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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28, 1886.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—No lack of snow now.

—Who'll be assessor for 1886?

—Half the winter has gone, anyway.

—Next Monday will be the 1st of February.

—The wheat market gives no signs of advancing.

—Good dry hardwood is rather a scarce article in town just now.

—Oakville council spent $747.33 on streets and sidewalks last year.

—Milton's assessor will receive $45 and the collector $40 for their services.

—Mr. Matthew Sweetnam, of Guelph township, was elected Warden of Wellington county on Tuesday.

—The annual meeting of the officers of Halton Batt. Lorne Rifles, No. 20, was held at Milton on Tuesday.

—Messrs. Moore & Lambert, of the Acton Cooperage, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Moore will continue the business.

—The social in aid of Knox Church Sabbath School is in progress at the residence of Mrs. R. Little as we go to press.

—An interesting advertisement from Messrs. McKay Bros., Cor. King and John Streets, Hamilton, will appear in next issue.

—An oyster supper and social will be held in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, 9th February, by the ladies of St. Alban's Church.

—Mr. H. P. Moore, the school census enumerator, is looking up the little folks in town. That is, those between 5 and 21 years, you know.

—This is mid-winter, and icicles hang where summer sang; the north winds clang from frozen lands; the storm-clouds sally in whirling bands.

—In Saturday's *News* "Pica" describes the appearance of a toboggan thus:—"It is long and flat, and turns up at the end like a Guelph girl's nose."

—Oakville Methodist Church anniversary services were held on Sunday and Monday, 17th and 18th inst. The collections for the two days netted $300.—*Star.*

—The warrants for the payment of the annual municipal grants in the rural school sections have already been forwarded to the township treasurers by the County Inspector.

—In the five mile race in Guelph skating rink between McCutcheon, Guelph; Speight, Acton; and Phelan, Fergus, on Tuesday night, McCutcheon took first place and Speight second.

—The Emma Wells Co. commenced last evening a four night engagement in the town hall. They seem to have the happy faculty of pleasing their audiences every time. Change of programme each night.

—The annual meeting of Acton Branch Bible Society will be held in the town hall next Monday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. G. Hanley, agent, and the resident ministers.

—Messrs. Beardmore & Co. intend adding a four-storey building, to be enclosed in iron, to their already extensive works, during the present year. Tenders for the erection of this building are now asked for.

—Mr. C. C. James, B.A., of Cobourg, a gold medalist in science, of Victoria University, and publisher of *Kosmos*, a scientific journal, has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. R. B. Hare, as Professor of Chemistry in the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

—We are in receipt of several very fine samples of poster and circular printing, kindly sent for our inspection by Mr J. T. Lacy, editor of the Palmerston *Telegraph*. They were executed by a nephew of Mr. Lacy in Warwick, Eng., and reflect much credit upon his artistic taste and typographical skill.

—Chief of Police Lawson and Bailiff Hemstreet had a big chase after a delinquent resident last Friday. He was tracked to Limehouse and there spotted, but being assisted by a couple of sturdy female friends the officers had a desperate struggle before they succeeded in making their prisoner at all well acquainted with "the darbies."

—We have received from the publishers a copy of the *School Supplement*, an excellent monthly magazine established about two years ago. It is a Canadian enterprise, by Canadians, is printed on paper of Canadian manufacture, by Canadian printers, and is largely supported by Canadian teachers, and illustrated by Canadian artists and engravers.

—A Guelph young man went to Rockwood on Sunday, imbibed freely of fire water, and was relieved of $5 by some of the village toughs. There are two morals here: 1st, don't go to Rockwood; 2nd, don't get drunk.—*Guelph Herald.* Now, if Rockwood had only been a Scott Act town, what a rich item the above would make for the anti-Scott papers.

—Mr. A. A. Ruby, of the Metropolitan Studio, showed us something fine the other day in the shape of a silver memorial plate, mounted on black velvet, and encased in a frame of beautiful design. Surrounding the plate was a wreath of immortelles, neatly and artistically painted. The work was a credit to the Studio, and will no doubt be prized by the lady who ordered it.

—The dissolution sale still continues at the Mammoth House, Georgetown, unheard of bargains in millinery, mantles, mantle clothes, dress goods, dress silks, fancy woollen 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 WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

The Farmers' Institute.

The first Farmers' Institute held in Halton county will be held in the town hall, Georgetown, to-morrow and Saturday. An interesting programme will be carried out. We hope the farmers generally throughout the county will take an interest in the institute. It will be to their individual profit.

Local Board of Health.

At the last meeting of the council the following persons we appointed as a local board of health for the present year:—The Reeve, the Clerk and Messrs. H. P. Moore, Joseph A. Speight and Robert Royce. Dr. Lowry was appointed medical health officer and Mr. Thos. Easton sanitary inspector.

Fourth Division Court Sittings.

The several sittings of the Fourth Division Court for the present year will be held as follows:—Thursday, March 11th; May 13th; July 8th; Sept. 16th, and November 11th. It will be noticed that the day of the week for the court sittings has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

What He Should Do.

