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The Acton Free Press.
 THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1885.
CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—December.
 —Last month of 1885.
 —Belleville has a pop corn factory.
 —Christmas three weeks from to-morrow.
 —Apprentice wanted in this office. See adv.
 —The annual tea-meeting season is approaching.
 —Business men want sleighing and steady cold weather.
 —The Sunday Schools are preparing for Christmas festivities.
 —Soft weather again this week. Are we to have a green Christmas?
 —It is about time candidates for municipal honors were issuing their cards.
 —Monthly meeting of the Board of Education next Monday evening.
 —Where is the man who says there'll be no fun at election times in Acton?
 —Have you ever heard a business man say that advertising did not pay him?
 —The Scotsmen had a jolly time on Monday night. It was St. Andrew's day.
 —Now keep your eyes open for appropriate Christmas presents for your loved ones.
 —My A. A. Farmer of Stouen, Kansas, will please accept our thanks for Kansas papers.
 —Municipal aspirants will be sweetest itself this month. Some of them will even kiss the babies.
 —Miss Reid has been engaged as teacher of Banockburn school, and Miss McPhail for Lorne school.
 —Guelph Christmas Fair Stock Show will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th inst.
 —Six pages of the Milton *See* are now printed in its own office in Milton, only two are printed in Toronto.
 —Mr. C. H. Walker, of Erin, is putting a new engine and boiler, as well as other improvements in his foundry.
 —Rev. Mr. Weir, of Toronto, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Guelph.
 —The general sessions of the peace and county court sittings will be held at the Court House, Milton, next Thursday.
 —Father, provide your family with interesting local and general newspapers, pure and useful books and periodicals.
 —A new advertisement for Mr. C. B. Griffin reached this office just as we were going to press. It will appear next week.
 —There was, quite an audience at the council meeting on Tuesday evening. Matters of municipal interest looking up, eh?
 —A committee of the council has been appointed to secure estimates for a new book, ladder and nail equipment for use at fires.
 —Let's see, did a couple of our gallant young men say they want to find private lodgings? Better advertise in the *Free Press*.
 —Mr. John Leavens has purchased a lot from Mr. Donald Cameron on the north end of main street and is building a house thereon.
 —Mr. George Kennedy, of Georgetown, preached a very acceptable sermon in the Brick Church, second line, on Sunday afternoon.
 —The *Free Press* subscription list is receiving daily additions. The circulation is larger to-day than ever before in its history.
 —A span of horses ran away last week and smashed the last street lamp on the east end of Young street. The citizens want it replaced.
 —What's the use of my advertising, I have been here for twenty years. Tell people so. That's advertising, and don't forget to advertise in the *Free Press*.
 —Rev. Lachlan Cameron, Thameston, for many years pastor of Knox Church, here, has received a call from the congregation of North Bruce, as successor to the Rev. Dr. Scott.
 —Mr. Geo. Green, of the B. M. E. church, Guelph, was in town last week soliciting subscriptions in aid of that congregation. He succeeded very well indeed, both in Acton and Rockwood.
 —The fifth lecture in the Ladies' Aid Society's course will be given by Rev. John Shaw, Toronto, in the Methodist Church, next Tuesday evening. His subject is, "Characteristics of the Age."
 —Rev. H. Phillips preached an excellent sermon on Sunday evening, having special reference to the recent death of the two children of Mr. Thomas Gamble. There was an unusually large congregation present.
 —Now is the time to secure bargains in ready made clothing, boots and shoes, and fur goods. Nelson McRae & Co.
 —Satisfaction guaranteed at the Metropolitan Photo Studio, Acton. It will always be courteously received.

The Milton *See* regrets to chronicle the death of a promising young farmer of Esqueping township, Mr. William Elliott, eldest son of Mr. John T. Elliott at the early age of 23 years, last week. The deceased was only ill some 8 or 9 days with typhoid fever.

The extensive dissolution sale is still going on at the Mammoth House, Georgetown. Bargains are being given in every department, and an immense stock to choose from. For further particulars read carefully McLeod, Anderson & Co's. new adv. next week.

