

VILLAGE VARIETIES

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

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BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and ribbon for readers of the Free Press. Wood is scarce again in town. Bright moonlight nights again. Easter Sunday is on March 25th. More agreeable weather this week. The probabilities announce a general thaw this week. The valentine nuisance is over—so thinks the postmaster. That little franchise speech by our Ned wasn't so bad, after all. Venner's extensive views promised last Friday and Saturday, didn't come. A lecture on Bible Lands will be given in the Presbyterian Church this evening. Knox Church, Acton, is instituting the envelope system for the payment of church moneys. There still remains a large quantity of grain in the hands of the farmers of this vicinity. Mr. C. P. Preston has been appointed Assessor for the Township of Esqueping, for 1883. Shouldn't the snow-blow make some provision for the shovelling of street crossings. Deposit your surplus wealth in some hidden corner, essurers will soon be feeling their way. Mr. J. P. Warden has removed his barber shop to the drug store lately occupied by Mr. Foster. The storm of last week rendered the town almost impassable, but they are now pretty well broken again. If you slip up and fall down, calculating that you will slip up again, you will slip up again. It is now almost an impossibility for terms to pass each other on the roads, owing to the unusual depth of snow. In South Wellington, Mr. M. Smetacek is the Conservative candidate, and Mr. James Lindsay, M.P.P., the Reform. Both political parties are evidently working with the intention of coming out ahead on the 27th. We wish them success. It's very amusing to see some one else fall, but when you come to try it yourself, well, somehow it doesn't appear so very funny. Owing to the illness of Councillor Smith, the Village Council made its residence their place of meeting on Tuesday evening. The trees were beautifully fringed with crystal on Tuesday morning, and the bright sunlight gave the landscape a magnificent appearance. The Georgetown Herald man wants Acton village council to hire the Georgetown bell-ringer to give a few lessons on the ringing of our new town hall bell. Mr. Thomas Easton's tender for caretaker of town hall, and Mr. Luther Lyman's, for lighting street lamps, were accepted by the council, the tenders being \$93 and \$100 per annum, respectively. Mr. C. V. Stafford has secured the shop next door to Mr. Geo. Hynd's jewelry store to be used as an office for his telephone business. Mr. Henry F. Hill will we understand, be the local manager of the business. The train by which Mr. Thos. Perryman left for Collingwood last Wednesday was stuck in a snow bank about two miles north of Georgetown. The family returned to Acton until the roads would be reopened. There was considerable excitement here among ticket-holders in the London Masonic Lottery last week. The columns of figures in the daily papers were eagerly scanned and disappointed phlegmatics were predominant. The sudden death, on Saturday morning, of Wm. Thompson, grocer, of this place, familiarly known as "Dilly Thompson," surprised and saddened the entire community. He was buried on Monday with Masonic honors. The North River man, referring to an item in our last issue, says: "The editor of the Acton Free Press is certainly a backer." If this young man only knew how many little shoes it falls to our lot to purchase, his mind would soon be diseased with that idea. Business this week has been dull on account of the drifted state of the roads, thus preventing farmers from getting into town. Business men have had almost nothing to do, but to clear a way the snow in front of their shops. But then you know there's lots of politics to talk about now. An exchange hits the nail squarely on the head when it says: "When people patronize strangers expecting to get something for nothing, they can bet their bottom dollar there is a swindle in it somewhere. The only safe way is to give all honest tramps, having any sort of goods for sale, the go-by, and patronize legitimate home-dealers."

Special Services. Elder O. C. Herzog has been holding special services in the Disciples' Chapel each evening during the past week.

Teachers' Association. The semi-annual convention of Halton County Teachers' Association will be held in Milton on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 13th, 14th and 15th of March.

Ontario Boundary Papers. Our especial thanks are due to Dr. Robertson, M.P.P., for a neatly bound copy of the correspondence, papers and documents relative to the Ontario Boundary.

Health. The six diseases at present most prevalent in this district, as given by the Weekly Health Bulletin, are, Bronchitis, Anemia, Neuralgia, Influenza, Pneumonia, and Toxillitis.

Assistant Minister. A number of members of the Presbyterian Church in this village are agitating the advisability of engaging a young man to assist in the work of the church during the summer months.

Omission. In our item respecting the Reform meeting held here last Wednesday evening, we omitted to mention that Mr. John White, of Milton, was one of the speakers. His speech was pronounced by all as the speech of the evening.

