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THURSDAY MORNING AUGUST 27, 1885.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.
Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

County council meets next Tuesday.
School opens next Monday, children.
Milton has forty-seven lady voters this year.
Butter is a very scarce article on the market here at present.
It's rather amusing to see the Champion giving its Sun a "character."
Paring bees will soon be in order among our farmer friends—if the apples are forthcoming.
How does the present year make the "xv. volume" of the Milton Sun, when the paper was only established in 1873?
Revs. Fathers Dufortier and Doherty conducted the R. C. Church here last Sunday. The church was full to the doors.
Peter Lytton was fined \$5 on Monday for disturbing a Salvation Army meeting on the previous evening.—Milton Champion.
Volunteers attention. The members of company 6 will meet at the drill shed on Friday evening for drill, by command Capt. Shultz.
Col. Allan is exerting himself to have a full battalion, well officered, to go to the front for drill next month. Able bodied recruits are in demand.
We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. Lutes McIntosh, city editor of the Guelph Mercury, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee, in a runaway last Saturday.
The Junior Stars will play a lacrosse match with the Milton Juniors here this afternoon. A match is expected on the grounds on Saturday between Rockwood and Acton.
The Georgetown Herald man has received "our little one" for August. We judge it is a very welcome edition—or add it if you like. The Free Press extends congratulations.
A select party will be held in the Town Hall next Monday evening. A pleasant time is anticipated by those who enjoy "tripping the light fantastic." No boats will be required.
The annual Sabbath School convention of the Guelph District of the Methodist Church will be held in Ferris on the 3rd and 4th Sept. Rev. R. Phillips and probably one or two lay delegates will be present.
We congratulate Capt. Paxton, Milton, upon his success at the Ontario Rifle association matches at Toronto this week. Several important prizes being won by him. Corp. Richardson of the 29th also did some prize-winning.
The Methodist Sabbath School picnic was postponed from last Friday until yesterday, owing to the rain. The children had a happy time yesterday afternoon. The band rendered the proceedings very pleasant and enjoyable.
We are pained to hear of the death of Mr. Elijah Correll of Petrolia, for a number of years a resident of Acton, which occurred Tuesday. The poor fellow was kicked to death by a horse, while in the stall in his own stable.
A congregational meeting of the members of Knox Church will be held next Thursday. A committee of the presbytery will be present to confer with the congregation and Rev. Mr. Cameron, with reference to the latter's resignation recently tendered.

PURELY PERSONAL.
Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. Isaac Francis was with friends in Parkhill over Sunday.
Mr. Asa Hill spent several days during the week at Grimsby Camp.
Miss Annie Stewart of Guelph, was the guest of Mrs. E. Moore on Friday.
Mr. H. Donner of Clifford spent a few days last week with Acton friends.
Mrs. F. Wright of East Saginaw, Mich., is the guest of her sister Mrs. John Spright.
Mr. & Mrs. W. Vollick of Hamilton, are visiting friends at Maple Grove Cottage.
Mr. Wm. Bell, the celebrated organ manufacturer, of Guelph, was in town yesterday.
Mrs. M. Christie, spent a week with friends in Guelph and Penzance, returning home on Saturday.
Miss Alice Henderson who has been visiting friends in Milton for several weeks, returned home last Friday.
Miss Maggie Moore returned from her two-months' visit to friends in Michigan, Forest, and Drumbo, on Tuesday.
Mrs. Thomas Loney of Grass Valley, California, spent a couple of days last week with her niece Mrs. M. Morton, while en route from Halifax, N. S.
Mr. Thomas Smith and family, who have been residing in Penzance for a couple of years, have returned to Acton. Mr. Smith has received a position in Mr. James Moore's cordovan tannery.
We are pleased to learn that Miss Emma Moore of Lorne School passed the recent entrance examination at Milton, with nearly a hundred marks to spare. This is creditable to herself and teacher.
Messrs. John Matthews, H. Ebbage, Robt. Bremner and Miss Alice Hughes embraced the Georgetown excursion to Gravenhurst and Rosseau last Thursday. They spent a pleasant time and received courteous treatment throughout.

THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.
Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Scott Act Trials.
A court was held at Burlington last week before P. M. Young, when Messrs. E. Lindsay, J. P. Roper, and J. Coulter, Milton, and Mrs. Dougherty, Cambridgeville, were charged with violation of the Scott Act. The first case was dismissed, the second and fourth adjourned, and in the third judgment was reserved.
The Salvation Army.
The Army's jubilee last Friday evening was not very largely attended, but nothing daunted they arranged another time of interest for last evening. Commissioner Coombs, of Toronto, in command of the Army in Canada, was present and presented colors to the corps. Guelph band was present on both occasions.
Sacramental Services.
The regular quarterly communion services in connection with Knox Church, took place during the week. Rev. James B. Duncan of Paisley preached on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and otherwise assisted by Rev. Mr. Cameron, the pastor in the services. Rev. R. J. Laidlaw of Hamilton addressed the communicants on Sabbath.
The Bible Society.
From the annual report of the Upper Canada Bible society we glean that the following contributions were made by the places named in our county:—Milton \$123.91; Acton \$80.40; Georgetown \$71.80; Oakville \$62.15; Campbellville, \$53.05; Appleton \$18; total \$404.21. Acton's contribution generally exceeds \$100 but for some reason two of the collectors' districts were unaccountably last year.

Our Base Ball Boys.

Referring to the recent base ball match in Milton the Champion says:—The Acton team is a promising one, and will probably make matters hot for other Halton clubs before the end of the season. Its members, too, are a nice gentlemanly set of fellows, who give their attention rather to playing ball than to "jerking chin music." They now claim the championship of the county, on account of the failure of the Campbellvillians to meet them.
An Untimely Death.
It was with pain and sorrow that we learned last week of the sudden death of our friend Mr. F. H. Gibbs of Oshawa, late editor of the Oshawa Indicator, and previously engaged on the Guelph Herald staff, by inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Gibbs was an exemplary young man, and a favorite with all who knew him. He leaves a sorrowing wife and one little one to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. The Free Press extends deepest sympathy.

Called.

At the last regular meeting of the Freebody of Paris held in Ingersoll, a call was presented to Rev. W. S. McTavish, of Nassagaweya, near Acton. The stipend promised is \$800 with a manse and one month's holidays. The Rev. James Little, of Princeton, formerly Mr. McTavish's pastor in Nassagaweya, was appointed to preside and ordain. The ordination is fixed acceptable for Sept. 8th.—Guelph Mercury. We congratulate our young friend upon this very appointment.

Photographing the House.

The American Agriculturist reveals the operators of another swindle as follows:—A photographer, who takes pictures of farmers' houses, with all the family, and the favorite cow thrown in, for fifty cents, is operating in the West. He makes a negative, and produces an agreement for the farmer to sign, to take so many pictures at fifty cents each. The pictures never appear, but a note for fifty dollars turns up very soon, and the farmer pays it. Our old caution is still needed: "Farmers, never sign anything for a stranger."

Fine Pictures.

The Grip Printing and Publishing Company of Toronto, have just issued two magnificent lithographs, printed in five colors, of the Battles of Fish Creek and Cut Knife Creek. They are companion pictures to "The Capture of Batoche," and having been compiled from the most authentic sources, they can be relied on to be true representatives of these memorable engagements. Every Canadian who takes an interest in the history of his country should possess a copy of these plates, which will be sent post free by the publishers upon receipt of price, viz.: 40c. The Toronto News Co. are wholesale agents.

A Concert by Miss Williams.

Miss Clara Williams, of Glenwilliams, has returned from Boston, and as she may not remain in Canada, her many friends have persuaded her to give a concert in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on Friday evening, Sept. 4th. She has consented, and has also secured the assistance of Mr. Warrington, Toronto, and Prof. Bell Smith, London. This will no doubt be one of the finest concerts ever given in this section, and we speak for Miss Williams, on this first occasion of her public appearance in Canada since winning such golden opinions from the cultured, music-loving people of Boston and other American cities, an overflowing home. Our citizens are cordially invited to be present, and we have no doubt many of them will esteem it an especial favor to hear their talented friend, Miss Williams, again.

Early Closing Transgressors.

Since last spring, when an agreement was signed by the merchants in town to close their places of business at 8 p.m., the majority of those entering into the agreement felt themselves in honor bound, to respect the same. There have been exceptions it seems, and "A Clerk" sends us a letter in which he goes for one or two delinquent merchants—one in particular, he says—for not complying with the arrangement, so cheerfully entered into. Now, we feel that it has no doubt been an oversight that any merchant has occasionally broken the rule, and that it only requires their attention to be called to the matter for them to be willing to close at the hour agreed. Hence, we are satisfied that "A Clerk" will excuse us for not publishing his almost too personal letter. Let our merchants, as is done in other places, close their stores punctually at 8 o'clock, and good feeling will prevail all round. Both merchant and clerk need an hour or so in the evening for recreation.

An Interesting Episode.