If every farmer advertised every strange animal that came into his premises, and every farmer read the notices of the same, there would not be a missing horse, cow, sheep, or pig in the country. Don't give the animals a first-class boarding house fare for months, till the cost exceeds their worth, but advertise them immediately after they arrive. If animals are kept several weeks before any notice of them is given, the owner is not bound to pay the costs for all that time.

The Agricultural Societies.

NASSAGAWEYA—President, M. Holmes; Vice-Pres., John McPhedran; Secty.-Treas. A. C. McMillan. Balance of cash on hand, $115.59.

TRAFALGAR—President, W. T. Brown; Vice-Pres., Jas. Biggar; Secty.-Treas., Geo. Hardy. Balance of cash on hand $69.50.

NELSON—President, James Little; Vice-Pres., A. S. Alton; Secty.-Treas., R. Mitchell. Balance of cash on hand $54.11.

The Legal Powers of a Chairman.

The question has sometimes been asked, What legal powers has a chairman at a public meeting, appointed by those present, in the matter of keeping order? In reply, we would say: That if a meeting be called by virtue of chap. 177, Revised Statutes of Ontario, that the chairman, under section 11, can command order and have party arrested for disturbing meeting; and under section 12, may appoint constables, Justices of the Peace and others to aid and assist him in so doing.

Drawings for the Colonial Exhibition.

The teachers of this Province have been invited to send specimens of drawing by their pupils to the County Inspectors, who will have them forwarded to the proper officers for transmission to the Colonial Exhibition at London, Eng. It is earnestly desired by the inspector of this county that all specimens be sent to him not later than Saturday of this week. Only a dozen teachers have as yet complied with the request, and as it is desirable that Halton be well represented, we hope all the others will at once respond.

The Skating Exhibition.

The exhibition of fancy and acrobatic skating in the rink last Friday evening by Prof's. Bruce and Saunders, of Galt, was only fairly attended. The exhibition of all conceivable movements by the professors on the ice was something wonderful, and called forth unanimous praise and hearty applause. The feats of Messrs. Bruce and Saunders were performed with such ease and perfection as to win the admiration of every spectator. Although the attendance was not sufficiently large to make the proceeds particularly attractive to the management, these gentlemen are so well satisfied with the performance that they have arranged for a second exhibition, due notice of which will be given.

A Case of Small-pox.

Georgetown has had a small-pox patient for the past month, but we are pleased to state that the afflicted young lady has almost recovered. The *Herald* says:—She states that her family, who live in Toronto, were quarantined for some time for that disease, but the medical health officer finally pronounced it measles and gave them their liberty. A brother and sister have, we understand, since died in the hospital—where they were taken by the health officers after being allowed their freedom—and other members of the family are still afflicted.

A Brand New Fighting Editor.

The editor of the Tilsonburg *Liberal* had an increase to his family last week in the shape of a brand new first and foremost son and heir. This is how the overjoyed parent regards the acquisition:—"We have secured the services of a genuine fighting editor for the *Liberal*, and we take this opportunity of warning all political heelers and ward caucus organizers that we will not be at their mercy in future. The fighting editor is young and inexperienced, and will be ready to take lessons in his business at once. He came to town yesterday, in time to have his name recorded on the new franchise voters list, and if Clerk Jackson forgets to record his name, we will charge him with being one of the noted partizan Revising Barrister's clerks. The young editor weighs over eight pounds, is all wool and a yard wide."

Halton County Agricultural Society.

From the *Sun* we glean the following respecting this society, the annual meeting of which was held in Milton on Wednesday, 20th inst.:—Receipts of the year, $2,122.80; expenditures, $2,220.58; balance due treasurer, $97.78. The following officers were elected:

Thos. Chisholm, Esq., President.
Jas. A. Watson, Esq., 1st Vice-President.
Wm. Patterson, Esq., 2nd " "

Directors—Messrs. Robt. Stewart and Abraham Stark, for Esquesing; John Dickson and Thos. Chisholm, Trafalgar; Thos. Blanchard, Col. Campbell and Thos. Elliott, Nelson; A. McGibbon and A. C. McMillan, Nassagaweya; D. W. Campbell, Milton; Henry Foster, Burlington; John Alton, Oakville; D. McKenzie, Georgetown; Alex. Waldie, Acton.

Auditors—J. H. McCollom and E. Dixon.

Mr. Awrey, M.P.P., was the society's choice to the Provincial Board.

Climbing Up the Ladder.

About a year ago, Mr. A. E. Matthews, son of our esteemed postmaster, left for Buffalo to take a situation in the office of the Buffalo & Ohio Tel. Co. He was subsequently removed to Syracuse and given the management of the Company's business there, which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the superior officers of the Company. We have just learned that Mr. Matthews has now entered into arrangements to act as confidential secretary for Mr. McGonegal, President of the American Railway Construction Company, at a salary of $1,000 and expenses, with prospects of a liberal advance if services are fully acceptable. Mr. McGonegal is one of the principal shareholders in the above telegraph company, and while in the office became acquainted with Mr. Matthews. After the first of April his headquarters will be in New York. A portion of the interval will be occupied in visiting the principal Southern cities with the president.

