

THE FREE PRESS.

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

BITS OF BREVIETY.

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

Rains suggest drains—that are required. The snow has disappeared from the hills. The assessors are commencing their work.

A great ink-convulsion—The printing press. Board of Education meets next Monday evening.

Our tailors are getting in large stocks of spring tweeds. A creditable public hall for Acton within six months.

Messrs. Brown & Hall are shipping saw dust to Waterloo. The snow disappeared this week as rapidly as it came last week.

Those few days of sleighing last week stirred up business considerably. Rev. T. L. Wilkinson preached anniversary sermons at Douglass on Sunday.

Advertisements in the Free Press and rest assured that it will pay you to do so. An epitaph: "First a cough carried me off, and then a coffin they carried me off in."

If every man who borrows this paper would subscribe for it, its circulation would be over 3000. Subscriptions continue to be added to our list daily. The Free Press is certainly appreciated.

Nearly every person, the farmers especially, would like to see three weeks of good sleighing yet. Don't wait until the boom comes, but go ahead with your improvements and thereby make the boom.

We have received from Mr. Alva Sadford, copies of the Savannah, Ga. Morning News. Thanks. What about a celebration for Queen's birthday? Our people will undoubtedly go in for something truly loyal this year.

Of course everybody knows its Lent. Corporal people will now have an excellent opportunity to reduce their weight. An old man said to us the other day that every second man you meet is going to Manitoba, and the rest are off to Winnipeg.

Special services are being held in St. Alban's Church every Wednesday and Friday evening, during the Lenten season, at 7.45 p.m. There is no law compelling a man to read this paper. If you don't like us throw the paper aside and keep your mouth shut.

Clearfield, Pa., Ottawa. Here, here! A great many people might imagine the example of the locomotive, with profit. It runs along, whistles at its work, and never takes anything but water to run its whistle.

There is a vast difference between street education and school education. The one produces criminals while the other produces men of honor. Parents keep your children off the streets at night. If a certain family in town is too poor to subscribe for the Free Press we will send it to them gratuitously rather than have our subscribers send us complaints that their paper is never at home.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

EXTRAS—The emoluments for the Sheriff of this county during 1881, amount to \$890.04.

WINTER PICNIC—Another of their so-called "winter picnics" was held in Rockwood on Friday evening.

NEW RESIDENCE—Mr. J. Fyfe has commenced operations preparatory to the erection of his new residence on Church street.

THE PULPIT—Rev. N. Burns, B.A., of Georgetown College, preached excellent sermons on Sanctification, in the Methodist Church here on Sunday.

TO LET—That very desirable shop recently occupied by A. W. Green, in Mrs. Secord's south block. A good stand for office or small business.

HORSES FOR MANTOBA—Messrs. E. Matthews and John Watson, jr., intend leaving in a few weeks with a car load of horses and carriages for Manitoba.

TO BUSINESS—That new street and sidewalk committee will soon require to get to business. Several of the sidewalk crossings are completely buried underneath the mud.

REFORM ASSOCIATION—We are informed that there is a movement on foot for the organization of a Reform Association among the residents of that political creed in our village.

AUCTION SALES—Mr. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer, is engaged to attend sales on the following days this month—2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 20th, and 23rd.

THE ROADS—On Thursday the roads were rough—on Friday they were slushy; on Saturday they were tough enough—on Monday they were mushy. Since that time there's been nothing but mud, and any amount of that.

FIRE COMPANY—Very little has been heard during the week in regard to organizing a fire company in Acton. Some fine morning when our citizens find the town in ashes, they will probably wish they had taken our advice in the matter.

LAWSON'S NEW MILL—The new mill recently erected by Messrs. Lawson Bros., on their property in Esquesing, has been fitted with the necessary machinery, and under the able management of Mr. Leslie Wright is now turning out lumber, etc., to perfection.

CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE—We have received "Our Little Ones and the Nursery," for March, and it is, as usual, filled to overflowing with interesting stories and amusing illustrations for the little folks. Send \$1.50 to the Russell Publishing Co., Boston, and receive the magazine a year.

