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BITS OF BREVIETY.

Fair and merry May.
Today is Ascension Day.
Barbed wire will soon be seen.
The assessor's duties are almost completed.
Base ball seems to have been forgotten this far this season.
Straw hats and last summer's bonnets have been resurrected.
A new six-foot sidewalk is to be built from Mill street to the town hall.
Young maples for shade trees are being shipped from here for Toronto.
The man who advertises not, needs but few clerks! Look around for proof.
There was an unusual demand for extra copies of the Free Press last week.
The course in the driving park is in a much better condition than it was last year.
Our merchants seem particularly well satisfied with the trade of Saturday afternoon.
A trial to the removal of superfluous odd branches and shoots from your fruit trees.
The council have made arrangements for the strict observance of the curfew law.
The Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, has decided to extend a call to Rev. W. J. Piggott.
The Toronto Globe suggests that all liquor houses be closed for hotels on the Sabbath.
Our subscription list is weekly increasing and now numbers more names than any previous period.
Application is being made by the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association in Georgetown.
The Building Association's fences are being put up and a general furbishing up is taking place about the premises.
The weather during this month is generally variable, and not very favorable, particularly in the early part of it.
The prospects for Acton Cricket Club are certainly very good this season. The club now numbers two 50 members.
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the Council Chamber next Monday evening.
Neither of Acton's new police cells have yet been occupied, although they have been completed for three or four months.
If this month don't come up smiling with a beautiful boogie-nature's senses quite beguiling, then 'twill set some other way.
Considerable of the fall wheat in this vicinity looks very unhealthy. Warm rains and warmer weather are necessary for its success.
The gold pen advertised as lost, in last issue, has been found. It is very singular, though, how it got under the sofa in that young lady's parlor.
The Acton Free Press comes out this week in a new dress. The Free Press is a spicy little paper and deserves support.—Guelph Daily Mercury.
Is another Queen's Birthday to be allowed to pass without a celebration? If anything is to be done it is high time committees were appointed.
We notice that Mr. W. F. Freeman, of Milton, has just passed his final medical examination in the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons.
The members of the village council have all demanded "plac" bags. We must congratulate them upon the fine appearance this improvement gives them.
The regular monthly Communion will be administered in St. Alban's Church next Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, by the incumbent, Rev. W. J. Piggott.
A special train for Manitowish passed through Acton on Tuesday morning for Manitowish. There were 700 passengers on board, mostly English immigrants.
Mr. J. J. Snyder's property in this village will be offered for sale by auction on the 15th inst. This is a very valuable piece and should command a good figure.
Mr. J. J. Snyder left yesterday for Guelph, where he has been engaged to take charge of the carpenter work on the Private Government Asylum in course of erection here.
At the life meeting of the Star Hoisery Co., Georgetown, the following officers were elected:—President, Wm. McLeod; Vice-President, L. L. Bennett; Sec., Treas., J. A. Dean.
The person who stole the Bologna sausage from the door of the City Grocery, is requested to call and pay for the same, otherwise unpleasant consequences may follow as he is known.
Stories about the catching of "speckled beauties" are now very plentiful. A good many of our nimrods tell more about the "big fellows" they almost caught than of those exhibited in their fish baskets.
The little girl who is constantly practicing her music lessons or needle work, soon learns to be very good at either of them. Practice makes perfect, and the more you practice the more you will learn.
That excellent monthly magazine, Our Little One, which should find a place in every home where there are little folks to amuse, is again upon our table. Send 15 cents to the Russell Publishing Company, Boston, for a sample copy.
The Acton Free Press appeared last week in an entirely new dress. We are glad to see such prosperity attending our co. The Free Press is a go-ahead paper, and should be appreciated by the people of Halton.—Guelph Daily Herald.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A collection of local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers.
Health.
The six diseases most prevalent in this district during the past week, according to the Weekly Health Bulletin, were Anemia, Bronchitis, Neuralgia, Influenza, Measles, and Idiocy.
Fire Protection.
The Ontario says a "penny-wise, pound foolish" policy has long been characteristic of Milton Councils, so far as fire protection is concerned. We could almost repeat the same thing concerning Acton Councils.
Quarterly Services.
The regular quarterly services of the Methodist Church will be held next Sunday morning. Rev. T. W. Glover, of Toronto, will preach morning and evening, and assist in the administration of the sacrament.
Remodelling.
Mr. W. P. Brown has workmen engaged in fitting up his newly purchased store and residence. The house is being moved back and a new front will be built to it. The shop is to be enlarged and otherwise improved.
Fishing.
The attention of sportsmen is called to the notice in another column where Messrs. Christie, Henderson & Co. inform all concerned that they intend reserving the fish pond as a private one, requesting all persons to act accordingly.