By an arrangement with the publishers of the *Free Press* we are enabled to club that valuable farm journal to all pre-paid subscribers to the *Free Press* for the small sum of \$1.50, thus effecting a considerable saving to the readers. Renew your subscription now, and get the *Free Press* for the balance of the year free.

—Mr. John Cameron has about completed his transformation of the old Temperance Hall on Church street into dwellings, and a very creditable change in the appearance of the buildings and surrounding has been wrought. Mr. Cameron has now two comfortable and commodious houses, and is receiving very remunerative rental for them.

—50 suits, 75 vests, 40 overcoats to be cleared out, they must be sold as we are giving up this branch. Nelson McRae & Co.

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

It Will Profit You Every Time.
 Our readers should not fail to read all the advertisements in this paper over carefully. There are quite a number of new ones this week, and good live advertisements form quite an interesting feature in a newspaper.

Death of a Well-known Contractor.
 Mr. James Morrison, of Guelph, one of the oldest and best known public contractors in Canada, died suddenly Saturday morning at the age of 78 years. He constructed the International bridge at Buffalo, and many Canadian railway bridges and public buildings.

Painful Accident.
 An accident of a very painful and serious character occurred to Hugh McCutcheon, son of Mr. Stewart McCutcheon, of the 3rd concession, Erin, on Monday afternoon. He was severely kicked by a colt, and had his shoulder dislocated, besides being bruised about the abdomen. Dr. Stacey was called and under his skillful superintendence the young man is mending.

Promotion Examinations.
 The first semi-annual promotion examination of pupils of Acton Public School, was held last week in the senior first class. Of eighteen scholars the following fourteen were promoted:—Girls, B. Stephenson, N. Moore, M. Statham, M. Bennett, B. Brown, M. Jean, M. Ismond and M. Masalis. Boys, J. McClure, J. J. Pearson, A. Smith, E. Mitchell, C. Elbage and R. Garney.

The County Council and Pedlers.
 County council met on Tuesday. The only business of any importance outside of routine matters, was the drafting of a hawkers and pedlers' law. Pedlers of merchandise from house to house will hereafter be obliged to pay annual license fees as follows:—On foot, \$50; with conveyance, \$20; when taking orders for delivery, \$50. Licenses to be obtained from the clerks of the several municipalities or the county clerk. A fine of not more than \$50 and costs will be levied for infraction of the by-law.

Getting Up the Ladder.
 From the *Free Press*, *Evening Herald* we learn that Mr. James Barclay, brother-in-law of Capt. Shaw, well known to many of our citizens, who has occupied the position of superintendent of Nagle's Machine Shops, at Erie, for the past six years, has accepted a similar position in the Oil City Boiler Works, at a handsomely increased salary. His fellow-employees, hearing of this appointment, waited on Mr. Barclay at his residence one evening last week, and presented him with a fine gold-headed cane.

Our Orphan Society v. Ferguson Advocate.
 The *Brampton Banner* gets off the following:—Acton has a high-toned musical association, rejoicing in the euphonious name of the Orphan Society. A *Ferguson* newspaper man, laboring under the influence of Morpheus, wrote: "An Orphan society has recently been organized in Acton." Three of the most Sullivanic members of the society started out last week with clubs to hunt the poor editor to death. Latest reports say the latter was last seen making for the swamps, with the musical trio a good second.

An Inception of Fire.
 On Monday evening about eight o'clock the fire bell rang out an alarm of fire and in a moment it was ascertained that some part of Mr. W. H. Stacey's fine residence was in flames. Investigation proved that it was confined to the kitchen, and in a few minutes willing workers smothered the flames with overcoats and water. The fire was caused by the falling of a coal out of which for some reason was in use instead of the gas. The oil spread over the carpet, the fire ignited to the wainscoting and other wood work, and the room was enveloped in flames. The escape of the residence was a narrow one. \$50 or \$75 will possibly cover the damages.

