The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 1886.

WATER-WORKS FOR ACTON.

Following up our article of a couple of weeks ago on the subject of fire protection, Mr. J. B. Hughes, Inspector for the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has sent the FREE PRESS the following interesting letter. Viewing the matter from his practical standpoint, with an experience in fire inspection business of perhaps twenty-five or thirty years, the opinions and suggestions of Mr. Hughes will be accepted as of more than ordinary value and be regarded as deserving full and careful consideration:—

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS.

DEAR SIR,—It has occurred to me that this is a most opportune time for the enterprising people of Acton to secure cheap and effective fire protection by making use of the water-power now idle by the burning of the old plow factory or planing mill.

There is only one doubt in my mind regarding the whole matter: that is, that there may not be power enough to drive as heavy force pumps as would be required. This, however, can be settled to a certainty, and with trifling cost, by getting a practical man to take measurements of the quantity of water and the head to be had. If it is once established that sufficient power can be got, then, sir, you have the opportunity of supplying your good town with most efficient, cheaply constructed, and cheaply maintained fire protection.

One great advantage in this site would be that there would not be a long and expensive "main" to put down. Another material advantage would be that the water being already quite pure, a very simple and inexpensive filter would make it first-class water for domestic use, which would in a short time, in addition to the use of the water for lawns, &c., &c., create quite a large income.

It is a well-established fact that the Holly system of water-works is more effective for fire protection than the reservoir system, while the cost of keeping up and maintaining would not be one-half that of a steamer. The cost of erecting a frost and fire-proof building would be trifling, certainly not more than would be required for a steamer. Then when a fire occurred all that would be required would be to attach the hose to a hydrant, which would not take more than five minutes, in any part of the town. The great question in handling fires is the quickness with which water can be got on, and the system which will best accomplish this end is the one that should be adopted, provided the cost comes within the reach of the town.

The town of Seaforth, some years ago, put in the Holly system (steam power), and the cost was for buildings, engine and boiler, pipes, hydrants, excavating, and everything complete, in the neighborhood of $11,000; and judging by that the cost of putting in water-works for Acton should not exceed $5000 to $7,000. Inglis & Hunter, of Toronto, did the job for them.

There never was a time in the history of this country when such works could be erected as cheaply as at present, and there never was a time when money could be had as cheaply as at present. It does, therefore, appear to me as a most opportune time for your people to move in the matter.

You are perhaps aware of the fact that the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association have classified all cities, towns and villages in the country according to their means and appliances for controlling and putting out fires. They are graded from "A" to "F"—"A" being the highest and "F" the lowest. "F" comprises all places having *no fire appliances*. By reference to the classification I find that Seaforth is classed "C" and Acton "F." Now, the difference in mercantile risks between "C" and "F" is as follows:—General stores, where isolated 40 feet and over in "C" towns, 80c., 95c., $1.35 and $1.65 on buildings, stocks being 5c. higher in each case according to the different class of buildings; while in "F" towns the rates are $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, and $2.00, or an average rate of $1.19 in the one case and $1.62 in the other. In other words, your people pay a little over 35 per cent. more for their insurance than do the people of Seaforth. And this only represents the difference paid in insurance premiums, while that part of your property not covered by insurance would be at least 35 per cent. safer from fire than at present.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I cannot close this somewhat cursory article without urging upon your business people the necessity of providing as soon as possible some kind of adequate fire protection, and in my experience I know of none more effective than the Holly system.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. B. HUGHES,
Inspector, Waterloo Mutual.

Waterloo, March 29th, 1886.

Our citizens will no doubt peruse Mr. Hughes' letter with interest. We sincerely hope as an outcome that some feasible scheme for efficient protection of the property of our townspeople against fire will be inaugurated and set in satisfactory operation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A careful estimate of the expenditure necessitated by the Dominion Franchise Bill, places the amount at nearly a million dollars a year.

The Grand Trunk is reported to be debating whether it will build a new short line between Toronto and Ottawa *via* Perth and then over the Canada Atlantic to Montreal, or double-track its present line between the two cities. Perhaps it will do both.