Improved.
We are pleased to notice that the Mount Forest Conference has put in a new power press, also a new outfit. This journal shows signs of prosperity, and no doubt is secured the patronage it so justly deserves. May success continue.
Completion of the Town Hall.
The council has instructed Mr. McCull, contractor of the town hall, that unless he proceeds forthwith to complete the exterior of the town hall, they will finish it at his expense. It is certainly time the work was done, especially when the contract calls for completion by first of October, 1883.
Loan By-Law Carried.
The Brampton by-law granting a loan of \$75,000 to the Haggart Brothers, manufacturers of that town, was carried on Monday by a vote of 253 to 63. The large vote cast in favor of the by-law is strong evidence that the people of Brampton desire to encourage manufacturers and capitalists to locate in their midst, and to assist those already there.
This Spring's Weather.
The spring of 1883 will be long remembered for its many changes. One day the sun shines very brightly, causing excessive heat. You lay away your fur cap and winter and don more appropriate apparel, when yet and behold the next day the warm weather gives way to cold winds and flocks of snow. It is about time this programme had ceased. We can bear with five months of winter, but when it monopolizes two-thirds of Spring it is almost objectionable.
Confirmation.
The Bishop of Niagara arrived here from Guelph on Monday, to officiate in the Confirmation ceremony in St. Alban's Church that evening. The sacred edifice was completely filled with these disciples of witnessing the administration of this Holy Rite. Thirteen candidates were presented by Rev. W. J. Piggott, incumbent of the church, who certified that they had been duly examined, after which they were confirmed. After the ceremony his lordship delivered a very able and affecting address.
A Handsome Safe.
Our good bin having become too limited and insecure a depository for the surplus wealth usually the outcome of a country printing office, we decided that a more suitable money box was desirable, if we would secure ourselves against "the moth and rust that doth corrupt, the thieves that break through and steal," and that element more dreaded than either, fire. We accordingly dispatched an order to Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch, Galt, and that firm have put into our office one of the finest safes we have ever had the pleasure of examining, the workmanship of which commands the encomiums of all who have seen it.
The Roller Mill.
Our citizens have subscribed stock to the amount of nearly \$15,000 for the carrying out of the Roller Mill scheme, but owing to the fact that farmers of the vicinity are subscribing very slowly, there is an apparent lull in the movement. The farmers should certainly see that the mill would prove equally so beneficial to them as to the townspeople, and if the matter is to be made a success they must come forward and do their share in raising the balance of the stock necessary for the undertaking. There is money in the business for the stockholders, as well as the community at large.
Complimentary.
The Hamilton Daily Spectator pays us the following flattering notice:—"The Acton Free Press.—This lively and handsome journal, seems to be reaping the reward of enterprise.—success. The last edition is printed from a complete new outfit of type, and the proprietor is to be congratulated upon the bright appearance of the Free Press." We are pleased that it is in order to reciprocate. The Spectator has just received a very becoming new spring suit of latest design, which is an excellent fit, and causes the editor of this widely-renowned journal as much gratification as the average little chap finds in his first pair of pants. May the Spect. prosper.
Special Services Revived.
Rev. Mr. McIntyre returned to Acton from Georgetown on Saturday, and the union revival services were renewed on Sunday. On Sunday evening a mass-meeting was held in the Methodist Church, and there were present between 500 and 600 persons. The meetings were continued in the Methodist Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and last night in the Presbyterian Church, where they will be held for the remainder of the week. A great deal of interest is manifested by those who attend, and there are a large number of anxious enquirers after salvation each evening. We trust that these special efforts will be attended with much good, and that a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit will be realized.

—Bad colds are very prevalent at present.
—The mumps are rampant among Hookwood children.
—The close season for ducks commenced on Tuesday, the 1st May.
—Bicycle practice is very invigorating exercise, especially to inexperienced bicyclists.
—New fences, new additions and improvements are now the order of the day among our go-ahead citizens.
—Athletes are practicing in order to get the muscles down to working order by the time holiday games and sports commence.
—We are selling copies of our autograph every day at one dollar each, giving therewith a copy of that most desirable local paper, the Acton Free Press, for one year free.
—A good deal of sodding of lawns, borders, etc., is now being done, and the man who wants to preserve the turf on his vacant lot is almost obliged to sit on it all day with a hot-iron.
—A man should at once be engaged to rake clean the front streets. A lot of straw and other rubbish has accumulated, and should be immediately removed. As far as the back streets are concerned, the residents are no doubt sufficiently loyal, hearted to properly attend to them, independent of the council.
