

# The Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, 1888

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## BITS OF BREVIETY.

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

A new leaf.  
—Another year begun.  
—Eighteen eighty-three.  
—The schools opened again yesterday.  
—How do you like our calendar for 1888?  
—New subscriptions are now pouring in rapidly.  
—The skating rink is now in very good condition.  
—The wood-sawing brigade have their hands full at present.  
—We hear that there was a municipal election in Acton this week.  
—Did any citizen imagine that the electric trolley would take the turn they did?  
—The hand-sawing and baby-kissing business is over for another twelve months.  
—The principal item on New Year's day's programme was the municipal election.  
—Did the tolling of the bells at the opening of the year disturb your pleasant dreams?  
—The Georgetown council is having a good deal of trouble in enforcing the snow by-law.  
—The family of Mr. W. McCrae, of Oakville, are, we are happy to learn, convalescent.  
—Last Year's Village Council was nearly all G.O. This year the Tory element predominates.  
—Home death must have suffered on Monday. The equines did their part in the elections.  
—There is said to be a great deal of sickness in Georgetown. Scarlet fever is very prevalent.  
—Our chief constable tailed the old year out and the new year in, with the Congregational Church bell.  
—Watchlight services of an interesting character were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday night.  
—The installation of officers in Walker Lodge, A.P. & A.M., took place last Wednesday evening—St. John's day.  
—We are informed that a jubilee supper and concert was held at Agnew's Hotel on Monday night, after the election.  
—Cigars were plentifully distributed on Monday. They seem to be taking the place of strong drink on such occasions.  
—The Milton News treated its readers to a half sheet last week, and the Georgetown Herald suspended publication this week.  
—Remember that the Canadian Jubilee Singers will give a concert in the Methodist Church next Thursday evening.  
—Messrs. Brown & Motter announced a grand cleaning sale. Particulars will be given in their new advertisement next week.  
—The amount expended on the bridge in the township of Nelson, by the County Council, was \$2,000, and not \$2,200 as stated in our last issue.  
—There are four delinquent municipal tax-payers in this municipality. Their appearance, however, do not indicate any particular regret at being left out.  
—Farmers and others desiring a general, illustrative agency business, by which \$7 to \$20 a day can be earned, send address at once, on postal, to H.C. Williamson & Co., 115 and 117 Pelton Street, New York.  
—It is rumored that a badly housed estate in Acton, and that it is patronized to a considerable extent by young men who would dilute very much to have their names made public. The first work of the new council should be to have this ignominious concern "peeled."  
—The representative Reformers of Acton and vicinity, among whom were, Messrs. Col. Allan, D. D. Christie, James Moore, Edward Nicklin, Eli Snyder, John T. Brown, John Warren, Arch. Campbell, Bobt. Warren, Robt. Kennedy, Alex. Lasby, Alex. Waldie, A. O. Wheeler, M. Lamb, and Thomas Watson, went to Toronto yesterday to attend the Reform Convention in that city.  
**Correction**  
In our last issue the types made us say that O'Rourke would be executed tomorrow. The item was intended for this week's paper.  
**Sons of Temperance Entertainment**  
The Sons of Temperance of this village held their annual entertainment on New Year's evening. The programme was an excellent one, and was greatly enjoyed by those present, but the attendance was not as large as could have been desired. The singing of Mrs. D. D. Christie and Messrs. E. Cameron and M. Nicklin was very much appreciated, and the Acton Glee Club fully sustained their previous well-earned reputation. The instrumental solos and accompaniments by Miss Hazlett were especially well rendered, and the piano and violin duets by Messrs. J. C. and C. W. Hill, as usual, won accolades every time. Mr. John Warren gave a short and very acceptable address. The chair was very filled by Mr. D. D. Christie. The piano used was from the warrens of Mr. R. Craine, who kindly loaned it for the occasion, and was one of the excellent instruments manufactured by the excellent instrument manufacturer of the Dominion Organ Co. The poster announced that the Acton Brass Band would be in attendance, but owing to the illness of one or two members, and the absence of others, the committee was obliged to proceed with the programme without their assistance.  
**The Best Coal Oil in Acton is to be had at J.**

## VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

**Carroll vs. Ryder**  
At the trial of Hiram Ryder in this case, before the Judge at Milton last Thursday, he was fined \$10 and costs, and released.