SLEIGHING PARTY—On Friday evening, about twenty of Acton's young folks went for a sleigh-ride, their destination being the residence of Mr. John Black, Esq. They arrived in good time, and spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. Black and family, returning in the wee small hours.

RAILINGS REQUIRED—The elevated portion of Elgin street sidewalk certainly requires a railing of some kind. We hope our council will not neglect it until some of our citizens fall over, become injured, and present a bill for damages. About two dollars would meet all costs of the necessary improvement.

INDEPENDENCE—The subject of debate this evening at the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association is, "Resolved that Canada would be better as an Independent Nation than in its present state." A very interesting discussion is expected, and a full attendance of the members of the Association is requested.

A BURY THING—During the three or four days of sleighing last week, our little town presented a most animated appearance. The amount of cordwood, shingles, staves and heading timber, saw logs, railroad ties, telegraph poles, grain, hay, &c., that came into town during that time, was astonishing. Our merchants report a very satisfactory week's business in consequence.

SPECIAL SERVICES—The special meetings which have been in progress at the Brick Church, (M.E.) about a mile West of this village, under the ministry of Rev's Clark and Leak, of Georgetown, were brought to a close on Wednesday evening of last week. We are informed that over fifty persons have been at the altar of prayer, and of these, thirty-five have joined the church.

THE BRANDON SUN—It is with pleasure that we add to our list of exchanges the Brandon, Man., Sun. The Sun is a spicy weekly paper, whose career commenced a few weeks ago, and which now exhibits every appearance of prosperity. Several Actonians have taken up their residence in Brandon, and we hope to hear occasionally, through the medium of the Sun, how they are getting along.

A GREAT LOSS—The opponents of the Scott Act have been continually crying out about the great loss in revenue which will be sustained by the passage of the Scott Act, but when it is known to be a positive fact that Acton receives but \$29 out of the \$225 received for licenses, there seems to us very little cause for so much lamentation. It will cost each inhabitant about eight cents per annum.

FAT STOCK ASSOCIATION—At the annual meeting of the Guelph Fat Stock Association, held on Saturday, it was decided to hold the annual Easter Fat Cattle Show on Thursday, the 20th of March. The following were elected officers for 1892—President, Wm. Brown, Ontario Agricultural College; vice-president, George Hooper; secretary, James Miller.

PAPA, DON'T GO—We have received from the composer, Mr. Hobb J. Joyce, of Toronto, a copy of his new song, "Papa, Don't Go." It is an excellent piece of music, the words being very appropriate and the music first-class. It is printed on good paper, and is in size and form similar to music generally sold for 30 and 40 cents, but Mr. Joyce will fill all orders at 20 cents per copy. Call on him at 120 Queen St. W.

HORSES WANTED.

About fifty or sixty tenement houses are needed in Acton. We believe if that number were erected, every one of them would be occupied within six months. There are a number of workmen in town employed in the tanneries and elsewhere who are unable to bring their families here, owing to the absence of tenement houses of any kind. The demand for houses is such that common buildings are now renting for \$7 and \$8 per month.

APPRECIATION—Judging from the appearance of the Acton (Canada) Free Press, the business men of that town fully appreciate the value of advertising.—Hontdale, Pa., Observer. They certainly do, Bro. Fryer, and are a lot of merchants any town might feel proud to own. We trust the Observer will ere long receive the liberal patronage it deserves, and though it is only a few weeks since it was launched upon the sea of journalism, may it enjoy a long and prosperous career.

RETURNED—Mr. John Matthews and family—following the example of a good many others—have returned to Acton, after an absence of about fourteen years. For a number of years Mr. Matthews has been living at Bismarck, Ont. A few weeks ago a number of his friends and neighbors, bearing of his intended removal, met one evening in a surprise party, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Matthews with a very friendly address and some handsome presents. Mr. Matthews had formed a large circle of friends during his residence in Bismarck, and it was not without reluctance that he removed from them. Our citizens will no doubt welcome their old friend and his family back to their native town.

