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TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1884.

BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise, prepared by the use of the pen and scissors for readers of the Free Press.

Council next Tuesday evening.

The Toronto Daily World is dead.

Farm work is commencing to boom.

Guelph will observe May 1st as Arbor Day.

A cold April the barn will fill.

Stage Curtain Concert in Town Hall to-night.

The grass is rapidly assuming a healthy appearance again.

Are we to have a Queen's Birthday celebration this year?

Further improvements are in progress at Beardmore's tannery.

April's first shower put in an appearance on Tuesday morning.

The tallowine and whitewash brush are again receiving attention.

More new type has been received for our job department this week.

The County Spring Show of stallions will be held at Milton to-morrow.

Tuesday's showers were frequent. They were necessary and appreciated.

Eggs and new maple syrup were the favorite articles of diet on Easter Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Matthews shows a very attractive assortment of house plants. See them.

Mrs. R. Creech will open her Fancy Goods and Underclothing business next Monday.

Mr. Chas. T. Hill is re-fencing the Elgin St. and Bower Avenue sides of his property.

Maple taffy parties are now all the rage with the farmers' sons and daughters, and their invited friends.

The attention of farmers is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., respecting Hemlock Bark.

The son of Peck of Peck's Son is to be married April 23. It is hoped matrimony will end the bad boy's evil career.

Eggs were lower in price this Easter than we have known for a number of years. They were plentiful at 13 cents per dozen.

Messrs. A. & S. Nairn, of Toronto, who have done business in Acton and vicinity for many years, have disposed of their coal and wood business.

Don't fail to put in an appearance at the concert in town Town Hall to-night. Good programme. Enjoyable evening. Worthy object. Come.

James Dewar, of Milton, was fined \$100 and costs last week, for violation of the Scott Act. It was his second offence. A case against John Wallace was dismissed.

The first day of May has been set apart and proclaimed Arbor Day by Acton's Municipal Council. Let all good citizens comply with the tenor of the proclamation.

The Lord's Army officers here should endeavor to ring their church bell correctly, or else engage some one who does understand the business to do the work for them.

Messrs. Mowat & McLean, Barristers, have removed their office to the town hall. Their new quarters are bright and cheerful, and more roomy than those formerly occupied.

We are indebted to Mrs. S. A. Secord for the first bouquet of garden flowers of the season. Dey-bespangled Spring, with its blossoms of pure white snow-drops and yellow and purple crocuses is here again. Over the earth young April comes, her apron fall of flowers, and off her fingers sprinkle them with soft and dewy showers.

THE LORD'S ARMY.

Acton Banded. A Good Work Inaugurated. The Soldiers Meeting With Success.

The Lord's Army arrived in Acton on Good Friday, commencing their bombardment with a meeting in the Congregational Church that evening. The officers present were as follows:—General Robinson, the founder of the Army in Canada; Captain Webb; Capt. Auburn; Lieut. Laurie; Lieut. Wilson; Lieut. Turner, and Drummer Courtney. From the first meeting the Army has made decided progress, and intense interest is manifested in its operation, not only by the lower classes but by many of the most respectable portion of the community and by earnest Christian workers of the Churches. The Army held four meetings on Sunday, all of which were well attended. The hallojah breakfast and knee drill on Sunday morning was a novel but most interesting and inspiring service. In the evening the Army paraded Church, Main, West Bower, Willow and Mill Streets, to the Methodist Church, where a congregation numbering upwards of 600 people had gathered. Rev. W. Bryers, the pastor, delivered a most impressive discourse, after which the meeting was given into the charge of Capt. Webb. The result of the evening's service was very satisfactory. The local officers, Capt. Webb, and Lieut's Wilson and Ross, are earnest, anxious workers for the cause of God, and their efforts are being blessed with considerable success.

General Manager Hickson, of the G. T. Railway, has issued circulars dated April 10th, to trainmen and engineers of the road, warning them to observe the rules more carefully, and especially to look out for open switches.