**Journalsite change**  
The Milton *Chronicle* has changed hands and is now under the control of Messrs. D. W. Campbell and J. Panton, both of Milton. We wish the *Chronicle* success under the new management.

**Accident**  
Mr. J. A. Spaight met with an accident while working with a shingle machine in his shop last week, by which one of his fingers was severely injured. To add to the trouble he caught cold in the wound, and it is now very painful.

**Search Warrant**  
Wouldn't it be a good idea to procure a warrant and institute a search for the sidewalk leading from the G. T. H. depot to the Mill street crossing. We are not sure that it is far away, and a search in the snow might result in its being found.

**Arm Broken**  
Last Thursday while Duncan, a fifteen year old son of Mr. John McLaughlin, who resides a short distance below this village, fell while climbing into a hay mow, breaking his right arm above the elbow. Dr. Lowry was called in and reduced the fracture.

**Head-on Present**  
From the *Lodge's Advertiser* we slip the following, referring to a former Acton boy:—"Rev. T. A. Moore, formerly Canada Methodist Minister in the Belmont Circuit, was presented with a comfortable \$65.00 cutter on Thursday evening last by his friends on the Salford circuit, where he is now stationed."

**Beneficiary**  
Those subscribers whose subscriptions expired with the close of 1887 are rapidly renewing, and many are the kind words tendered us on the excellence of the *Free Press* as a local family paper, and for the enterprise which has placed our office above all others in the country, in the matter of superior outfit and appliances.

**Matrimonial**  
There was a boom in the matrimonial market in this neighborhood yesterday. There was, we understand, one wedding, and as a result of the newly married couple took the 7:30 N. & N. W. train for Hamilton. We do not pretend a decidedly lively appearance about the time that the train was due—*Milton's Chronicle*.

**Annual Missionary Meeting**  
The annual missionary meeting in connection with the Church of England on this mission, will be held in Acton on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., at 7:30, and at Rockwood on Tuesday evening, 16th, at 7 o'clock. Rev. Canon Dixon, B.A., of Guelph, assisted by Rev. R. C. Caswell, Georgetown, W. J. McKenzie, Milton, and others, will address the meetings. Christian friends are especially invited to be present.

**Week of Prayer**  
Owing to circumstances which would oblige one or two of the ministers in town to be absent next week, the programme for the week of prayer is being carried out this week, and a series of union prayer meetings are being held in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches. This evening the meeting will be held in the Baptist Church, to-morrow evening in the Presbyterian Church, and Saturday evening in the Methodist Church. We are pleased to see this spirit of unity among the churches, and feel satisfied that much good will result therefrom.

**Women's Christian Temperance Union**  
The above Union has been successfully organized in Acton, with the following efficient staff of officers:—  
Mrs. John Speight, President.  
W. J. Pigot, 1st Vice Pres.  
Miss Jennie Steel, 2nd Vice Pres.  
Mrs. Eli Snyder, Treasurer.  
D. D. Christie, Secretary.  
The next regular meeting of the Union will be held in the Baptist Church on Thursday evening, 11th inst., at 6:30 o'clock, when a full attendance of members, and ladies who wish to become members, is requested.

**Petite News**  
Nellie Bell, alias Amelita Skit, age 18 or 20, was arrested yesterday by Chief Rastall as a street walker and lodged in the police cells. The girl says her father is a farmer in Michigan, that she left home three weeks ago with a hotel keeper, who deserted her at Port Huron. Learning from some one in that town about one Mary Bruat in Acton she started for that village to make the acquaintance of this somewhat notorious damozelle. Mary and she, together with another female friend, came on a visit to Guelph a few days ago and prolonged their stay until the girl Bell was taken by the Police. The other two thereupon skipped out—*Guelph Mercury*.