The Free Press Job Department.
 The *Free Press* continues to be the popular place for job printing, plain or fancy. In addition to the abundance of work for local customers we are filling numerous orders in other parts of the country. During the past week we have executed orders for parties residing in Ailsa Craig, Allandale, Drumbo, Erin, Guelph, Milton and Palmerston, without any canvassing either. Our job department is continually crowded with orders. Another consignment of new job type has just been received. Business men or others requiring bills, circulars or work of any description will be promptly and satisfactorily attended to. Orders by mail will receive immediate attention.

—All sizes for men, women and children, in rubbers and overcoats, cheap, cheap, cheap. Nelson McRae & Co.

1886's Street Commissioner.
 The considerable speculation just now as to who will be the commissioner of streets and sidewalks for 1886. In order to allay excitement and satisfy curiosity, we present our readers with a typographical portrait of the fortunate (?) individual who will occupy the position.



The portrait was executed by our own artist, in his leisure moments, when not engaged in washing rubbers or sawing wood. It will be noticed that the most elaborate thing about the portrait is the smile.

What Acton Should Have.
 We are in receipt of several copies of the *North-Western Journal*, from Mr. Charles Armstrong, of Armstrong's Mills. The following item in the *Miller* is marked, and Mr. Armstrong enquires: "How would it be to have a mill like this in Acton?" "The Pillsbury Mill accomplished the unprecedented and herculean task of manufacturing 40,000 barrels of flour last week. Over 7,000 barrels were made on each of two of the six days." "We would like it first-rate, Charlie, and if you'll undertake to set a mill like that right down here in working order, we'll guarantee you a special vote of thanks from every individual citizen, and what greater blessing could you ask? We might add that Mr. Armstrong has very kindly feelings towards Acton, and nothing would please him better than to see our citizens bestir themselves in a practical way to effect the establishment of a good, healthy-sized roller mill here.

—You can secure just as good a photograph at the Metropolitan Studio, Acton, on a dull day as on a bright one, as we use the new lightning process which requires only a fraction of a second for exposure.

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

Miss Anna Matthews has returned from her visit to Hamilton.

Mrs. W. H. Storey visited Toronto friends during the week.

Miss Mary Kennedy, of Georgetown, visited friends here this week.

Mr. Frank Taylor, of Georgetown, paid friends in Acton a visit this week.

Mrs. H. P. Moore and Eddie were guests of Mrs. Eli Snyder, Guelph, on Saturday.

Mr. Thomas Milburn of Toronto, for many years a resident of Acton, visited friends here this week.

Mr. Donald McTavish, who removed to Stayner last spring, has been home on visit for a week or so. He is well satisfied with his new home.

The editor and proprietor of the *Fergus Advocate* has taken unto himself a life partner, in the person of Miss Louisa Cassidy of that town. The *Free Press* extends the warmest congratulations.

Mr. Albert Shalk, who has for some time occupied an important position in one of the departments of Mr. James Moore's Cordovan Tannery, left last week to take a position in a tannery at Newark N. J. Mr. Matthew Kenney, of Milton Cordovan Tannery, an experienced man, now fills the vacant position.

In another column will be found particulars of the marriage of Miss Clara Watson, formerly of Acton, to Mr. Julian de Picaea, a gentleman of high standing, now residing in New York. The *Free Press* unites with the many friends here of Miss Watson in the heartiest congratulations and best wishes for future happiness and comfort.

Reply to Mr. McLam.
 To the Editor of the *Free Press*.
 Sir—Now, sir, Mr. Swackhammer was not turned off the streets, neither was Mr. Grant. They worked as long as I had work for them, several times I called on Mr. Grant and he could not come and as for Mr. McLam I kept him as long as I had work for him to do. I don't suppose I would keep him when I had nothing to do. I presume Mr. McLam thought I should have kept him on to make the job spin out longer as he says. Now, sir, regarding Mr. McLam, I asked him if he wanted work, he said he had some work to do first. I enquired what he wanted a day he said the same as other men got. I made no reply and he never asked me again for work.

Now, sir, as to the lumber Mr. McLam charges me with taking. I admit wheeling the lumber over from Bennett's Hotel to repair the sidewalk and got Mr. Lyman the next day to help me do the work and what was left I took up to my place, so if he should be elected to the position of chairman of streets and sidewalks, or any other gentleman should want it, they will know where it is. Now, Mr. McLam says I got two years' work. I must tell him candidly that is an untruth. The wood is nearly gone and more with it, so you see you cannot believe all he says. But allow me to inform him whether it lasts two years or not, I paid for it the same as others did.

