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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.

December begins to narrow. The sleigh bells are ringing merrily. Board of Education next Monday evening. This is United States Thanksgiving day. This is the weather for the dry goods business. Read our clothing announcements in this issue. The arrival of snow is helping business to boom. Extraneous details of the year 1882 has passed away. The village taxes are coming in very satisfactorily. The display of Christmas goods is becoming larger. The special services in the Methodist church continue. To the naked eye the coast will soon become indistinguishable. Everybody seems to welcome the music of the merry sleigh bells. A few inches more of snow would make excellent sleighing. There is said to be a good deal of sickness in Georgetown at present. Hanging on sleighs is again the boys' amusement. Be careful, boys. Some people don't designate what they would like for a Christmas gift. The sleighing of the present week has made wood quite plentiful again. The Sabbath School at Crossman's Corners has closed for the winter season. Thousands of sleds, bells, pealed forth their melodious jingle on Monday morning. Grain, corned and pork has come into town in considerable quantities this week. Mr. O'Leary has announced himself a candidate for the Guelph Mayoralty for 1883. At the Milton merchants going crazy. They nearly all announce genuine wholesale sales. For the very latest designs of New Year's Cards the Free Press enlists. See our samples. The Fish Jubilee Singers have been engaged to give a concert in Georgetown on the 5th January. The question of municipal representation is apparently destined to come to the front very soon now. And now Mr. J. P. W. has a brand new right to the employment of a "Paper" Editor. The snow-shed brigade was out in larger numbers on Monday morning than for a couple of years before. A funeral from Toronto arrived here yesterday. The corpse was interred in the cemetery at New-Edinburgh's Hill. Guelph boys are fined one dollar and costs for snowballing on the streets. How would that suit you in Acton, boys? Here comes winter, here comes winter. Storms of snow, sleet, and rain. Pay the printer, pay the printer, shun thereby eternal pain. On Sunday a G. T. R. engine met with a mishap at the Guelph station and had to be detached from the train, and another engine telegraphed for to bear the train to its destination. Messrs. T. McCracken & Sons are removing the engine, boiler and other machinery from the stove factory recently operated by Mr. Thos. C. Moore. It will be taken to their factory at Highgate. Our citizens' faces beamed with pleasure as the hundreds of sleighs fitted in and out of town on Monday with the first sleighing. Business became brisk, and prospects for a good trade were brightened. Of course you can afford two papers. You require your own local paper for home news, and a city weekly will supply you with news from abroad. We can give you any other paper you desire, with the FREE PRESS. One of the finest skating rinks in the Dominion is just being completed in Guelph. It is a very neat architectural design, is fitted with all the modern appliances and cost about \$12,000. Mr. John Day is the architect. Canada may be described as the United States annex. -Buffalo Courier. Yes, and like the "annex" to a circus, it is just about the size of the big tent, and contains the best part of the show. -Hamilton Spectator. Here, here? We learn from the Ottawa Packet that Mr. J. P. Seaward, formerly of this village, has been appointed manager of the northern branch of the Sea Life Insurance Company, a tangible evidence of the directors' approval of his services. Beg your pardon, reader, but we wish to ask a personal question: have you paid your subscription in advance for this paper? If you have, we thank you for your kind assistance and encouragement; if you have not, we must firmly urge that you do so at once. Don't forget that you have a paper of your own, and a printing office in town. Keep posted in items you would like to see in the paper; advertise your business and make Acton look well to outsiders, as it will be seen through our advertising columns; don't send any job work out of town; induce your customers to subscribe for the FREE PRESS.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

