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WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 1, 1883

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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.

The third month, March, comes in like a lamb.

Well, how did the election suit you? Were you disappointed in the result?

One fourth of 1883 has already vanished. Board of Education next Monday evening.

Marble time will soon be here again, boys. Our political friends had a rough election day.

Robbers are already arriving from their southern winter quarters. Mr. W. H. Storey is having gas works put into his private residence.

Several families have moved to Milton to work in Mr. Knox' tannery. A fine lamp has been placed above the front entrance of the new town hall.

Easter will be rather early for fresh eggs this year. They are very scarce yet. Turn about is fair play, isn't it? The girls turn will come again at next election.

Mr. C. W. Hill has added some very attractive rustic furniture to his photographic gallery.

The polling places last Tuesday were: No. 1, New Town Hall, and No. 2, Matthews' Hall.

There never was a large vote polled as on Tuesday last since Acton became a municipality. There was more driving in Acton on Tuesday than we have seen before since fighting came.

A few cords of sound, dry, hard wood, wanted at this office, for which cash will be paid.

Several of the members in town attended their congressional political address last Sunday evening.

Amman's politician's diary for March is a little out. Should have inserted that diary in February, Mr. Grip.

The libraries in the Methodist and Church of England Sunday Schools in this village have both been replenished.

A number of Actonians attended the Georgetown carnival last Friday night. Several prizes were won by them for costumes, &c.

A slight load of Acton young folks visited the residence of Mr. Robertson, Scotch Block, last Friday evening, and spent a very pleasant time.

Our Little Ones and the Nursery for March is received, and is just as interesting as ever. Send for a copy to Russell Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

It is not the slightest trouble to foretell how March will go—there'll be wind, we'll bet you double, and that wind will likely blow.—Grip's Almanac.

An early spring is predicted. The majority will not be sorry, as the winter has been long enough, from the middle of November steady up to the present.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

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

Acton sale. An auction sale of farm stock and implements will take place at lot 2, con. 6, Erin, on Thursday, March 15th, the property of James Russell, Esq. W. Hemstreet, the popular auctioneer of this section, has charge of the sale.

Our Town Bell. A little dissatisfaction is expressed among our citizens about the town bell. A great many think that it should be raised several feet and have the rope come perpendicular to it, and that until this is done the bell will not sound satisfactory.

Band Serenade. Last evening the Brass Band played a number of tunes in the open air. We presume the demonstration was a joint one, being on the part of the girls in honor of Mowat's return to power, and of the Tories for Mr. Ker's election. At any rate, both Grit and Tory participated.

Water Mill is Wanted. This is the expression of many of our citizens and the farmers of this vicinity. It is becoming a self-evident fact that a merchant mill which, if erected and run properly, would make Acton a very desirable grain market, and bring business to the village. We will refer to this matter editorially next week.

Tea Meeting. The members and friends of the Brick M. E. Church, near this village, intended giving a tea meeting on Thursday evening, March 8th. An excellent tea will be provided, after which addresses will be delivered by Messrs. Coates and Robertson, Georgetown; Byers, Acton, and the ministers of the circuit. The Georgetown M. E. Choir will furnish excellent music. A pleasant evening is anticipated.

Dissolution of Partnership. Messrs. Brown & Hall, lumbermen of this village, have dissolved partnership. Mr. James Brown retains the business and will carry it on as usual. Mr. Brown has also purchased the brick house on Main street formerly owned by Mr. Hall, also the factory and property connected therewith recently occupied by Mr. Thomas Moore. Mr. Hall has taken the Berlin business.

Seal Act Trials. Michael Williams, of Harrington, appeared last Thursday before W. H. Young, Esq., P. M., on a charge laid by Mr. J. A. Fraser, License Inspector, of selling intoxicating liquor on his premises on the 12th inst., being his second offence. He pleaded guilty, and sentence was reserved. Another charge was laid against W. Henderson, of Freeman, for selling intoxicating liquor on the 12th inst. The charge was admitted and the defendant fined \$20, and \$11.05 costs.

