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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1886.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

- Burns' birthday, Jan 23th.
- Keep the sidewalk clean, Mr. Constable.
- Georgetown Band of Hope has 70 members.
- Sleigh riding and surprise parties on the wing.
- Excellent sleighing, and every team quite busy.
- The inaugural meeting of the County Council next Tuesday.
- That new Luncheon Correspondent hasn't report d himself yet.
- Mr. McLaren will preach in Knox Ch. again next Sunday.
- The Milton Sun has received its new dress. It is very becoming.
- Mr. W. H. Storey, Reeve, will, we feel confident, be Warden for 1886.
- The Salvation Army meetings seem to be getting noisier than ever.
- Mr. John Matthews, expressman, now drives a fine new delivery sleigh.
- Messrs. Kelly Bros. have added butchery to their grocery business.
- Jephth is moving again to secure the Grand Trunk Railway workshops.
- Rev. Dr. Stone, of Toronto, preached in the Methodist Church, Milton, on Sunday.
- J. Svanders, Ballinfad, recently sold his stallion to an American horse-dealer for \$500.
- Farmers, remember the sessions of the Institute to be held in Georgetown on the 29th and 30th insts.
- The G. T. R. pay car gladdened the hearts of the local employees by passing through on Monday evening.
- Mr. Harry Edmondson, of Faribault, Minn., has kindly sent us a number of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers.
- All those having farms to sell should read the advertisement "Farms Wanted" of John J. Daley & Co., in this issue.
- The Milton C. P. R. agent's watch and some minor articles of clothing were stolen from the station one night last week.
- The Albert, N.S., *Magnolia* has treated itself to a fine new heading. The *Magnolia* is a spicy and enterprising journal.
- The South is sunny enough; but somehow the winter has been so open that a little cold has entered in.—New Orleans *Picayune*.
- During the year 1885, 24 births, 15 marriages and 19 deaths were reported to Mr. J. E. McGarvin, the registrar for this municipality.
- Mr. John J. Daley, of Guelph, will in future carry on his extensive real estate business under the name, style and firm of John J. Daley & Co.
- From the *Reflector* we learn that Milton Women's Christian Temperance Union, has the largest membership in the province. It numbers 125 members.
- The Evans Wells Company will occupy the town hall four nights next week commencing on Wednesday. The company is highly spoken of.
- A scientific journal says that many diseases are spread by the circulation of bank notes. This explains why editors are more healthy than other people.
- Mr. T. C. Mitchell was in town this week, compiling statistics for the 1886-7 volume of R. L. Polk & Co.'s Ontario Gazette and Business Directory.
- In another column is recorded the death of Mr. John Kennedy, one of the oldest residents of Georgetown. The funeral will take place to-day at one o'clock.
- The Free Press extends its congratulations to our esteemed townsman Mr. J. E. McGarvin, upon his election to the chairmanship of the local Board of Education.
- It was his lot and dwelling on Maria street that Mr. A. W. Green sold last week for \$225, and not the lot, store and dwelling on Main street, as some have been led to conclude.
- "Pica," of the Toronto *Nes*, is that journal's greatest daily attraction. "Pica" is a level-headed journalist, and strikes unflinchingly from the shoulder every time and with the least possible reaction.
- Rev. Hugh Pentecost says:—"Jack" roses cost \$1.25 a piece in New York on New Year's Day; leaves of bread, five cents; but more roses were given to people who did not need them than leaves of bread to those who did."
- Early and late, all hands driven with work at the Free Press office. Newest styles, neat work, reasonable figures and promptness, please all. Send in your orders, friends—our letter still, call your self and give directions.
- The cells of the town hall are nightly occupied by one or more of the peripatetic gang of tramps who infest the country, and will be as long as they are not expected to make any return in labor or otherwise for the favors they receive. A few cords of wood at the town hall which needed to be cut and split would give us empty cells and fewer breakfasts to provide.
- The Editor of the Milton Sun, who is also secretary of the Milton Liberal Temperance Union, announces that before long a branch of the Union will be organized in Acton. Well, we imagine the membership will be a very limited one here, for the people of Acton are not anxious for this particular kind of temperance exemplified by the members generally of Liberal Temperance Unions.

THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Skating Exhibition.

On Friday evening Prof. J. D. Bruce, assisted by Prof. Saunders, will give an exhibition of fancy and artistic skating in the rink. The management are doing their utmost to ensure a successful exhibition.

Knox Church S. S. Social.

A number of the ladies interested in the Presbyterian Sabbath School intend giving a social at the residence of Mrs. R. Little next Wednesday evening. An attractive programme is being prepared and a pleasant and enjoyable evening will no doubt be spent by all who attend.

How They Regard the Reporters.

At the last meeting of the old council, of the city of Guelph, on Monday the following was among the motions that were adopted:—"Moved by Ald. Goldie, seconded by Ald. Walker, that the sum of \$10 be paid to each of the *Mercury* and *Herald* reporters, carried." This smacks somewhat of a degree of appreciation of reporters' labors.