Collection of local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. Death of Bishop Coleman. Bishop Coleman, of Hamilton, who held confirmation services in the Catholic church, near this village, a few weeks ago, died on Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla., whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. Christmas. This is the merchants' spring time, Christmas week the harvest. If you wish to reap, you must sow, consequently, if you saw your advertisements in good soil you will reap many fold. The soil is ready prepared and rich in the columns of the FREE PRESS. Religion in the school. The Toronto News Company have published a pamphlet entitled, "Religion in the School: a Protest," by the Rev. Wm. Roberts, M.A. The pamphlet takes the ground that the compulsory teaching of religion is beyond the legitimate functions of the State. Presumption. A certain joint stock company in Georgetown has sent out circulars to Acton capitalists, inviting them to purchase stock in their company. Acton business men, however, alive to their own interests, and will keep their superfluous capital at home, and assist in building up their own town by investing in local industries. Sale of Ayrshire. At the sale of Mr. W. H. Bessey's stock at Esqueping last Friday, the following sales of Ayrshire cattle were made: Mr. Wm. Clumens, Milton, one heifer and one calf; Mr. W. C. Beatty, Orange, 3 head; Mr. D. Hutchinson, Nassagaweya, 3 head; Mr. Wm. Newton, Esqueping, 2 head. The prices realized were good, ranging from \$65 to \$100 each. Toronto Truth. Toronto Truth comes to us this week in an enlarged and improved form; with several new features which give evidence of its prosperity. It is now the very best weekly literary, fashion and medical journal in the Dominion. The subscription price of Truth remains at \$1.50 per year as before, notwithstanding it is increased in size four pages. Children in Church. An exchange very correctly advises parents as follows:—Have your children, and they are married and have kids of their own, to sit with you in church, and not in the gallery or somewhere else. Keep the family boat as strong as possible; it is a boat both of happiness and safety. When boys and girls get too big to sit with their parents, it is unwise that they are getting too big to do what is right. Vandals. One night during the past week some person or persons, with an axe, split nearly every picket of the fence in front of the Temperance Hall. If the perpetrator are caught they will pay dearly for their destructive propensities. It must be poor satisfaction to people to wreak their spite against temperance and the Scott Act on a humble, unoffending fence. But such is the character of certain individuals. Xmas Goods. The result of an interview with some of our merchants has convinced us that a large stock of Christmas goods, and these too of a much better quality, have been ordered for the holiday trade this year than on any previous occasion. Those intending to purchase gifts for their friends should remember this and keep a sharp eye on our advertising columns for reasonable announcements of Christmas and New Year's goods. An Experience. Since sleighing came a good deal of cutter riding has been indulged in by the young men and maidens. The following is the experience of one happy pair:—Horse and cutter—young man and sweetheart—merry sleigh bells—glistening snow—heart throbbing with ecstasy—one hand on reins—one o'clock of cutter—upset—runaway—wrecked cutter—snow baptism—walk to farm house—borrowed conveyance—blacksmith's bill—indignant everyman. Heredotus' Tales. On Tuesday, the general committee on the Methodist union commenced proceedings in Toronto. The churches concerned are the Methodist church of Canada, Methodist Episcopal church, Primitive Methodist church, and the Bible Christian church. The questions to be discussed are general superintendency and lay representation. If some agreement can be come to on these points there will be little difficulty in the way of an organic union of the churches. Sad Bereavement. It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Maggie, third daughter of Wm. McCraney, Esq., M. P., which sad event took place yesterday. The untimely demise of this young lady has cast a gloom over the whole community and the distracted family have the heartiest sympathy in this their double trouble. -Ottawa Express. This is the second daughter who has died within a month, and we are informed that Mr. McCraney himself and another member of the family are very ill. Another Canadian Presumably Wealthy. An immense fortune is waiting for a claimant in India. The person entitled to it is a man named William McCarty, presumably an Irishman, who sailed from Liverpool for New York about forty years ago. Mr. Wm. McCarty, of Brockwood, claims to be the man entitled to this money; he left his native country, Tralee, 38 years ago and had an uncle William who sailed for India many years ago but was reported as having been lost at sea, though nothing definite was known about it. -Guelph Herald. Business Change. Dr. M. Foster has disposed of his drug business to Mr. J. E. McGarvin, and is about to remove to Palmerston. We are very sorry to lose the Dr. and his family from our midst, as they have during their short residence in Acton won a warm place in the hearts of our citizens. However, if the Dr. sees a chance for increased business, we wish him every success, and our people here no doubt join us in this desire. Mr. J. E. McGarvin will carry on business in both drug stores. Revue Smith has purchased the drug store and medical office of Dr. Foster.

