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BITS OF BREVITY.

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It's all around town—good. The roads are almost impassible. County council met last Tuesday. The ice cream season draweth nigh. Files and mosquitoes are thawing out. A week from to-morrow is St. Patrick's Day. Gardening will be in order in a few weeks. Spring suits should be made to suit spring. There's a brae' new boy at Bro. Francis'. New sow cabbage and tomato seed, in your hot beds. Hasn't the North West fever nearly run its course? A cigarette in the mouth shows how the money goes. Robin redbreast is already a frequent visitor about town. Our merchants are preparing for an extensive spring trade. If you are anxious to economize, read our story on first page. Regular meeting of the village council next Tuesday evening. New maple syrup is selling for 35 cents a quart in Guelph. Does this fine weather mean spring, or is it only a sign of a change? Are your farm tools and implements all ready for the spring work? Housekeepers begin to look forward to the delights of house cleaning. Dr. Wild, of Toronto, lectured in Georgetown on Tuesday evening. Next meeting of Esquimaux Township Council will be held on Saturday. Bright days bring smiles. However, some men do their "smiling" at night. Vendor said March would come in like a lion. Guess vendor did the lion's business. The boys say that Isaac did the fair thing at the shop after the new boy arrived. Fall wheat is looking exceedingly well, considering the lack of snow and frequent thaws. Business men requiring printing should care their orders early. First come, first served. Messrs. Wm. and Gerald Paston, Milton, left for Montana on Wednesday of last week. A flock of wild geese were seen during the week, flying over the village in a north-easterly direction. An abstract of accounts of school moneys for the year 1891 will be found on our second page. Sportsmen are already preparing their fishing tackle, and are talking of catching speckled beauties. Send a copy of this paper to a distant friend. May be had at this office ready for mailing for three cents. Has our excellent Brass Band forgotten how much our townsmen like to hear their band stand serenades? The girl presses the leaves, but the boy presses the girl before he leaves. The press is mighty and must prevail. It will be hard to find owners for the numerous cars that roam about the streets now the Assessors is on his rounds. A load of hay came to grief on Church street on Monday afternoon, owing to the breakage of some part of the rack. Mr. John Ross, of the G. T. R. passenger depot, Guelph, formerly of the G. T. R. Acton, left on Monday for Winnipeg. Mr. John Steel, of Salmon City, Idaho, will accept our thanks for a budget of San Francisco, Cal., and Butte, Montana, papers. Several of our citizens use the street opposite their property as though it were a barneyard. Isn't this against municipal enactment? The first special excursion train over the G. T. R., to the North West, passed through here last Thursday morning. Another is expected to-day. A canine's carcase has been lying beside the sidewalk on the G. T. R. grounds for several weeks. Isn't it about time the authorities held its funeral? The skating match in the Milton rink last week, between Messrs. Gerald Paston, of Milton, and Mr. McPherson, of Hamilton, was won by the former. "What did you get?" "The wife of one of our citizens asked the other day as he returned from a six hours' hard bust. "Got back!" was the cool reply. "Must the American oyster die?" asks one of our exchanges. "I don't know. It is tough enough to go through a plain stew or a fancy roast, alive, we don't want it!" The Acton Glee Club are holding for themselves a very creditable reputation. They have been engaged to sing at the Blue Ribbon Concert in Georgetown on the 17th inst. The friends of the Methodist Sabbath school in this village, instead of decorating their school room with scriptural pictures, etc., those giving it a more cheerful and home-like appearance. A young lady singing herself "Irene" sends us some original poetry. It is fair but not fashionable, and should be more aesthetic. However, we have inserted it in our waste basket.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

THE STAMP ACT.—The act rendering it unnecessary to stamp notes came into force on Saturday. THE PULPIT.—Rev. James Preston, of Milton, and Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, of this village, exchanged pulpits on Sunday. TO LET.—That very desirable shop recently occupied by A. W. Green as a store room, in Mrs. Secord's south block. A good stand for office or small business. GOOD PRICES FOR HORSES.—Horses are in very good demand just now, and prices high. Farmers who have good horses to sell may consider themselves fortunate. HOTEL BURNED.—On Monday night the hotel at Silver Creek, kept by Wm. Perryman, was destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved except a few articles of furniture. POCKET PICKED.—We learn from the Guelph papers that a cattle buyer from Napawan was relieved of \$703 in a very mysterious manner, on a G.T.R. train, between Acton and Rockwood, one day last week. CONGRATULATIONS.—References were made in the pulpits of the several churches in town on Sunday, to the attempted assassination of our beloved Queen, and prayers of thankfulness for her miraculous escape were offered. DROWNING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday afternoon about 3.30, John, an eleven-year-old son of Robert Robertson, baggageman of the Wellington hotel, Guelph, fell into the river at the rear of his father's house and was drowned. CHARITABLE.—About twenty of our village youths celebrated a wedding last Wednesday night, with a regular old-fashioned charivari. They are now, however, "stealing in their boots" for fear they'll be sent down to Castle Vassar, at Milton, in consequence. JOURNALISTIC.—Mr. W. W. Buchanan has resigned the editorial management of the Wainford Advocate Advertiser, and is succeeded by Mr. T. Hickson. We wish the new editor every success, and trust that he will continue to make the Advocate-Advertiser as popular as it was under the late editor. FAREWELL.—A number of the young folks of our village met in a social gathering in Mackenzie's Hall, on Friday evening, to spend a few hours with Messrs. A. E. Nicklin and J. J. Kelly, on the eve of their departure from their native town. Those present pronounced the evening very pleasantly spent. WHO IT WAS.—Our readers will remember reading a report in last week's daily papers, of the capture of two escaped Central Prison convicts, by Guard King. We are requested to say that it was Guard Weaver, formerly of Limehouse, who so cleverly effected the capture, and not Guard King, as reported. THE FOOLS OF ONTARIO.—Said a newspaper correspondent to an old Manitoba the other day: "Everybody is Winnipeg appears to be happy. Why is that?" Said the native, "Why shouldn't we be happy? We have a splendid climate, plenty to eat, and fools from Ontario bring us all the money we want."

