Acton Aree Uress.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 10, 1884.

BITS OF BREVITY.

ecal and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scissors for readers of the Freg Press.

-The azony of the municipal candidate is over for another year. ..

-Snow has fallen almost uninterruptedly during the whole of the past week.

-Monday was the longest day in the year - to municipal returning officers. -Guelph was left in total darkness on

Monday night. The gas supply gave out. -The mercury in the thermometers this section made explorations below the zero last week. -It's not always the best men who are

elected, not by a large majority. Ex-Coancillor Kenney. -The snow shovel brigade was out in

unusual force yesterday morning. Their daties were most onerous. -The salary of the Oakville High school Master has been raised to \$1.050 a year,

and that of the assistant to \$850. -Watch for W. P. Brown & Co's new alr. next week. Some unusual induce-

ments will be offered to cash purchasers. -The concert given in the town hall, Maton, on New Year's night, must be recorded as the best it has been the good fortane of Miltonians to enjoy for years .-

-Messrs. Nelson & McRae announce a clearing sale of winter goods for the next thirty days. Call and inspect their bar-

-A branch of the Church of England

Temperance Society was organized in connection with St. George's Church, Guelph. on Monday -The Gutsiph dry goods merchants have

arranged to close their stores each evening -Saturdays excepted-at 5 o'clock until the first of March. -Mr. James Moore was elected Chair- | spow shore !.

man of the Board of Trustees of Acton Public School for the present year, at the meeting held last Monday evening. -It is important that the owners of

horses should have bells on the horses or their sleighs. Accidents will result from the neglect to attend to this matter. -The T.M.M.'s-three merry maidens.

we presame-will give the first leap year assembly of the season, in the town hall, to-morrow evening. It promises to be a very interesting affair.

-In a letter to the Montreal Witness this week Vennor, the weather prognosticator, says :- "The winters 1833 and 1884 seem to be "a couplet" in character, so far, but I do not think the similarity in this respect ! will continue."

-We have just received from the London Free Press a copy of their Calendar for 1854. This is the most elegant, artistic, and creditably executed piece of workmanship, in every respect, that we have had the pleasure of examining for some time.

-A meeting of the Young Men's Literary Society was held in the Council Chamber last Thursday evening. The programme tranged for this evening is rather novel in character, and those interested should not fail to be present. The subject chosen for pert Thursday evening is :- "Resolved that it is in the interest of Canada to become an independent nation."

Esquesing Agricultural Society. The annual meeting of Esquening Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber at Stewarttown this afternoon at 2 o'clock. We trust Acton will be well

represented at this meeting. Week of Prayer. Week of Prayer services are being held this week in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, respectively. The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church this evening and in the Methodist Church to-morrow evening.

Scott Act Trials: The Scott Act trials announced for last Thursday were postponed until to-day. It is very doubtful, however, whether they will be taken up to-day or not. We are informed that there are cases against all of our local hotel-keepers.

Good Templars Organization. Owing to the inclement storm of Tuesday evening it was decided to postpone the organization of the Good Templar's Lodge here until next Tuesday evening, for which evening a full attendance of those interested is desired, at the Oddfellow's Hall.

Anniversary Services. Anniversary services in connection with the Congregational Church, Georgetown, will be held next Sunday. Rev. W. Wetherald, of St. Catharines, will preach, morning and evening. An art entertainment will be held in the Town Hall on Monday

Predictions Astray. This is Vennor's prediction for the firs week in January: " New Year's mild-no snow-dust or mad in many sectionswaters quite open. Local rains or snow or sleet flurries on the 4th .- A great contrast to January, 1883." Could any prediction be farther from realisation?

Public Funeral at Toronto. The public funeral of the victims of the deplorable railway collision at Toronto took place on Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended. It is estimated that . We are glad to be shie to state from 80,000 to 40,000 ptolpts were guthated on Yough and King streets to witness the ent society is progressing very estimate

Missionary Bervices

The usual ampiversary missionary sermone in connection with the Methodist Church here, will be preached next Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 6.80 p.m., by Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., of Toronto. We have no doubt the importance of the subject, and the wide reputation of Dr. Sutherland. as a clergyman, will ensure large audiences both morning and evening.

Public School Notes Mr. W. H. Grant has been engaged take charge of the second department o the Public School, until Miss Morton is sufficiently improved in health to resume her duties. Mr. Grant is receiving \$10 per week. Miss Easterbrook has entored upon her second year at Lorne School, No. 12. : Mr. Shaunou, of Erin, has charge of Hannockburn School, No. 18.

Leaving Georgetown.

