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BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the staff of the press and selected for the readers of the Free Press. Now for excursions. Local news are scarce. The day days are upon us. Fly traps are now in demand. Eggs which is ripening very fast. The painters are busy these days. The odor of new hay is in the land. Blue ball excitement is getting high. The strawberry season is about over. The season of excursions is hard at hand. Yet it's getting in some good solid work now. Refreshing showers on Tuesday after noon. Green grocers are doing a rushing business now. The hand boys are putting in full time these days. Cherries and raspberries will soon be in the market. Raspberry picking will commence in an older week. We are pleased to see Mr. S. Laird at his old post again. Mrs. Scott Act violation trials to be held in Milton to-day. Complaints about cows running at large at night are frequent. The dust has been almost unbearable during the past week. Mr. D. Callaway, of Shelburne is visiting his friends here. Visitors to Acton are quite taken up with our handsome little town. Of course we all vote at the next election. If we do have to pay for it. The farmers in this vicinity are now in the midst of their haying operations. Elder A. Anderson, of Hamilton, preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday. The town hall should be completed in a little more than two months. Will it? Strenuous efforts are being made to form a young men's Co-operative Association in Milton. A supernumerary to King Indian can pass our citizens for "a few little moose" on Monday. Messrs. Speight and McLam have turned out a number of second-hand market wagons lately. The new school house of S.S. No. 12, is each-day and singing. Mr. J. Cameron is pushing the work forward. BOSTON PAPERS.—Mrs. P. Green, of Boston, Mass. has our thanks for a budget of that city's daily papers. The express delivery wagon of Mr. E. Matthews came to grief opposite this office on Tuesday, by the loss of a tire. The swimming season is now in full blast, and the splendid school boys are daily enjoying the water, like a lot of young ducks. NOTICE.—All accounts not settled on or before Saturday evening next, 23rd inst., will be placed in court for collection. D. LAWSON. A reputations once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was.—Josh Billings. Every subscriber who pays on his subscription before the end of July will receive a copy of the paper celebrated "Kendal's Treatise of the Horse," free. It's pleasant living in the country at this season. Nature has now put on its forest-dress, and the landscape, the farm and the garden all appear rejuvenated. Messrs. E. S. and H. S. Bailliven leave for Qu'Appelle, N. W. T. this morning. Geo. Smith, Esq., Mayor, accompanies them on a trip.—Milton Champion. Is referring to Milton the News says:— "Let us have some life and activity; the town seems to be asleep." If you want to see a lively little town in your own county, just pay Acton a visit. The citizens of Acton will always be found liberal toward manufacturers of any kind who desire to locate here, and will do all in their power to make it a profitable and a reasonable rate. A good newspaper is like a good dinner—the locals are the soup, the news the fish, the editorials the meat, and wit and humor the dessert. Such we endeavor to make the FREE PRESS, and our readers say we succeed. A USHER CHURCH BELL.—While deploring the fact the other day that there was no bell in town to call our citizens to divine service, a citizen suggested that the several churches in town make arrangements to have their preaching services commence at the same hour and secure the congregation at Church bell, and a man to ring it. Could this suggestion be satisfactorily carried out to the mutual benefit of all concerned. SAD ACCIDENT.—We are pained to learn that a most serious and painful accident has occurred during the past week to Mr. James McGregor, sr., who went out to Muskoka this spring to select land. By some means Mr. McGregor had his leg badly fractured, and the Whapping surgeons decided that it was necessary to amputate the limb. This was done and a telegram was received by his friends here on Monday evening to the effect that it was doubtful if he would recover. His son, John McGregor, left on Tuesday morning for Whapping.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. MACHINE OIL.—A few gallons of extra good machine oil for sale at this office. HAIR WORK.—W. Kelly, hairdresser, makes a specialty of ladies' hair switches and curls. Give him your combings. SEND YOUR NAME.—If "Committee," of Nassagaweya, will so do us his name we will insert his communication. Not otherwise. FOOT INTERED.—One day last week Mr. Dennis Wardell had his left foot badly bruised while loading stone at Christie's Quarries. He is now about on crutches. FOR MANTONA.—Messrs. Duncan Campbell and Peter Iles left here for their homes in Mantona last Thursday. They took with them a quantity of stock, implements, etc. CHEAP EXCURSION.