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BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the staff of the pen and scissors for readers of the Free Press. Winter's come. No sleighing yet. Fifty dollars found—see ad. Wonder what'll be next year. Colds are prevalent here at present. Purchase your Christmas cards now. The town hall is being plastered now. The skate dealer's business is opening. Acton has more puck buyers this season than ever before. Messrs. E. Nixson & Son advertise for dressed poultry. Rev. Dr. Wild, of Toronto, lectured in Georgetown last night. The boys have been skating on Henderson's pond this week. The new town hall bell has arrived at the Guelph Custom House. The roads are very rough now. A few inches of snow would be acceptable. The managers of Acton skating rink ask for tenders for renting the rink for the season. Two or three local weddings are rumored to take place between now and Christmas. The young folks have spent their evenings thus far this week in skating on nature's rink. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the boys here to give a number of parties on this winter. Harlan says there is no truth in the statement that he is about to take up his residence in New York. Mr. T. J. Starret, editor of the Milton News, has been elected chief officer of Milton Good Templars Lodge. Special services are being conducted in the Methodist Church at Rockwood, by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Sparling. The early closing movement is now established on a good solid basis, and no doubt be a success this winter. Our citizens must not forget that there is a by-law requiring that all sidewalks be cleared of snow by 10 o'clock a.m. The electrical storm which passed over the country last Friday seriously interfered with the working of the various telegraph lines. We are preparing an interesting supplement which will be issued Christmas week. It will be filled with interesting Christmas matter. The new street lamps recently erected in Milton are a poor affair after all, and some of them go out shortly after being lighted. The prices paid for pork this season cannot be satisfactory to the seller. If pork raising ever paid before, it is certainly most profitable now. Sleigh-riding and skating are healthy and enjoyable pastimes, boys, but see that they do not pass time along so rapidly that mother has to bring in her own wood. Most any man can grab a gun by the muzzle and pull it over a fence or out of a boat, but the second or third time seldom fails to leave the gun without an owner. The publishers of the Waterloo Echo have been mandated in the sum of \$200 at the instance of J. Pearson, at the late Owen Sound Assizes. You'll require to be more careful, gentlemen. Pork is coming into the market in considerable quantities. Prices are good, ranging in price from \$7.50 to \$7.75. Mr. A. W. Green made a large shipment on Tuesday. Take an interest in your own paper, and secure a few subscribers for the Free Press. Merchants can thus increase the circulation of their own advertisements, and the usefulness of the journal. Will the plaster of the town hall put on in this frosty weather be as durable as it would have been had it been completed before the first of October—as per contract? Good judges say no, and our village council should not lose sight of this. Messrs. Blackley & Hayll have disposed of the Haron Record to Mr. Nathan N. Boshier, of the Hamilton Times, having conducted it for about three months. The Record is certainly blessed with frequent changes in proprietorship. Mr. J. Murray, township clerk, has kindly sent us the minutes of last meeting of Esqueping Council, but owing to the large amount of other matter for this issue we are obliged to leave it over. The next meeting of the council will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9th. Our citizens manifest considerable interest in our new power press, as numbers of visitors call to see it in operation every day. All seem satisfied that it does its work in a most business like manner, and pronounce it a most desirable addition to the press. We hope if all goes well—to have it running by steam in a more commodious office at no very distant date. Mr. Spooendike—Mr. dear, how is it that business is becoming so brisk in our shop now? Mr. Spooendike—How do you suppose it is? Do you think I have been reading the Acton Free Press so long without knowing that it's the best of advertising medium in Hallow County? What do you take me for, a church steeple or a hay rack? A Free Press ad, always pays, I tell you.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