Rev. J. Coutte, pastor of the Baptist | The Loyal Home Paper. Church, Georgetown, has just resigned his charge, and intends removing to another field of labor in the County of Bruce. Georgetown Hamid says :- "During pastorate here Mr. Coutts identified himself with every good work, especially in connection with temperance, of which he is a warm and forcible advocate."

Councils for 1884. According to the municipal law the new councils for the current year are required to meet on the 3rd Monday of this month and as the rocres and deputy reeves have to assemble in county councils on the 4th Tuesday in January to elect wardens, etc it so happens the present year that this compels them to meet on the pert day after organizing in the local municipalities -the 4th Tuesday being the next day after the 3rd Monday.

The Wonderful Man. The attention of our readers is directed to the mammoth advertisement of Messre John Hogg & Son, Guelph, who will open next Mouday a special discount sale of entire stock. They offer goods at discounts of from 10 to 30 per cent, and great bargains will doubtless be given. The firm quarantees every article sold to-be correct in style, quality and price, and assert that thiose availing themselves of this opportunity will save money. Give the adr. a carcful perusal.

The Big Snow Storm. Since the advent of the New Year a big grow storm has been in almost uninterrapted progress, and it makes its presence fult everywhere and by everyboly. Until Tuesday morning the roads and streets were fairly passable, but the heavy store of Tuesday night capped the climax, and vesterday nearly everything was blocked up. and with the high wind of last night matters are not much improved this morning. Traffic is pretty generally suspended. mearly every man you meet now has a

Marking Ballots. It is very gratifying to notice how geuerally correct the people of all classes have | ted. There was no necessity for his giving nunicipal and other elections. A few ! able. Now, however, very few errors are statements. I said he was a literary critic day there was but one ballot spoiled, and of calling him so, I would have deemed it if was no doubt done intentionally. In this | nunecessary after reading his last letter. case the voter failed to mark in favor of |. He also says I have signally failed to reany of the candidates, but wrote across the face of the ballot, "They are all humbugs." Perhaps this person was disappointed in not receiving a nomination him-

Extra Mail Accommodation. Acton's importance is becoming mor and more demonstrated from year to year and especially is this fact recognized by the post office authorities of the Dominion. couple of years ago, in addition to the regular daily mails, east and west, we were favored with a scaled mail to and from Toronto, which was a great boon to our busi ness men, and this week a sealed mail Guelph and return each day has been added to the service. This mail will arrive at 10 s.m., and depart at 5.45 p.m., and our citizens will have the privilege of forward ing mail matter to Goelph, and to all points on the W. G. & B. R'y, and for the

stage lines running out of Guelph. Our

citizens will appreciate this addition very

Temperance Convention. The semi-annual Convention of the Halton Branch of the Temperance Alliance will be held in the Town Hall. Milton, on Toesday and Wednesday, the 15th and 16th of January, to consider the position of the Temperance Act in the County at the present time, to more thoroughly organize, to more perfectly secure united, prompt and efficient action, and to prepare for any emergency that may arise. Let all the friends of the cause rally to this Convention from the various parts of the County. Convention opens on the first day at 1 o'clock a.m. A Mass Meeting will be tield in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, at which addresses will be delivered by W. H Howland, Esq., of Toronto; Revs. John Neil. B.A., of Nassagaweya: Jas. Coutts. of Georgetown; and J. E. Lancely, of Burlington.

Installation of Officers.

At the last regular meeting of Acton Lodge LO.O.F., No. 204, the following officers were installed by P. G. Bro. Williams, D.D.G.M., assisted by P. G

Bros. Craine, Havill, McLam and Smith : Bro. R. E. Nelson, J.P.G. W. H. Lowry, N.G. J. E. McGarvin, V.G. A. E. Nicklin, R.S. H. P. Moore, P.S. Jos. A. Speight, Treas. I. Francis, R.S.N.G. E. Matthews, L.S.N.G.

J. P. Worden, B.S.V.G. Geo. Pratt. L.S.V.G. W. Williams, Wor. R. Craine, Con. Geo. Havill, R.S.S. R. Creech, L.S.S. Jas. McLam, LG. Alex. H. Brown, O.G.

W. E. Smith, Chap. W. H. Lowry, Lodge Surgeon. J. E. McGarvin, Trustees.

W. H. Lowry, W. Williams, D.D.G.M. Acton Lodge of this frattruit and beauvolily, and there will no doubt be very intersating mostings during the winter state.

