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H. P. MOORE, Publisher.

Water is high in the swamps now.

The public school re-opens this morning.

Renew your subscription to the Free Press.

The annual week of prayer services are in progress.

The Georgetown Herald takes a road this morning.

The "I-told-you-so," man was as big as his word Monday night.

The last meeting of the old Council will be held next Tuesday evening.

The Municipal campaign is a thing of the past, for a year at least.

Our thanks are due to Mr. C. T. Hill, Detroit, for copies of city papers.

Mr. A. C. McKimley, L.D.S., will visit Acton next Wednesday, 13th inst.

Remember the farmers' institute to be held at Georgetown, on the 29th and 30th January.

The January thaw arrived in good time, and unopposed the best part of the first week.

The roads are in rather a discouraging condition just now, but a good snow storm will set matters right.

The new year came in like a lamb. There will be some lion, or lynx, about the weather before it goes out.

Strawberry plants were in bloom at Burlington on New Year's Day. On the rigors of a Canadian winter.

The programming of the Ebenezer Croy Co. in the town hall on New Year's eve, has not received much notice from those present.

Messrs. Alex. Kennedy, Jos. Lasby and Thomas Caperton were elected trustees of Lorge school at the annual school meeting last week.

The thermometer has been taking some pretty lively runs this week. From 50 above zero on Monday, it fell below the cipher on Tuesday night.

The Bowmanville Sun has just opened its third volume. The Sun is a representative local paper, and is conducted with enterprise and ability in all departments.

Our good natured and appreciative carriers desire to express their best thanks to the numerous readers of the Free Press in town for their liberality when called upon with their annual address.

The social given by Mr. W. Smyth, at his residence on Wilour street, on New Year's eve, in aid of the St. Alban's Sabbath school, was quite a success. The evening was pleasant and the attendance good.

Mr. Whitehead, of Menard, preached in the Methodist meeting house, Acton, on the last Lord's day of 1885, both morning and evening. His discourses were heard with attention and were deservedly appreciated by those present.

A Sunday School sermon will be preached in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. A social will be given in the basement of the church on Friday evening the 10th inst., in support of the Sabbath school funds.

Mr. John Levens was unfortunate enough on the last day of the year to almost sever the thumb at the base of the nail with a sharp axe. Dr. Stacey attended him and thinks he can induce the severed piece to re-attach itself again.

The Wingham Times mentioned its fifteenth volume last week. Under the superintendence of Mr. S. W. Galbraith, the Times shows evidence of prosperity. In his hands it is bound to take steps in the van of local journalism.

We extend our thanks to the many who have renewed their subscriptions to the Free Press for 1886. A large number are still due, however, for 1885. We will be happy to receive all that remain unpaid, and will afterwards tender our thanks for them too.

The annual meeting of the Township of Esqueping Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Stewarston, on Thursday, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m. We hope there will be a good attendance, and that Acton will be allowed the exhibition next fall, as she is certainly entitled to it.

We have received from the London Free Press a beautiful lithographed calendar. We are frequently in receipt of samples of work from the job printing and lithographing department of this excellent office, and they occupy a place in point of general superiority second to none that we have seen on the continent.

A copy of a song entitled, "The wreck of the Algonia," composed and published by A. E. Davis, Fort Arthur, is to hand. As its name implies, it refers to the wreck of the Algonia on the rocks of Lake Superior last October. The words are very appropriate, and the accompaniment, though purposely simple, is very pathetic. The song should become popular.

Next year is to be Her Gracious Majesty's jubilee, and the good lady purposes to, in honor of the event, dispense Knighthood to the Mayors of all British and colonial cities of a population of over forty thousand. We are sorry that we will not have the pleasure—owing to Acton's limited population—of congratulating Sir W. H. Storey in connection with the annual event.

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

Saturday Night's Public Meeting.  
The public meeting in the town hall on Saturday evening was well attended. The Reeve occupied the chair, and the audience was addressed by Messrs. Henderson, Fyfe, Cameron and Moore, each of whom mapped out his policy. It was considered on all sides that Mr. Fyfe's was the speech of the evening.

Handsome Monument.  
Mr. John H. Hamilton, of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, has just completed a very handsome monument and erected the same on the burial plot of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Richard Homstreet. The monument is the largest in the county, of blue marble, and the workmanship is done in Mr. Hamilton's usual superior style.