On Tuesday morning as Mrs. S. A. Beard was approaching the G. T. R. depot she found a roll of bank bills lying on the platform. Enquiries respecting the loser were immediately made in the vicinity without success. In the meantime a commercial traveller who was at the depot inside purchasing a ticket when about to pay for it found himself minus his cash. Then there was a flurry, the c. t. rushed wildly about for a time, but the good lady above named seeing his perplexity surmised his trouble and after he had proved his property she handed over the roll. It amounted to about \$30.

A Great Day's Threshing.

We learn, on the best authority, that Messrs. A. & T. Mann who live near this village, threshed last Wednesday for Mr. J. Bradley, of Georgetown, 321 bushels of wheat in 9 hours and 45 minutes. This is a great record for a single day's threshing, and we would like to know if such a feat has ever been done in the county before, and if so we respectfully solicit the information, providing it is substantially authentic. The Messrs. Mann have for many years borne the very best reputation as threshers. They are thoroughly reliable, obliging and accommodating, always doing their best for their employer, hence their extensive patronage.

A Bonanza in the New Cemetery.

The other day it occurred to a couple of the members of the Council that gravel might be found in one of the side hills of the new cemetery plot. Following up the suggestion a prospecting tour was made on Tuesday, and with the assistance of several workmen a splendid pit of good clean gravel was found on the side of the hill in the south corner of the thirteen acres presented by Dr. McGarvin. The indications lead to the belief that an unlimited supply of gravel is in store. This is being investigated, and if so will not only be at hand for laying out the walks and drives of the cemetery, but for improving the roads and streets of the municipality. If the pit is as good as we believe it to be, it will be worth more to Acton than the whole cost of the cemetery over and over again.

Lacrosse Match.

The most interesting thing in athletic sports that our citizens have been favored with reviewing for a long time was a lacrosse match at the Driving Park last Thursday, between the Erin and Acton teams. The game was full of interest and excitement throughout. The Erin men are a fine lot of athletes, and are right at home in a lacrosse match. They play a scientific game, and put full confidence in each other instead of each endeavoring to do individual play alone. Their superior playing is the result of years of experience. Our boys, for so young a team, did some remarkable work during the match, and our citizens were not a little surprised to note the progress made by them during the three months since they were organized. Without particularizing—for every player did his level best—we must note the superior play put in by our young friend, Harry McCall, who was the life of the team. If the players generally would endeavor to copy Harry's style more carefully they would make rapid advancement. It need hardly be stated that the Erin boys won the match, but we venture to say they had more work in accomplishing it than they had anticipated. The first game was won by Erin in about half a minute. Acton put the rubber through Erin's goal in the second game, after 48 minutes of severe tussling. The third and fourth games were won by Erin in 45 and 25 minutes respectively. The Acton boys were at a disadvantage in not having suits, their ordinary long trousers sack retarding them in running. We hope to see them soon in possession of a neat lacrosse suit. An admission fee of ten or fifteen cents at a couple of matches would provide ample funds for this expense, and all who attend would gladly assist the boys in this way.

The School Inspectors.

As the time for the County Council to select a candidate for the vacant inspectorship approaches, the number of aspirants for the office continues to increase, and we understand there are now seven or eight applicants for the position. We believe all the candidates this time possess the necessary legal qualifications, but of this the Council will no doubt be certain before concluding their choice. During the past week two of the candidates—Messrs. Chadwick, principal of Stratford Model School, and McCaig, of Eramosa—have called upon us. These gentlemen both possess excellent qualifications and strong recommendations, and each feels that he is the man who should receive support from those having influence. From our own standpoint, however, we have seen nothing to cause us to change our opinion respecting the excellent ability and qualifications of our nominee, Mr. J. S. Deacon, principal of Woodstock Model and Public Schools, and we hope within another week to have the pleasure of congratulating him as Public School Inspector for the county. Mr. Deacon possesses the very highest professional standing, having both 1st A and inspector's certificates, and he is a man possessing that grace, dignity and kindness of bearing which is bound to command respect. Concerning him we clip the following from the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, after giving good advice to the Public-School Board, is able to congratulate the members of that body on the excellent appointment made to the principality of that town. It says:—"Mr. Deacon's successor is to be Mr. Deacon, the well-known principal of Ingersoll Public and Model Schools. Mr. Deacon needs no introduction to the teaching profession of Oxford. His standing in the profession has long been thoroughly established. He is a man of accurate scholarship, untiring energy, and a most conscientious worker in the school. Under his able management Ingersoll Model and Public Schools have always ranked high. Mr. Deacon's personal character is equal to his professional success. Where he is best known he is regarded as one of the most worthy of citizens. We welcome him to Woodstock, and congratulate the School Board and the town on securing his services." We understand that Mr. Deacon's prospects for the appointment are exceedingly good.

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