

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 scissors for readers of the Free Press.

And still it snows. Fine spring weather. Bright moonlight again. Saturday is St. Patrick's Day. Marble playing has commenced. Soon be time for sugar-making. Guelph Pat Stock Fair is being held today. The snow disappeared pretty fast yesterday. Acton is now pretty well supplied with water. Failure to connect—Wiggins and the rest of the wind. Rockwood news received too late for insertion this week. Grits and Teries are getting introduced to each other again. Mr. Kerns official majority, as reported by Shorice Clements, is 790. The recent in South Wellington raised Laidlaw's majority to 20. There was a little crowding at our village parliament on Tuesday evening. The frogs haven't commenced to croak yet. They are croakers now, however. Two hundred and fifty dollars will be expended in repairing the county registry office. A good many people now wonder what they got mad about during the election contest. The public school teachers leave this morning for the Teachers' Convention at Milton. We understand that Mr. A. W. Green will have his knitting factory in operation in a few days. The council was favored with a goodly number of spectators at their meeting on Tuesday evening. Yes, we've had a storm, but was it Wiggins' it was hardly the worst of the present century. Mr. D. B. Christie purchased the stock of the Allen & Jenner estate, at a meeting of the creditors last week. Mr. J. E. McGarvin will hold an auction sale in Kelly's store on Saturday evening. Wm. Hemstreet, auctioneer. If these parties who have promised to bring us wood will kindly do so before weighing disappears, we will be pleased. If the weather is favorable, the last carnival of the season will be held in Acton skating rink on Monday night, 19th inst. Nothing is easier than fault finding. No talent, no self denial, no character is required to set up in the profitable business. A happy trio marched down Mill street on Monday, apparently in blissful ignorance that any human eyes beheld their actions. Rev. Mr. Bevan, incumbent of the Church of England, Lowville has been appointed to succeed Rev. Mr. Massey at Harriston. The FREE PRESS is gaining in reputation as an advertising medium, every week. It pays to advertise in the right place, gentlemen. The teaming at the brick church last Thursday evening, was a success. The attendance, considering the weather, was very good. There is quite an odd combination of Sundays this year, there being only twenty-five in the first six months, and twenty-seven in the last six months. Mr. Wm. McCrae, M.P., of Oakville, has commenced rebuilding his saw mill at Broote of the same spot where his old one was burned a few weeks ago. Mr. Richard Hamilton, of Acton, who is to take charge of the building department of J. McMillan & Co's Lumbering Mills, has moved into Erin. Advertiser. It is the intention of the Star Hoaxery Co., Georgetown, to continue their business despite the rejection of the by-law creating them a loan of six thousand dollars. At the meeting of the County Council held last week, Mr. K. Little, P. S. L., presented his annual report which will appear in the minutes of council to be published in the course of a few weeks. Now is the time when the judicious advertiser makes free use of printer's ink. Advertising always pays before the busy season sets in and every merchant knows that there is a busy time ahead. A wink has good as a nod to a wise man. Farmers trying to make a living off worn-out lands must stop selling their calves and pigs, and sell fat ones and hogs instead, and they will soon see an improvement in the fertility of their land and in their bank account. Farmers' Advocate. Messrs. Kennedy & Co., of Guelph, watchmakers and jewellers, held an auction sale here on Saturday. Our little town is so well supplied with the class of goods offered that there was no demand for them on the above occasion, and the sale was consequently a failure. The furniture for the new town hall has not yet arrived, and it remains a person of the council in the good book to the man taking the party. Take up thy bed and go to sleep, to see each member of the village council proceeding to the council chamber with a chair, on the night of the meeting.

Account to Halton Battalion. Upon motion of Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Baxter, the County Council granted \$300 to the 20th Battalion, at its last meeting, to assist in paying for the new uniforms.

A Busy Man. Mr. Wm. Hemstreet, auctioneer, is engaged to attend sales every remaining day of the present month, Sundays excepted, of course. His reputation extends pretty extensively in these parts.

Correction. In our edition of last week we reported that Thomas Clark, hotel-keeper, Georgetown, had been fined for violation of the South Act. This was incorrect. Robert Bennett, of the same place, was the party fined.

