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**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1886.  
**CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.**  
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H. P. MOORE, Publisher.

—The ice men are busy.  
—Langwishing markets still rule.  
—Good dry hardware is in demand in town again.

—The new council will meet for the first time next Monday.  
—The riak has monopolized the attention of the young folks during the past week.

—Guelph High School has assumed the name at a rank of a Collegiate Institute.  
—Guelph dry goods merchants will close their stores at five o'clock p.m., during the winter.

—The first meeting of the Board of Education, for 1886, will be held next Monday evening.  
—J. A. Murray's auction sale at Agnew's hotel has been postponed until the 18th February.

—The annual exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association, is being held in Guelph this week.  
—The annual meeting of Knox Church was held last Monday. Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, presided.

—A full meeting of the members of Acton Lodge I. O. O. F., is requested for Friday evening, 22nd inst.  
—Mrs. S. A. Secord and Mr. John Cook, have very kindly handed us budgets of interesting American papers.

—An interesting Florida paper is to hand from our old friend Mr. Wm. Firstbrook, now of Auburndale, Florida.  
—The World says Toronto has 89 bars and about 500 of those other shavers, the barbers and solicitors.

—Boston church, Esquimaux, has presented Rev. M. C. Cameron, of Milton, with an address and a well-filled purse.  
—One of the principal officers of the organization, attended the meeting of the Salvation Army on Tuesday night.

—Thirteen out of the twenty-six candidates who wrote at the entrance examinations at Oakville High School passed.  
—Rev. Mr. McLaren, son of Rev. Prof. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, will occupy Knox Church pulpit next Sunday.

—A sunny heart flashes dark tears through and through with laughter, until they go like dewdrops before the sun's kisses.  
—Robert Atkins, of Nassagaweya, sold recently a thorough-bred shorthorn heifer, aged two years, to Mr. Black, of Fergus, for \$70.

—Mr. Robert Cunningham, Guelph, of the Fire District, Fire Ins. Co., has sent us an excellent calendar, issued by his company.  
—The Oakville Star informs us that the old English Church of that town is to be converted into a roller skating rink and bowling alley.

—The thermometer during the past week has huddled zero pretty constantly. The temperature this morning shows signs of moderating, however.  
—The session of Georgetown Division Court, held on Tuesday, was one of the largest ever held there. Over seventy cases were on the docket.

—A meeting was held in the town hall last evening to take into consideration the organization of a union exhibition for Acton. Particulars will be given next week.  
—Rev. Robert Phillips, of Acton, preached eloquent and impressive sermons in the Methodist Church, here, on Sabbath, 27th ult., to large congregations.—Erie Advocate.

—Our Little Ones for January contains some very pretty stories for children, and 36 beautiful pictures. Send 15 cents for a sample copy to Russell Pub. Co., Boston.  
—Now is the time to advertise. An advertisement now, when ads. are scarce, will attract ten times more attention than during the holiday rush. Try one and see.

—The first sitting of the Fourth Division Court for the year was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. The list included only a few cases, mostly of an unimportant character.  
—The annual meeting of Esquimaux and Nassagaweya Agricultural Societies will be held to-day. That of Hallowell County will be held next Wednesday at the Wallace House, Milton.

—The Free Press is duly grateful for the many compliments which are being continually tendered it through the letters of patrons renewing their subscriptions for the present year.  
—Mr. A. W. Green has sold his house and lot on Main street for Mr. Francis Clark, of Nassagaweya, for \$525. Mr. Clark has given up farming and will take up his residence here.

—The new members of Milton Council are: Messrs. Jas. Lindsay, Wm. McKenzie, G. A. Hemstreet and Chas. Jones. Quite a sufficient evidence of young blood to quicken the municipal pulse.  
—The Sunday School social in the Methodist church to-morrow evening promises to be a very interesting affair. An excellent tea is being prepared, and the program will include selections by the excellent choir of the church, and other interesting features by the pastor and others. A "serenade" of songs and recitations. Everybody should go.

**For non-payment of statute labor tax.**

Samuel Dugman was fined by His Worship the Reeve \$6 and costs, or ten days in goal. He paid the fine. Next time he will pay his \$2 tax upon demand.

—"Egg socials" are the latest. At an "egg social" each lady is expected to bring a boiled egg, with her name written on it, and the gentleman who gets the egg pays for her supper—shells out, as it were.

—The person who took an umbrella belonging to a young lady from the vestibule of St. Alban's church, the day of Mr. Steele's funeral, in mistake, will please return it to this office and receive his own.

