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BITS OF BREVITY.

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

August—Bizarry. Pickers are raving. Are you a cricketer? The tassel's on the corn. This is jolly and jam time. Very little fall wheat is under cover yet. The raspberry crop is a good one this year.

It wasn't so paying a call as usual, eh, doctor. Board of Education meets next Monday evening. The ice cream parlors are well patronized these days. The brick work of the new town hall has been commenced.

The rain has considerably retarded the harvesting operations. The rain of the past few days will greatly improve the root crops. The masons are busy at the Building Association's new houses. There's quite an army of bricklayers and masons in town at present.

The voters list of this municipality for 1882 will be issued in a few days. The rain was welcomed if it was only to settle the almost unbearable dust. Tuesday, the 15th August, will be celebrated by Milton as a civic holiday. The Town Hall Debentures have been disposed of to private capitalists at par.

Woodcock shooting commenced on Tuesday, 1st August. Sportsmen, keep your eyes open. The days are now perceptibly shorter, and in the woods we miss the constant song of the birds. Acton Building Association will meet on Monday evening, 14th inst., to elect directors, etc.

When farmers come to town these days you may depend upon it something has gone wrong with that new reaper. This month is "Crowded with the sickle and the wheat sheaf, while Autumn, nodding o'er the yellow plain, comes jivral on." Tuesday, August 1st, was Emancipation day. It was celebrated in great style throughout the country by the colored people.

The Watford Advertiser has again changed hands and will now be carried on by Edw. Devine & Co. The Advertiser is a first-class local paper. Large numbers of our subscribers are calling to pay up their subscriptions for another year, but still there should be many "more to follow."

A "study resident" complains of a broken plank in the crossing at the corner of Mill and Willow streets, and advises the council to have it replaced. Milton pleasure grounds is monopolizing a good many picnics and excursions this year. It is a tidy, attractive, and beautifully situated grove.

A little boy who had been used to receiving his elder brother's old toys and clothes remarked, "Ma, will I have to marry his widow when he dies?" Almost every day crowds of children—and some of the older heads, too—may be seen wending their way to the various berry patches in the vicinity.

PERSONALS.

—Miss Aggie Allan is visiting friends in Glencoe. —Miss Mary Etta Matthews is visiting friends in Kingston. —Miss Tacey Reid, is at home spending her summer vacation. —Mr. Thos. T. Moore spent several days this week in Vaughan, York Co. —Mrs. M. Kennedy and Master Johnnie Deary are visiting friends in Beverly. —Mr. C. B. Griffin returned from his trip to Chicago and points in Wisconsin on Tuesday. —Mr. John Cunningham, Jr., and his sisters, Miss M. M. and Miss A. A., of Bernice, visited their friends here on Tuesday.

Montserrat Lime Fruit Juice at J.E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton, Ont.

Monthly fair to-day. Pleasant after the rain. Considerable hay to cut yet. Raspberry pickers are busy. The harvest is reported good. Berry picking is now the order of the day.

The Post Office is decorated with evergreens. \$5 bill lost—see advertisement in another column. Acton possesses some fine specimens of horseflesh. Cucumbers and cabbages—doctors wearing a broad smile. Promoters will soon plane down the new sidewalks. New potatoes are plentiful now, and the price greatly reduced.

The thermometer indicated 94° in the shade on Thursday last. Our streets and sidewalks are now in a very creditable condition. Some folks say hogs, (barrel, of course,) are an unbearable nuisance. Municipal holidays are now being announced by our sister towns. The Zoo has added a Royal Bengal tiger to its long list of different animals.

There is a possibility of getting too much of the good thing these warm Sundays. This month the weather may be hot; be duly thankful if it's not.—Grip's Almanac. T. Holliday, of Guelph, was fined \$10 and costs the other day, for selling beer to minors. That notorious small boy says he believes he would rather go to school than go berry picking.

Harvest apples have not yet made their appearance in Acton this season. They are later than usual. Some of our citizens have discovered to their cost that a street watering cart would be a great benefit to our village. Guelph civic holiday will be held on the 15th August. The Woodbine races take place at Toronto on the same day.