A NICE KETTLE OF FISH—The Guelph Herald says:—The classic little village of Acton is just now the scene of a nice little scandal, in which the names of several of its leading townpeople are more or less mixed up. An action for \$5,000 has already been entered against one party, and some interesting developments may soon be expected. Why don't the Herald give us some particulars in reference to the gigantic scandal it has succeeded in unearthed in our little town. You must have run out of local paragraphs altogether, George, but wouldn't it have made you just as good a story to have anchored your little yarn at some other "classic little village," with which scandal would feel more in harmony? Try it again, old boy.

OUR PREMIUM—We are daily supplying both old and new subscribers with copies of our premium, "Dr. Kendall's treatise on the horse." All that is required to secure the book on the part of old subscribers is to pay up arrears and one year in advance, and new subscribers will receive it by remitting one dollar for a year's subscription to the Free Press. Every person interested in horses, who has received the book, is well pleased with it, and pronounces it second to none of the kind published. No subscriber need be afraid of our supply becoming exhausted, before his subscription expires, as our stock is sufficient to supply every subscriber and every would-be subscriber in this vicinity, and we forward a copy to every person immediately as he remits amount required.

THE SKATING RACE—The fancy dress carnival and racing tournament at the rink on Monday evening was very well attended, a number being present from Guelph, Rockwood and other places. Notwithstanding the exceedingly soft and wet weather, Mr. Frederick, the caretaker, had the ice in good condition. There were quite a number of costumes, some very neatly got up, others amusing, and a few ridiculous. The None of the costumes were masks. The gentlemen's fifteen minute race was well contested, there being five entries, viz.—Messrs. T. McMacdon, W. N. Snyder, G. Higgins, W. McMacdon, Acton, and Alex. Martin, Guelph. T. McMacdon won first prize, and the second was between W. N. Snyder and G. Higgins, there being a division among the judges as to who won. The ladies race was amusing—five ladies entered, but all gave up after two or three rounds but Misses Sue Ahern and Maggie Nicklin, consequently Miss Ahern took first prize and Miss Nicklin second.

ACTON'S NEW TOWN HALL—The contract for the erection of the new town hall has been let to Mr. Wm. McCulla, of Brampton, for the sum of \$4,874. The contract has been signed, sealed and delivered, and the building is to be completed by the first day of October. Mr. McCulla will proceed immediately with the work, and will, we understand, bring no mechanics nor laborers into town so long as he can find sufficient capable men here. Referring to the erection of the hall, the Brampton Times of last week says:—"The Corporation of the Village of Acton has let the contract for a new town hall to Mr. Wm. McCulla, of this town. Acton has only a population of 848, yet they have enterprise enough to have a far better town hall than Brampton that has a population of 3,000. The Brampton Times remarks: 'Guelph remains quite indifferent about a similar convention notwithstanding our citizens are sometimes packed in the present hall as close as sheep in a railway car, with scarcely a good breathing room.' The Times is a little silly as to our population. Don't rely on the census, it is incorrect, but look at any reliable directory of a recent date, and you will find our population to number over 1,100.

AUCTION SALE REGISTER. Wm. HEMSTREET, AUCTIONEER. MONDAY, 27th Feb.—Auction sale of farm stock and implements, on lot 30, con. 1, Esquesing, the property of Mr. Darius Warden. Sale to commence at 1 P.M. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, 7th March.—Auction sale of farm stock, implements and furniture, the property of Mr. Geo. Elliott, of lot 23, con. 2. Sale to commence at 1 P.M. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, 3rd March.—Auction sale of stock, implements, etc., the property of Mr. W. E. Adams, of this village. Sale to commence at 1 P.M. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, 10th March.—Auction sale of farm stock, implements and furniture, the property of Mr. Francis Wain, lot 7, con. 1, Esquesing. Sale to commence at 1 P.M. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

CITY GROCERY.

A. W. GREEN

Wanted.—100 Barrels Dried Apples, at once, for which the highest-cash price will be paid.

I would also announce to my numerous customers that I have just purchased a large and choice stock of Groceries & Crockery at a very low figure, and which I will dispose of very cheap to make quick returns.

Please give me a call and don't forget that "small profits & quick returns" is my motto. All kinds of provisions kept constantly on hand.

Highest cash price paid for produce. A. W. GREEN.

NEW HATS.

All the latest things in Hard and Soft Felt Hats for the Spring Trade at the EAST END CLOTHING STORE.