—A cheap excursion to Detroit and Chicago, over the G. T. R., is announced for next Tuesday, 25th. Fare to Detroit and return from Guelph, \$2.50 to Chicago, \$3.00. ASTRONOMY.—The lecture on astronomy to the Baptist Church on Thursday evening, by Rev. W. P. Hatfield, was much enjoyed by those present. The attendance was not as large as it might have been. ICE CREAM PARLOR.—The Excelsior Bakery is now well supplied with all delicacies. Confectionery of all kinds, nuts, figs, dates, biscuits, cakes, &c. Ice Cream all ways on hand and supplied by the dish or quart. FLIES AND SKIPPERS.—A good deal was heard during the election campaign about "flies on the wheel," and "skippers in the chinee." This was theory, but now we realize the practical part of the fly and skipper business. SILVER WEDDING.—On Tuesday Mr. W. H. Storey and wife celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. In the evening the brass band accompanied them at their residence, and in return were most hospitably treated by Mr. Storey and family. STRAWBERRY THIEVES.—Several young men entered Mr. D. Keapley's premises at an early hour on Sunday morning, and helped themselves in his patch of strawberries. They were seen and are known, and may yet have to pay dearly for their stolen feast. MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Thos. Wilson, a laborer living near Hornby, was tried before Jas. Lindsay and R. S. Hall, Esqs., J. P.s., on Monday the 19th inst., for assaulting his wife. He was found guilty and fined \$4 and costs, which amounted in all to \$7.65. THE FARMER'S PROSPECT.—The present prospects of the farmers in this vicinity may be summed up as follows:—Good fall wheat, good spring wheat, good barley, good rye, good peas, good oats, good hay, good roots, good fruit crop. Who shouldn't be thankful! SUCCESSFUL.—Mr. W. T. Smyth, of this village, teacher of S.S. No. 13, Esquimaux, Miss Margaret Harris, No. 17, Trafalgar, and Miss Annie McQuarrie, of the West Burlington Public School, recently passed the Second Class Examinations at the Normal School, Toronto. IS IT LEGAL.—We have been several times of late asked if it is legal for people to tether calves, &c., on the streets. We refer these inquiries to the village council, but would say of the practice that it is as any thing but cleanly, and is most annoying to the citizens in whose vicinity they are tethered. KINDLY TREATED.—The bad boys are led in to the prisons of the Orangemen for the very respectable way they used them on the 22nd inst. They paid them a very liberal sum for their day's playing, paid their expenses during the day, and treated them on their return home to one of Mr. Robt. Agnew's excellent suppers. SUICIDE AT MILTON.—Mrs. Vaughan, an old woman of Milton, who has been suffering from a brain affection, committed suicide about noon on Tuesday, by drowning herself in Martin's pond. She took off her slippers, stockings, and bonnet, and deliberately jumped into the water. The coroner was called, but did not think it necessary to hold an inquest. DROWNED.—A Guelph young lady Miss Belle Ritchie was drowned at Arkell on Friday, by the accidental capsizing of a boat containing several persons. Miss Ritchie was in her 21st year, and was on the eve of her marriage to the younger man who was with her in the boat. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. INTRUDER.—One day last week Mrs. A. Matthews, sr., was tripped by a broken plank in the sidewalk, and in falling received a black eye and a number of minor bruises. Were it not that the village council are having the sidewalks repaired as speedily as possible we would feel it our duty to treat them with considerable stern reproach, but at present we must say they are undeserving of any harshness on our part. SOCIAL.—The ice cream social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, at the residence of Mr. James Matthews, on Tuesday evening, was very largely attended. The band played a number of splendid tunes, the ice cream was excellent, the company seemed to enjoy themselves, and the proceeds were very satisfactory. We understand that several other socials will be held during the coming month or so. SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—A Church of England Sabbath School Festival, under the auspices of the Lord Bishop of Niagara, will be held at the Brant House, Burlington, on Thursday, July 27th. A large number of Church of England Sabbath Schools will participate. St. Alban's, Acton, among the number. Cheap excursions will be given over several of the Railways. The rate for adults is 25 cents, and for children 15 cents. From Georgetown 75 cents and 25 cents. A special coach will be provided for Acton, and trains will connect in returning. It is understood that all who wish—outside of the school—may join the excursion.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday morning Mr. J. P. Worden, Sawyer for Mr. T. Moore, met with an accident by which he lost a portion of the second finger of his left hand. Mr. Worden was sawing shingles, and while shooting a block up to the saw a knot caught in the teeth causing the block to turn, and his finger came in contact with the saw. The flesh on the inside of the finger was torn off and the finger was badly lacerated. The escape from more serious injury of the hand is almost a miracle. THE "GRIP-SACK" IS OUT.