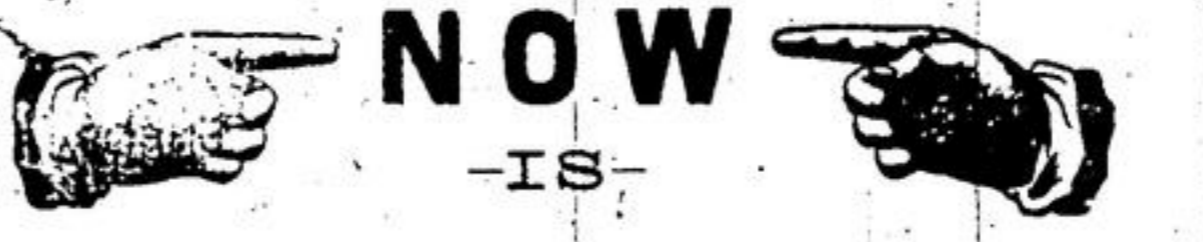
Collection of local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. Acton's Improvements. In our next issue we will give a list of the new buildings, and the improvements to others, that have been made in our village during the present year. Special Services. A series of special services in connection with the Methodist Church in this village, was inaugurated on Monday evening last. The services will continue each evening during the present week. The Price of Coal. Our citizens begin to think that we are in some way very closely connected with the North West, especially when the price of coal is spoken of. This week we are informed that coal has risen to \$8.00 per ton. Sheep Killed by Dogs. At the last meeting of Esqueping Township Council the total sum of \$77.33 was voted to different residents of the township for sheep killed by dogs. Query: Does the dog tax amount to anything like the sum paid out for their depredations? Fair Play. A new local paper with the above caption has been started in Alfriston, Leamington. Its first issue is to hand and is a fair specimen of what a country newspaper should be. The name of W. W. Buchanan, as editor of the journal, will be sufficient to ensure enterprise a success. Clerical Changes. Rev. C. R. Lee, M.A., of Port Colborne, formerly incumbent of St. Alban's Church here, has been appointed to the charge of St. John's Church, Rev. R. C. Caswell, M.A., of Welland, has been made incumbent of Georgetown, in place of Rev. G. B. Cooke, who leaves for a charge at South St. Marie. Thoroughbred Stock. From enquiries made of 1800 breeders, Prof. Brown, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, finds that there are in this Province to every 100 farms but 1 thoroughbred bull and 1 cow, and to each 1000 head of head of sheep but 1 pure ram. So that there is much room for improvement. Vindicator's Almanac. We received from the publishers, Messrs. A. Vogeler & Co., Toronto, a copy of Vindicator's Almanac for 1883. It is a neat little volume, but unless the weather reports therein are more correct than his recent predictions, Vindicator's reputation for correctness in guessing will be considerably below par. Northern Lights. There was a magnificent display of the aurora borealis during Friday night, the heavens being illuminated with flashes of colored light. The whole of the sky was ablaze with auroral lights of many colors. The sight was a magnificent one, and of a splendor seldom witnessed outside the Arctic region. Esqueping Plowing Match. The following is a list of the prize winners at the plowing match which took place on the farm of Mr. D. Cross, viz.:—Men, First Class—1st, George Brown; 2nd, Thos. Early; 3rd, Wm. Joyce. Men, Second Class—1st, Thomas Snow; 2nd, John Murray; 3rd, John Winslow; 4th, John McDowell. Boy's Class—1st, James Stark. Real Estate Change. We are informed that Mr. Thomas C. Moore has sold his residence and property on Dover Avenue to Mr. Joseph Anderson, plasterer, for about \$2,000. Mr. Moore will build a brick front to the house on his factory property, north of the G. T. Railway, and take up his residence there. Mr. Anderson has purchased a very good piece of village property in the above. The Markets. The prices for grain remain about the same as those of last week. Very little is being marketed and our buyers' time is very little occupied. It is some satisfaction, though, to those dissatisfied with the figures offered, to know that our buyers give the highest prices that it is possible to give. We trust the farmers will soon see it to their interests to sell at current prices. Early Closing. The majority of the merchants in town have agreed to close their stores until further notice at 7:30 p.m. each evening—except Saturdays—the agreement to take effect on Monday, 4th December. Our citizens and those who deal in Acton will oblige all concerned by making their purchases prior to the above hour, and thus enable each merchant to fulfill his agreement. The Pulpit. Rev. N. Burns, B.A., editor of the Esqueping Record, Toronto, preached excellent sermons here on Sunday morning and evening, in the Methodist Church. His subjects related to the higher Christian life, and have, we trust, had the effect of encouraging those who listened to the discourses to strive toward Christian perfection. Mr. Burns also addressed the audience at the opening of special services on Monday evening. A Social Tea. On Friday evening last a social tea was given in the Methodist Church, in aid of the Ladies' Aid Society. The attendance was very good, considering the fact that the social was very insignificantly announced and the proceeds satisfactory. The tea was a credit to the donors—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Easton—and all present apparently enjoyed themselves. The band was in attendance and rendered a number of pieces of sacred music most creditably. Scott Act in Milton. The Licensed Victuallers' Review, of Toronto, copies or takes the misrepresenting letter of "Prohibit" in the Globe of a week ago, and comments upon it, endeavoring to show that the Act is a failure. We would recommend to the impartial (?) editor of the Review the perusal of the three letters in last Saturday's Globe, replying to "Prohibit." We think he will hardly forget these letters, as they show the Act to be doing all that was claimed for it.