Also a Large Quantity of Spring Tweeds to hand.

CALL AND SEE THEM.

J. FYFE, ACTON.

KING OF THE DRY GOODS.



E. Radford, E. R. Bollert, J. B. Williamson.

IMPORTATION OF SILKS.

We direct the special attention of the Ladies to our very large importation of BLACK and COLORED DRESS SILKS which have just come to hand and comprise:

FIRST—Black Heavy Dress Grain Pure Italian silk, full range from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per yard. These goods are guaranteed from the lowest number to the highest to be of PURE SILK of EXCELLENT WEAVING QUALITY, and for price the VERY BEST VALUE IN THE TRADE. We invite EVERY LADY to see them.

SECOND—Full range of Spring styles in HEAVY GLOSS GRAY SILK of excellent quality and value, and without doubt the best \$1.00 silk that will be offered by the Quebec or any other trade this season.

THIRD—Full range of Colored Summer Silks from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per yard.

We show the Choicest and Finest Stock of Silks we have ever had.

In other Spring Goods we have to hand:

Big piles of new and lovely PERLES, from 50 per yard up. Cases of Canadian, English and AMERICAN BLENDERS COFFINS, from 7c per yard up. Sales of CANADIAN FACTORY COTTONS, from 7c per yard up. WHITE MUSLINS, PERLES, CAMELIONS, a full variety. REMOVED TO VERY FINE QUALITY. LACES AND TRIMMINGS of Every description.

Ladies tell us our Embroideries are the Choicest Goods in the trade, and our prices the very lowest.

Also an immense lot of Canadian TWEEDS, from 50c per yard up. FINE WORSTED COARINGS—all prices—English and Canadian COTTON SHEETING, plain and fancy DUCKS and DENIMS, PILEW COOTONS, TABLES, TOWELS and TOWELLINGS, and staples of every style.

We have made an immense and special purchase of TWEEDS for our great \$1.00 suits, which will equal in quality that of any former season. We guarantee an absolute saving of \$2.00 to \$3.00 per suit, on these goods.

THE LION

Is not a bombastic term of mild, but simply says—and means it when he says it—that our suits of stock, choice and variety, price and value, courtesy and fair dealing, he sends any specimen of the same to you in this section of our Fair Dominion at any rate. We number new costumes from far and near almost daily, and during the coming seasons the Lion will make his influence felt more than ever.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.,

ACTON CLOTHING STORE.

R. E. NELSON, - - PROPRIETOR.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The subscriber wishes to announce to the residents of Acton and vicinity that his Spring Stock is now being opened up, and comprises all the latest novelties in

English, Irish, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Blue Serge, Fancy Coatings and Trousers.

As my stock has been purchased entirely for Cash, and on the most favorable terms, I now offer my customers the benefit, and will give Suits, made to order in the latest English and American styles, as CHEAP FOR CASH as any other house in the trade, and guarantee a perfect fit. I would also call attention to my new stock of

SPRING HATS.

which for quality, style and price are unsurpassed. Call and examine for yourself and be convinced that I do what I advertise. The Latest Fashions just to hand. R. E. NELSON.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ART.

C. W. HILL

Is now better prepared than ever to furnish Artistic Photographs of every style and description at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction always given.

FRANCIS MATTHEW'S Stereoscopic Views, &c.

Always in stock in great variety. Without COKE and Electric Frames, ready to order on short notice. Take a look at the window full of samples of all kinds. Specialties for FRAMES for the Holiday trade.

CALL.

C. W. HILL

Another Bankrupt Stock of general Dry Goods purchased a few days ago which will be sold at astonishing low prices, consisting of

Winceys, Dress Goods, Flannels, Mantles & Mantle Cloths, Shirts and Drawers.

In fact, everything will be sold at prices to suit.

These goods must be cleared out by the 1st of March, before stock-taking. Now is the time to get

BARGAINS.

HUGHES & GRIFFIN, ACTON.

Terms Strictly Cash.

Oil, Perfumery, Dolls, etc., the largest stock ever seen in



Fancy Goods, Pens and Ink, Toilet Soap, Pen-

cils, Perfumery, Dolls, etc., the largest stock ever seen in