The following appointments have been made by the Ontario Government in this county: S. Dice, G. H. Kennedy and Lieut-Col. D. Campbell, License Commissioners, and W. D. Brothers, Inspector, to hold office during the continuance in force of the Canada Temperance Act.

Perhaps the most critical financial period of the year occurs during the present month, a very large quantity of commercial paper falling due on the 1/4 of April. As a consequence there has been a vigorous pushing for money for some time past. A good deal of anxiety can be allayed by the settling of small bills. Keep the cash afloat and it will not take a $5 bill long to wipe out $100 in debts.

We observe by the New York *Herald*, of March 1st, that the early closing movement has extended to the city, and that some of the pastors have been appealing to the ladies to complete their purchases by an early hour on Saturday afternoons, and further, that the ladies have been signing a pledge to this effect. Woodstock and one or two other Canadian towns are acting in the same direction. It is a commendable action too, both from christian and humane stand-points.

THE NEW INSPECTOR.

We are much pleased that the Ontario Government have taken upon themselves to appoint an Inspector to enforce the Scott Act in this County, and equally pleased to notice that Mr. W. D. Brothers, of the Milton *Reformer*, has been appointed to that office. Mr. Brothers is a man of honesty and integrity; his principles are established and well known to the community, and we believe he will endeavor to the utmost of his power and ability to enforce the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, now in force in Halton. All the people of this County who desire to see the laws of the land upheld and respected, are in duty bound to render the Inspector all reasonable assistance in his efforts to maintain a strict observance of the law referred to.

OUR HOME RULERS.

Spent the Whole Session Tuesday Evening in Considering Details in Connection With Equipping the

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Council met last Tuesday evening. Members present Messrs. Henderson, Pearson, Fyfe and Cameron.

In the absence of the Reeve, Mr. Henderson was appointed chairman.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The committee appointed to secure appliances for the Hook & Ladder Company, reported verbally as to the articles necessary for the purpose, and estimated the cost at about $200.

Moved by J. B. Pearson, seconded by John Cameron, that the special committee appointed to secure the necessary appliances, be and is hereby instructed to purchase the following apparatus:—

6 Pike Poles, estimated cost	$	6 00
3 Hooks, with chains and sockets,	do	7 50
4 Fireman's Axes,	do	9 00
300 feet Rope,	do	8 00
2 Ladders, 30ft.		
2 Ladders, 25ft.	do	14 50
2 Ladders, 18ft.		
50 Buckets,	do	30 00
Truck,	do	25 00
	$	100 00

Carried.

Upon motion Council adjourned.

SCOTT ACT RETURNS.

Cost of Enforcing the Canada Temperance Act During the Past Three Years.

The return moved for by Mr. Kerns, M. P. P., over a year ago, has been brought down by the Mowat Government. It is given below, and shows the cost of enforcing the Canada Temperance Act in the County of Halton during 1882-3, 1883-4 and 1884-5. The following is a tabular statement of the receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

	1882-3	1883-4	1884-5
To balance on hand		231 30	176 97
Cash paid by Province	$ 833 33	1,033 33	1,125 61
" " Co. Council			600 00
From druggist licenses	90 00	85 00	50 00
From fines	1,450 00	1,873 37	564 10
	1,973 33	3,223 00	2,516 86

EXPENDITURE.

Police Magistrate's salary and expenses	$ 250 00	800 00	800 00
P. M.'s costs	40 85	150 65	96 10
Insp. Fraser's salary	500 00	424 97	400 00
" " expenses		50 00	50 00
Insp. Black's salary		277 00	350 00
" " expenses		39 75	50 00
License Commissioners	48 05	29 37	38 88
Constable fees	232 60	359 58	206 40
Witness fees	44 90	81 84	75 55
Detective service	142 35	216 50	80 00
Counsel fees	435 30	535 00	339 40
Miscellaneous	38 97	51 28	50 35
	1,742 03	3,016 03	2,516 68

—*Milton Sun.*

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Prorogued Last Thursday After a Session of Eight Weeks.

