

THE FREE PRESS.

THURSDAY MORNING, Feb. 9, 1892.

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Berlin Wool, Mottoes, the Largest Stock in Acton.
School Books, Note Paper, Pens and Ink, Scribner's Works, Copy Books, Suites, Pictures, Old Masters, Pictures, Picturesque, Curios, Knives, Spoons and Forks, Toys, Dolls, Vases, Alabamas, Geo. Rynd's, the leading store in Acton for Wedding and Birthday Presents. Call in.

BITS OF BREVITY.

Small and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scissor for readers of the Free Press.

—St. Valentine's day approacheth.

—Excellent weather for catching colds.

—They have scarlet fever in Nanage ways.

—Read our story on the first page this week.

—Potatoes are scarce and consequently expensive.

—Have you seen our landscape cards? You should.

—Remember, this month has only twenty-eight days.

—Song of the ice cutters. "Shall we gather at the river."

—Some of our citizens are talking fire protection. Correct.

—Variable weather is still in order, and ill health is the result.

—Wonder if any of our local boys can beat Bruce skating now.

—Did you see the obituary on Monday night? It wasn't Guteau.

—A few inches of snow would be very acceptable to the small stock.

—Fear of Acton's young men are now attending Rockwood Academy.

—Send on your prescriptions at once and secure a copy of Dr. Kendall's Horse Book free.

—Ice men are walking.—Ex. A nice man who "smiles" too frequently don't remain nice.

—The mails get in earlier now.—Ex. Some of the mails in this section get in quite early.

—If you have anything to buy or to sell, make it known through the columns of the Free Press.

—The ice men have been exceedingly busy during the week. The quality of the ice is excellent.

—Mr. Wm. Cunningham, of Crookston, Minn., will please accept our thanks for Minnesota paper.

—We will send by mail, postpaid, a copy of "Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse," for twenty-five cents.

—Owing to the illness of Miss Grant, the third department of the public school has been closed thus far this week.

—Our new memorial cards are very neat and appropriate. Nearly twenty varieties to choose from. Call and see them.

—If you wish to keep your friends posted in relation to our village and county call in and send 'em the Free Press.

—Surprise parties are numerous, but it is often difficult to ascertain which of the visitors are the receivers.

—These two young ladies who laughed so heartily on Main street, Monday night, must have had a very funny topic of conversation.

—There is considerable talk about a carnival, among the skaters. Better invite jack frost to be present in full force a few days previous.

—A fancy dress carnival was held in the Milton Skating Rink on Friday evening. A large number of our young folks figured in the programme.

—The village hotel keepers are getting in large supplies of ice. Guess they intend running temperance houses when the Scout Act comes in force.

—Good skating on the sidewalks now; at least we have noticed pedestrians take a slide and then make a good attempt at turning a hand spring.

—Don't act foolishly when you fall; get up quietly and go on your way peacefully. There's no use in swearing at the skid walk; it never meant to hurt you.

—You should be sensible enough to do more. A good smart walk on a clear, frosty day, will do you more good than a bucket of medicine. If it.

—There was no quorum at the meeting of the School Trustees on Monday evening. The regular monthly meeting was consequently held on Tuesday evening.

The maidens long for sleepidig.

And sweetly sing for snow;

The young men feel their pockets,

And gently whisper "No."

—The Oakville Standard says: "A grocer in this place had a pound of sugar returned with a note saying: 'Too much sand for table use; and not enough for building purposes'."

—Subscriptions are pouring in so fast that our first stock of "Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse" is exhausted. We have, however, just received a second large fulfillment, and are prepared to supply every subscriber who pays in advance.

Who Dip It.—An insulting placard was posted on a number of the village lamp posts last Sunday night, by some evil disposed person or persons. Their design was a most abominable one, and caused considerable trouble.

—A shoeblack advertises to make temperance boots and shoes, or, in other words, boots and shoes that are never so tight as to be disagreeable. It wasn't one of our local shoemakers, but we presume any of them could accommodate you with foot wear of the treacherous pattern.