will be the time when our beloved country will be free from this soul-destroying curse, which annually ruins so many of our other wise bright and intelligent young men. TEACHERS' CONVENTION.—The regular semi-annual convention of Halton County Teachers' Association was held at Palgrave on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of Feb. The attendance was very good, and the convention a success. The programs was one of interest to the teachers of the county, and much profit was undoubtedly derived by those present. The lectures by Dr. McMillan, H.B.I., were practical, interesting and greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. R. Little, P.B.I., of this village, continues to hold the office of president of this prosperous and practical organization. CHEERING WORDS.—One of our old subscribers in reminding his subscription says:—"Enclosed find one dollar, my subscription to the Free Press for another year. I could not do without it, 'twould seem like parting with a friend. It is a welcome weekly messenger and reflects great credit on the editor." A new subscriber says:—"I received one of your papers last week, and was well pleased with it. You will find one dollar enclosed, for which please send it along." We are weekly in receipt of encouraging letters of this kind, and it always does us good to know that our endeavours are appreciated, and we continue our work with fresh vigour. NEW PATENT ABOUT DODGE.—Farmers in some parts of the country are buying rights for patent wagon-tongues. It takes two men to make a sale. No. 1 comes along, says he is doing a big business in wagon tongue patents, but is on his way home and will sell the right for that county for \$300. The wary farmer declines to be taken in and the discomfited visitor says, "All right, but if you think better of it let me know," and insists on having his address. A few days later No. 2 comes. He has heard that the farmer has the county right for the patent and will give \$400 for it. The farmer sees an opportunity to make \$150 in a quiet way, and sells the right. No. 1 pays \$10 to bind the bargain, and goes his way. The farmer sends his note for \$350 to No. 1—and then the dodge is complete. GRANITE QUARRY IN HALTON.—The St. Catharines Journal says that Aid. C. Lobb, of that city, some time ago became the owner of a stone quarry in the county of Halton, not far from the line of the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway. A quantity of the stone from the quarry was used for the facing of some of the fine buildings in Toronto and also for the coping of the International bridge. A closer inspection of the stone led the alderman to believe that in his property he just what has long been wanted in Canada—an inexhaustible supply of excellent grinding stones. A stone has been set up in the Welland Vale Works here, giving the greatest satisfaction. It is 29 inches diameter, with a face of 8 inches. We learn that Mr. Lobb will at once commence the manufacture of grindstones. The Georgetown Herald calls the members of the village council, "Our City Fathers." Getting toney, Mr. Herald. Must have dreamed you were in Manitoba, where a city springs up in a day. Several citizens have suggested that a street lamp at the corner of Church and Eglis streets would be acceptable in the absence of a railing on Eglis street sidewalk. Our village council will kindly consider the matter. The Disciples of Guelph, have purchased Zion Chapel, formerly occupied by the Congregationalists in that city. The opening services were held on Sunday last, and were conducted by Elders Shephard, of Bowmanville, and Herzog, of Suspension Bridge. A man with a silver-plated, double back-action coin-holder came into our sanctum the other day, and commenced explaining the beauties of the article for holding silver quarters, etc., and he had got about half through before he found he was in a printing office. When he saw his mistake he went to the door, sadly opened it, and kicked himself clear across the street. PERSONALS. Mr. W. W. Price, of Brampton, was in town on Tuesday. Miss Lizzie Moore, of Brampton, is visiting her Acton friends. Mr. Thomas Overton, of Hartburton, is visiting his Acton friends. Mrs. James Wilds, of Berlin, paid her Acton friends a visit last week. Mr. and Mrs. S. Core, of Milton, spent a couple of days this week with friends in Acton. Mrs. R. Swan and Miss Minnie Swan spent several days this week with friends in Hartburton. Mr. John J. Kelly left on Saturday for Springfield, Ohio, where he has secured a lucrative situation. Miss Minerva Storey, who is attending the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, spent several days during the week at home. We had a pleasant call on Saturday from Mr. George Steel, of Salmon City, Idaho, who has been spending a few weeks with his friends in Canada. He says he'll make his "pile" out in the West and then come and settle down in civilization. AUCTION SALES REGISTER. WE HEREBY ANNOUNCE, AUCTIONEERS. TUESDAY, 7th March.—Auction sale of farm stock, implements and household furniture, the property of Mr. Geo. Elliott, of the St. John St. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock. Wm. Henstreet, Auctioneer. TUESDAY, 9th March.—Auction sale of stock, implements, etc., the property of Mr. W. E. Adams, at his residence, Acton. Sale to commence at twelve o'clock. FRIDAY, 10th March.—Auction sale of farm stock, implements and furniture, the property of Mr. Francis Warner, lot 7, con. 6, Erin. Sale to commence at 10 a.m.

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