Military Matters. The Canada Gazette makes the following announcement—20th Halton Battalion, "Lorne Rifles," No. 1 Company, Milton. To be captain, Wm. Patton, M. S., from retired list of captain, vic James Robinson, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

The County Printing. It appears that the county printing is not to be performed this year as law as it has been done for several years. The low tenders have apparently become tired of doing the work at a loss, and the council will now be obliged to pay a fair living price for the work.

Public School Examinations. The regular quarterly examinations of the Acton Public School will take place next week, as follows:—In the Senior Department on Wednesday, Junior Department on Thursday forenoon, and Intermediate Department on Thursday afternoon. Our citizens are all cordially invited to attend.

Important to Ice Cutters. Mr. Robinson, of Hamilton, has entered a bill in the Dominion Parliament relating to parties cutting ice leaving the ice holes unprotected so as to endanger life. Should any one be drowned in these ice holes without a guard or fence of sufficient height or strength being erected for the public safety, the offender shall be deemed guilty of manslaughter.

Acton's Societies. And now, besides the A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., S. O. T. K., G. P. L. O. L. O., Y. B. P. O., G. W. C. T. U., Y. M. M. L. A., L. C. A., A. R. A., Y. M. L. C. A. A., we have to add the R. T. T. to the list, a lodge of which order was instituted here on Monday evening. Surely there should be some bonds of brotherhood in an extensive list of mysterious capitals.

A Necessity to be Honored. At the annual meeting of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society, held on Friday evening last, Mr. W. S. McGarvin, of Nassagawey, received the 2nd prize for essay-writing. The subject of the essay was "The Testimony of the Gospels of the Resurrection to Christianity." At the same meeting Mr. McTavish was honored by being elected to the office of 2nd Vice-President of the Society.

Messrs. Storey & Son's New Factory. We had the pleasure a few evenings ago of examining the plans of the new factory soon to be erected for the Canada Glove Works of this village. The building will be situated on Bowler Avenue, will be 105x36 feet in size, four stories high, built of red brick with white facings, fitted with elevator and all the modern conveniences. The firm will probably lay the foundation during the coming fall and complete it the next summer.

Lamp Explosion. One of the lamps in the chancel in the basement of the Methodist Church of this village, exploded last Sunday evening, while divine service was in progress in the auditorium of the church. The explosion might have been attended with very serious consequences had not the unpleasant odor of burning oil been detected by Mr. J. E. McGarvin, dentist, who quietly proceeded down stairs and found the room full of smoke and the burning oil dropping to the floor below. The sexton soon joined him, and together they succeeded in quenching the flames without disturbing the congregation.

A Wood By-Law. We think it would be a most welcome piece of legislation to our citizens—if the village council would pass a by-law respecting the sale of wood within the corporation, such by-law to be in effect as follows:—All wood, cordwood or firewood, sold within the municipality of the Village of Acton, shall be sold by measurement, that is to say by the cord, or fraction of a cord, consisting of 128 cubic feet. And make any person guilty of an infraction of the by-law liable to a fine of from one to five dollars, and costs. At present most of the wood sold is by the load, and the load generally falls considerably short of being a cord.

Royal Templars of Temperance. A strong cordell of the above order was organized in this village on Monday evening last, by Mr. P. M. Pattison, Grand Lecturer of the Society. The following officers were appointed for the current term:— Bro. W. H. Howell, P. C. "Thos. C. Moore, S. C. "W. P. Brown, V. C. "A. R. Matthews, R. E. "Jno. Cameron, P. E. "James Moore, Treas. "Wm. Byers, Chap. "H. B. Moore, Herald. "Sis. H. Harlett, Dep. Herald. Bro. Thos. Easton, Sec. "E. Harlett, Guard. "W. H. Lowry, Med. Ex.

The council has been instituted under very favorable auspices, and we have no doubt will double its membership in the course of a few weeks. The society combines total abstinence principles with the co-operative beneficence, and as far as we can learn is based on a foundation which will inspire permanence and security.