—We have to confess that it is a matter of surprise, even to us, the rate at which subcriptions have poured in since the opening of the year. Scarcely a day has passed that has not added names to our list. This is truly encouraging, and we shall try to merit it all.

Fancy Goods.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A collection of local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers.

For MANITOU.—Mr. George Elliott and family intend leaving in the spring for the North West.

MAIL CHANGE.—The mail leaving for Toronto in the forenoon, closes at eleven o'clock—ten minutes earlier than before.

CORPORATION ACCOUNTS.—Moses L. R. Fox and A. E. Matthews village auditors are now engaged in examining the books, papers etc., of this municipality for 1891.

New BUILDING.—Mr. Robert Moore, of Ernmore, has purchased a lot on Main St., nearly opposite Hanson St., and intends erecting a dwelling thereon in the spring.

New READING.—Mr. Joseph Fyfe is putting a large quantity of brick on his property on Church Street. We understand that he intends erecting a fine residence next summer.

SPRING TRADE.—The travellers for the Canada Glove Works are just arranging their samples for the spring trade. A largely increased business is expected to be transacted this season.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—The real property belonging to the estate of the late Samuel Moore, Esq., will be sold by public auction on Friday, 10th March, at one o'clock p.m., at Agnew's Hotel.

NEW TYPE.—We have just added several fonts of type to our already large assortment of job-type. We are determined to keep abreast of the times, and can assure every patron satisfactory work.

S. S. CONTENTION.—The annual convention of the Sabbath School Association of this country will be held in Guelph on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

TOO LITERATE.—We overheard a young man yesterday who remarked that the clergyman who had just died "was just too utterly astute." It was a buckshot remark ahead of that, it was too utterly too to mention.

INCREASE.—The Corolian Tailor now employs about twenty-five hands.

Manager Knees says he intends getting the number up to fifty as soon as possible.

This establishment turns out about \$1,000 worth of Corolian leather every week.

CHACKERS.—R. Henderson, of Guelph, challenges Murdoch Mackenzie to play checkers—the challenge to be accepted inside of two days—for the championship of the counties of Wellington and Halton.—*Mercy.* Does Mr. MacKenzie hold the championship of our county?

THE CLERGY.—Rev. Mr. Metcalf, of Elginburg, preached two excellent gospel sermons in the Methodist church last Sunday. Both of the addresses were very much appreciated by the audience. A sermon will be preached to the Sabbath school children on Sunday evening next by Rev. T. L. Wilkinson.

RENAULT.—A fall in meat took place on Friday. The horse attached to Mr. J. L. Nutt's wagon became frightened on Young street, and succeeded in getting away from the driver. The wagon was overturned, and the horse becoming detached ran down to Main street where it was caught. Neither horse, wagon, nor driver were injured.

MATERIAL.—We notice with pleasure that our friend, Mr. P. H. Gibbs, formerly of the Oshawa *Advertiser*, was married last week to Miss Sarah Douglas, wife of Jas. Carmichael, Esq., Post Master, Oshawa, at the residence of the latter. The happy couple took the train for the west the same evening. Allow us to congratulate them.

FINE MONUMENT.—The other day we were shown a fine granite monument, in the yard of Messrs. McQuillan & Hamlin, of Guelph, which has been ordered by the friends of the young man, Sulter, who committed suicide near Milton a few months ago. The monument will be erected as soon as spring opens. The reputation of the above name is rapidly extending.

PERSONALS.

Miss Thurtell has returned from Teeswater.

Mr. Fred. Socord is spending a few days at home.

Mr. Wm. Firstbrook, of Toronto, was in town this week.

Mr. N. McGurkin, of Stratford, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. D. Christie and bride arrived home last evening.

Miss Alice Speight returned on Monday from her visit with friends in Markham.

Mr. John Farmer, of Florence, formerly of this village spent several days this week with Acton friends.

MISS MURKIN.—On Monday night a number of masked men crept, on the corner of Main and Elgin streets, a heap of combustible material, on the top of which was placed an effigy of a person who has gained considerable notoriety in Acton during the past few months. The work was done and those engaged in the work seem to go about it with considerable gravitation.

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Mr. James Brown, lumberman, has been confined to the house for a week or so, but we are glad to learn that he is recovering.