That was a simple bit of description by a Western man, who, looking out upon the country the morning after a snow storm, said it appeared as if Nature had put on a clean shirt. The contract for carrying the mail between the N. & N. W. R. station and the Milton post office has been let to Mr. Thos. Lash, and that for carrying the mails between Milton and Morley, Byre, &c., to Mr. James McLintosh. Mr. Bennett, of Halton, intends starting a large hog breeding establishment near Waukegic. He complains bitterly of the atrocious conduct of the Collector of Customs at Waukegic in dealing with his importations of swine. -Guelph Mercury. Which Bennett is it? Complimentary supper. On Friday evening last the members of the Loyal Orange Lodge of this village, tendered to Mr. Thos. McCracken, sr., who was one of the prominent members here a complimentary supper, on the eve of his departure from amongst us. The supper, which was an excellent one, was held at Acrow's hotel. About forty guests sat down at the tables, and all enjoyed themselves. The usual toasts were proposed, and the company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne," wishing Mr. McCracken and family every success in their new home. The family left for Highgate, where they have purchased a large store and carrying business, on Monday. We are sorry to lose Mr. McCracken and his family from our midst. They have proved themselves desirable citizens, and have won a place in the hearts of many residents of Acton. We join their many friends here in wishing them God speed. FRIENDLY COMPLIMENTS. What our brethren of the quill have to say of the Free Press. The Acton Free Press is now printed on power press. It has always been a lively, news sheet, and its hard working editor deserves the success which the recent purchase of extensive plant seems to indicate that he has achieved. -Hamilton Spectator. The Acton Free Press is the first paper in the County of Halton to introduce a power press, this week's issue being worked on it for the first time. The Free Press shows greater signs of enterprise every year, and being in every respect a first-class local paper it should have a good support. -Guelph Mercury. The Acton Free Press office has added a Prouty Power Press to its equipment. We hope it will come up to the high expectations of its purchasers. -Georgetown Herald. Times are good with the Acton Free Press, and so they ought to be with such an excellent local paper. A power press being added to the plant. Go ahead, brother. -Port Eglis Bay Times. The Acton Free Press of last week was printed on a Prouty power printing press. The Free Press is a journal of which the citizens of Acton ought to be proud, as it is bright, newsy, and well printed. One redeeming feature is, that it is not the organ of any party but independent in its utterances. -Bligh Review. The Acton Free Press is now printed on a power press, the first in the County of Halton. The Free Press is a live local paper. We wish it long continued prosperity. -Dartmouth Review. The Acton Free Press has purchased a new Prouty power press. We hope it will prove as substantial as it is claimed to be. -Milton News. A Prouty Power Press has been added to the plant of our well conducted and spirited contemporary the Acton Free Press. This is a good indication of prosperity. -Maitland Standard. The Acton Free Press is now printed on a Prouty Power Press. We congratulate that paper on its neat typographical appearance. The cost is also of a high literary merit. We are more particularly struck with the finish and force of its editorials. We hope our contemporary's shadow may never be less. -Belleville Patriot. We rejoice with our cotem. the Acton Free Press. It has added a power press to its printing establishment, and in future will economize in labor grade. The P.P. is a bright newspaper, with a good still yet terse of sound principles in its 'make-up,' and we are pleased to note its success. -Milton Fair Play. The Acton Free Press reports progress in the shape of a new power press, the first ever introduced into its county. The Press is a lively, readable, well-printed paper, and well deserves the success it is achieving. -Welland Tribune. PERSONALS. Mr. J. Hamill has removed to Galt. Mr. S. Cox and wife, of Milton, spent a couple of days this week with Acton friends. Messrs. W. H. Storey and James Moore left on Monday for Gloversville, N.Y., on a business trip. Mr. Thomas C. Moore, Mrs. Edward Moore, and Mrs. Wm. Hemstreet, went to Greenock, near Walkerton, on Monday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Coningham. Mr. S. W. Gallbraith, of the Flint, Mich. Journal, formerly of the Free Press, spent a few days this week with his old friends and associates in Acton. Steve's health has not been very good lately, and he has come over for a little breath of pure, native Canadian air, to assist him in recuperating. THE CHADLE. WORDEN.