PERSONALS.. Mr. W. W. Gordon, of Glancos, was in

town last week. Mr. Daniel Wakefield, of Washington visited friends here during the week. Mr. J. A. McCarthy, Barrister, of Barrie,

visited Acton friends during the week. Mr. and Mrs. James Webb left yesterday | BLOOD, morning for their home at Sand Beach,

Mr. George Smith, of Brandon, Man., is visiting his friends and relatives in this

Miss A. Hilts, who spent the holidays with friends in Stratford, returned home on Tuesday. Mrs. D. Henderson returned home on Saturday, after spending a very pleasant

week with friends in Walkerton.

The Milton Necestays: -- The Champion and Acton FREE Pares now use ready-set reading matter, put up in type and stereoyped in Toronto. It is said to be much cheaper than the old plan, but the typographical appearance is not good." The Fatt Pass does nothing of the kind, Mr. News. Every line of the FREE PRESS is set up and printed in our own office in Acton. As for typographical appearance, we invite the readers of both papers to compare them, and we feel no alarm about the verdict. No. Mr. News, the Fare Pages has too much independence in it- make-up to allow any Toronto firm to prepare its reading matter, and then have only a sec ond-handed sheet to offer its readers. The FREE PRESS is, however, unlike this same fault-finding Mi ton News, the matter for whose outside pages is taken from the columns of a Toronto paper, after it has done service for the issue of the same the previous week, and, with probably a hondred other papers using the same matter, is printed in a Toronto office, and receives no supervision whatever on the part of the editor of the News. This is the local paper which pretends to be a home paper, printed at its office in Milton. Of course, the re-bashed sheet used by the News costs very little more than the white paper used by legitimate newspaper publishers, but at this distant day the people don't look very kindly upon a journal printed from the matter used in another paper the week before, and presented to them the second

CORRESPONDENCE.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or expressions of any correspondents.

Rockwood's Depravity.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DELE SIR .- There is so little of any con-

sequence in "Bystander's" last leeter that my duties will necessarily be light. There are some things in it he might have omitbecome in the marking of their ballots at) us an account of how he got his education. He should have left that to the imagination years ago the number of spoiled ballots re- of the readers. He says I called him an ported by returning officers was remark. | ignoramus. This is another of his false ever made. At the election here on Mon- of no mean ability. But if I had thought fute anything he has said. Well, in my last letter I proved that he had written falschoods; that he made two incorrect statements; and I made a small challenge to him and "Citizen," which neither of them has the courage to take up. I will kindly defy him to prove any of the assertions to be wrong which I made. The perfume of his letter appears at its (ail when be relieves himself of that beautiful similie. likening himself to a pretty little animal chasing a little boy. This is my last letter on this subject, Mr. Editor, unless I see something worth answering. Hoping "Bystander's " clothes will be well aired before he again resumes the subject,

I am, yours respectfully,

A ROCKWOOL BOY.

Having given the correspondents on both sides of this question equal opportunity for communications, we have come to the conclusion to accept no more letters on this subject. When the correspondence was oponed we understood the desire of the writers was to show up the existing evils and offer a remedy for the same. Instead of this, however, we regret that the correspondents have spent their time, and occupied valuable space, by heaping upon each other volumes of personal abuse, altogether neglecting the object in view .- Ep. FREE PRESS.

The County Council.

The following is the personnel of the County Council for 1884, as far as we have been able to ascertain :-

Acton,-Reeve,-W. H. Storey. Georgetown,-Reeve.-Wm. McLeod. Milton,-Reeve,-John White. Oakville,-Reeve,-W. B. Chisholm. Burlington,-Reeve,-R. G. Boxter. Esquesing,-Reeve,-N. Lindsay; Deputy Reeves, John Warren and Richard

Nassagawaya,-Reeve,-Jas. Mengies Deputy, D. Wheelihan. Trafalgar, -Reeve, -Henry Robinson Deputy Reeves, Dr. Buck and Jno. Husband.

Nelson,-Reeve,-V. H. Peart; Deputy,

A. McMaster. This year the wardenship of the County Council falls to Acton in regular course, and we trust no indue influence will be brought to bear to deprive our municipality of the honor justly due in every respect. For nearly a dozen years we have had a representative in the County Council, and while every other municipality of the county has had the wardenship, Acton has never been favored with this honor. Her claims are clear; her representative is eminently qualified for the position, and if justice be a component part in the composition of the County Council Mr. W. H. Storey will be

Warden for 1884.

Hamilton, of Atton.

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Thanking the people of Acton and vicinity for the liberal patronage in the past, I solicit a coutinuance of the same, and wish them all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WM. S. SMITH, the Watch and Clock Huose of Guelph.

NOTICE!

All accounts due the late firm of Hughes & Criffin must be paid by the 5th of December next, or they will be placed in Court for collection.

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