Successful. The many friends of Mr. M. E. Mitchell, law student, for a number of years a resident of this village, will be glad to learn that he was so successful in the legal examinations at Osprey Hall, Toronto, last week, as to pass his First Intermediate Examination.

Support the Road. The large quantity of snow on some of the roofs in town is making them extremely liable to give way under the unusual weight. Several buildings have already been considerably injured from this cause, and our readers will do well to give the roofs of their buildings proper attention.

No More Treating. Eighty men in Dundas have joined an Anti-Treating Association, and have signed the following pledge: "I promise, so long as my name remains attached to this pledge, not to treat or be treated to any intoxicating drink in any public tavern, bar-room or saloon." A very good idea as far as it goes.

The Cemetery. How often will we be obliged to recur to the crowded condition of our village cemetery. We feel satisfied that the council will be justified in making decided action in this matter during the present year, and that a by-law for the purchase of a cemetery would not be passed with very few objecting votes.

Fancy Dress Carnival. A Fancy Dress Carnival will be held in the Acton Skating Rink on Tuesday evening, 20th inst. Over twenty dollars will be given in prizes for different races, games, &c. All competitors in the different races must be in costume. Acton Brass Band will be present. For particulars see posters.

Prizes for Wheat. The Farmers' Advocate prize of \$100, given annually by Wm. Weid, Editor and Proprietor of that paper, will be awarded at the next Provincial Exhibition, to be held at Guelph, Ont., from the 24th to the 27th of September, inclusive, for the best samples of wheat. The prize will be divided as follows: Two prizes of \$50 and two of \$30 each. The first prize of \$50 to be given for the best variety of fall or winter wheat for the general farm; to raise and \$50 for the second best variety of fall or winter wheat; \$25 for the best variety of spring wheat, and \$20 for the second best variety of spring wheat.

Acton's New Telephone. The Stafford Asiatic Telephone seems to be gaining in favor all over the country, and is loudly praised wherever exhibited. Referring to a line on exhibition in London the Herald of that city says: "The experimental line used here is stretched from Thompson's carriage factory to Dr. Tennant's office, King street, a block distant, and the communication was surprisingly distinct at every trial. The inventors claim that as perfect a communication can be sustained at a distance of 3 miles, and if this be true, the Bell Telephone will likely meet with a strong rival. The only cost incident is the payment for placing in the neighborhood and erecting the wires."

Farwell Supper. A large number of the friends of Mr. Henry Boyd and family, met at their residence on Church Street last Friday evening to spend a social hour together on the eve of removal to their new home near Ottawa. The ladies of the party took well-laden baskets with them, and having spread the table the company sat down and did justice to the good things provided. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the party broke up at a seasonable hour, wishing Mr. Boyd and family every success in their new home, and trusting that they will make as large a circle of friends there as they leave in Acton.

The London Lottery. The drawing in connection with the Masonic Lottery at London, took place last week, and there are now about ninety thousand disappointed people in the country, which fact is easily understood when it is explained that out of 105,000 tickets sold only 4,234 drew prizes. Actionaries were remarkably unlucky, as we are informed that out of about 80 tickets sold here only \$20 was received in prizes. We are always pleased to hear of any society organization being relieved of financial difficulty, and this lottery has cleared off the debt resting upon the beautiful temple of the society in London, but we do not believe in employing any such schemes as the one in question, and we do not believe in the effect of causing such a wave of gambling of this nature as was never known to exist in our Dominion.

A Gaming Session. Our Acton-makers announce knowledge is impending. One young man is said to have already provided himself with them. If the fortune takes rapidly, so much padding will be required that we fear there will be a corner in cork and jaw-dust. Nature has not been as liberal to us in all respects as she was to our grandfathers.—Y. Y. Ledger.

The Best Coal Oil in Acton is to be had at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton. Try it. J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store is the best Coal Oil in Acton. Try it.

NOTICE.

The firm of Messrs. Hughes & Griffin have dissolved partnership. All accounts due the late firm must be paid by the 1st of March, 1883, to C. B. GRIFFIN, (J. R. HUGHES—C. B. GRIFFIN.)

Who will continue the business at the old stand on an enlarged scale, having added a large stock of GROCERIES, And is increasing his stock of DRY GOODS,

so that all who favor us with their patronage will be able to serve at the lowest prices. We are determined to keep our prices below neighboring towns, and make Acton headquarters in Halton for Bargains. Come and see, us. No trouble to show goods. Highest price paid for produce.

C. B. GRIFFIN.

Acton, Jan. 29th, 1883.

