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BITS OF BREVITY.

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—Spring's approaching. —Next Thursday's Fair day. —Roads are almost impassable. —Gardening will soon commence. —Begins to look more like spring. —The Scott Act in another month. —Fresh eggs are very scarce again. —The frogs are preparing to pucker. —One quarter of the year gone already. —The skating rink is now at a discount. —Now is the time to advertise spring goods. —Look out for "April Fool's" on Saturday. —Better sold here for 25 cents per pound last week. —Board of Education meets next Monday evening. —Good Friday on April 7th, Easter Sunday on the 9th. —Friday next week is Good Friday. A public holiday. —New spring goods at B. Hallett's. See adv. next week. —You'd better not try to pick up that quarter on Saturday. —Nearly every body is complaining of colds and sore throats. —The material for the new town hall is being laid on the ground. —It is not the powder used by a young lady that makes her hair bang. —Keep your eyes open on the 1st April. If you don't you'll get them opened for you. —Our subscription list is fast rolling up to big numbers. Only 75 cents to 1st Jan., 1883. —Mr. George Garret is erecting new fences around his property on Church street. —Merchants desiring to send out Spring Announcements can obtain a stylish and neatly printed circular at this office. —O'Burke will be the third man hanged in Halton County for murder since the County was set apart as a Judicial County in 1853. —The hand stand has been removed from its position on Wilcox street. We hope it will be again erected in some central place in town. —Rev. W. W. Dawber, of Guelph, has been assisting Rev. J. H. Love in the special services in the Baptist Church, during the week. —The Free Press staff are anxious to sample some of the new maple sugar, and would like some of the kind hearted farmers to give them a chance. —Lives of wealthy men remind us, that by using printer's ink, we can die and leave behind us monstrous piles of "clunk." Business men, think of this. —The roads still remain in a very bad state, and consequently business is not very brisk. There will be a rash as soon as the warm weather dries up the roads a little. —Mr. D. L. Shultz, of Rockwood, has been appointed Clerk of the Third Division Court of the county of Wellington, in place of Henry B. McCarthy, of Rockwood, resigned. —Robert Coulson, of Rockwood, has sold his farm of 200 acres to James Gray, Elora, for \$3,000. John Fielding has also sold his 100 acre farm, lot 18, con. 2, Eden, to Jas. Webb, Springville. —Reader, if you have a neighbor who does not take the Free Press, please let them look at this number—and suggest that it is only \$1.00 a year, with a copy of the "Treatise on the Horse" free. —There was no need for the two young fellows who went home with the one girl last Sunday evening to fight over her, for, if we can believe her own words, she had no desire for the company of either. —The semi-annual season of house-cleaning commences on space, and the enterprising house-keeper has already outlined the plan of action and mentally mapped out the necessary charges for the blooming summer. —Mr. John Wallace, proprietor of the Wallace House, Milton, died on Saturday. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and the body was interred at Toronto. Mr. Wallace was at one time a resident of Acton. —Archie McTavish, one hundred and six years of age, arrived in Toronto from Acton on Thursday. —Guelph Mercury. No he didn't, friend Mercury, begging your pardon for the contradiction. It was Angus McDonald. —Dr. Herod, Guelph, had Chas. Strange, Rockwood, arrested for breach of the highway act. Strange was dismissed, and the doctor paid \$4.90 costs, with the alternative of one day in jail. The doctor will probably hold an inquest. —Hamilton Spectator. —Owing to the pressure of job work it was impossible for us to be present at the wedding of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Queen Victoria's youngest son, last Monday. The prince had his happy bride will kindly accept this as an apology for our absence. —Why is the same old common sense should any person who is doing well in Ontario rush off to Manitoba? There is no one thing about Manitoba equal to the same in Ontario. Already the man has taken from this Province thousands of good customers, and tens of thousands of dollars of capital.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A collection of local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. RETURNED.—Messrs. Donald McTavish and Paul Kennedy returned from the province last Saturday evening. ACTON, ONTARIO.—Five thousand dollars Village of Acton & bestures are offered for sale. Acton is entirely free from debt, and her debentures should sell at a respectable premium. COMPLIMENTARY.—A complimentary supper was given by the officers of the 50th Battalion "Lorne Rifles" to Col. Murray, of Esquevach, at the Wallace House, Milton, a couple of weeks ago. —FOR MANITOBA.