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. F. Dempsey is visiting friends in Walkerton. Mr. James Henderson, of Nelson, visited his friends here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGarvin visited friends in Clifford this week. Mr. C. W. Lasby, B.A., of St. Catharines, is visiting the home of his youthful days. Miss Cass Hill, of Welland, has been the guest of Mr. C. T. Hill and family for the past week or so. Miss Maggie A. Moore left yesterday for Salford, where she will spend a few weeks with her brother, Rev. T. A. Moore. G. T. R. Smalburg. On Friday afternoon as freight train No. 21, going east, was about two miles west of Brimpton an axle of one of the cars broke, throwing six cars of beef for the Liverpool market off the track. The track was blocked up for over eight hours, causing considerable delay to both passenger and freight traffic. The line between Acton and Toronto was filled with trains. Considerable transhipment of passengers was made. The Association House. The ten tenement houses erected on Bower Avenue, by Acton Building Association, are almost completed. They have been fitted up with all the conveniences necessary for the comfort of the tenants. Neat picket fences have been built in front and each tenement is substantially enclosed. Each house is provided with a good hard water well, woodshed, and other outbuildings. Several of the buildings have been finished and tenants are beginning to take possession of them. Another House for Georgetown. On Monday, by a large majority, the electors of Georgetown sustained the by-law granting to the Glen Wooded Mills Co. a bonus of six thousand dollars. 114 votes were polled, 7 voting against the by-law—Georgetown Herald. This is the second bonus granted by Georgetown within eighteen months. The Georgetown people shouldn't let their ambition run away with their good sense, and cause a spirit of recklessness. The rulemakers have to foot the bill, you know. The Grocery Trade. Groceries can be bought cheaper in Georgetown than in any other town for twenty miles around. It would pay the inhabitants of Brampton and Acton to purchase their groceries here—Georgetown Herald. Not so fast, Mr. Herald. You have not priced groceries in Acton. Our grocers here claim that they sell groceries with a smaller margin than any other dealers in this part of the country. There are more men in this business in Acton than in many towns much larger, and how they all manage to make a living is a mystery. Mutual Improvement Association. The first meeting of Acton Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, for the winter, will be held this evening in Matthews' Hall. The following question will be presented for debate—"It is affirmed that the people of Manitoba have not sufficient cause for protesting against the dissolution of the three railway bills by the Dominion Government." A large number of young men in this village will no doubt take an interest in the success of the association, and the weekly meetings during the winter will be spent most profitably. Scrip Comic Almanac for '83. We have been favored with advance sheets of this popular annual, and have no hesitation in saying that if the rest of the book is equal to the sample submitted in literary, artistic and typographic merit, it will be the best comic annual yet issued, even from Grip office. Every line is teeming with fun, and the pictures are equal to the letterpress. The Almanac is to be considerably improved in this its fourth year, though no advance is to be made in the price. Every one of our readers should lay by a quarter in a bit of paper, labelled "For Grip's Almanac only." Where to Advertise. One of our exchangers makes the following truthful and pertinent remarks: "About this time of the year advertising starts to begin to lay plans to gull and rob business men with holiday sheets and schemes. They are never that they are represented, and many of them are never circulated at all. The only ones benefited are the sharks and schemers. Business men should be very careful not to throw away a large share of their holiday profits on these advertising fronts. The best newspaper is the only safe, safe and legitimate medium of communication with the people." New Society Halls in Milton. The Milton News says:—"The Masonic and Oddfellows fraternities of this town, we learn, have about closed the bargain with Mr. John Dewar, for the purchase of the vacant property on the corner of Main and Main streets. It is the intention to build a solid brick block thereon, which will comprise stories on the ground floor and society hall on the upper ones. It will make an improvement to the town." This is a good idea and one which the Mason's and Oddfellows' Lodges of Acton could copy with profit to themselves and improvement to the town. Think about the matter, gentlemen. Oakville School. The enterprise of our Town School Board in high school matters deserves more than a passing notice. During the summer they have erected a handsome and commodious attachment to the school buildings for the exclusive use of the high school. The two capacious and comfortable rooms with every convenience, are the design of R. Little, Esq., County Inspector, and the work of Messrs. Bonn & Carson; and we think are not surpassed in excellence for school purposes in Ontario. The total outlay has been about \$3000. The present flourishing condition of the school under the able management of N. J. Wellwood, B.A., and also the increased accommodation, warrant us in expecting greater things in the future than even the marked success of the past year. We heartily commend our high school to all in our country, seeking literary acquirements.—Oakville Express.