Smacks of Business.  
A newspaper is a help to any community where it is published. It gives support, and should receive support, especially from business men. Its columns are always open to be used for the interest of its own town and townpeople. It is a matter of self-interest for people to patronize it, not only when they seek free advertisements, but when they have job work to do as well.

Business Change.  
Mr. W. E. Smith has purchased from Mr. H. B. McCarthy, his liver business which he is removing to his combobioles stable on John Street, in the centre of the town. Mr. Smith will keep a full line of good horses and vehicles, and will be able to supply all demands for first class turn-outs. He is a courteous and obliging man, and we have no doubt will transact business to the satisfaction of all parties.

The Old Year and The New.  
Another year has rolled around, bringing with it the changes that are the invariable accompaniment of existence on this mundane sphere. Quite a few of the oldest and most respected residents of Acton and vicinity, have during the year just closed passed to the Great Beyond. The old year was seen out and the new year ushered in very quietly, but it awakened in many minds thoughts of the kindly feelings that should prevail in the holiday time.

Anniversary Services.  
The anniversary services in connection with the Methodist Church here will be held on the 14th and 15th of February. Bishop Carman, one of the General Superintendents, will conduct the services on Sabbath, and Mr. James L. Hughes, L.L.B., Toronto, who fairly electrified the audience in his lecture recently, will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Why men Fail," on Monday evening. A rare and interesting time is anticipated. These services will mark the expiration of the first decade since the dedication of the sacred edifice.

A Fine Piece of Art.  
We have received from George Stinson & Co., of Portland, Maine, the well-known art publisher, a magnificent full length, steel engraving of General Grant. It is after Anderson's celebrated photograph, which was made while the general was still in full vigor, and represents him in his sturdy, manly strength, as the people wish to remember him. It is, undoubtedly, the best portrait ever made of the general. Messrs. Stinson & Co. are in need of agents for several important, popular new publications, and offer inducements that should be heeded by those in need of profitable work; those who write to them will receive, free, full particulars.

Missionary Meetings.  
The annual missionary services were held in the Methodist Church last Sunday. Rev. John Shaw, of the Mission Rooms, Toronto, delivered two of the most practical and convincing discourses on the subject that we have ever had here. Although the weather was disagreeable and the attendance consequently smaller than the occasion should have been favored with, the amount raised for missionary purposes is considerably in advance of former years. The subscriptions were larger and the cash paid forthwith was much more satisfactory than usual. The amount to be forwarded to the Mission Rooms from Acton circuit will exceed \$150.

Death of an Old Resident.  
On Saturday morning one of the oldest residents of Acton passed away, in the person of George Steel, sr., at the age of 84 years. Mr. Steel came to Acton thirty-two years ago from Toronto, where his wife had just died from cholera. He was a quiet and unobtrusive old man, and seemed to desire to be allowed to live severely alone, not appearing anxious to enjoy even the ordinary comforts of life. He was taken suddenly ill a couple of weeks ago. His last days were made as comfortable as possible at the hands of his brother and niece, Miss Jennie Steel, at whose home he died. He was buried on Monday, Rev. W. J. Pigott, B.A., officiating, in Fairview Cemetery. This is the first interment in the new cemetery.

Borrowing a Paper.  
There is at least one man in Acton who borrows this paper from his neighbor. We hope when he sees the following he will return the paper to the rightful owner and come straight to the office and subscribe. "A Friend" of ours, his neighbor, thus burdens himself:

DEAR EDITOR—  
I thank you, my friend, for your papers, and the good tidings they always bring; it keeps me from troubling my neighbors. Which is such a small silly thing.

There are plenty who borrow your paper, and often its truths read with care. Who, if they paid less to the lawyers, could easily subscribe for a year.

I am glad for what it has taught me, and hope it may flourish and yield. For it taught me never to borrow, and has always proved a "spoke in the wheel."

We now try to pay for our papers, and thus help business along; I think those who so often borrow are very small men of the town.

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Shaking Exhibition.  
The managers of the skating rink had arranged for a skating exhibition by Prof. J. D. Bruce, assisted by Prof. Sanders, this week, but owing to the soft weather early in the week they were obliged to postpone it. The exhibition to be given next week. Look out for posters.