—Mr. John Bennett, of the Royal House, Mr. T. Home, wife and children, and Mr. James McKenzie and wife, and two children, left last Thursday for the North-West. MEMORIAL CARDS.—Now in stock at the FREE PRESS office, fourteen varieties of Memorial cards, of beautiful design and finish. The cards are put at so low a figure that they are within the reach of everyone. —"Our Little Ones", for April is to hand, and as usual is replete with beautiful illustrations and pleasing anecdotes for the little folks. Send 15 cents to the Russell Publishing Co., Boston, for a sample copy. —There are some men in our town, and they are wondrous wise, they promptly pay their paper bills, and also—advertise; and while they reap a thousand fold, the foolish ones stand by and say, "We, too, might win the gold, but we're afraid to try." ENTERTAINMENT.—The entertainment given in Bannockburn School on Friday evening was a success in every respect. The attendance was large, the programme in interesting, the proceeds sufficient for all requirements, and the pupils are happy. PELPIT VS. PRESS.—The relative merits of the pelpiti and press will form the subject for discussion at the regular meeting of the Y. M. M. I. Association this evening. The subject is an interesting one, and all the members are requested to be present. —Look out for the new advertisement of Messrs. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown, next week. The Mammoth announces \$25,000 worth of the choicest and cheapest new spring goods in the country. Bargains are offered in every department. FOR BRANDON.—Five car loads of emigrants' effects left here by the N. & N. W. Railway last night for Brandon. Among those who left with the train were Messrs. James Hume and J. Sherwood.—Milton News. NEW DWELLING.—Mr. Ferguson has removed the small house on his property, on Lakes street, about thirty feet nearer Elgin street, and intends erecting a new residence on the site formerly occupied by the small house. Another job for our carpenters. LOYALTY.—Is it not time that some more was made in the matter of celebrating the next birthday of Her Majesty. A certain amount of money will be spent that day and Acton may as well reap the benefit as outside places. Who will make the first move? SMALL FOX.—A number of our citizens have got the small fox. —Now, don't get excited. Give us a chance to finish the sentence. They have undoubtedly got the smallest under consideration, and are getting vaccinated to avoid any closer acquaintance with the disease. ATHLETIC GROUND.—Athletic games are making up. If the Village Council would only think themselves rich enough to purchase a plot of two or three acres somewhere in or near the village, where athletic games could be indulged in, they would receive the everlasting benedictions of the young folks. GOOD SALES.—Last week Mr. R. Craine sold a splendid piano, of the Dominion Organ Co.'s make, to Mr. James Wilds, of Berlin, formerly of this village, and this week he shipped one to a purchaser in Galt. Mr. Craine is doing a good business in pianos and organs, and we are glad to see him meet with such success. PICTURESQUE CANADA.—Parts five and six of Picturesque Canada have been delivered in Acton and vicinity. These numbers sustain the excellent reputation won by the first four numbers issued, and are very interesting in every respect. We feel no hesitancy in saying that the work when completed will be the finest of the kind ever published in America. The list of subscribers here is large, and all are highly pleased with the work. NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.—Tenders are asked for the erection of the new school house for section No. 12, the section formed by the withdrawal of the rural portion from Acton School Division. The school will be erected on the south west corner of Mr. Chas. Davidson's farm, adjoining the corporation limits, and will be a substantial red brick building with white brick trimmings. The plan is a very good one and the building will be neat and convenient. —Spring is the time for sowing. In the city women sew shirts at forty five cents per dozen. In the city, also, the wicked sow tares and reap tears. And every where in the springtime men sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. Spring is a season much sung about by poets. It is a season that moves people—especially about the 1st of May. It is the season for raising things. The first thing generally raised in the spring is the rent. After that comes spring radishes and greens. WASHINGTON.—We clip the following from the Christian Guardian: "Sunday, March 19th: will be a day long to be remembered at the old Washington appointment of the C. M. Church, on account of the outpouring of God's spirit manifested toward us. A glorious revival commenced on Sabbath, March 12th, and continued during the week. Special services were held every night by Brother B. Hobbs, assisted by Brother Thomas A. Moore, of the Belmont Circuit. Already eighteen have repented, the prayer of God's child has been answered. A follow-up meeting was held on the 19th inst., when fifty-two testified to the saving power of the cross."

