

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

BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the staff of the press and released for readers of the Free Press.

The May flowers are blooming. A starry spring evening for a ramble. Improvement is now the order of the day. Council meeting on Tuesday evening next. Halton Spring Show at Milton to-morrow. The wild willow catkins are in full bloom. The ice cream parlors will soon be reopened. Gardening has commenced in real earnest. Spring cleaning has no terrors for the watchmaker. Spring plowing has become general in this vicinity. Mr. J. C. Hill is giving his new store a coat of paint. A very large trade was done by our merchants last Saturday. The mission in the Catholic Church closed on Sunday evening. Skating is no more. Fishing, boating and bathing are on the tapis. Local sportsmen are making arrangements for fishing excursions. Mr. W. P. Fryman, of Silver Creek, has taken up his residence in Acton. Parents, where is your boy to-night? Is he at home where he ought to be. April showers—Take your umbrellas with you when you go out these days. The straighter the whiskey the more crooked the walk. This is a real fact. Splendid spring shower yesterday. Nature is greatly revived in consequence. The blacksmiths are busy with the farmer's tools, preparatory to spring work. Mr. Robert Coulson, of Rockwood, fell the other day and broke his collar bone. Messrs. Joyce Bros., of Bronte, this year cleared about \$4,000 in their fishing industry. Don't speak a good word of your town if you can help it. The town will not thank you. You'd better not subscribe for a newspaper so long as you can borrow your neighbor's. The narrow forests on Sunday night were really beautiful. Did you observe the phenomena? Advertising is to business what food is to existence. It should be regular, adequate and varied. Mr. Jackson Cook, of Georgetown, formerly of this village, left last week for Minneapolis, Minn. The council is experiencing considerable trouble in appointing an assessor who will accept the office. Promulgation was much indulged in by the young folks on Monday evening while the band was playing. How did you like my new bonnet on Sunday? It is the general topic of conversation among the ladies now. What about a pile of ground suitable for athletic games and sports for the youthful population of the village. The summer season of the Agricultural College, Guelph, opened yesterday, with a large attendance of students. Col. Allen is removing his fence to the limits granted by the council in lieu of the street allowance from his property. Parents who never think it is worth while to visit the public schools, make a grave mistake in neglecting this duty. Don't refuse to believe every lie you hear about your neighbor, and don't fail to report the same to everybody you meet. Mr. W. E. Adams has made arrangements with Mr. T. Shogge to carry on his pump business during his absence in Manitoba. A company of young folks, through the hospitality of Mr. Alex. H. Brown, enjoyed a maple taffy-pull on Tuesday evening. Every house and shop in town is tenanted now. We will soon have to adopt North West tactics to accommodate new comers. Messrs. Hughes & Griffin have put a couple of very neat blinds on their front windows. They also sport new window fixtures. The tailors are all busy on spring suits. The styles are much the same as last year, except that a few dollars in the pockets are now fashionable. Our village capitalists could make no more profitable investment than to erect business blocks and tenement houses—not even in Winnipeg property. Isn't it time the chairman of the Street and Sidewalk Committee had a man or two engaged in cleaning up the street. Make our little town as tidy as possible. The beautiful weather Sunday tempted many out to enjoy the sunshine and view the signs of approaching spring. Many of the usual summer resorts were visited, and pedestrians could be met at all places. Swimming on the front gate is fashionable once more, but our boys here are not very fond for that kind of thing. But come to think of it there are two or three gates on Mill and Main streets that are sadly in need of "prope."