We have received and placed on our exchange list the Acton, County of Halton, Fairs Pass, one of the most rural weeklies we have seen for some time. It does not look as if the Scott Act injured its business there.—Chatham Tribune.

Our readers will find the report of the Street and Sidewalk Committee, and their proposed improvements, given in another column. The improvements recommended will no doubt prove satisfactory to a large proportion of our citizens.

An exchange has it that a superstitious subscriber, who found a spider in a copy of his paper, wants to know if it can be considered a bad omen. Of course not. The spider was merely looking over the columns of the paper to see what merchant was not advertising, so that it could spin its web across the door and not be disturbed.

Since the passing of the Scott Act in Halton the druggists have done a roaring trade in whisky, supplied to sick people on physicians' orders.—Huron Post.—Well, Seneca, who told you so? You wouldn't call the sale of 10 or 15 barrels of whisky in a whole county in a year a very "roaring" trade, would you, Seneca? Look around for facts next time, brother. You can find them in this matter in a Government Blue Book.

Immigration to Halton. From the report of the Department of Immigration for Ontario, for 1883, we find that there were forwarded from the Toronto Agency last season to this county, 196 emigrants, distributed over the county as follows: Acton, 6; Burlington, 37; Campbellville, 7; Georgetown, 19; Hornby, 11; Limehouse, 1; Milton, 36; Norval, 40; and Oakville, 3.

No Army Meeting To-Night. In all probability there will be no meeting of the Lord's Army this evening. Reeve Storey is in communication with the General at headquarters to have it withdrawn on account of the Town Hall certain concert. The army boys need a rest, anyhow.

Letter.—At the moment of going to press a telegram has been received from the General granting the request of the Reeve, Oddfellowship.

From the annual statement of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, published in the Dominion Oddfellow, we learn that five new lodges were instituted during 1883, and that the total number of Lodges existing in the Province at the end of the year was 203. The net increase in the membership was 313, the total being 14,182. The number of brothers who received sick benefits was 1,689, and 262 widows were afforded relief. The total amount expended in relief was \$38,670.19, being nearly \$105.94 each day.

Newspapers of 1884. From the edition of Messrs. Geo. P. Howell & Co's American Newspaper Directory, now in press, it appears that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds at present issued in the United States and Canada reach a grand total of 13,402. This is a net gain of precisely 1,600 during the last twelve months, and exhibits an increase of 5,618 over the total number published just ten years since. During the past year the dailies have increased from 1,188 to 1,254; the weeklies from 9,062 to 10,028; and the monthlies from 1,091 to 1,499. Canada has shared in the general increase.

Still Another Method. Another plan for raising money at church agglables has been discovered at Ogdensburg. It is called a weight social, and is managed as follows:—The ladies are placed on a scale, and their names and weights put in sealed envelopes. Each gentleman draws an envelope, and on opening it he finds the name of the person whom he is expected to take to supper. Oysters are served. He pays for the same at the rate of half a cent a pound for as many pounds as his partner weighs. Light weights are in demand for once. These socials are said to furnish a great deal of amusement.

Severe Accident. While engaged in the erection of a storehouse for Messrs. Newton & Sons, Limehouse, on Monday, Mr. James Sharp, carpenter, of the 4th line, Esquimaux, fell from a scaffold—only seven or eight feet high—and had his ankle dislocated and leg fractured near the ankle joint. The accident is one of a very painful nature, and occurring as it did, just as the building season is opening, is rendered all the more serious for Mr. Sharp. The patient is in good hands, however, and under the skillful care of Dr. Lowry, will no doubt be able to commence work again at the earliest possible moment.

A Rape for Life. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Donald McArthur met with an accident of a very peculiar character while working at Messrs. Cowly & Moore's saw mill at Limehouse. He was engaged in rolling logs from the shore into the pond, and for some purpose went in front of the log when it started down the declivity towards the pond. Seeing his danger, and there being no other means of escape, Mr. McArthur sprang into the water to save himself. The log overtook him, however, and he being considerably stunned by the blow received from it had some difficulty in getting to dry land again. He regained terra firma at last and is now not much the worse for his ducking. Being alone at the time his escape was a narrow one.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers.