The Ontario Legislature closed its labors for 1886 on Thursday, haying assembled that day eight weeks before for transaction of business. It has been an unusually quiet and uneventful session and the debates, excepting perhaps the flare up which took place in the opening days over the Riel question and more recently over the Pacand affair, were particularly quiet.

The Government Sustained.

After Days and Nights of Talk the Riel Debate is Closed.

OTTAWA March 24.—The government majority on Mr. Landry's motion was ninety-four. Twenty-three Reformers voted with the government, and there were seventeen bolters. The total vote was; Yeas, 52; nays, 146. Majority 94.

The vote on the previous question, which was really considered the test vote, resulted in a majority of 54 for the government.

New Parliament Buildings.

The commissioner of Public Works has made a statement regarding the erection of the new Parliament buildings at Toronto. The buildings are to cost $750,000. The architeto is to receive 5 per cent. on that sum. Tenders are to be called for by the 1st of May next, and the work is to be proceeded with in three months from that date. Four years is the time fixed for the completion of the work.

ADVICE to MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers; there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind.

New Advertisements.

SURVEYING.

THE UNDERSIGNED will be in Acton during the next week. Any orders for Land Surveying left with Mr. John Warren, 4th Con., or at Acton Post-Office, will be promptly attended to.

JAMES WARREN, P L.S.

WANTED!

AT ONCE, in every part of Canada, live agents to sell a new and popular "Debate on Baptism." Large commission—there's money in it. For terms and particulars apply to

REV. T. L. WILKINSON,
44 Lansdowne Ave., Parkdale, Ont.

CARD OF THANKS.

THE UNDERSIGNED desire to express their most sincere thanks to the Manager of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Waterloo, for his promptness in settling their claim for loss in the recent fire, a cheque in full for $1,200 being received by them within three days after the visit of the Inspector.

W. H. STOREY & SON.

Acton, March 30th, 1886.

MANURE, PLASTERERS' HAIR.

FOR SALE—Manure, and hair for plasterers. Apply at the Tannery.

BEARDMORE & CO.

Acton, January 25th, 1886. 3m

HOUSE FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell on very easy terms the house and lot on Church street, now occupied by Peter Lee, adjoining the dwelling of Charles Speight, and immediately behind Geo. Hynds Jewellery Store. Price $800, one-third cash and the balance may remain indefinotly at 6 per cent interest. Information may be had from the editor of the FREE PRESS or by addressing

ROBT. WALTER, M. D.
WERNERSVILLE, BERKS Co., PA.

—IMPORTANT—

AUCTION SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

VILLAGE AND FARM PROPERTY.

I AM INSTRUCTED by the Executors of the Estate of the late JOHN KENNEDY, of the Village of Georgetown, to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, 3RD MAY, 1886,

on the premises, all the estate, Real and Personal, consisting of east half and west quarter of Lot 19, Con. 8, Township of Esquesing, yet unsold as village property (east half being within the Corporation of the Village of Georgetown).

1st. Lots 33 and 34, bounded by James, Lorne and Draper Streets.

2nd. Lot 35, Frame Cottage, with six rooms and woodshed; good well and cistern.

3rd. Lot 36, Frame Cottage with six rooms woodshed and good cistern.

4th. Large two-storey Brick Dwelling, ten rooms, kitchen and woodshed; good well and cistern; good large driving-house and stables; about 11 acres of land and a number of fruit trees thereon; north of Grand Trunk Railway.

5th. Balance of Farm Property and all unsold Village Lots at the time of the decease of said John Kennedy.

Also, at the same time and place, the following personal property will be sold:—Two new milch cows, and the following household goods—Hall coal stove and pipes, cook stove and furniture, large drum for stove, two box stoves, cupboard with glass doors, dining table, breakfast table, chairs, parlor sofa, lounge, several bedsteads, quantity of dishes, and sundry other things.

SALE TO COMMENCE AT 12 P.M.

Terms, Cash. One-tenth of purchase of real estate paid on day of sale; balance in one month from date. Parties purchasing, and desiring to do so, may leave one-third of purchase money standing by giving first mortgage, and for purchase of house property such further security as will be satisfactory to the executors. For further particulars inquire of the executors.