A number of boys have the very bad but habit of congregating in and about the post office every evening. Take the hint, boys. The potato bug has not done much damage in this vicinity this season, but in Nova Scotia they are reported to be unusually lively. A judge has recently declared that a man's residence is where he gets his washing done. This is hard on the average bachelor.

Farmers in this vicinity are paying from \$2 to \$3.50 per day for harvest hands, and say that they find it difficult to get men at these prices. Small-pox has made its appearance in Wainipeg, brought by immigrants, but the health officers have it fully under control, and expect to stamp it out.

We notice that some of our citizens persist in tethering their calves, etc., on the streets. Have the guilty parties not seen the "Notice to cow owners?" Last Sunday a clergyman subverted his remarks because "the congregation was not in trim for much talk."—E. We are acquainted with one who didn't.

REPTILES.—The village registrar informs us that the number of births, marriages, and deaths, in this municipality for the half year ending June 30th, are as follows: Births, 11; Marriages, 3; Deaths, 8. The Acton Free Press, having lately reached its 8th volume, is receiving considerable taffy from its neighbors on the occasion. We can tell "our experience," too. We think the Free Press a clever journal.—Burlington Plaindealer.

CHIEF PROTECTOR.—A newspaper under the vest makes a capital chief protector. The subscriber should take care, however, to select a paper on which there is nothing done. Dice creates dampness, and the wearer might catch cold therefrom. BITTEN.—A correspondent writes: "If when persons are bitten by dogs, snakes, or insects, they would apply a poultice of pounded raw onions it would soon draw all the poison from the wound. My mother, who is 86 years old, gives me this information."—E.

GRIMSBY CAMP MEETING.—The annual camp meeting at Grimsby opens on the 14th August, and will be continued till the 30th. The celebrated boy preacher, Rev. T. Harrison, Dr. Wild, and others, will be present at the opening; and on Sunday and Monday, 21st and 22nd, Rev. Dr. Talnage will address the meeting. DON'T KILL 'EM.—Don't kill the toads, the ugly toads, that hop around your door. Each meal the little toad doth eat a hundred bugs or more. He sits around with aspect meek until the bug is cleared, then shoots he forth his little tongue like lightning double gared. And then he soberly doth wink, and shut his ugly mug, and patiently doth wait until there comes another bug.

BARKS BURNED.—The barn of Mr. Allan Byers, who lives on the town line between Nelson and Trafalgar, was burned to the ground on Saturday evening, 22nd inst., about 10 o'clock. The barn was filled with new hay, and the loss will be about \$700, with but little insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of tramps. Only four days before, the barn of Mr. Levi King, four lots away, had been burned to the ground.—Champion.

PAY UP.—Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, "I'll sell the hat from off my head; I'll go without my daily bread; I'll let my children go unfed, and starve the dog, till he is dead; my hands of charity I'll spread, and up and down the street I'll tread, all avonion for aid I'll tread, and never pause till life is had; I'll work in constant fear and dread; I'll sell my clothing every sherd; I'll sell my house and rent a shed; but what I'll pay up every red I owe, unto the printer.—E. Yes there are men in every town, who take a paper the year round; but seldom take into their head to let the printer see a red.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.—The Customs duties collected at Guelph in July amounted to \$4,117.75.

FINDS.—R. Bennett, hotelkeeper, Georgetown, was fined last week \$50 and costs, for violation of the Scott Act.

RENT.—"I wish I were a little bird," a family man to sing was heard. Well, birds are free to this extent, no landlord bothers them for rent.

A SUCCESS.—The Church of England excursion to Burlington Beach was a success. Upwards of fifty went, from Acton and all enjoyed themselves very much.

AUCTION SALE.—Wood and Grain, on lot 28, con. 5, Englewood, Saturday, 19th Aug., the property of Elizabeth Miller. Sale at 2 o'clock. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

COLT KILLED.—A fine, thorough-bred colt, belonging to John White, Esq., of this town, ran against a plow in the barnyard last Friday, the handle penetrating its breast and killing it.—Milton Champion.

TRUSTEES.—The law requests pathmasters to see to it that no thistles are allowed to bloom within their districts. Any pathmaster who neglects to enforce the law may be fined \$20 each offence.