—The Watford Advocate has been purchased by Mr. J. C. Tye, of the Guide, and the two will be amalgamated. A superior journal will be the result of the union. Mr. Tye is fully capable of producing such.

—The St. Mary's Argus commenced its 30th volume last week. The Argus is one of the best local journals in the country, and has fairly earned the excellent support accorded it. May success continue to mark its every effort.

—The male teachers in Guelph Public School receive salaries at an average of \$566.25; the lady teachers \$280.68. The city has 4 gentlemen and 22 lady teachers. The average cost to the city of each pupil per year is \$7 and 4 mills.

—Rev. A. Blair, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Nassagaweya, being away for a couple of weeks on his marriage tour, his pulpit was occupied a week ago last Sabbath by Rev. W. S. McTavish, of St. George's, an old Nassagaweya boy, who is on a similar tour among his friends.

—The blizzard on Saturday, of which this section was accorded a full share, seems to have been of a very general character. Reports from Kansas, Texas, Dakota, Alabama, Iowa, New York and London, England, indicate that all experienced a visit of the intense cold and storm. Traffic in the Western States was suspended.

—The Dominion Dry Goods Report has been changed from a monthly to a weekly, and now appears as the Canadian Journal of Fabrics, the old name being retained as a sub-title. It is exclusively devoted to all branches of textile fabrics, giving prominence to the staple lines. It is of especial interest to the mercantile fraternity generally. And is published at Montreal and Toronto.

—Next week the Mount Forest Representative will commence its second volume. The Rep. was established by Mr. J. A. Lambert a year ago, and under his practical superintendence it has abundantly prospered, and is to-day in our opinion one of the very first local papers in the country. We have from time to time been favored with samples of job work from the presses of the Representative, and we have much pleasure in saying that they are equal in point of artistic taste and general neatness to the work turned out by the city offices. We congratulate friend Lambert most cordially on his well earned success.

—We are in receipt of a handsome Almanac for 1886, from the office of the Picayune, New Orleans. It contains twenty-six beautiful illustrations and much valuable information. A copy is sent free to every subscriber for either weekly or daily Picayune. The weekly Picayune, is most interesting 16 page paper, is sent to any address for \$1.50. If for nothing more than the novelty of the thing Northerners should take this paper. Through its columns they would become acquainted with the manner, customs, and style of business of our Southern friends. Aside from this they would receive full value for their money in general reading, matter of a most excellent and varied character.

—That the Oakville Independent is bound to keep abreast of the times is continually apparent by the frequent additions and improvements to its type, machinery, &c. The most satisfactory addition of them all was effected last week, when friend Orr introduced a fine new Campbell power press. We congratulate him that he has been able to make this valuable addition and have no doubt that he will experience much satisfaction therefrom. The name of the paper has been changed to The Star, which change is marked by a fine new heading. We don't understand why the name should have been changed, and are not in sympathy with such changes, but perhaps bro. Orr has some good reason therefor. Nevertheless, may the Star prosper.

**THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.**

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

An Advertising Nugget.  
Quitting advertising in dull times is like tearing out a dam because the water is low. Either plan will prevent good times from coming.

A Label Suit in the County Town.  
After an existence of only two months, the Milton Reformer informs us that it has a real live label suit for \$5,000 on its hands. Mr. D. W. Campbell, of the Champion, is the prosecutor.

Our County Sabbath Schools.  
The annual convention of Hallowell Sabbath School Association will be held in Barington on Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th February. An attractive programme is in course of preparation, and an occasion of unusual interest is anticipated.

Accident at Rockwood.  
John Garstang, section foreman G. T. R., while attempting to draw himself up on a car by one arm on Friday last, dislocated the shoulder. He was taken to a physician's office, where with considerable difficulty the arm was placed in the socket.—Mercury.

The Printer's Delight.  
This old game has become quite popular again of late. It is one of a mutually enjoyable character, and those who haven't experienced the pleasure it affords should embrace the first favorable opportunity for testing it. It is performed in the following manner—Take a sheet of newspaper, fold it carefully, and enclose a banknote sufficiently large to pay up arrears and a year in advance to the Free Press, your enterprising, interesting and cheerful local paper. And what adds immensely to the feat is to send along the name of a new subscriber with a bill to balance. Keep your eye on the printer, and if you detect a smile the trick is a success. Try it.

**Attained his Majority.**

To our readers who see in agriculture an art to be followed by the light of intelligence rather than speculation, we commend their approval the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine. This journal has been established 20 years, is edited and owned by a practical farmer of 50 years' experience, and as an educator of the farmer in matters pertaining to agriculture, stock, dairy, apiculture, &c., &c., combined, the Farmer's Advocate stands without a peer.