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

FRAM BOLD.—Mr. W. McKee, Neamagweys, has sold his farm, lot 88, con. 11 to Mr. Chas. Rennie, lately from Scotland, for \$4,000 cash. THE PULPIT.—Educational sermons will be preached on Sunday next, in the Methodist Church, by Rev. J. W. Freeman, B. A., of Rockwood. CHEAP POSTAGE.—There is a movement on foot for lowering the rate of letter postage, throughout the United States and Canada, to two cents. SAW MILLA BURNED.—The mill at St. Catharines, belonging to Messrs. McCraney & Son, of Oakville, were burned last week. Loss \$12,000. Partially insured. ASSASSIN.—Mr. A. A. Secord, M. P., has been appointed assessor for this municipality for the year, vice Mr. Hemmatt resigned. He will enter upon his duties at once. GOOD PROPERTY.—We are informed that Dr. Fox, of Hornby, purchased some Manitoba land about two years ago for \$1,800, and sold it the other day for \$35,000.—Champion. NEW TYPE.—A large quantity of new job type has been added to our stock this week. The FREE PRESS is determined to keep abreast of the times and always endeavor to excel in job work. NEW GROCERY.—Mr. T. H. Harding has opened a new stock of groceries and provisions, in the brick store opposite Agnew's hotel. The stand is a good one, and Mr. Harding will no doubt do a successful business. ADDRESS.—Mr. C. W. Hill is putting up an addition to his residence on Bowyer Avenue, and Mr. A. Stauffer is doing the same on Elgin street, and Mr. W. Ismond is erecting an addition to his house on John street. A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—Mr. W. H. Grant, of this village, has received an appointment from the C. P. R. Syndicate as land valuator in the North West, at a very remunerative salary. Mr. Grant left for Winnipeg yesterday. MESSRS. CURTIS, HENDERSON & CO. Show a splendid stock of Millinery. With their new show room and increased staff of assistants they are able to meet all the requirements of the public. They invite inspection of their goods. VERY NATURAL.—It is just as natural for the reader of a newspaper to buy from those parties who advertise therein as it is for children to follow a parade of soldiers. The simple fact of seeing a thing every day has an irresistible attraction. TENDENTS.—We understand that there is a movement on foot for the organization of a job lot company which will erect a number of neat and comfortable dwelling houses. The idea is a good one and will, if carried out, meet with success. REAL ESTATE CHANGES.—Mr. Alex. Secord has purchased the property on Bowyer Avenue, from Mr. J. B. Watson. Mr. W. Overton has sold his property on Main street to Mr. James Conly, of Neamagweys, who intends taking up his residence in Acton. TRESPASSING.—A number of boys started a fire in Mr. Hemmatt's swamp on Sunday, which caused considerable damage and required some hard work before it could be extinguished. Mr. Hemmatt warns all parties against trespassing on his premises in future. NEW FIRM IN MILTON.—Messrs. R. L. Hemmatt & J. M. Bessudo have purchased the general store of Mr. John Smith, Milton, and will hereafter carry on business in the same stand under the firm name of Hemmatt & Bessudo. We wish the young men every success in their venture. IMPROVING.—We are glad to see that Mr. J. E. Ellis' foot has so far recovered that he will soon be able to resume his work. We are also informed that Mr. John Gordon, jr., who cut his foot so badly while chopping in the bush a few weeks ago, is getting along as well as could be expected. A MEAN PRACTICE.—With the resumption of gardening operations, the practice of throwing rubbish, such as branches of trees, bones, etc., into the street, is again indulged in. Those who are anxious to have our village present a neat and tidy appearance will abstain from this indecent practice. FLOUR AND FEED STORE.—Mr. R. Elliott, late head miller for Messrs. G. & E. Tolson, has opened a flour and feed store in the premises next to the Canada Glove Works, and will keep a full stock of flour, feed, etc. Mr. Elliott has had long experience in the business, and will no doubt do a paying trade in Acton. SUCCESSFUL.—We are always pleased to learn of the success of Acton boys, and this week it is very gratifying to us to be able to announce that Mr. W. H. McDonald, who has been attending Trinity Medical College, Toronto, for some time past, came off victorious at the head of his class, and winning the gold medal, at his final examination last week. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—It is not a bit too soon to determine what kind of a celebration, if any, we will have here on Queen's birthday. Next month will soon be changed to next week, and then it will be "tomorrow" and "to-day." What is it to be, gentlemen? Get to work, call a public meeting, appoint your committee, and proceed with the necessary preliminaries. NEWSPAPER AND BANK DIRECTORY.—We have received from the publisher, H. P. Hubbard, of New Haven, Conn., a copy of his Newspaper and Bank Directory of the World, which is one of the most complete works we have ever seen. It contains a complete list of all the newspapers and banks in the world, not omitting the most humble. The work is a Directory, a Magazine, an Encyclopedia, a typographical and biographical Dictionary and Atlas, all in one. It was a stupendous undertaking to bring out such a work, but it has been successfully accomplished, and two handsome volumes containing 2,000 pages is the result. THE ALYAN. BLACK-LAZER.—At the residence of the lady's father, on 11th April, by Elder J. L. Lofland, of Erin Centre, Mr. Thomas Black, eldest son of John Black, Esq., to Myra C., daughter of Wm. Laight, Esq., all of Erincentre.

