to supply a room with a number of interesting papers and magazines, games of various kinds, and have a place where the young men could spend their evenings pleasantly and in a social way.

—MATRIMONIAL.—In another column will be found the marriage notice of an old Acton boy, Mr. R. N. Thurlwell, of Teeswater, Ont., to Miss Maggie Laidlaw, of Clearwater, Manitoba. We wish the newly pair all the happiness that married life can afford, and trust that although they have already been in Clearwater and Teeswater, they'll never get into "hot water."

—AN ERROR.—In its report of the meeting of the County council last week, the Champion gives Mr. Kerns the honor of being named reeve of Acton. We are not aware whether Mr. Kerns would consider it any greater honor to be the recognized head of this municipality than he feels in occupying the big chair of Burlington, but we presume Reeve Smith would feel a little jealous over his intrusion. Do better next time Mr. Champion.

—THE PULPIT.—Rev. J. S. Fisher, of Nassagaweya, preached two very earnest and interesting sermons in the Methodist Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Metcalf, of Eglinton, will preach the sermons in connection with the regular quarterly Communion services to be held in this church next Sunday.

next Sunday. Elder A. Audette, of Hallowell, preached in the Discipline House on Sunday.

—BRACIA.—Last issue of the Waterloo Chronicle is deserving of special mention. It is a special number and is an illustrated description of the town, sixteen finely engraved cuts representing the principal business are shown. The description is complete and represents Waterloo as a most prosperous business centre. Bro. Hilliard had exhibited commendable enterprise in the "make up" of this issue.

—FIRE, FIRE.—On Saturday night, about 11 o'clock, the residents of Main street were aroused by the cry of "Fire, fire, fire." The cause of the alarm was a chimney on Mrs. George Matthews' residence which was burning furiously. Sparks flew in every direction for a few minutes, but the fire was soon smothered and all danger passed. What about that new Fire Brigade? We trust our new council will move in the matter at once.

—FOR SALE.—Large box and cook stoves, drums and pipes, Singer sewing machine, Butterick's patterns, bureaus, bedsteads, spring mattresses, lounges, tables, patent clothes horse, patent quilting frame, all second hand, cheap, at Mrs. S. A. Secord's.

—SCHOOL BOOKS.—5th books, 40 cents; 4th books, 30 cents; 3rd books, 25 cents; 2nd books, 18 cents; 2nd part 1st books, 8 cents; 1st books, 4 cents, at Mrs. S. A. Secord's.

—NEW ELECTORS.—We are extremely well pleased to know that the Acton Free Press won't be able consistently to point its little finger at Milton this year, and exult because we had a little trouble in getting a new Council into shape. "Laughing is catching," is an old saying, and a true one in this case, for owing to the resignation of two members of the new Acton Council, a new election is to be held, the nominations for which are to take place tomorrow.—Milton News. Here, here! There seems to be a good many municipalities in the same predicament as Milton and Acton this year.

—COMPLIMENTARY.—On Monday evening a large number of the young folks of this village gathered at Matthews' Hall, to spend a social evening with Messrs. D. C. Lawson and G. C. Clark, who intended leaving next morning for Rockwood Academy. About sixty were present, and the evening was spent very pleasantly in social games and amusements. The ladies provided a tempting lunch, which was served up in the ordinary picnic style. The company was unanimous in wishing the above gentlemen every success at college, and assured them they would be heartily welcomed back to their circle of friendship when their college course is concluded.

—THE TOWN HALL.—On Friday evening, after the close of council business, the second lot of tenders for the erection of the new town hall were opened. Notwithstanding the fact that about \$1000 had been set out of the original plan, each of the six tenders received were higher than the amount at the disposal of the council for the erection of the building, and the consequence is that the architect is again obliged to curtail. It seems very apparent to us that a much better hall would have been erected, had the architect first drawn the plans to suit the money, instead of curtailing so extensively from a plan altogether too expensive for our means.

—WEDDING BELLS.—One of those happy events which we are always pleased to record, took place yesterday, in the union in the bonds of matrimony of Mr. D. D. Christie, of the firm of Christie, Henderson & Co., of this village, to Miss Maggie McNair, of Quebec. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Stewart, at the residence of Mayor Boyd, brother-in-law of the bride, of Prescott. The couple left last evening for Montreal, and will arrive home in about a week. The newly-wedded pair have always been favorites with our citizens and we have no doubt all will join us in wishing them every possible happiness during their voyage together down the stream of time. For many years Mr. Christie has enjoyed the cognomen of "The best looking bachelor in town," but we presume he will now willingly allow some other candidate to claim the title.

—PERSONALS.—Mr. John Dewar, of Milton, was in town yesterday.

—Mr. James Wilds, of Berlin was in town last Thursday.

—Mr. Chester T. Hill, of Guelph, was in town on Tuesday.

—Miss Ada Cameron left for Walkerton on Saturday morning.

—Mr. W. H. Storey is again able to attend to his business duties.

—Mrs. James Matthews returned from Hamilton on Monday.

—Miss Nettie Robinson, of Brantford, is visiting her friends here.

—Miss Tancie Reed, of Orangeville, is visiting her friends here.

—Mr. George Foster, of Winnipeg, Man., spent a few days this week with his Acton friends.

—Miss Annie Moore returned on Monday from a ten days visit with friends in Guelph.

—Mr. Alfred and Miss Mable Hemstreet, spent a couple of days this week with Acton friends.

—Mr. C. J. McDonald, of Garafraxa, formerly of this vicinity, spent a couple of days last week with friends here.

—Mr. Alex. Matthews, of Blumark, formerly of this village, has returned, and intends taking up his residence among us.

—Mr. W. J. Nicklin, of the Free Press staff, who was laid up for two weeks with diphtheria, resumed work on Tuesday.

—Mr. W. H. McDonald, of the General Hospital, Toronto, was in town on Tuesday attending the funeral of his brother's child.

—Mr. J. E. McFarlin returned from Orangeville on Thursday and left for Stratford on Saturday to spend a few days with friends there.

—Mr. Thomas Neidland, editor and proprietor of the Georgetown Herald paid his Acton friends his usual semi-monthly visit last Saturday evening.

—Messrs. D. C. Lawson and G. C. Clark left on Tuesday morning for Rockwood Academy, at which institution they purpose taking a course of instruction.


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