Mr. W. McCrae, M. P., has our thanks for a copy of the Dominion of Canada Guide Book, for intending settlers. It contains a large amount of information respecting the several provinces, and will no doubt be of interest to emigrants intending to settle in our Dominion. The Georgetown hotel-keepers come down pretty hard on the Herald. The Herald says—"Robert Bennett, hotel-keeper, honored our office with a visit on Wednesday morning. Robert was exceedingly wrathful and cursed the temperance people heartily, simply because they push him for violating the South Act. Keep the law, Robert, and the temperance people will not trouble you. Personally they wish you well, and would not injure you for anything, but you must keep the law or suffer the consequence."

Meeting of the Pastors and members of the several churches of this village was held in the Methodist Church on Friday evening to take into consideration some means by which the desecration of the Sabbath by the G. T. R. authorities might be discontinued. The following resolutions were passed:— Moved by Rev. D. H. Cameron, seconded by Mr. W. H. Moore, whereas the Lord's day is of divine appointment, and conducive to the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of man, it is therefore resolved that as Christians we pledge ourselves to use all proper and scriptural means for the due observance of the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Moved by Rev. W. Byers, seconded by Mr. Joseph Effe, that whereas the peace and quiet of the Lord's day is disturbed by the unending rumbling of local mixed trains of freight and passenger on the Grand Trunk R. R., and whereas the running of such trains on the Lord's day is a temptation and an open opportunity for the community to desecrate the sacred day of rest for wicked and ungodly purposes; Therefore be it resolved that some definite and legitimate measure be adopted to check this growing evil.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Pigott, seconded by Mr. James Goodall, that a committee of the following resident ministers and laymen of the village of Acton, viz.: Rev. D. B. Cameron, Wm. Byers, and W. J. Pigott, and Messrs. Arch. Campbell, W. H. Storey, Joseph Effe, H. P. Moore and D. D. Christie, be appointed to communicate with the officials of the Grand Trunk R. R., respecting this grievance of railway travelling and traffic, and requesting them to suppress these trains on the Lord's day. Also, that this same committee prepare a suitable petition to the Dominion Government at Ottawa, setting forth our grievances in the matter, and humbly requesting that legal and unqualified restrictions be put upon all railways throughout the Dominion against the running of passenger trains of any kind on the Lord's day through any part of the territory of the Dominion of Canada. And also submit a petition for the citizens of Acton to sign, setting forth the above grievance, and that the same be forwarded to the Dominion Government for their action in the matter.

PERSONALS. Miss Jennie Mitchell, of Broote, is visiting her Acton friends. Mrs. Thos. Perryman, jr., is visiting friends in Collingwood. Mr. John McPherson, of Palermo, paid Acton a short visit last week. A meeting of the same nature will be held in Rockwood this evening. Mr. Charles Long, of Petrolia, was in town a couple of days this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Christie, of Walkerton, visited Acton friends this week. Mr. Wm. McDonald, jr., of Alexandria, Man., is visiting friends in Acton and vicinity.

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 must insist upon all our customers paying cash in future. Don't fail to try the new bread. E. NICKLIN & SON, Baker, Acton.

New customers wishing bread delivered will please leave their orders at the shop. Young lady, do not despair. Dr. E. C. West's Nerve and Brain Treatment will cure Hysteria and all nervous troubles. Sold by J. E. McGarvin, Acton.

If you are a woman and want both health and beauty, remember that all superficial efforts to increase your personal charms are vain. Freshness and beauty accompany astringent, and to secure this Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies for all female weakness offer the surest means of renovation. The highest intelligence loses its lustre when it must find expression through a bilious complexion. Good for either sex.

Be aware of Emitticats. Since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has become celebrated, a number of unprincipled persons have been endeavoring to palm off Electron and Electric Oil the genuine Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Beware of these similar named articles. If their originators had any faith in the healing properties of their own medicines 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 preparations have no merit, they resort to the most unprincipled means of selling them by getting a name as near as possible to Electro. 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 and Lyman, the proprietors for Canada, on the back.

THE CRADLE. BALLA—In Petrolia, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Arthur W. Balla, blacksmith, of a son.

THE ALTAR. McKENZIE—PLUMMER—At the residence of the bride's father, Crown's Corners, on the 7th inst., Mr. Robert McKenzie, of Dakota, to Catharine, daughter of Wm. Plummer, Esq.

THE GRAVE. RYDER—In Erin, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. John Ryder, aged 88 years and 2 months.