Amateur pugilist.—There is no regular pugilist connected with a printing office, although sometimes when one of the hands makes a little pi he makes the forearm a little tart. BOARDERS.—All our citizens who can do so should prepare to take boarders, as there will be plenty of applications for lodgings when the South Act comes in force, and the hotels are looked up. Gather the harvest while you may. Our excellent brass band—champion of the county—succeeded our citizens on Monday evening, playing a number of splendid tunes in their usual good style, for which they have the hearty thanks of the villagers. Their music is much enjoyed, and we hope they will resume the weekly open air concerts during the summer months. BRANDON.—A private letter from Mr. A. E. Nicklin, Brandon, informs us that he is busily engaged, at good wages, and that he begins to feel at home in the North West. Al says "Brandon is going ahead very fast now, but after this summer you won't hear much about it." He thinks about going into business in Winnipeg. Mr. W. N. Snyder is also in Brandon, and doing well. WHERE TO PLANT SHADE TREES.—Shade trees are often planted too near dwellings and too thickly, so as to make the house dark, damp and cheerless. Large evergreens are very much out of place on the sunny side of the house, while they form an appropriate screen and wind-break along the cold and exposed sides of our buildings. Set out trees—it is a duty, but set them judiciously. FOR MANITOBA.—Mr. W. Stephenson, formerly of this village, passed through here on the G. T. R., on Monday, en route for the North West. Mr. Stephenson goes out as manager of the 12,000 acre Lewis farm near Emerson, taking with him a dozen men, 20 fine horses, the Stephenson Steam Plow, of which he is the inventor, a large number of cattle and pigs, and a quantity of seed grain exhibited at the Provincial fair last fall, which will be sown with a view especially of raising seed wherewith to plant the farm in due course. —The Brampton Banner says:—One of the young men who lately left here for Manitoba, after his arrival there went out to Portage La Prairie, and with a view of beginning business, made enquiry of the owner of a very small store what rent he wanted, and was started at the answer, "Six thousand dollars a year." The young man was going to Brandon; and if the like high scale existed there, he had made up his mind to buy a pair of overalls and go to work at \$3 a day. This is sensible as well as plucky. SCRIPPER PARTY.—On Tuesday evening of last week, a number of the friends and relatives of Mr. John McConnell, met at his residence to spend a social hour or so with him on the eve of his departure for Manitoba. During the evening a sumptuous repast was provided by the ladies of the company, which was enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in a social way, and before the friends dispersed a very appropriate address was read, and Mr. McConnell was presented with a purse containing a respectable sum of money. Mr. McConnell left on Thursday morning with the best wishes of all. CANADA'S NEW POST CARD.—A few of the new postal cards have passed through Acton post-office, but as yet the authorities have not received a supply. The card is somewhat longer and narrower than the original style, and more after the American pattern, and made of much better quality of card. There is no ruling upon the face of the card, and it bears the words, "the address to be written on this side," instead of "the address only to be written on this side of the card." The stamp is of an oval shape, and the card has no border. The card is neat, but we think could still be improved. It will, however, be a welcome change from the old ill-got-up card.

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