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BITS OF BREVIETY.

Local and otherwise prepared by the use of the pen and scalper for readers of the Free Press. Cool nights. Now for green corn. Hang the thermometer. Advertise your stray cattle. Rains have been frequent of late. Summer is fast fading into autumn. Sultry weather is in the ascendency. Nearly 100 in the shade on Sunday. The farmers have their hands full these days. The threshing machine will soon be busy. Five issues of the Free Press this month. Raspberries are selling for seven cents per pound. The house fly is now a nuisance almost unbearable. Even the reeve and village clerk play cricket now. That first load of wheat has not been delivered yet. A cherry year, a merry year, a plum year a dull year. August is the most pleasant month to spend at the seaside. Raspberries are scarce and consequently bring good prices. It's about time Acton was thinking about a civic holiday. New potatoes are declining in price and increasing in size. August gold is being gathered into the farmers' granaries. The brickwork of Mr. Thos. Ebbage's new house is completed. Regular meeting of the Village Council next Tuesday evening. Cheap excursions are announced to Grimby Camp Grounds this week. The roasting with brick of Mrs. R. Stone's residence has been completed. The holidays draw to a close and the school boys' face lengths accordingly. Anglers require to put in full time now, as the trout season closes in three weeks. Mr. Edward Dines has been laid up for two weeks with a felon on his right hand. Owing to the rain, the attendance at the churches on Sunday evening was very limited. Mr. James Moore is having the exterior walls of his new brick house painted and pointed. The spring grains and root crops have been greatly benefited by the rains of the past week. Send a copy of this week's Free Press to your distant friend. For three cents at this office. "If you see a man wanting work send him my way" is the prevailing cry with the farmers. The Erasmus fall show will be held in Rockwood on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12th and 13th. The heat on Sunday, during the morning especially, was most excessive, and it was difficult for citizens to feel comfortable in the churches. The band think of introducing several reed instruments, and thus swell their ranks to twenty musicians. Hunt up your school books, slates, pens, pencils, etc. and have them in readiness for next Monday. Hold on to your good name at all times, for it is of more value to you than gold, high places, or fashionable attire. Raspberries are in demand, but the supply is limited, notwithstanding the promise of a good crop a few weeks ago. Excursion to Toronto over the G.T.R. next Tuesday for \$1.00 return ticket, under the auspices of Guelph Mechanics' Institute. The several departments of the public schools have been thoroughly renovated and whitewashed, and now possess a very inviting appearance. The Directors of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association have decided to prohibit the exhibit of corns and other faneular requisites at the coming exhibition. An excursion to New York from Toronto is announced for Tuesday next. Fare, \$10.50 for return tickets. Also use to Chicago to-morrow and Saturday for \$8.50. Tickets good for ten days. The bricklayers are now busily engaged on the new town hall. They were of work several days this week waiting for the wind and door sills, but the building will now progress without further delay. There's a song which says that "every man's a barber," and there are a number of people in town who seem to think there was considerable shaving done at a certain social held in town one evening this week. Mr. James Goodall is making arrangements to remove his stock of boots and shoes into the shop recently occupied by Dr. Farver as a drug store. He will have considerably more room in these premises. A gentleman of this city, who has been exempted from taxation has handed to the directors of the General Hospital his check for \$129, it being the amount of his exemption. Will others do likewise?—Guelph Herald. The Guelph base ball boys sent a report of the match played here last Thursday for publication in the Toronto Mail. They neglected to do this after the two former matches, in which they were defeated by our boys.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. THANKS.—Mr. A. E. Nicklin has our thanks for copies of the Windsor, Free Press and Times. REASONED.—Mr. Peter McLean has resigned the position of head teacher of Millton Public School. OPEN AIR CONCERT.—The brass band gave one of their popular open-air concerts on Monday evening. GOO SALE.—City of Guelph debentures to the amount of \$10,000 were sold in Toronto at 112 1/2 last week. G.T.R. AGENT.—Mr. Fred Jennings, Jr., is acting as G.T.R. Agent here, during the absence of Mr. Rae on his vacation. EARLY CLOSING.