EXAMINATIONS.—The public school examinations held last Friday was a success. The children showed very plainly by their answers as well as the scribe work, that their teachers had been most painstaking in their instructions. The several departments acquitted themselves very creditably. The attendance of visitors was very fair, but the trustees were, as usual, conspicuous by their absence. OUR CENTENARY.—Mr. Angus McDonald, the centenarian, left Acton last Thursday for Uxbridge. He has been living with Mr. George Elliott for some time past, but owing to his removal to Manitoba the old gentleman will now reside with friends in Uxbridge. Mr. McDonald celebrated his 105th birthday on the 18th of February, he having been born in Ilay, Scotland, in 1777. He has been totally blind about 17 years, but is otherwise hale and hearty. HOUSES WANTED.—We are not certain that Peter X., of the Berlin News, wrote the following item for Acton, at any rate it illustrates the condition of affairs in Acton as well as Berlin:—"Inquiries for houses to rent are very numerous just now. Some people actually talk of moving out of town for the want of proper house accommodations. This matter should be taken hold of by those who have means, and the want at once supplied. Would that we had some of the houses here which are empty in other towns and cities." THE ACTON FREE PRESS SAYS:—"Acton Village Council contains the full number of members at last." Glad to hear it. Now keep clear of having a number of "full" members.—Oakville Express. We'll do our best Mr. Express to keep them straight, but we don't anticipate a very big job, as the Scott Act comes in force you know, in another month. We fancy, however, we hear some citizen say, "You didn't succeed in keeping them from getting 'full' last year." Well, perhaps not, but you see we were not there that night. THE EXODUS.—Last Thursday morning a special went through Acton at 7 o'clock, consisting of 14 cars of stock and implements, and about 100 passengers; also at 8:45 another special with three cars of horses, two of oxen, two of pigs, eleven loaded with miscellaneous goods, and one coach with over 100 persons on board destined for Manitoba. At 11:30 a special with 850 passengers and 9 cars of emigrants goods, and at 12 o'clock another with 18 cars of stock, etc., with one coach containing 100 passengers passed through for the same destination. SACRED CONCERT.—A sacred concert will be given by the choir of the Catholic Church, Guelph, in the Congregational Church, Acton, next Monday evening, in aid of the Catholic Church here. This excellent choir will sing Hynd's "Stevens of Our Lord on the Cross," and Rossini's "Solemn Hymn of Triumph," both of which are said to be sacred music of no ordinary character. The members of the Catholic Church have taken possession of the vacant Congregational Church and will, we are informed, hereafter hold their services there. CANADA GLOVE WORKS.—This manufactory, the largest of the kind in the Dominion, is rapidly extending its business, and from the superior quality of its productions, they are becoming more popular with the merchants of Canada every day. Not only are the merchants in the neighboring towns and cities supplied with goods manufactured by Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, Acton, but the order books of the establishment show the names of large wholesale customers in all parts of Canada. To give our readers an idea of the extent of this business, we might mention that orders have been received during the past week or so from Winnipeg amounting to upwards of \$10,000. One merchant alone ordered \$5,112 worth of gloves, mitts, etc. Other large orders up in the thousands from the Lower Provinces have lately been received, and the business continues to extend. About 140 persons are now employed in the factory and the pay sheet runs over \$400 per week. PERSONALS. We are glad to see that Mr. A. Hemstreet is able to be about again. Mrs. Thomas C. Moore visited her friends in Georgetown this week. Miss Augusta Nicklin spent a couple of days during the week with Georgetown friends. Miss Minerva Storey returned home from