Fall Opening, Fall Opening, This Week at the EAST END CLOTHING STORE.

A great care has been taken in the selection of Fall Goods, the public will find that the stock at the East End Clothing Store surpasses anything heretofore exhibited in Acton. Over 200 pieces from which to select, including a large range of Scotch Tweeds of beautiful design. A large assortment of FALL HATS & CAPS in all the newest styles just to hand. J. FYFE.



THE TIME To get Fresh and Cheap GROCERIES, Useful, Beautiful and Cheap. GLASSWARE, CHINA and CROCKERY. W. P. BROWN & CO.

THE GRAVE. RAMSEY—In Georgetown, on the 16th inst., of inflammatory croup, Agnes Louis, beloved daughter of Mr. Robert Ramsey, formerly of this village, aged 2 years, 7 months, and 9 days.

AUCTION SALE REGISTER. Particular attention is directed to the following sales, bills advertising which have been issued at this office. SATURDAY, Nov. 25th.—The Real Estate of Stock and implements of Mr. Edward Dyson, at his residence in Acton. Sale to commence at twelve o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

FARMERS—Order your bills printed at this office. We turn out only first class work, and guarantee satisfaction every time.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All parties who have not done so, will please call and settle their accounts at once. ROBERT CRECH, Acton Nov. 14th 1882.

ASHERY FOR SALE. The undersigned is desirous of disposing of his ashery, and will sell it on very reasonable terms. A good business can be done by a fire man. Apply for particulars at the Free Press office or to the proprietor, EDWARD DYNES.

\$5 BILL FOUND. Found in my jewelry store on Saturday night, a \$5 Bill. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. GEO. HYND, Acton, Nov. 22, '82.

POULTRY WANTED. We are prepared to pay the Highest Market Price for any quantity of Turkey, Geese, Ducks and Chickens, dressed—dressed—plucked—delivered at our bake shop in Acton. E. NICKLX & SON, Acton, Nov. 22, '82.

TENDERS WANTED. Tenders for renting the Acton Skating Rink for the coming season, will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Monday, 27th Nov., 1882. Terms, half cash, balance in one month. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. J. E. MCGARVIN, Sec.

SEED POTATOES FOR SALE. A quantity of Beauty of Hebron Potatoes are hereby offered for sale. This variety grows one half more than the Rose Potatoes on the same ground. Price, \$1.00 per bag. Apply to JAMES CAMPBELL, Hotel, Acton, Nov. 6th, 1882.

Parlor Suites, Parlor Suites, Parlor Suites, FROM \$50.00 UP.

Lounges, Lounges, Lounges, FROM \$6 UP.

The Cheapest Place in Guelph to Buy FURNITURE. All Work Guaranteed. First-class Styles. Just received a beautiful lot of Walnut Window Cornices, will fit any window, only \$1.75 each, complete. Window Drapery, Fringe, only \$1.25 a yard, 14 inches deep. Scalloped.

T. F. CUMMINGS, The Upholsterer, QUEBEC ST. GUELPH.

Store, Acton. Try it. J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton. Try it.