An Exhibition for Acton.

The Georgetown *Herald* says:—"The people of Acton contemplate holding a union exhibition should they fail to secure the township fair next fall. We have no doubt that an attempt in this direction would prove successful, Acton being situated near the boundary of two of the leading agricultural counties in Ontario. But as for Acton expecting the township show next fall, or at any time, is entirely unreasonable, as it should be held in the place where it would be most convenient to all—which is, of course, Georgetown." Well, we are glad to hear the *Herald* admit that something could be made a success in Acton. This is the first admission by the *Herald* in this line for some time. Acton will continue to press its reasonable claims for the exhibition this year, and if they are not granted she will proceed in the organization of an agricultural society of even more than township extent. Then Georgetown will require to do more than ever before, if Esquesing show is to continue successful.

A Good Templar's Lodge for Acton.

For some time there has been no temperance organization in Acton but the local Scott Act Association, and it has been considered advantageous to organize a lodge of Good Templars. Mr. R. C. Stewart, organizer for the Grand Lodge, visited town last week, and after a few hours' canvassing succeeded in securing some 56 names as applicants for a charter. A preliminary meeting was held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall—which for the present will be the place of meeting—last Monday evening, when arrangements were made for the organization of the new lodge on Monday evening, 8th February. A number of the members of Royal Oak Lodge, of Glenwilliams, will be present to assist in the ceremonies. We hope to see the full number of applicants present, and have no doubt the order will be instituted with a satisfactory list of earnest and responsible charter members. Monday has been selected as the regular night of meeting.

Goldwin Smith on Prohibition.

Goldwin Smith's pamphlet on "Temperance vs. Prohibition," a copy of which we have received, sets forth the liberal temperance advocates' objections to prohibition, presents a review of the working of prohibition measures in Canada and the United States, which is evidently compiled with the single view of pleasing the opponents of prohibition generally. Truthfulness, as to the existing state of affairs in our county, has obviously been deemed an unnecessary consideration in the composition of the review. Views are advanced respecting the professor's opinions as to the true methods of dealing with intemperance. It is written in Prof. Smith's usually terse and vivid style, and well merits the perusal of all anti-Scott Act advocates. An appendix by C. Gordon Richardson, deals with alcohol from a so-called scientific point of view. Strangely enough neither Mr. Richardson nor his publishers prefix his name with his usual campaign title, "Prof."

Courtesy of Knox Church Session.

Owing to the sudden illness of Rev. R. Phillips there was no preaching in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning. A prayer and fellowship service was substituted. In the evening Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, who has preached in Knox Church here the past two Sabbaths, kindly officiated, upon the invitation of Rev. Mr. Phillips. He preached a very interesting sermon, having special reference to "The atonement." It was well received by the large congregation assembled. Our Methodist friends appreciate very highly the kind and brotherly courtesy of the members of the session of Knox Church in withdrawing their evening service and permitting Mr. McLaren to take the work of his afflicted brother in the cause of God. Such acts of friendly consideration among sister denominations tend very materially to the strengthening of that Christian unity which should invariably exist among the children of a common Father, by whatsoever name they may be recognized.

The Latest Swindle.

A new swindle has been invented which is having a successful run in Western Ontario. The operator gets himself up in a clerical rig, white choker and sable suit and calls at a farm house in the afternoon to explain that he is agent of a religious society and is delivering bibles and hymn books gratis. He takes a handsome book out of his gripsack and presents it and is of course asked to tea, or to stay for the night. Whatever hospitality is tendered he insists upon paying by laying down twenty-five cents if for a single meal, or seventy-five cents, if for supper, bed and breakfast, saying in reply to his host's objection that his instructions from his employers make it imperative to pay as he goes, and make a return for all his expenses. Taking out a receipt book he proceeds to fill up a receipt for the money he has paid, and requests the farmer to sign the document as a voucher. The receipt is signed and he departs, leaving the family loud in his praise, and nothing more is heard of him. Three months after the farmer gets a circular from some bank in the neighborhood, to the effect that "your note for $121.75 is now due."

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Acton, Jan. 20th, 1886.

Farmers' Institute

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IN THE TOWN HALL,

Village of Georgetown.

Commencing at 1:30 p.m. the first day, and continuing until some time in the afternoon or evening of the second day.

During the evening of the first day there will be a Public Meeting for discussions and addresses by Professors, interspersed with music, to which the ladies are especially invited.

There will also be addresses and readings by prominent men of the County, farmers and others.

Both railways reduce the fares to those attending to one and one-third. Ask ticket agent at beginning of journey for receipt to enable you to secure reduced rate.

The public generally are respectfully requested to attend those meetings.

P. RUDDELL, Secretary. JAS. BRADLEY, President.

Georgetown, 15th January, 1886. 30-2

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H. B. McCARTHY.

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