Halt on Conservative Association.  
The following officers were appointed for the current year at the Conservative Convention in Milton a week ago: President Henry Watson, Milton; Vice-President, A. W. Peart, Burlington; Treasurer, J. Cartner, Milton; Sec. W. J. Watson, Milton. Municipality Vice-Presidents: Milton, Dr. Freeman; Georgetown, Dr. Roe; Esqueping, John Hainer; Nassagaweya, David Hutchison; Burlington, Dr. Richardson; Nelson, Thos. Watson; Acton, David Henderson; Trafalgar, Jas. W. Bussell; Oakville, W. B. Chisholm. A resolution of regret for the death of the late Col. Wm. Clay, of Norval, was moved by Hon. G. C. McKimsey, seconded by Major Kerns, M. P. P., and carried.

Successful Candidates.  
The following are the names of the candidates for entrance to High School who have been passed provisionally by the Local Examiners at Milton:

- Bertha Ezard, Milton P. S. 516
- Gertie A. Robertson, Milton P. S. 491
- Katie Laidlaw, No. 6, Esqueping. 486
- Maud McWherson, No. 6, 479
- John Sprout, Milton P. S. 476
- Chas. M. Campbell, Milton P. S. 458
- Robt. J. Kennedy, No. 12, Esqueping. 453
- Michelle Cobban, Acton P. S. 415
- Sarah H. McGuire, No. 6, Esqueping. 408
- Jane Logan, No. 7, Nassagaweya. 403
- Chas. C. Hamilton, Acton P. S. 402
- Richard L. Johnson, 12, Esqueping. 398
- David M. Loeze, 7, Nassagaweya. 388
- Fannie L. Johnson, Milton P. S. 387
- Clara A. Nixon, No. 6, Esqueping. 383
- Peter Douglas, No. 8, Trafalgar. 380
- Catherine Wilson, No. 6, 380
- Chas. A. Barclay, Milton P. S. 377
- C. Douglas, No. 8, Tra. & Esq. 377
- Bella Allen, No. 9, Nelson. 377

Fairview Cemetery Dedicated.  
On Monday last before the interment of the late George Steel, Sr. the new cemetery was dedicated for use as a public burial ground. Upon entering the cemetery the hearse was preceded by Rev. W. J. Pigott, B.A., and Messrs. Storey, Henderson and Stephenson, the members of the cemetery committee of the Municipal Council. The hearse halted a short distance from the grave and the clergyman, supported on right and left by the above committee, repeated the solemn and impressive dedication service—not consecration—prescribed by the Church of England. The corpse was then removed from the hearse to its last resting place and the burial ceremony proceeded with. This is the first interment in Fairview cemetery, and Rev. Mr. Pigott being the first clergyman to officiate at a burial was given the honor of performing the dedicatory ceremony. It will be opened for general use in the early spring.

PURELY PERSONAL.  
Paragons Respecting People with Whom you Randoms are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. Jos. Firstbrook, of Toronto, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. E. Thurtell is a guest of her son Mr. R. L. Thurtell, Teeswater.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy visited friends in Brampton during the week.

Miss Maggie Moore of Hamilton, is guest of the editor of the Free Press.

Mrs. L. E. Norton, of Acton, is visiting relatives and friends in Grand Valley.

Mrs. Thomas Duncan returned on Monday after spending a week or so with friends in York.

Mr. Tod Steel, of Point Edward, was in Acton attending the funeral of his uncle on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore, and Master Eddie, spent New Year's day with Hamilton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicolson, and family, of Michigan, are visiting friends in Acton and vicinity.

Miss Emma Moore, of Lorne school, left on Wednesday to take a course at Guelph High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Boyce, of Cedar Brook Farm, visited friends in Acton on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barclay of Oil City, Pa., returned home on Saturday, after spending a week with friends in Acton and vicinity.

Rev. T. A. Moore, pastor of the Methodist Church, Deambo, was made the recipient of a well-aimed purse at their Christmas tree festival.

Mr. Travers, of the office of McLean & McMillan, barristers, returned home on Monday, after spending the holidays with friends in St. Thomas.

We notice by the Galt Reformer that Mr. Peter McGregor, for many years a resident of Acton, has been elected to the town council by acclamation.

Mrs. M. Bricker left on Tuesday morning for her home in Listowel. She was accompanied by her sister Miss McGarvin, who will spend a few weeks in that town.

The young men and maidens who are attending various colleges throughout the land, and who were home for the holidays, are returning to their studies this week.

Alexander Stewart Tassie, Esq., M.A., of Dresden, formerly master of classics in Joint Collegiate Institute, visited his cousin, Mrs. S. A. Secord, a couple of days last week.

We extend our congratulations to Rev. W. S. McTavish of St. George, formerly of Nassagaweya, and his newly-wedded bride. May they enjoy a long, happy and successful life together.

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