It is Appreciated.

The following is a sample of many of the letters we have received since the opening of the New Year.—Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find one dollar, renewal subscription for your paper, which has afforded me considerable pleasure and supplied me with many items of news from the pluck of my childhood. Wishing you continued prosperity in your efforts, I am, sir, yours very respectfully, Mrs. Joseph L. LITTLE, Montreal.

The Newspaper in the Home.

The newspaper is a powerful auxiliary of our public schools. During a discussion on "Teaching Reading," at a recent meeting of a teachers' association, several teachers bore testimony to the fact that the best readers among their pupils belonged, as a rule, to families that took newspapers; and that the children of parents who took no newspapers appeared at a disadvantage when compared with their more privileged companions.

Highly Successful.

The social given in the lecture room of the Methodist Church in aid of the Sabbath school, last Friday evening, was, without exception, the best ever held in connection with the church. The tea was much enjoyed, and the usual conventionalities being dispensed with a very friendly and sociable time was the result. The programme, which included selections by the excellent choir of the church, short addresses, readings, etc., was very commendable. The committee deserve, and we believe are accorded, the cordial thanks of all concerned for the success to which they brought the entertainment.

Esquising Exhibition in Acton.

The meeting held in the Town Hall a week ago for discussion respecting the wisdom of organizing a union exhibition society, came to the conclusion to defer action in that direction for the present, in view of the fact that Acton would likely be given the annual exhibition of the township society this year. We understand that a majority of the officers and directors favor Acton's claims for the exhibition this fall. If they are regarded, a successful show will undoubtedly result. Our people will necessarily be expected to provide accommodations equal to those enjoyed at Georgetown, and to accomplish this they will require to bestir themselves early and unitedly.

Business Change.

This week the Glasgow House is in a disorganized state, preparatory to opening of the business under different management. Mr. R. E. Nelson has withdrawn from the firm which will hereafter be known as Henderson, McRae & Co. The business remains in good hands and we hope to see its prosperity continue. We are not informed as to Mr. Nelson's arrangements for the future but trust he will see his way clear to open some lucrative business here and still be a resident of Acton. He will remain in the house for some months to assist in winding up the business. Due announcement of the change will be made by the new firm through these columns next week.

Rev. W. S. McTavish's Reception.

The members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, St. George's, turned out in large numbers on the evening of Thursday last, to welcome their pastor, Rev. W. S. McTavish, who is well known to many of our readers, and his bride to their home. A very pleasant time was spent, one of the most pleasing features of the evening being the presentation of an address of welcome and congratulation, accompanied by a purse containing over \$70. Mr. Deputy Reeve Wood, an elder, read the address, and Mr. Baptie made the presentation. Mr. McTavish replied in a few well chosen sentences, thanking them on behalf of Mrs. McTavish and himself, for their kind address assuring them of his pleasure in laboring among them, and his deep interest in their spiritual welfare.

Bible Society.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Acton Branch Bible Society was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., when the following collectors were appointed:—Acton, north of Mill St.—Misses Campbell and Swan. Acton, south of Mill St.—Misses Jarvis and Spaight. Esquising, south of Acton—Robt. Kinard and John McDonald. Esquising, west of Acton—Fred Townsend and Robt. Kennedy. Esquising, east of Acton—John Shaw and Archibald Mann. Erin, 1st and second lines—Duncan Kennedy and J. R. Cook. Erin, 3rd and 4th lines, and part of 3rd line, Esquising—J. E. Snyder and D. Mann. Erin, 5th and 6th lines, and part 6th line, Esquising—D. Henderson and Peter Mann.

Auction Sales.

WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan'y.—Mortgage sale of stock implements, etc., the property of A. C. Dennis, at Duffield's Hotel, Rockwood, Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. FRIDAY, 5th Feb'y.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of W. J. Rouse, Eden Mills. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. THURSDAY, 9th Feb'y.—Sale of farm, farm stock and implements, the property of Edw. Cox, lot 6, con. 6, Erasmus. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

Annual Meeting—Dominion Alliance.

The Annual Convention for 1886 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2nd and 3rd, commencing on Tuesday, at 10.30 a.m. It is expected that this meeting will be unusually large and interesting. Arrangements have been made to secure the co-operation of all classes of temperance workers, and discussions upon the different questions connected with the prohibition movement will be initiated by prominent gentlemen of ability and experience. All the principal railways have agreed to issue return tickets to parties attending the Convention for one first class fare and a third. To secure this reduction, parties must procure certificates to that effect, signed by the Secretary of the Alliance, and present them at the commencement of their journey.