the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, on Monday. Mr. Donald Kennedy is spending a few days at his old home. He intends leaving for Winnipeg on Saturday. Mr. H. Cameron, Mrs. A. Stephenson, and Mrs. J. McLam, left on Tuesday to attend the funeral of a relative in Ripley. Mr. James A. Matthews, who has resided in Orangeville for some time past, spent a few days during the week in his native town. His newly wedded bride accompanied him. Mrs. Chas. Cameron, who has been lying dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs for the last three weeks at Dr. Morrow's, in Guelph, is slowly improving, and was able to be moved to the residence of Alfred Smith, Esq., on Tuesday. THE CRADLE. SCOTT.—In Toronto, on the 25th inst., the wife of Mr. W. H. Scott, watchmaker, of a son. BOLTON.—In Rockwood, on the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. George Bolton, of a daughter. THE ALTAR. MATTHEWS.—BROWN.—At Shelburne, on the 21st inst., at the M. E. parsonage, by Rev. S. A. Dean, Mr. James Matthews, of Acton, to Miss Mary Brown, of Shelburne. THE GRAVE. ALLAN.—In Acton, on the 25th inst., Robt. Allan sr., aged 62 years. MCFARLANE.—In Napanee, on the 20th inst., Douglas McFarlan, aged 65. WALLACE.—At Milton, on the 22nd inst., Mr. John Wallace, aged 74 years, of inflammation of the lungs.

I'M NOT GOING TO MANITOBA, GRAND DISPLAY OF SPRING TWEEDS AT THE EAST END CLOTHING STORE. Come and see them. J. FYFE, ACTON. KING OF THE DRY GOODS. Dishes, any color, any price, or any styles you want. Special attention given to the Provision line. Cash paid for Produce of all kinds. American Silver and Nickels taken at par for goods. GREEN SELLS CHEAP. CITY GROCERY A. W. GREEN. STILL ALIVE AT HUGHES & GRIFFIN'S. 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. BRING YOUR BABIES. Photographs taken instantaneously by the new process. "DRY PLATES," AT HILL'S STUDIO. N.B.—The largest stock of Frames in the county on hand. Kindly call and see our account as shown on our cards.

THE LION 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 Gros Grain Pure Italian silk, 6 1/2 yard length \$10.00 \$12.00 per yard. These goods are guaranteed from the lowest number to the highest to be of PURE SILK of EXCELLENT WEAVING QUALITIES, and for price the VERY BEST VALUE IN THE TRADE. We invite EVERY LADY to see them. SECOND—FULL RANGE of Spring Colors in a HEAVY GROS GRAIN SILK of excellent quality and value, and without doubt the best \$1.00 yard that will be offered by the Guelph or any other trade this season. THIRD—Full range of COLORED SUMMER SILKS from 40c to 80c 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 FURTS, from 60c per yard up. Cases of Canadian, English and AMERICAN BLENDING COTTONS, from 7c per yard up. Bales of HULLERS, PRIMA, CANNON, a full variety. Embroideries of every 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 COATINGS—all prices—English and Canadian COTTON-BLINDING, plain and fancy DUCKS and DENIMS, PILLOW COTTONS, TOWELINGS, TOWELS and TOWELINGS, and staples of every style. We have made an immense and special purchase of TWEEDS for our great \$1.00 suit, 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 misdeed, but simply says—and means it when he says it—that the size of stock, choice and variety, prices and value, courtesy and fair dealing, he exceeds any specimen of the genre known in this section of our fair Dominion at any time. We number new customers 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, PROP. SPRING STOCK NOW COMPLETE, Consisting of the latest and Most Fashionable Designs in English, Irish, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds and Worsteds. Parties wanting anything in my line can rely on receiving perfect satisfaction. A LARGE STOCK OF SPRING HATS to hand, comprising all the latest styles. CALL AND SEE THEM. BRING YOUR BABIES. Photographs taken instantaneously by the new process. "DRY PLATES," AT HILL'S STUDIO. N.B.—The largest stock of Frames in the county on hand. Kindly call and see our account as shown on our cards.

J. E. McGarvin's Account Against you will

be sent at once. Be ready to settle. I must have money to run the business.