—In Acton, on the 28th inst., the wife of Mr. J. P. Worden, of a son. BURNS.—In Ermosa, on the 29th inst., the wife of Mr. John Burns, of a daughter. GOWDY.—In Guelph, on the 29th inst., the wife of Alderman Gowdy, of a daughter. MOORE.—In Erin, on the 28th inst., the wife of Mr. Joseph Moore, of a daughter. THE GRAVE. MANK.—In Esqueping, on the 28th inst., Alexander Mank, Jr., aged 29 years. CARRILL.—In Nassagaweya, on the 11th inst., James Carrill, Esq., aged 51 years. MCNAB.—In Ermosa, on the 14th inst., Beatrice, daughter of Mr. Wm. McNab, aged 33 years. GUNNINGHAM.—In Greenock, on the 26th inst., Priscilla, wife of Samuel Coningham, Esq., aged 81 years. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton. Try it.

Fall Opening, Fall Opening, This Week at the EAST END CLOTHING STORE. As 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. LOOK OUT FOR Harding's NEW CHRISTMAS ADVERTISEMENT, NEXT WEEK. SERVANT GIRL WANTED. Wanted, a good general servant. Apply at once to. MRS. D. HENDERSON. ACTON HARNESS & TRUNK DEPOT. PARTIES REQUIRING SADDLERY. Harness or Trunks. To save money should go to R. CREECH, Acton. SPECIAL NOTICE. All parties who have not done so, will please call and settle their accounts at once. ROBERT CREECH. Acton Nov. 14th 1882. INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC. A young lady of lengthened experience wishes a limited number of pupils for instruction on the piano or organ. Applications to this office or to Miss Blain, Brampton, will receive attention. CATTLE STRAY. Strayed upon the premises of the subscriber, lot 16 Con. 1 Esqueping or about 6th November, four steers, one white, two red, and one spotted. Owner can have them by proving property and paying expenses. GEORGE DOUGLASS. A SHERY FOR SALE. The undersigned is desirous of disposing of his shery, and will sell it on very reasonable terms. A good business can be done by a live man. Apply for particulars at the Free Press office or to the proprietor. EDWARD DYNES. \$5 BILL FOUND. Found in my jewellery 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. STEER STRAY. Strayed upon the premises of the undersigned lot No 15, Con. 7, Nassagaweya, on or about the first of September, a red two-year-old steer. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. MATTHEW JOB. Nassagaweya, Nov. 23rd 1882. POULTRY WANTED. We are prepared to pay the Highest Market Price for any quantity of Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens, dressed—dressed—dressed—delivered at our lake shop in Acton. E. NICKLIN & SON. Acton, Nov. 22, '82. THE VILLAGE SIDEWALKS. All parties whose duty it is to clear the sidewalks of snow are hereby notified that they must clear off all the snow, leaving the planks clean, otherwise they will be dealt with according to by-law. W. M. HEMSTREET. Village Constable. Acton Nov. 25th 1882. 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. Acton, Nov. 6th, 1882. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Pursuant to the provisions of R. S. O., chap. 107, sec. 34, the creditors of John McMullen, late of the Township of Erin, County of Wellington, who died on or about the 30th October, 1882, are, on or before the 1st February, 1883, to send by post prepaid to D. Henderson, of the Village of Acton, their claims and arrears, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof, the heirs, executors, or assigns of the said deceased, to proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said creditors shall have notice. Dated at Erin this 25th day of November, 1882. ANDREW McMILLEN, for the estate of the late JOHN McMULLEN. Store, Acton. Try it. J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store for the Best Coal Oil in Acton. Try it.

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