A Beautiful Work.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1886, the pioneer seed annual of America, comes to us this year a real gem, not a dry list of hard botanical names, but over thirty pages of reading matter, among which are articles on Roses, House Plants, Cheap Greenhouse, Onions, Culture, Mushrooms, Manures, Young Gardeners, and very interesting reading, followed by about 150 pages containing illustrations, descriptions and prices of seemingly everything the heart could desire for the line of Seeds, Plants, Balbs, Potatoes, &c. It is a mystery how this firm can afford to publish, and really give away, this beautiful work of nearly 300 pages of finest paper, with hundreds of illustrations and two fine Colored Plates, all enclosed in an elegant cover. Any one desiring goods in this line cannot do better than send 10 cents for the Floral Guide, to James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y. Deduct the 10 cents from first order sent for seeds.

Narrow Escape of the Methodist Church.

On Sunday last the fine Methodist church, next door to this office narrowly escaped destruction by fire. During the latter part of the morning service smoke was seen to be slowly accumulating in the auditorium, but although the sexton went down to investigate he could not definitely ascertain the cause and it was concluded that defective draught from the furnace was the cause. At the close of the service a number of those present proceeded to search for the cause of the smoke, and while thus engaged flames broke out in the hot air plumb of the furnace and in the floor below. The sides were torn out of the furnace and a dozen pails of water quenched the flames. Had the fire not been discovered before the departure of the congregation the result would be one serious to contemplate. With the great draft of the furnace and the very dry nature of the floor and other material surrounding it, it would, with a few minutes undisturbed start, have been almost impossible to master, and had the worst occurred, owing to the proximity of the Free Press office to the church, your local paper would in all probability not have recorded the disaster this morning.

PURELY PERSONAL.

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

Mrs. A. A. Ruby is visiting friends in Berlin.

Mrs. S. A. Second spent several days during the week with friends in Hamilton.

Mr. Thos. Smith, who went to the North-West about ten years ago, is visiting friends here.

Miss Jennie Blair left on Tuesday to spend a week or so with friends in Guelph and Hamilton.

Mr. Barry E. White has returned to Acton after spending the holidays with friends in Albany and New York.

Mr. Chas. Murray, son of Col. Murray, Esquising, has been appointed Revising Barrister's Clerk, for this county.

Mr. A. G. Easton, who has for several years been employed on the Free Press staff, left on Monday to take a course including commercial work and shorthand at Guelph Commercial College.

Mr. Alex. Cummings, of Valley City, Dakota, an old Acton boy, is here on a visit to the home of his boyhood. Alex. looks well, and reports having succeeded very satisfactorily in his Western home. He and his brother James are in partnership in a very prosperous business. His many old friends and companions in Acton and vicinity were much pleased to meet him again.

The dissolution sale still continues at the Mammoth House, Georgetown, unburied of bargains in millinery, mantles, mantle clothes, dress goods, dress silks, fancy woolsen goods, hosiery, winceys and general dry goods. Now is your time to make money by buying the cheapest goods ever offered. McLeod, Anderson & Co.

THE ALTAR.

ANNIE—DELL—On Wednesday, 30th ult., by the Rev. J. F. Fairchild, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Anger, B. A., Principal of the St. Catharines Business College, to Miss Hattie A. Dell, daughter of James Dell, Esq., of Montrose.

NEWTON—VANDERBEEK.

On Tuesday, 5th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Young, at the residence of the bride's father, Thos. A. Newton, Esq., of Woodstock, to Miss Nellie Vandenberg, daughter of A. M. Vandenberg, Esq., J. P., of Tweed.

THE GRAVE.

McKAY—In Georgetown, on Sunday, Jan. 10th, 1886, Walter McKay, aged 64 years. KENNEDY—At the residence in Georgetown, on the 19th January, John Kennedy, Esq., aged 65 years and 4 months.

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Dress Goods
Fur Muffs
Fur Caps
Fur Mantles
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FRAMES OF ALL KINDS,
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Fancy Goods—Suitable for Wedding and Birthday Presents, &c.
Visitors can have their pictures framed while in the city, so bring them with you.
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Change in Business.
New for Good. Reliable
BOOTS AND SHOES!
Williams to the Front.
Having purchased the Boot and Shoe Business lately carried on by Mr. H. B. McCarty, in the Village of Acton, and having replenished the stock with a first-class assortment of all lines usually kept in a No. 1 Boot and Shoe Store, I am prepared to guarantee entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.
A good supply of first-class Trunks and Valises will always be kept on hand.
As the Ordered Work and Repairing is all under my own supervision, the public may rely upon its receiving the best of attention.
Give me a trial and see for yourselves.
Wm. Williams

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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We have made arrangements to continue the business of Nelson, McRae & Co., under the same firm name until the first of January, 1886.
Our Clearing Sale continues and we are giving rare values for
CASH

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.
NELSON, McRAE & Co.
Acton, November 24th, 1885.

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 even with cheap goods. It is only when something special occurs, such as, A ship striking a rock; Goods sold in Bond for Duty; or Slaughtered 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 Muffs, bought at 66 2-3 cents on the dollar, and to be sold at less than regular cost.

DRIVE NO. 2.
FURS. FURS. FURS.
Cone Astray, 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, 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 but to Salesmen and Ladies, who work to 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday night, when other trades have a half holiday.

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