Collar Bone Broken. On Good Friday, while hunting eggs in Mrs. John Scott's barn, a son of Mr. John Fortune, of the Canada Lime Works, near Acton, fell through the loft, fracturing his collar bone.

The Concert To-night. The concert this evening promises to be one of the best ever held in town. From our knowledge of the programme we feel that we can promise complete satisfaction to every person who attends. Let there be a full house. The object is one of general and mutual interest.

Amount Paid in Wages. The Georgetown Herald says: "Creelman Bros. have paid out in wages during the past year \$8,600, so that the town made well by giving them a loan." Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, of the Canada Glove Works, Acton, paid out \$25,000 for wages last year, and we consequently reason that our Council acted wisely in granting the firm exemption from taxation on their new buildings now in course of erection.

The Lord's Army. A detachment of the Lord's Army arrived in the city this morning and fired a few shots on the Market Square. They came from Acton, where they opened a siege on Friday night. They are a fine looking lot of men, and are much more stylish than the Salvation Army, having complete military dress. The captain said they would be here to remain permanently in the course of a few weeks.—Guelph Herald.

A Worthy Literary Weekly. The New York Ledger is without question the best general literary and family newspaper published on the continent. Its matter is prepared by an extensive staff of eminent writers, and its editorials and reading matter generally are pure and healthy in tone and most interesting to the reader. The Ledger is published weekly at New York for \$3.00 per annum, and requires neither chromos nor gift enterprises to give it an extensive circulation.

Bad Results of the Whisky Traffic. Mr. N. H. Warner, whose reclamation and conversion in Chatham a little over a year ago caused not a little stir among religious circles, has fallen again, and was arrested at Woodstock the other day while drunk. Mr. Warner is an L.L.D., of gentlemanly appearance and possessed of unusual abilities. He had been working for the Scott Act in the County of Oxford for some time. His relapse is greatly to be regretted, but he deserved credit for his adherence to better principles so long.—Chatham Tribune. Oh, if our beloved country was only free from this cursed, blighting, degrading, soul-destroying traffic, how many thousands of hearts and homes would be eternally benefited by its banishment.

Appreciated. There is a little town down in Halton called Acton, with a population of 1211, and to say that it is represented by a wide-awake newspaper would indeed be drawing it mild. Such publications as the Fairs Fairs will bring a town into notoriety in a remarkable short space of time, and we have no doubt that Acton is all that its paper claims for it.—Wingham Vidette. Thanks, Bro. Mitchell. It is very gratifying for us to be able to inform you that our citizens appreciate our efforts to place Acton and her interests favorably before the general public; also that they always evince a willingness to fall in with any feasible scheme advanced by the Fairs Fairs for the progress and improvement of our little town.

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Two 2-lb. Tins Peaches for 50c. One 3-lb. Tin Pure Honey for 50c. One 1-lb. Tin Coffee for 30c. One 29-lb. Box Raisins for \$1.40. One 5-lb. Caddy Tea for \$1. One 5-lb. Caddy Gunpowder Tea \$1.25

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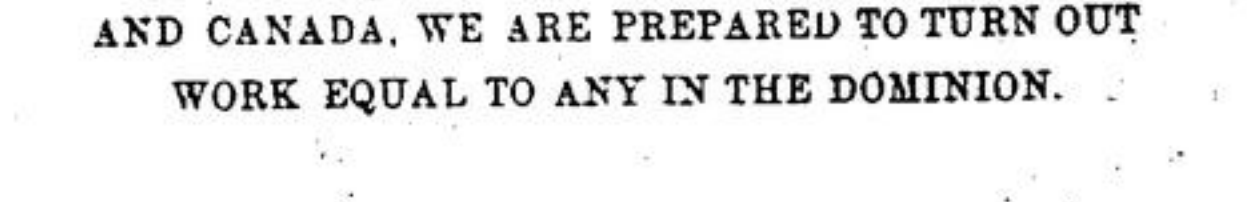
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