A. W. Green

Desires to tender his warmest thanks to his many customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and takes this opportunity of presenting to them all the compliments of the season.

THE CITY GROCERY

Is full from collar to garret with goods suitable for the Holiday Season. I have not room to give the name of every article as some do, but I invite the public to come and inspect my stock for themselves.

EVERYTHING AT BOTTOM PRICES.

"I Won't be Undersold."

I have on hand the finest grades of TEAS AND SUGARS

—IN THE MARKET—

I have just received a large quantity of that famous Gunpowder Tea, which will be sold at the low sum of 50c. per lb., or 45c. per lb. in five lb. lots; also 3 lbs. of good Japan Tea for \$1.00—during the holidays.

GREEN sells cheap.

GREEN does the trade.

Acton, Dec. 21, 1882.

GREAT BARGAINS

Watches, Jewelry & Silverware All This Week, AT SAVAGE'S Near Petrie's New Drug Store, GUELPH.

THE CRADLE. Mrs. J. T. Hemmett, of Shelburne, visited her friends here last week.

THE GRAVE. Mr. H. P. Moore is attending the Halton County Sabbath School Convention, held in Oakville.

THE QUICKEST THING ON RECORD is Kram's Fluid Ligator for Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, etc. It does not blister or discolor the skin; requires but one application to banish all pain, especially without using any gray liniment or carrying your head in a poultice for weeks. Try a twenty-cent cent bottle, from J. E. McGarvin, Druggist.

RECEIVE OF AMPLITUDE. Since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has become celebrated, a number of unprincipled persons have been endeavoring to palm off Electroton and Electro Oil for the genuine Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Beware of those similar named articles. If their originators had any faith in the healing properties of their own medicine they would, like honest men, give them a name of their own, and not try to sell them on the reputation of another, but as they know their own patients have no merit, they resort to the most unprincipled means of selling them by getting a name as near as possible to Electroton. We therefore ask the public when purchasing to see that the name Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is on the front of the wrapper, and the signature of Noyes & Lyddy, the proprietors for Canada, on the back.

GLASGOW HOUSE.

IMMENSE CLEARING SALE

PREPARATORY TO TAKING STOCK.

Picked Bargains at Prices That Tell The Tale.

A CALL. Will convince the people of Acton and vicinity that we are bound to begin the New Year of 1883 with the Greatest Bargains ever seen in

DRESS GOODS, Colored Cashmeres, Tweeds, Silks, Satins and Velvets,

and everything in ladies goods marked very low in price.

As we take inventory about the 1st Feb., our stock of

Fancy Goods, Laces, Ribbons, Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Wool Goods, &c.,

being very large, we have decided to close them out at cost.

UNPRECEDENTED. In the remarkable value we are offering in Tweed Suitings and Overcoatings,

we are making Suits for \$18, regular price \$22, and Pants we are making for \$4, regular price \$5, and everything in this line in proportion.

In Ready-made Suits and Overcoats we are closing out the stock at cost and under.

We have an immense stock of LONG BOOTS which we do not intend carrying over, and we are offering them at reasonably close prices.

We have a very heavy stock of Hats, Caps, and Gents Furnishing Goods, and we are determined to clear them out at an immense sacrifice.

This is a Genuine Cash Clearing Sale, and goods to be booked will be charged at regular prices.

Remember Our Famous 50c. Tea.

NELSON & McRAE, ACTON.

T. H. HARDING

Invites the public to inspect his stock, and desires to express his warmest thanks to his customers for their patronage, and takes this opportunity of presenting to all the compliments of the season.

GROCERIES. In this line I have one of the choicest stocks suitable for the Holiday Season ever brought into town. A good selection of Christmas Confectionery.

SUGARS.— Refined, Raw, Cut Loaf, Granulated, and Loing Sugars.

CANNED GOODS.— Salmon, Mackerel, Lobsters, Sardines, Blueberries, pears, peaches, plums, etc., etc.

TEAS.— A well selected stock of the finest flavored Teas in the market.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.— An immense stock of the above for Xmas and the Holiday Season, comprising China Sets, Lamps, Shades, Moustache Cups, Flower Vases, Cheese Dishes, Syrup Cans, Preserve Dishes, Cake Stands, &c.

ALL THIS AT 50c.

T. H. HARDING'S.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The advertised having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. Do all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription book, free of charge, with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Coughs, Croup, Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. Parties wishing the Prescription, will please address, Rev. J. A. Williams, 131 Penn St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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