Mr. R. C. Winlow, Toronto, writes: "Northrod & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery is a valuable medicine to all who are troubled with indigestion. I tried a bottle of it after suffering for some ten years, and the results are certainly beyond my expectations. It assists digestion wonderfully. I digest my food with no apparent effort, and am now entirely free from that sensation, which every dyspeptic well knows, of unpleasant fullness after each meal."

DESIRABLE HOUSES TO LET. Three of those conveniently arranged tenement houses of the Acton Building Association may be rented by applying to W. H. STONEY, President. Acton, Dec. 21st, 1887.

DISSOLUTION of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between James Brown, of Acton, and Horace J. Hall, of Berlin, under the firm of Brown & Hall as lumber manufacturers and dealers has been dissolved by mutual consent. James Brown is authorized to settle all debts and collect all account due and by the said firm. JAMES BROWN, H. J. HALL. Acton Feb. 27, '88.

The business will be continued by the undersigned who solicits the patronage of all requiring anything in the lumber line. JAMES BROWN. Acton, Feb. 27, '88.

ACTON—HARNES & TRUNK—DEPOT. HARNES or TRUNKS. To save money should go to R. CREECH, Acton.

FLOUR & FEED STORE. The undersigned has purchased the Flour and Feed business from Mr. Robert Elliott, and will carry on the business in the building formerly used as a Barber shop, opposite the old Feed Store.

I will keep in stock and sell for cash:— Flour, Chopped Peas, Roller Flour, Chickens Feed, Granulated wheat, Oats, Peas, Cracked Barley, Rye, Graham Flour, Oil Cake, Buckwheat " Feed, Thorley Cattle Corn Meal, Climax Feed, Bran, Flax Seed, Shorts, Potatoes, Chopped Oats, Turnips, Chopped Barley, Beans, &c., &c.

Your Patronage respectfully solicited. Cash for all kinds of Grain. L. G. MATTHEWS. 1883. 10TH YEAR. 1883.

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Containing in each issue the cream of current original humor, by pen and pencil. Grip is as well known from end to end of the Dominion as the GLOBE or MAIL, and widely an influence second to neither.

Grip's cartoons are famed not only throughout Canada but in America and England, and in the opinion of good judges they are uniformly central in point of wit and power to those of any comic paper in the world.

Lord Dufferin (who is still a regular reader of Grip)—with his subscription well paid up in advance he writes appreciation of the ability displayed in the paper from week to week, and avows it a matter of astonishment to him.

This opinion is sustained by the following endorsement by Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Edward Blake, and other representative public men of Canada:—

Grip has no pretensions beyond the public good. It seeks to deal fairly and faithfully with both parties, and it never fails to put the plain truth in black and white. We are at all times happy to receive suggestions for cartoons on all political subjects; and provided such suggestions are founded on fact and of a suitable nature, we shall use them regardless of which party they affect.

Grip is pure in tone and sentiment, and is, in every respect, a family journal. Hundreds of parents throughout the Dominion declare that the weekly visit of Grip is looked forward to by their children most joyfully, and its power as an educator is heartily acknowledged.

Grip is now in its tenth year; and its circulation is large, though not great as it should be. It is a recognized National Institution. This grand young Dominion should earnestly support its only Illustrated Comic Journal, especially as that Journal is in all respects a credit to Canada, and its

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Power Printing Office PRINTING. We are now adding largely to our stock of FINE PRINTING STATIONERY. New Machinery, Plain and Fancy Type, Brilliant Inks, And other material necessary to first-class Printing, and we are prepared to execute ANY KIND OF WORK AND— At Reasonable Prices.

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Orders By Mail Receive Immediate Attention. ADDRESS— H. P. MOORE, "FREE PRESS," ACTON.

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TREMENDOUS BARGAINS In All Lines of Winter Goods. Our prints and Cashmeres this spring are 15 per cent cheaper than former seasons. A Choice Selection of TEAS, SUGARS, SPICES, ETC., Constantly on hand. Choice Roll Butter for Sale. Selling off Boots & Shoes at Cost, to clear the stock.

G. B. GRIFFIN. Acton, March 9th, 1888.

"City Grocery."

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