—We have received from the publishers a copy of this new Comic Annual, the first thing of the kind ever attempted in Canada. In Typographical appearance it would do credit to any London or New York house, while in literary and artistic contents it is decidedly superior to any of the numerous publications of the day. It is profusely illustrated in Gripe's best vein, and contains two full-page pictures printed in colors. Amongst the many good things in the table of contents we may specify Mr. Baugh's burlesque narrative of adventure, entitled "Baron Munc ansen, jr., in Manitoba," as particularly worth-reading. The Grip-Sack may be had at any bookstore for 25 cents. STURMIS.—Since last issue the G. T. R. authorities have put in a crane at the Mill street crossing, where, we are informed, they now slash their logs, &c. This is an improvement on the practice of slushing at the lower tank, but there is still great necessity for improvement. The dirty water from the filthy stock cars is now washed down into Mill street and runs over the street to the very doors of residents. At a trifling expense a sewer could be put in which would carry the disgusting filth underground where it would not assault the nostrils of citizens who may be compelled to frequent this part of the village. We trust the village authorities will see that this matter is at once attended to by the G. T. R. REEVE SMITH'S GENEROSITY.—On Thursday evening the members of Acton Brass Band enjoyed a most excellent ice cream and strawberry tea at the hands of Reeve Smith and his estimable lady. The tables, which were on the beautiful lawn, were spread very beautifully with good things, to which the boys did ample justice. During the evening the band played a number of pieces and our citizens say their music never sounded better. The host and hostess did their utmost to make the boys enjoy themselves, and from the account given by the gentlemen comprising the band, they were successful in every particular. Before leaving Mr. Smith handed Mr. Hill a bank bill of a respectable amount. The evening was most pleasantly spent by those participating. In the above example was more frequently followed in reference to the band they would feel more like giving their excellent free open air concert. THEIR EXPERIENCE.—On Saturday morning four local ninnyrods left the busy crowded streets of our enterprising little town, bright and early, for a day in the country to be spent in capturing "speckled beauties" in a cool and sparkling stream a few miles distant. The party reached the scene of their operations in due time, and immediately set to work to tempt the wary trout. The success of the fishermen was very fair, and they continued to wander along the banks of the shady stream for several hours until it was suggested that they should find it where they were. This was proceeded with when, lo and behold, no way out of the tangled underbrush could be found until the party had wandered to and fro for an hour or so, when they came in sight of a wheat field about a hundred yards from the point where their wanderings had commenced. This may be accounted for when it is known that the party were outside of Scott Act territory, and were probably, on this account, irresponsible for their wanderings. The party arrived home early in the afternoon thoroughly tired out, and possessing appetites to astonish their friends. Their joint catch amounted to about ten dozen. "You'll never catch me there again, though," they say. BASE BALL. On Friday afternoon a base ball match was played between sides picked from the residents and business men of Mill street. The game was an interesting one, and the sixth side players were victorious. Mr. D. McLaughlin ably acted as umpire. The following is the score: SOUTH. Runs. Outs. W. Williams, p. 4 4 A. Marlett, s. 4 2 A. E. Matthews, lb. 4 3 C. W. Marlett, c. 5 1 J. R. Hughes, 2b. 3 4 F. H. Smyth, r.f. 3 4 Geo. Hynds, 3b. 5 2 F. Seord, l.f. 4 3 Jos. Worden, c.f. 2 4 Total 34 27 NORTH. Runs. Outs. M. Seord, p. 4 3 W. Storey, 3b. 1 5 H. White, c. 4 1 H. Jenner, c.f. 2 2 J. E. McGarvin, s. 2 4 G. C. Clark, lb. 4 1 E. Hemstreet, l.f. 1 4 C. W. Hill, 2b. 1 4 J. McRae, r.f. 2 3 Total 21 27 Majority for South, —13 runs. At the conclusion of the game a beautiful repast, prepared by Mr. James Campbell, was partaken of, and of course the North boys paid for it. A game between south Mill street and Main street was commenced on Tuesday, but owing to the rain was not completed. At the fifth inning the score was 8 to 13, in favor of Mill street. The game was completed yesterday afternoon, and was won by Mill street, by six runs. The married and single men play a game on Friday afternoons. THE CRADLE. LA PAVINE.—At Christie's Quarries, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. Harry La Pavine, of a daughter.

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