**The Retiring Reeve's Hospitality**  
It has been the custom for a number of years past, for the retiring reeve to give an oyster supper to the members of the retiring council, the council elect, and the municipal officers, and on Tuesday evening Reeve Smith complied with the time-honored precedent. About thirty guests were present, and ample justice was done to the oysters and other excellent edibles, provided by the host of the Dominion Hotel. After the tables had been cleared an hour was spent in speeches by the members of the retiring council, the successful candidate, their defeated brethren, the civic officers, and a number of ratepayers. A review of the work performed during the past year was given and an outline of the programme proposed by the new council for the present year was placed before the company, and all joined in thanking Mr. Smith for his hospitality.

**A New Notable**  
An exchange says:—"The following feature for an entertainment is new, and likely to become popular. It is termed a 'basket social.' The young ladies prepare a basket filled with an elaborate repast, place their cards therein, and then the baskets are sold to the gentlemen without the knowledge of the owners. Each gentleman is then expected to partake of the feast with the lady whose basket he had purchased. It is recommended as a plan likely to insure a worthy rivalry in the art of cooking. For these entertainments become common, and the young ladies who expect or will not learn to make good bread or digestible pastry, will be likely to be left in single blessedness."

**PERSONALS.**

Mr. Martin P. Meigs, of Guelph, spent New Year's here.  
Mr. John Kenny, of Doonville, was in Acton yesterday.  
Mr. W. Williams visited friends in Bowmansville on Monday.  
Mr. John Hutchinson, of Berlin, was in town on New Year's day.  
Mr. J. S. Cunningham, of Wyoming, visited Acton friends this week.  
Mr. John Vance, of Toronto, spent New Year's with his Acton friends.  
Messrs. R. H. Allen and E. Lucas, Jr., left on Monday for Gloversville, N.Y.  
Mr. Wm. Watson, Jr., of Hildgetown, and his Acton friends visited this week.  
Rev. Walter Dean and wife, and Miss Mary Dean, of Elmira, visited their Acton friends this week.  
Dr. Bigger and wife, of Indianapolis, Ind., were the guests of Mrs. S. A. Secord during the past week.  
Mr. John Shaw, who spent the holidays with friends in Marlette, Mich., returned home on Tuesday evening.  
Misses Nell Watson and Annie M. Moore, and Mr. J. Eby, of Berlin, visited Acton friends during the week.  
Miss Minnie Swan, who has been visiting friends in Toronto during the past month or so, returned home last week.  
Mr. Alex. Gordon, who has been employed in Glenora for several months, returned home last week to spend the holidays.  
Mr. Henry Sayers gave his employees an orange supper at Speyds on New Year's evening. His workmen speak very highly of his treatment of them.

**THE CRADLE.**  
WARREN—In Kuerdine, on the 18th ult., the wife of Mr. James Warren, P. L. S., of a daughter.

**THE ALTAR.**  
SWICKHAMMER—ZIMMERMAN—In Georgetown, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 25th ult., by Rev. J. A. Caswell, Mr. Christopher Swackhammer, of Chesham Hill, near Acton, to Miss Esther Zimmerman.

**MOBILE—McDUGALL.**—In Esqueping, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, on the 25th ult., Mr. Joseph Moore, of Eramosa, to Nancy, youngest daughter of John McDougall, Esq.

**THE GRAVE.**  
MORRIS—In Acton, on the 25th ult., Sadie Ethel, infant daughter of Mr. L. Matias, aged 1 month and 14 days.

**BUSINESS BREVITIES**

Some Facts about our Business Men and Houses, of benefit to our general readers.

—Bulk Oysters by the quart at the Excelsior Bakery. E. Nicklin & Son.  
—HATS from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.  
—Four Cigars and Cheap Pipes go to Hughes & Griffin's, Acton.  
—A good Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's.  
—If you want a noble, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.  
—All kinds of Ladies Collars, Collar-cases and Ties, at Hughes & Griffin's, Acton.  
—Fresh Oysters by the quart constantly on hand at the Excelsior Bakery, Acton.  
—Scottish, English and Canadian Suitings in great variety, at the East End Clothiers, J. Fyfe, Acton.  
—Hughes & Griffin sell Men's Fine Straw Hats at 40c. and upward. Fine Christy Stuffs at \$1.50—newest styles.  
—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

**A CARD.**  
To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, free of charge. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. ISKAS, Station D, New York City.

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Acton, Dec. 21, 1887.

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Acton, Aug. 16th, 1887.

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