Robbery. A robbery took place in this village on Sunday afternoon by which the G.T. Railway's bill was relieved of about \$95. The employees were all off duty and a young man named E. J. Brandell, of Boston, Mass., who was sent here by the Toronto Railway Authorities to learn the business, is suspected to have forcibly entered the depot and made off with the contents of the till. Notwithstanding the fact that telegrams have been despatched in every direction the thief has not yet been traced.

Political Meeting. A very interesting political meeting in the interests of Dr. Robertson was held here on Monday evening. The speakers of the evening were, E. F. B. Johnson, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, and D. D. Curran, Esq., Acton, for Dr. Robertson, and A. J. Campbell, Esq., Editor Brampton Conservative, and H. Henderson, Acton, for Mr. Ker. However, as the elections are over and all the political speeches are laid on the shelf for several years, we deem a report of the meeting unnecessary. Mr. James Goodall acted as chairman.

Death of a Former Acton Boy. Many of our citizens will be pained to learn of the death of Mr. Elliot Johnson, brother of Mrs. R. Little, of this village, and for many years a resident here. In his schoolboy days he was a favorite with all, and no doubt a large number of the young men and women of our little town, who are now settled down in life, will remember many pleasant hours spent with Elliot Johnson in their youthful days. Mr. Johnson died at Seely, Kansas, of hemorrhage of the lungs, on the 16th ult.

A hostile council. A special meeting of the Bradford City Council was held last week, to take action on a by-law introduced at the last session by Ald. John Harris, the object of which is to make the holders of shop licenses continue their business to that of liquor selling. The subject has excited much interest, and petitions were presented both for and against. That for the by-law was the largest, and was signed by the majority of the leading ratepayers of both parties. It was passed on a vote of 12 to 2. The same by-law places the hotel licenses at \$110, and the shop at \$125.

Wiggins' Storm Herald. We have received from Grip Publishing Co., Toronto, a copy of Wiggins' Storm Herald, by E. Stone Wiggins, M. A., L. L. D., just published. Prof. Wiggins' predictions, in relation to a great storm to arrive on the 9th of March, have created world-wide interest. A number of eminent scientific men are quite in sympathy with this storm, while, of course, a large number of the same class are ridiculing his efforts. Notwithstanding this, the general public are exhibiting a considerable amount of anxiety in relation to the matter. The Herald is now in the hands of news dealers in Canada and the United States, and retails at 20 cents.

Young Men's Conservative Association.

A special meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Conservative Association, held in this village, will be held in Matthews' Hall, on Wednesday evening, 7th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present. G. C. CLARK, Sec.

Only Two Ways. "How can I love you, darling?" murmured an Acton boy in tones of distressing tenderness, as he observed both hands of the clock approach a perpendicular on the dial, on a Sunday night. "Well, John," responded the girl with wicked innocence, "you can take your choice. If you go through the hall you will be liable to wake up father, and you leave by way of the back shed you'll be likely to wake up the dog." Of course, the above name is an assumed one, but the young man will likely tell you his real name if you ask him. He went through the hall.

Successful Examination. Mr. W. H. McDonald, who left this village a few months ago for Edinburgh, Scotland, to complete his medical course in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in that city, has just passed very successful examinations. We understand that Dr. McDonald purposes going to the Royal College at London for his final examination, after which—if successful—he will have won all the most desirable degrees pertaining to the profession. It may be mentioned that Mr. McDonald and another Canadian young man were the only persons out of a class of eight who successfully passed the above examination.

Interesting to Halloway Volunteers. Col. Allan of this village, commander of the 38th Battalion, Come Officers, of this County, has just received official information from Col. Denton, Deputy Adjutant General of this military district, that the Minister of Militia has approved of granting the 20th Battalion new uniforms, which will be composed of Scotch tartan trousers and dark green serge tunics, and Gungahary caps. This will make a very attractive dress, and our Battalion will now present a handsome appearance. The Battalion has received orders to go to the front this year, and Col. Allan informs us that a number of recruits of good, strong, well-built material will be accepted.