TRAMPS.—Now that farmers are willing to pay from two to two and a half dollars a day for labor, the impetuous tramp showeth not himself but sludith in the land where bread and brow-sweat do not come lying.

WHERE'S THE COW?—Don't know; perhaps in the pound. If so, prepare to yank out two dollars. That's what the owners of enterprising ows that go down to the station to see the trains come in, have to pay.—E.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—A man named John E. Stedford, a witness in the trial of R. Bennett, of Georgetown, for violation of the Scott Act, was committed for trial at the next assizes, for perjury. He was released on bail.

PRESS EXCURSION.—The Press Association will have its annual excursion on the 22nd August, and Wainipeg is its destination. What the editors will not know about the North-West by next September will scarcely be worth mentioning.

A DETECTIVE DETECTED.—A young man evidently anxious to gain a little cheap notoriety in the role of a whiskey detective, was pretty badly scared in one of our hotels here on Monday night. He certainly is out of his element in the detective business.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—The thirty-seventh Provincial Exhibition of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, will be held at Kingston, commencing on Monday, Sept. 18th, and continuing to Sept. 23rd. The prize list may be seen at this office.

PASTORAL CHANGE.—Rev. E. Robertson has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregational Church at Georgetown. The late esteemed pastor, Rev. Jos. Unsworth, recently resigned on account of ill-health, having been twenty-seven years connected as pastor with that congregation.

FACT.—Wouldn't it pay some of our local capitalists to form a Fruit Evaporating and Preserving Company here? This industry would be the means of guaranteeing a ready home market for fruit of all kinds, and would be a paying investment for the proprietors of such an establishment.

ITEMS SCARC.—The editor of the Georgetown Herald offers a dollar to any young lady, resident of Georgetown, who will eat seven dishes of ice cream within an hour. Are local news so scarce in Georgetown that he is anxious to create a sensational item by the superannuation of the lady who accepts his offer?

STREET CROSSINGS.—We believe it would be a very profitable investment for the council to build their street crossings with cedar blocks, similar to the pavements now being introduced so extensively by the cities. The cost would be a little more at first, but the work would be much more permanent. This matter should receive consideration.

CHECKER.—At the meeting of the members of the Acton Cricket Club, held last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected:—C. Smith, President; J. R. Hughes, Vice-President; Geo. Hynds, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee of management, Thos. Moore, J. B. Pagnon, Geo. Havill, W. C. King, Dr. Lowry, and Edw. Nicklin, Jr.

THE FRUIT CROP.—The latest official and other reports show that the apple and peach crops of Canada will be nearly a failure. This was to have been the "bearing year" both for apples and peaches. Apple blossoms were never thicker than this year, but nearly all fell off. The cold and chilly days of the latter part of spring are set down as one of the causes of the failure.

SECOND TO NONE.—For some time past Mr. J. E. McGarvin, druggist, has been making improvements to his premises, and they are now almost completed. The building has received a liberal coat of paint, both exterior and interior. The main shop has been considerably enlarged, the walls and ceilings have been kalsomined, and frescoed, a splendid mirror has been placed in the rear wall, and other improvements calculated to enhance the appearance of the shop, and accommodate the large and increasing business, have been executed, and we feel safe in saying that Mr. McGarvin's shop has now a finer appearance than any other of its kind in the county.

THE CRAB.—DEAN.—Is Elmir, on the 20th ult., the wife of Rev. G. W. Doss, of a son.

LOWRY.—In Acton, on the 24th ult., the wife of Dr. W. H. Lowry, of a daughter.

THE ALBANI.—HUGHES.—At Toronto, on the 1st inst., in the Sherborne St. Methodist Church, by Rev. S. J. Hunter, Mr. Richard F. Hughes, of Greenburg, for nearly of Acton, to Miss Laura A. Booth, eldest daughter of Wm. Booth, Esq., Huntsville.