He had a good deal to say about 20 cents an hour. The man who had to watch over him would require 40 cents an hour to keep him at work. Perhaps he was like the man who was working on the cemetery grounds cutting shingles, when he would lie down and say, "Oh how high our takes is this year, 22 cents on the dollar." "Oh what need I care, for I have a soft thing of it." "It is a good thing to have a vote, but W. I. won't get it." Perhaps Mr. McLam will be able to inform us as to who that party is. I must ask Mr. McLam to confine himself to the truth, though judging from his letter it appears to be hard to do.

Thanking you kindly for the space taken, I remain, yours truly,
 Wm. Williams

Acton, Dec. 1st, 1885

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The Street Work.
 To the Editor of the *Free Press*.
 Dear Sir:—I beg to inform you about this street work. I do not remember much about it, but there is one thing I know, I was asked to work on the streets when I could not leave my other work. I was used well enough at the work, I think our commissioner has done all he could to please every body. I could find no fault.
 Yours truly,
 JAMES GRANT.
 Acton, Nov. 30th, 1885.

Rate values in wool goods, wool caps, shawls, clouds, scarfs, &c. Beautiful goods. Nelson McRae & Co.

Limehouse Sparks.
 From our own Correspondent.
 Lots of mud.
 Our villagers are beginning to talk about checkers.
 Miss Kate Lawson spent Sunday with friends here.
 Mr. S. Marshall left home for Oakville on Saturday.
 Mr. Parsons is still at home laid up with very sore eyes.
 Mr. Ellis and his trotter may occasionally be seen flying around.
 Mr. Newton is improving the road around his premises by graveling, &c.
 Mr. Wm. Scott has an order to fill of 100 car loads of stone to be shipped to Toronto.
 The social held last Thursday evening in the Methodist church was quite a success. They talk of another about Christmas.
 Dec. 1st 1885. ROCK.

—Just in, new fur capes, from \$2.00 upwards, the best range of ladies' caps and muffs in the trade, and a large assortment of men's fur caps, special values. Nelson McRae & Co.

THE CRADLE.
 CAMPBELL—In Nassagaweya on the 25th November, the wife of Mr. Hugh Campbell, of a son.

THE ALTAR.
 PRIZE—WATSON—At 233 East 61st Street, New York, on Nov. 18th, by the Rev. Elbert S. Child, Methodist minister, Julia de Picaea, of Bilbao, Spain, to Clara, second daughter of James B. Watson, Esq., of Berlin, Canada, formerly of Acton.

Auction Sales.
 THURSDAY, 3rd December.—Sale of Farm, farm stock and implements, the property of Thomas Dockray, on lot 2, con. 1, Erin. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.
 THURSDAY, 10th Dec.—Auction sale of the farm stock and implements of Mr. John Chisholm, on lot 1, con. 2, Erin. Sale at 10 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.
 THURSDAY, 17th December.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Duncan McArthur, lot 38 con. 7, Nassagaweya. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

A Card.
 To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send you a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. ISHMAN, Station D, New York City.

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My MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is wonderfully attractive. Just now it is at its best, as all the novelties are in, and the stock is very large. Lady readers are cordially invited to see our display.
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Elegant MANTLES and ULSTERS, in ladies' and children's sizes, in CLOTH, silk and velvet, from a low-priced garment to the most costly goods. Ladies' ASTRACHAN Mantles, in splendid value.
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We are doing a big trade in Dress Goods, and show a really attractive stock. The DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT, under the management of Miss Johnston, is increasing in popularity.
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Mens' OVERCOATS, all our own make. Boys' OVERCOATS, all our own make. THE ORDERED CLOTHING DEPARTMENT offers great attractions. Our stock of first quality OVERCOATS, frock-coats, etc., is well worthy of your inspection.
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You should see the splendid goods we offer in ladies' SEAMLESS, BRISNO, and "RAMS" WOOL UNDERCLOTHING. The sale of this special superior make is confined to me. They are the best goods offered to the public.
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Also, just received a full line of LADIES' and GENTS' FUR GOODS, in Persian Lamb, Seal and Astrachan. See them before you buy.