A Noble Reward. The publishers of Halloway's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for March, among which is the following:—We will give \$20.00 in gold to the person telling us which is the longest verse in the Bible by March 10th, 1883. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner March 15th, 1883. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver or postage stamps with their answer, for which they will receive the April Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address, BURLINGHEAD PUBLISHING COMPANY, EASTON, PENN.

Rockwood News. The social held at Mr. Grey's residence on Thursday evening last was well attended and financially successful, realizing eighteen dollars for the literary fund. The Sabbath morning collection, amounting to twenty-five dollars, was taken up in the Presbyterian Church, to assist in finishing a church in process of building in Muskoka. Owing to the storm the attendance was small or a larger sum would have been realized. When we consider the social, civil and religious advantages we enjoy as a people, we should never forget that there are many in the newly settled parts of our country who do not enjoy so much as we, and who if they were in this neighborhood, would be constantly highly appreciate what we often lightly esteem. When we look abroad upon the nations of the world at the present time and see how many are oppressed by internal contention and strife, decimated by disease and death and visited with destruction by storm and flood, we have great reason to feel gratified to be a part of all people. In taking such an outlook there is perhaps no country so largely favored as our Dominion.—Com.

Ordination of Mr. Love. We clip the following paragraph respecting the ordination of Mr. J. H. Love, who had charge of the Baptist congregation here for some time, from a recent number of the Canadian Baptist:—"In compliance with the request of the Ancestor Baptist Church, a council convened for the purpose of advising in regard to setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry, Bro. John H. Love, whom they have called to become their pastor. The council, composed of a number of prominent ministers and deacons of the church, having been duly organized, the examination of Bro. Love was then proceeded with. Having stated the salient points in relation to his conversion to Christ, call to the ministry, and views of Bible doctrine, he was closely questioned by the members of the council on various doctrinal points and cases which might arise in church government. The examination being completed, the council adjourned to the vestry, and were led in prayer by Pastor Dawley. It was then unanimously resolved to fellowship Bro. Love's conversion, call to the ministry, and views of Bible doctrine; and to proceed to his ordination, which was conducted in the regular order, in the presence of a very large audience."

Improvement in Bread. We have just introduced the new Roller Process Flour into our bakery, and the result is better bread than we have been able to supply to our customers for some time. This flour costs us considerably more than that formerly used, but notwithstanding this fact we will not raise the price of bread but will supply it at the usual figure. At the same time we request that upon all our customers paying cash in future, don't fail to try the new bread.

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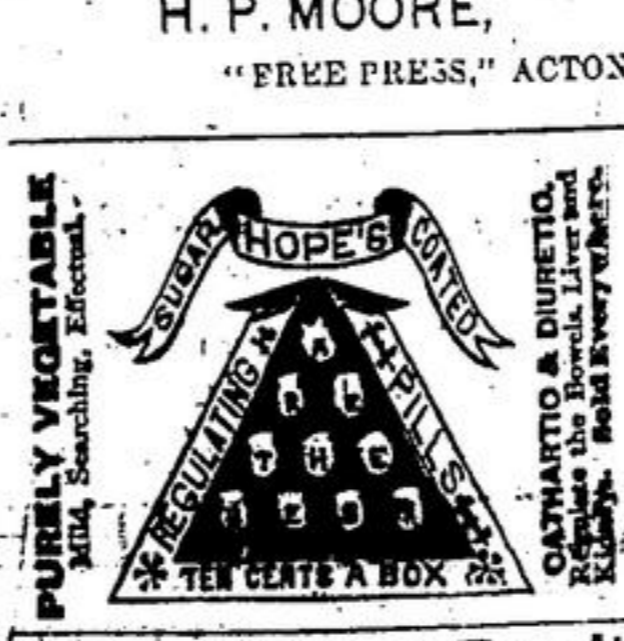
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