

# The Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 16, 1882.

Call at Geo. Hynd's Jewellery and Fancy Goods Store, Acton, for Berlin Wools, Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods. A large stock.

GEO. HYND.

## BITS OF BREVITY.

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

—Chilly weather now.  
—Beach nuts are falling rapidly.  
—Carpenters are now busier than ever.  
—This is an off year for apples after all.  
—Good winter apples are a big price this fall.  
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—Thanksgiving Day, two weeks from today.

—Acton show was largely attended from Acton.

—Summer is dead, and the autumn winds are sighing.

—Husking bees are now in vogue among the farmers.

—Mr. J. Fyfe's new residence is enclosed and shingled.

—The Scott Act is taking a east tonight, now, isn't it?

—The putting-up of stores seems to be in full blast.

—The wheat sows this fall looks exceedingly well throughout.

—The Teachers' Convention opens this morning at Brantford.

—Now for football, toys. Something to set the blood circulating.

—The "local resident" cannot recall as far back as the present.

—Our merchants are thus early receiving their stocks of Christmas goods.

—It is said that municipal candidates are already in the canvassing business.

—Acton youth is playing "gymnasium" on the Driving Park by moonlight.

—The painters are busy at the town hall and are daily improving its appearance.

—The carpenters are putting in about fifteen hours per day at the new town hall now.

—The Milton Champsays says an Acton lady has a nice home in Guelph. Who is the lady?

—There were a number of right-angled last Saturday, after the Scott Act trials in Milton.

—The *Forster's News* has been considerably enlarged, and shows evidence of prosperity.

—Owing to the scarcity of apples this festive "parting less" are very rare this fall.

—Black squirrels are being rapidly increased by local sportsmen. Required to be all the go.

—Rev. Mr. Neil, of Albion, has accepted the call given him by the Presbyterians of Nassauway.

—Advantage is being taken of the continued fine weather to put forward building operations.

—Messrs. S. P. Taylor & Son of Milton, have purchased a large Felt Manufacturing business in Walkerton.

—Thursday, the 11th of November has been proclaimed a day for general thanks giving throughout the Dominion.

—The village merchant state that the amount of business transacted last Saturday was very large and most satisfactory.

—The flowers suffered on Thursday night with the extreme frost. A good many collections of house plants were quite killed.

—The *London Crusader* says:—"The Acton, Free Press is a good local paper, staunch in its advocacy of temperance."

—Three hundred and fifty dollars is due in one week, isn't it? The amount of former license fees will soon be made up.

—Mr. Alex Nairn of Toronto announces another column that he will buy and write at the G.T.R. station, Acton, during the coming winter.

—Hallowe'en, next Tuesday. Citizens beware of carriage stocks, etc. Boys, remember that the peeler will have his eye open that night.

—It is rumored that the gentleman who purchased the residence of Mr. Donald Gurnie, Guelph, intends converting it into a private asylum.

—It is said that ninety millions of postage stamps are annually sold in this country and all of them have to be licked before they will do their duty.

—We are gratified to note that the business men appreciate our efforts to furnish first-class printing at low rates. We have been overrun with job work lately.

—Some people think that if the judges at agricultural exhibitions would judge articles instead of owners it would be more satisfactory to exhibitors. We think so too.

—Tomatoes and other fair garden vegetables came to grief last Friday night. The thermometer went down to 25°, and the ice was found nearly half an inch thick in some places.

—After a delay of several weeks, in waiting for permission to erect a grain warehouse on the G. T. R. grounds, Messrs. E. Nicklin & Son's carpenters are about to proceed with the work.

—Was it a mistake the editor of the Acton Free Press made when he said the cricket match between Acton and George town resulted in a tie? Not what was it?

—*Georgetown Herald*: "No, dear bro. It is not a mistake. It is the correct score as given by the scorer who most carefully attended to the umpire's calls. The error must be yours Mr. Herald."

Montserrat Lime Fruit Juice at J. H. McGarvin's

—The temperance cause needs strong arms and courageous hearts to uphold it. Moral cowardice is its bane, and there are men who are afraid to vote and speak their sentiments in regard to it, because, perhaps, their neighbor is in the business. This should not be.

—The *Erie Advertiser* pays our band the following compliment:—"The Acton brass band furnished music at the Rockwood show, on Friday last, and added considerably to its success. The band played well, and the selection performed showed that they pay attention to their instructor."

—Men who advertise in their home papers are the men who do the business of the town. You can pick up any newspaper and in five minutes tell who do the buying and selling and keep alive the interests of the place. A newspaper invariably reflects the worth of the community in which it is published.

—It is said that a couple of chaps from Brampton occupied a vacant building in the west end of the town, adjacent to the agricultural grounds, and sold lots of beer, ale and spirits on the day of the County Show. They may have to pay a visit to Milton shortly upon a different errand.

*Milton News.*

—It is no doubt true that a great many grown people seem to derive a pleasure from the use of tobacco, but even the most ardent devotee of the weed, would hardly be able to give a reason for the use of tobacco by the little boys and half-grown youths, such as may be seen smoking and chowing on the streets almost any time.

—Grain is finding its way to market more freely this week, but prices have not advanced much a cent. What has got up again? The Refractories had faith in the N.P., for easing such depression in prices, and the Tories have done the same on Venner and the exact. If they are responsible, Sir John should see that they are all thrown up.

*A \$10.00 Dime Reward.*

The publishers of *Redgate's Monthly* offer twelve valuable rewards in their *Memory* of November, among which is the following:

—A very important matter will very require the attention of the Village Council, that is, the appointment of a general civic officer. We would recommend the authorities to engage a man, who would if possible, fill the following offices:—Caretaker of town hall; street lamp lighter, overseer and keeper of sidewalk, constable, assessor and collector.

We believe a person could be engaged to attend satisfactorily to all these duties, and at less expense than at present, where a different person is employed for each office.

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*VILLAGE VARIETIES.*

A collection of local news and matters of special interest to our village readers.

*Jeanette.*

We heartily congratulate the *Orion Park* on its early success in its new dress. It is a model local paper.

*Grain Report.*

Messrs. James Matthews & Sons have purchased the grain warehouse and business of Messrs. G. & E. Talton, and will purchase grain of all kinds in this market town.

*Tuition Bills.*

The Free Press is the place for such bills. Why not other towns where you can get just as good work at home and better money. Call at the Free Press office for your papers.

*Acton Market.*

Grain of all kinds is coming in freely this week, but the prices are about the same as before. It seems to be the general impression that the price will remain about the same during the whole year.

*Bazaar in Georgetown.*

On the 11th of November the ratepayers of Georgetown will vote upon the by-law creating a bonus of \$6,000 to the Guelph Woolen Mill Co. in lieu of the fee of a mill for the manufacture of woolen and knitted goods, and to employ not less than 30 hands.

*Town Hall.*

The village council have ordered a special bell for the new town hall tower, from the celebrated Troy Bell Foundry, Troy, N.Y.

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