—Georgetown merchants and business men have mutually agreed to hereafter close their places of business at 7 o'clock p.m. I. O. O. F.—Mr. Thos. Smith, P. G., is attending the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at present in session in Toronto, as the representative of Acton Lodge, No. 304. WARM ENOUGH FOR YOU.—This is the season of the year when greatly flourishes the amiable idiot whose gib salutation is, "Well, is this warm enough for you?" AUTION SALE.—Wood and Grain, on lot 22, con. 5, Equestrian, Saturday, 12th Aug., the property of Elizabeth Miller. Sale at 2 o'clock. W. Henstree, Auctioneer. SCHOOL OPENED.—The senior department of Acton Public School will re-open next Monday. The second and third departments will continue their vacation another week. STONE THROWING.—Some of the boys in the village, who are in the habit of throwing stones through windows, will see the interior of the big stone house at Millton if they are not careful. SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.—The captain of the steamer, City of Toronto, was fined in the Police Court, Toronto, on Tuesday, \$40 and costs, for running excursions to Niagara on Sunday. CALL ACCEPTED.—Rev. J. Pringle, of the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, has accepted the call from the congregation of Kildonan, near Winnipeg, and will be inducted in September. SAFE ARRIVAL.—We are pleased to learn that Messrs. Dan C. and John Lawson have arrived safely at their destination, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mr. D. C. Lawson has our thanks for a budget of Cheyenne daily papers. THE LAWN.—A fine sward of grass is always a pleasing object, however small it may be, and we are pleased to note that many of our citizens are alive to the fact, and apparently take a pride in a clean and tidy lawn. UNHEALTHY SEASON.—The most unhealthy season of the year is now at hand. Our citizens should pay strict respect to sanitary rules, and thus do their part in escaping the diseases incident to this part of the year. WOOD.—There is at present an excellent opening in Acton for a wood yard. Those who have heretofore been in the business, have turned their attention in other directions, and there is at present no dealer in wood here. A good man could do well in this line. SATISFIED.—That the subscribers of the Free Press are satisfied with the paper is very manifest from the fact that during the summer vacation they cannot do without the paper, but order it to be sent to the places of resort in which they are spending their holidays. COWS IN HOT WEATHER.—In the very hottest days it will pay to keep milk cows in dark stables during the heat of the day, bringing them some green feed, and turning them out to eat and drink night and morning. In this way the annoyance from flies will be greatly moderated. METEORIC SHOWERS.—A fine display of meteors may be looked for to-night and to-morrow night, when the earth passes through what is known as the August meteor zone. Every year when the earth crosses the zone, about the 10th of August, there is a shower of meteors more or less abundant. ACCIDENTS.—Sore eyes, heads, fingers, etc., are frequently received by base ball and cricket players. One day last week Reeve Smith had a finger dislocated with a base ball, and the same day Mr. Conrad Hoff had his left eye very badly bruised and blackened with a cricket ball. Other minor injuries are of daily occurrence. SCARCITY OF HARVESTERS.—It is just now that the farmers are beginning to feel the unpleasant effect of the exodus to the North-west. This Province has been drained of a large percentage of laborers who heretofore assisted the farmers during harvest. The harvesting of the present crop is attended with considerable extra expense owing to the scarcity of labor. DISGRACEFUL.—During the vacation some senseless individual has been making the windows of the public school targets for revolver practice. About a dozen panes have been broken by this unscrupulous crook, and the Board of Trustees are determined to do all in their power to bring the guilty party to justice. Constable Henstree has the case under investigation. BASE BALL.—A third match between the Oak Leafs of Guelph and Silver Stars of this village, was played last Thursday afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the Leafs in a score of 19 to 9. The playing was very fair on both sides, but our boys lost confidence in themselves near the close of the match and consequently lost the game. In the two former matches our boys were victors. JOURNALISTIC CHANGE.—The Canadian Weekly Review, the official organ of the Ontario Licensed Victuallers Association, has removed from St. Thomas to Toronto. The Review has also been treated with a new dress, and now presents a most respectable appearance. If the Review was only addressed as a business as respectable as the vocation it presents we believe the inner conscience of its editor would be more peaceful.