I. O. O. F. Dedication.
The splendid new hall of the I. O. O. F. Lodges, of Guelph, was publicly dedicated last evening. A number of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and brethren from other lodges, were present, and took part in the ceremony. After the dedicatory services a very enjoyable social was held, and the brethren who had taken so much pains to have everything pass off pleasantly were amply rewarded for their labors. May success attend the members of the triple link in Guelph.
Acton Brass Band.
A meeting of those interested in the success of our town band was held in Matthews' Hall on Monday evening. During the past few months the band became considerably disorganized by the removal of a number of the members from Acton. At the meeting all the vacant instruments were taken up, and a general reorganization took place. The band is now composed as follows:—J. C. Hill, 1st E-flat; Geo. Garret, 2nd E-flat; C. W. Hill, 1st B-flat; F. H. Smyth, 2nd B-flat; W. Smith, 3rd B-flat; James Nicklin, Solo Alto; A. E. Matthews, 1st Alto; Jas. Ramsay, 2nd Alto; H. Worden, 1st Tenor; J. P. Worden, 2nd Tenor; E. B. Nicklin, Baritone; N. McLain, B-flat Bass; W. Williams, E-flat Bass; J. Speight, E-flat Bass; P. Kelly, Snare Drum; I. Francis, Bass Drum and Cymbals. Under the careful leadership of Mr. J. C. Hill the band will no doubt be able to sustain their previous high reputation for fine music. Our citizens should endeavor to encourage the boys in their endeavor to supply our little town with music of a first-class quality. The band deserves recognition and support.
Caricature, the Funny Art.
The lecture with sketches by Mr. J. W. Benough, of Toronto Grip, last Thursday evening, in the town hall, under the auspices of the members of Acton Lodge I. O. O. F., was well attended, considering the impetuous condition of the weather. The lecture was very interesting and the numerous illustrative sketches were most laughable and were enthusiastically received by the audience. Besides caricatures of the leading politicians of the day, a number of our local celebrities saw themselves depicted upon the artist's easel as others see them. First among these was a very suggestive portrait of our genial village clerk and physico-compendium, standing over a mortar, pestle in hand, mixing up snuff, and styled by the artist "the practical joker of town." Next came a representation of the courteous proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, in the act of supplying a thirsty traveller in Halton with a drink of warm, the traveller, as usual, expecting the landlord's services for nothing. The manager of Acton Baking Co. was next portrayed as an enthusiastic orator on the political platform, in the act of exhibiting with a good deal of gusto a lumbic corker. Our local lawyer then received the attention of the cartoonist. He was shown as tendering advice to a client, a fair dunsel, sound advice no doubt he gave. Next came one of the local leaders of the Reform party, perched very comfortably upon the back of his much-admired political chief, Hon. Edward Blake. Last upon the canvas, but not least in importance among our village officials, was the bell-ringer, represented as lying in bed with a troubled expression, the hands of the clock denoting six a.m., and exclaiming with considerable emphasis, "I won't get up to ring that bell."
The entertainment was very enjoyable, and those present departed apparently well pleased with what they saw and heard.
PERSONALS.
Mrs. J. W. Burns, of Rockwood, was the guest of Mr. Joseph Fife several days during the week.
Mr. J. A. Prentice, of Parry Sound, paid his Acton friends a visit this week.
Mr. Abram Staufler left on Saturday for Michigan, where he will remain a couple of months.
Mr. George Pratt, who has occupied a place behind the counter of the City Grocery for the past year, left yesterday for Collingwood.
Mr. James Moore, jr., who has been employed for some time in the Audit Office of the Canadian Express Co. at Montreal, visited his home last week. He is now engaged as expressman on the Montreal express train, and will probably be able to spend a day or so occasionally at home.
THE GRAVE.
BERRYMAN.—In Silver Coffin, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Berryman, of a son.
THE ALARM.
McCAUGHLAN.—FLETCHER.—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. S. Fisher, Mr. John J. McCaughan to Miss Hannah L. Fletcher, both of Nassagaweya.
THE GRAVE.
BERRYMAN.—In Silver Coffin, on the 25th ult., William, son of Mr. Wm. Berryman, aged 2 years, 9 months.

Esquasing Fall Show.
SPECIAL PRIZES.
\$3.00 Cash for best dozen Swede Turnips.
\$5.00 Cash for best dozen Mangolds.
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The prizes are open for competition to all resident farmers in Esquasing, Nassagaweya, Erie and Eramosa Tps.

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2 CASES OF BLACK CASHMERES
2 CASES OF COLORED CASHMERES,
100 PIECES NEW DRESS GOODS,
100 PIECES NEW LINENS,
400 PIECES NEW PRINTS,
50 PIECES NEW EMBROIDERY'S.
—FULL LINES OF—
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