Milton's New Council.  
The Milton Reformer evidently hasn't a very elevated opinion of the recently elected Council of the County Town. It says: "Our town ought to be proud of the council just elected, the majority of whom are not really capable of doing the town business properly. Any fool can spend money, or rather give it away, but it needs men of good judgment and at least average ability to see that the town gets value for every dollar spent and that the laws of the land are upheld."

An Incontinent Fire.  
On Friday last the town hall narrowly escaped destruction by fire. When building the fire in the engine room—now being used as a school room—the public school caretaker inadvertently left a quantity of dry wood in close proximity to the stove, and proceeded to his duties at the main school house. Shortly after eight o'clock a little daughter of Mr. P. M. McCann happened to go into the school room, and she discovered the wood in full blaze. An alarm was immediately given, and several men who were near at the time soon quenched the flames. A few minutes longer of undisturbed headway and it would have been a serious matter to extinguish the flames.

Cordially Regarded By All.  
During the past three Sundays Rev. Mr. McKay, of Knox College, Toronto, has occupied the vacant pulpit of the Presbyterian Church here in a most acceptable manner. The two weeks spent in pastoral visiting with the members of the congregation created among them a very favorable impression respecting the manner, ability and general characteristics of this worthy young minister. From what we have heard concerning Mr. McKay we are bound to conclude that he has every prospect of becoming one of the first men in the ranks of the ministry in the church of his choice. We feel satisfied that the session of Knox Church will make no error in extending to him an early call at a good round stipend.

Back to His Old Love.  
One year ago Mr. T. J. Starret disposed of the Milton Press with the intention of entering another business. To-day finds him again in the ranks of the fourth estate, and we have before us a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Thornbury News, as neat, spicy and interesting a local paper as any reader could wish to peruse, which has for its editor and proprietor Mr. T. J. Starret. Thornbury is a lively little town, and we have every confidence that it will accord the new journalistic enterprise a hearty and profitable reception, and in return they will receive the very best efforts of Mr. Starret and the News in behalf of the town and people generally. The Free Press congratulates Thornbury upon its acquisition of a first-class newspaper with an experienced journalist at its head, and speaks for the News unbounded prosperity.

The Night School.  
The evening classes which have been in progress in the town during the past two or three months, under the superintendence of Principal Moore of the Public Schools, are hard at work again after a rest of a couple of weeks during the holiday season. The classes meet in the fire hall every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We are pleased to observe that very gratifying success is attending the school. The pupils generally are taking a live interest in the pursuance of their studies, and when the classes are discontinued in the spring will find themselves very profitably advanced in the subjects necessary to people in any of the ordinary walks of life. We believe the school has had the effect of materially changing the whole future course of some of those attending. We know of one at least who has decided to take a collegiate course as a result. Go on, boys, and prosper.

Notes From the North-west.  
In renewing his subscription to the Free Press, Mr. P. T. Miller, of Moosomin, W. T., formerly of Acton, among other matters sends us the following notes:—"Summer has flown and the prairie is again robed in her snowy mantle. The weather throughout the autumn and up to Christmas, was the finest we have had for years. We have very little snow yet, but the thermometer has already fallen to eighteen degrees below zero. Game, consisting of prairie chickens, rabbits, deer and bear, have been very plentiful. The threshers are still busy threshing. We had 700 bushels of thirty acres. We are hauling our fourteen miles. The young folks of our settlement had an enjoyable time lately at the residence of Mr. Goodman, late of Limestone. He has a fine half-section near here, and this year had the best crop in our neighborhood. The Free Press comes to us like a letter every week. Excuse my scribbling, as I do not wish to walk 9 miles for a new pen."

—A lot of gent's clothing, as good as new, at a sacrifice. Apply to box 178, Acton P. O.

—Now is the time to secure bargains in ready made clothing, boots and shoes, and fur goods. Nelson, McRae & Co.

THE ALTAR.  
HUGHES—MAREAN—At the residence of the bride's father, on December 30th, by Rev. C. H. Kimer, Mr. James L. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools, of Toronto, to Miss Adeline Marean, of Maine, New York.

BAYNES—HAMILTON—On Wednesday, January 6th inst., at the residence of E. S. L. Baynes, of Toronto, by the Rev. T. W. Jeffrey, Fred. Baynes, to Miss Edith, youngest daughter of the late William Hamilton, of Toronto.

JOHNSON—SCHNEIDER—At Trinity Church, Berlin, on January 6th, by Rev. E. Murphy, of St. Paul's church, Innisfil, assisted by Rev. Mr. Reiber, Parrie, E. B. Johnson, Esq., D. P. Attorney-General, of Ontario, to Miss Edith, daughter of William C. Schneider, Esq., of "The Boulders," Allandale.