AN ILL WIND, &c.—If the rain of the past week had not been altogether beneficial to those farmers who had not got their wheat crop under cover, it will at least be beneficial to their root crop and spring grains, but they will probably think far more about the former than the latter, though they should not. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good and oftentimes the very event that seems to be a misfortune is a blessing in disguise. WET WEATHER AND FALL WEAR.—Gavel's apprehensions have been felt during the past week but the continuous rains would cause the fall wear to sprout. Nearly every farmer in this vicinity had the bulk of his wheat cut and shocked, and there were a good many long faces in consequence. The weather cleared up, however, about noon on Tuesday, and the warm sun and wind since that time have had the effect of drying it, and to-morrow most of it will no doubt be housed. Owing to the rain the barley will be considerably discolored. SACRILEGE.—A couple of Sundays ago some person or persons entered the Presbyterian Church, between the services, and carried off the supply of Sabbath School reward tickets. They also emptied (presumably into their interiors) a quantity of sacramental wine contained in one of the communion stencils. A number of copies of the shorter catechism were left behind, and we are authorized by an officer of the school to state that if the persons who took the cards will return next Sunday they will be presented with copies of the catechism, from which they may learn the eighth commandment. SUCCESS.—We are always most happy to learn of the success of Acton boys who have removed from our midst, and we are exceedingly well pleased to find the following high compliment in the columns of the August number of the Practical Photographer, one of the leading photographic art journals in America respecting the work of our old friend, Mr. James G. Hill:—"Carlotta from J. G. Hill's studio, Moore, Michigan, very pretty, light, clean pictures, nicely finished. This gentleman's work has an air of life and freshness that makes it pleasing and attractive to the beholder. Retouching just about right, leaving the roundness and beauty of the features perfect. The vignettes are extra good and have a softness and blending that makes the work artistic." May success continue to attend you, friend James. RASPBERRY SOCIAL.—A complimentary social was given to the choir of the Methodist Church, in the lecture-room of the church, on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, and those present apparently enjoyed their tea, consisting of a liberal supply of raspberries and cream, good wholesome bread and butter, cakes, &c.—the music of the choir, and the general proceedings of the evening. The most important part of the programme was the presentation, by the Ladies Aid society, through the pastor Rev. W. Byron, to Mr. John C. Hill, the very able leader of the choir, with a purse containing a respectable amount. The presentation was made in an informal manner, and Mr. Hill replied in a few appropriate sentences, stating that he would much rather the society had expended the money for new music, &c., for the general use of the choir. The company dispersed at a reasonable hour. Doing Good Work. As an evidence that the Scott Act is doing good in one particular at least, the marked improvement in the conduct and appearance of several families in town is noted by many of our citizens. Before the Act came into force, when intoxicating liquors could be obtained so freely, the children in these families were clothed in dirty rags, the weekly wages—beyond what little was spent for the scanty food for the family—were spent for whiskey, drunken carousals were frequent, and the home was but a wretched hovel. Now, the children are well fed and comfortably clad, and their appearance is not so striking a contrast to that of other children as formerly, old debts are paid up and present supplies are paid for when ordered, the home is more worthy of the name, and the parents are proud to know that they are now just as much respected as any other citizens. This result is certainly due to the absence of liquor in our midst, and numerous instances of reformation due to this cause may be pointed out. Here is found positive proof that the Scott Act instead of injuring business in the locality in which it is in force, improves it in every legitimate channel of trade.

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