Come and see me. My store is attractive—my stock large—my prices low—my clerks attentive—and every feature of the Dry Goods trade receives special attention. I sell cheap for cash only.

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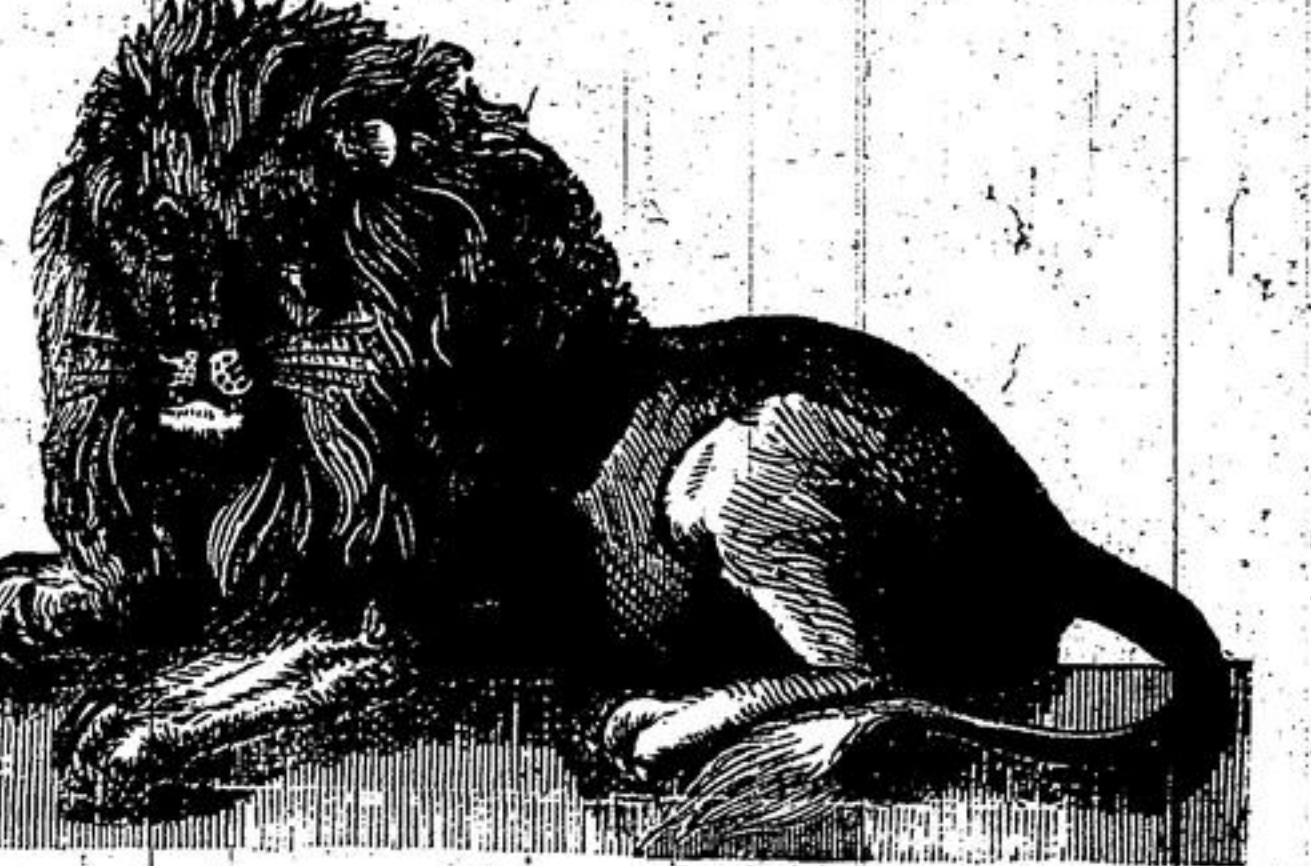
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