1885 **XMAS & NEW YEARS,** 1886

The Holiday Season, with all its attendant happiness and merry making, approaches, and as usual

**MCGARVIN'S DRUG AND STATIONERY STORE.**

IS CROWDED FULL OF  
**Silverware, Fancy Goods, Christmas Cards, Dolls, Toys, &c., &c.,**

Of every description, suitable for Christmas Gifts. It has been our endeavor this season in selecting our Holiday Stock to secure only those goods which are of superior value, and which will be deemed worthy of more than ordinary appreciation by those who receive them.

Our goods are new and of this year's design. We have a fine assortment of Bibles, Albums, Annuals, and Gift Books of all kinds in attractive and durable bindings. You cannot fail to make a full and satisfactory selection from our stock. Everybody should call on us.

**HUSBANDS, ASK YOUR WIVES, WIVES, COAX YOUR HUSBANDS, SISTERS, PERSUADE YOUR BROTHERS, BROTHERS, ADVISE YOUR SISTERS**

—TO GO TO—  
**N. MCGARVIN'S Drug and Stationery Store, Acton,**

For their Xmas Presents. He sells better goods, cheaper than any other store.

FULL STOCK OF GOLD PENS AND PENCILS.

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**RUBY, - Metropolitan Studio.**

**ON SATURDAY,**

**JANUARY 9th, 1886,**

I will commence a Great Discount Sale, to last during the month of January, in which

Discount of 25 to 33-1/3 per cent.

will be given off regular prices on lines of

**Mantles Cloakings Dress Goods Fur Muffs Fur Caps Fur Mantles Hosiery Overcoats Underclothing Quilted Skirts Fancy Shawls &c. &c. &c.**

Specially low prices in

**Cloths, Tweeds, and Ordered Clothing Department.**

Please bear in mind that I always carry out what I advertise, and it will certainly pay buyers to call and see us.

**E. R. Bollert, IMPORTER, &c.,**

**27 Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ontario.**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have made arrangements to continue the business of Nelson, McRae & Co., under the same firm name until the first of January, 1886.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our Clearing Sale continues and we are giving rare values for

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

We respectfully ask all indebted to the firm to call and settle their accounts before the first of January, as they must be provided for in some way by that time.

**CASH**

Acton, November 24th, 1886.

**NELSON, McRAE & Co.,**

Acton, November 24th, 1886.

**GREAT JANUARY SALE**

—AT THE—  
**GOLDEN LION!**



**Nos. 5 and 7 Wyndham Street, Guelph.**

In these days of Cheap Sales, Discount Sales, Special Lines Sales, &c., &c., it is difficult to make a great sensation with cheap goods. It is only when something special occurs, such as, A ship striking a rock; Goods sold in Bond for Duty; or Slag-tered by some hard-pressed debtor to meet some imperative demand.

This time we have struck it rich with two Grand Drives.

**DRIVE NO. 1.**

A Manufacturer's whole stock of Hosiery, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear, Wool Shawls, Cloths and Mufflers, bought at 66 2-3 cents on the dollar, and to be sold at less than regular cost.

**DRIVE NO. 2.**

**FURS. FURS. FURS.**

Come Astry, wrong address, arrived at last per S.S. Queen, now on the way from Glasgow. Made claim of 50 per cent. off, compromised at 57 1-2 per cent. off. Will clear at half price. This lot consists of Beautiful Fur

**Dolmans, Capes, Muffs, Caps & Boas.**

Value in Sterling, \$475; Currency, \$2,375; Duty added, \$3,160.

**5 O'Clock P.M. Closing Movement.**

During the next two months the Lion will close at 5 o'clock, so as to give their employees an extra hour to compensate for their long hours on Saturday night. A movement was set on foot to have all the stores close at this hour, but it fell through on account of the opposition of one or two parties. However, the Lion has never been afraid to lead, and will accordingly close every night, Saturdays excepted, if not another firm on Wyndham street follows. It is only just to Salomon and Ladies, who work to 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday night, when other trades have a half holiday.

**J. D. Williamson & Co.**

Has carried off all the prizes and is the Best Machine Oil offered for sale in the Dominion. In proof of this we will pay freight both ways when it fails to please the purchaser.

**PEERLESS OIL**

**SIX GOLD MEDALS**

Have Been Awarded this Oil within the Last Three Years. NONE BUT THE BEST OIL MADE AT THE

**QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS,**

**SAMUEL ROGERS & CO., Toronto.**

For sale by all first-class dealers.

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