CORDWOOD WANTED. The subscriber will purchase wood during the coming winter at ACTON STATION, and will pay cash promptly, monthly, as the wood is inspected and received. All wood to be evenly piled, and perfectly sound, and according to Railway Company's specifications. Parties who have wood for sale, will please apply at once, as only a limited quantity is required. For further particulars apply to COL. Wm. ALLEN, Acton, or to ALEXANDER NAIRN, Toronto, Oct. 28rd, 1882. TORONTO.

"City Grocery." "Hard Up and Can't Help It."

You can buy more goods for Ten Dollars Cash at A. W. Green's than at any other store in town.

I have just received the Largest Stock of Groceries and Crockery

ever shown in Acton, and am bound to do the trade if good goods and low prices will accomplish anything

A Handsome Glass Tea Set Given Away

to any person buying five dollars worth of goods for cash.

Lamps, Cruet Stands, Crockery and Glassware of every description will be sold at a reduction for the next 30 days, to make room for Christmas Goods

My stock is complete in every line. Come everybody and see for yourselves.

A. W. GREEN.

THE WONDERFUL MAN.

LATEST ARRIVALS.

LADIES' CLOTH SUITINGS, In Black, Bronze, Myrtle, Navy, Garnet, Brown and Sage.

COLORED CASHMERES, In Terra Cotta, Navy, Marine, Garnet, Seal Myrtle and Bronze.

Nuns Suitings, in all the new mixtures. Knock-about Serge, in all the new mixtures.

Monk's Serge, in all the new mixtures. BLACK VELVETEEN, Extra Good Value.

COLORED VELVETEEN, In All The New Shades.

MATALASSE MANTLE CLOTH, Very Handsome Patterns.

GERMAN NAP CLOTH, In Every Desirable Shade.

NEWMARKET COAT CLOTH, Stylish Goods.

SPECIAL NOTICE. Nearly Four Hundred Imported Mantles Offering at Desperate Prices.

JOHN HOGG & SON, GUELPH.

BOOTS & SHOES

For Men's Hand-made Kip Boots, OLMUP SOLED, CALL AT GOODALL'S.

For Men's Berlin Frost-proof Boots, For Men's Double-soled Kip Boots, For Men's Congress Boots, For Men's Balmoral Boots, For Ladies' Strong Boots, For Ladies' Felt Boots, For Ladies' Skating Boots, For Misses Boots, For Children's Boots, For Boys' Boots, For Youth's Boots,

Indeed, for every kind of Boots, Shoes, Overshoes, Rubbers, Slippers, and everything pertaining to a First-Class Boot and Shoe House, call at the

ACTON BOOT & SHOE HOUSE.

Business Competition.

BUSINESS COMPETITION, when conducted on sound, honest principles, is the best guarantee the public can have for good value for their money.

There is, however in the GROCERY TRADE much apparent competition, which can scarcely be characterized as real. A system prevails of quoting proprietary and other goods in which there is little money value, at and under cost, and this for no other purpose than a bait for the sale of goods of large consumption, and such as the public cannot competently judge at sight their real value.

TEA seems to be the one article selected by these Cheap Vendors of trifles as the scape-goat on which to impose the unmerciful burden of the entire profit of the business.

While I supply every article in the Grocery Trade at the very lowest remunerative prices, I have always made Tea the most prominent and attractive, by invariably securing the richest and most choice First Crop Teas that money can buy from the Large Import Houses, and I supply these Wholesale, and to families at a small per centage of profit.

Prices of Teas.—The Richest and Choicest Tea that money can buy, 75c. per lb. Very Choice Rich Tea, 60c. per lb. Fine Rich Fragrant Tea, 50c. per lb. Special mixture of Choice India and China Teas, 35c. per lb. Note.—Purchasers of 10 lbs. and upwards of any of the Teas will be allowed a large per cent discount.

Coffees.—Genuine French and Java Tea to hand. Sugars.—Always a fine assortment of Refined, Raw, Granulated, Cut Leaf, Iceing Sugars in stock. Just received a fine stock of Canned Goods.

I will offer for the next twenty days a great reduction in Glassware and Crockery, including, Moss Rose and China Sets, Vases, Colored Tea Sets, Bed Room Sets, &c.

T. H. HARDING.

Store for the Best Coal Oil in Acton. Try it.