Mr. C. B. Griffin, of Hughes & Griffin, was called last week to attend the funeral of a user at Belleville. He returned home on Monday.

MISS ANNIE M. MOORE left on Tuesday morning for St. Clair, Mich., and intends spending a few months with friends in that vicinity.

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THE GRAVE.

SALLY.—In Glenwilliam, on the 7th inst., Mr. John Sally, aged about 50 yrs.

LESLIE.—In Erin, on the 8th inst., Lydia, infant daughter of Mr. Joel Leslie, aged 6 months.

MOOK.—In Acton, on the 2nd inst., Fannie A., adopted daughter of Thos. C. Moore, Esq., aged 19 years and 11 months.

ANDERSON.—In Exeter, on the 8th inst., Miss Letitia, daughter of Mr. Benj. Anderson, aged 4 years and 11 months.

STARRET.—In Exeter, on the 8th inst., Selina Grace, youngest daughter of the late David Starret, aged 20 years and 4 months.

OBITUARY.—Scarcely a week passes without the notice in the Free Press of the death of one or more residents of our little town. To-day it is our most painful duty to record the demise of Miss Fannie A. Moore, adopted daughter of Mr. Thos. C. Moore, of this village. Miss Moore was a most estimable young lady, of a very modest and refined disposition, and was just entering womanhood, being nearly twenty years of age. Her parents and

friends have the sympathy of the community in her bereavement.

SKATING EXHIBITION.—On Monday evening Mr. Bruce of Galt, gave an exhibition of fancy skating in the rink here. The attendance was the largest of the season, and those present were exceedingly well pleased with the many difficult movements of the performer. Mr. Bruce proved himself master of the steel runners, and nothing seemed too difficult for him. Being unacquainted with skater parlance we are unable to enumerate the many movements shown by the expert, but we believe every one attempted was successfully completed.

LITERATURE LIVING AGE.—The number of *The Living Age* for the week ending January 28th contains a large amount of interesting literary matter. This is the fourth weekly number of the new volume. New subscribers can begin with the volume. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,800 pages a year), the subscription price (\$6), is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$1 editions of weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, but postpaid. Little & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

SPONGERS.—There is a certain amount of satisfaction that a publisher realizes when he finds out that some people are so fond of reading his paper that they tramp out regularly to some store or house where they know the paper is subscribed for, and swallow its contents with surprising eagerness. Every publisher knows this is done, and he also knows that these same newspaper spongers are the ones who see the most faults with the paper's contents. To sponge a meal and then growl about its quality, is not a bit worse than the actions of these perverse critics.

NEW WOMAN.—The new Edition of Webster's *Unabridged Dictionary*, numbering 19,800 quartos pages, contains nearly 5,000 new words or new meanings of old ones. These words range over the fields of science, medicine, literature, discovery, research, etc., departments which in this age are constantly yielding fresh ideas, requiring new words to express them. That they have not been fully completed is owing to the accuracy of and careful study given to their etymology and definitions. The intelligent reader, or any reader who would be intelligent, will find this feature of the dictionary quite indispensable.

CHEERIOS.—The Free Press is rapidly becoming more widely known, and more highly appreciated as a thorough home paper, and the number of subscribers being added to our list of late is good proof of this. We endeavor to give as much local matter as possible, and we feel that our paper is in every way our best. Our reward is not only in new and continued subscriptions, but in the good opinion and well wishes of our subscribers. Farmers are beginning to see the folly of taking city papers because they may get them a little cheaper, to the neglect of a home paper, and they see that after all there is nothing like home news.

PICARDO'S CANADA.—The third and fourth numbers of *Picardo's Canada* have been delivered to the subscribers here, and if possible these two numbers exceed those of the first delivery. We have carefully examined the four numbers, and we confidently assert that, whether for quality of paper, correctness of drawing, skill in engraving, or excellence in printing, *Picardo's Canada* will be classed by practical men as one of the most complete works ever published in any country. The work will be of inestimable value to Canada, and will correct the many erroneous ideas at present held by foreigners in reference to our country. We wish this work a very extended circulation.

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