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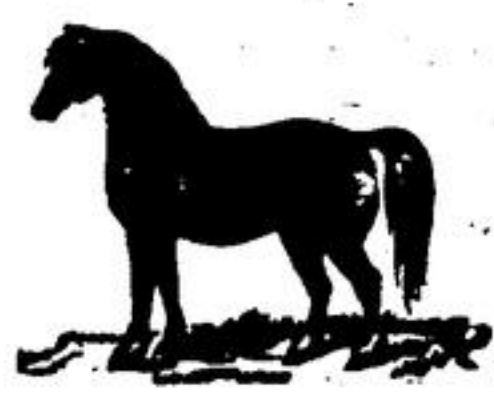
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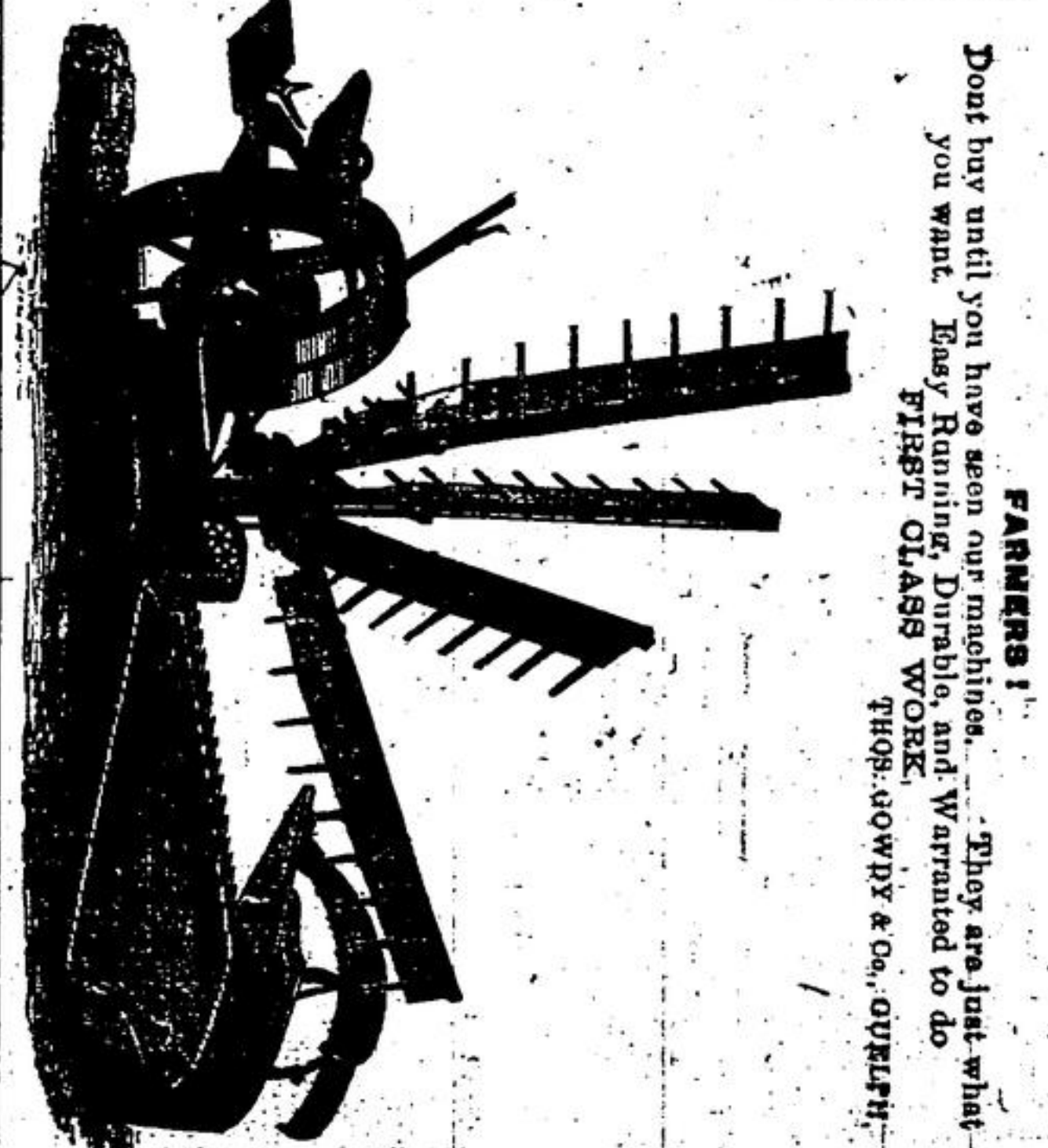
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