Parties desiring a comfortable home in an enterprising town would do well to call and examine these properties before purchasing elsewhere.

WM. HEMSTREET,
Auctioneer.

G. H. KENNEDY, JOHN W. BURT, JAMES KENNEDY, } Executors.

Judicial Sale

—IN THE—

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,

CHANCERY DIVISION.

GOLDIE VS. SMITH.

PURSUANT to the judgment in this cause, bearing date the 30th day of November, A.D. 1885, there will be sold with the approbation of A. M. McKINNON, ESQ., Local Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario at Guelph, by William Hemstreet, Auctioneer, at the door of Moore & McGarvin's Factory, on the premises, parcel number one, at the hour of one o'clock p.m., on

Tuesday, 13th day of April,

1886, the following lands and premises, in four parcels:—

PARCEL NO. I.—Lot Number 19 in Block Number 3, in the Village of Acton, containing one-fifth of an acre, more or less. There is erected on these premises a large frame building, which can be used for a store or factory. It is at present occupied by Moore & McGarvin as a Purse and Valise Manufactory. This lot is situated in the centre of the village, near the Post-Office. Possession will be given three months from the day of sale.

PARCEL NO. II.—Part of the westerly half of Lot Number 25 in the 4th Concession of the Township of Esquesing, containing six acres, more or less. A valuable water privilege and dam is on these premises. This is a first-class mill site, and a large milling trade was done on these premises for years.

There is also erected on the premises a good two-storey house, rough-cast and stone, contains six rooms; also a substantial bank barn, 40x50, with stables and sheds.

PARCEL NO. III.—Part of the west half of Lot Number 29 in the 3rd Concession of Esquesing, now in the Village of Acton, containing one-quarter of an acre, more or less. A substantial stone house is etected on this lot, containing seven rooms; hard and soft water; a garden and fruit trees on the premises. This is one of the most desirable residences in Acton.

PARCEL NO. IV.—Village Lots Numbers 20, 21 and 23 in James Young's Survey, in the Village of Acton.

TERMS OF SALE—Ten per cent. cash at the time of sale, to be paid to the vendor or his solicitors; and the balance within one month thereafter into Court to the credit of this action. In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of this Court.

Upon payment of the purchase money, the purchaser will be entitled to a conveyance and to be let into possession or to receipts of the rents.

Further particulars can be had from MCLEAN & MCMILLAN, Vendor's Solicitors; GUTHRIE & WALT, Solicitors, Guelph, or JOHN HOSKIN, Q.C., Toronto.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1886.

A. M. McKINNON,
Master at Guelph.

Auction Sales.

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Duncan Robinson, lot 12, con. 1, Erin. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. Benjamin Wallace, Lot 18, Con. 7, Nassagaweya. Sale at noon. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, 3rd MAY.—Sale of real estate and household furniture belonging to the estate of the late John Kennedy, Esq., Georgetown. Sale at noon. Wm. Hemstreet, auctioneer.

—Go to J. Fyfe's, Acton, for your clothing. He can suit you for price, quality and style everytime.

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GRAND MILLINERY OPENING

—ON—

27th of MARCH. SATURDAY 27th of MARCH.

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Our Millinery Rooms this season will be unusually attractive. The Stock has all been selected with great care and taste, from the latest importations of French, English, and American Goods, and are rich, rare and really choice. This department will be under the charge of experienced Milliners, who will spare no effort to suit the taste and wants of our patrons, at the most moderate prices.

OUR STOCK OF CENERAL DRY GOODS

Gents' Furnishings Boots and Shoes &c.,

Is now very complete, and will be sold at very bottom prices.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS Will be a Specialty. Satin Novelties in **TRIMMINGS TO MATCH**

You only require to see these goods to induce you to buy.

See our Extra Superior White and Grey Cottons, our Beautiful Prints, Ginghams, Cretonnes, Curtains, Laces, and Mantle Velvets. Those Beautiful Embroideries are admired by every one. Splendid range of Carpets, cheap. Choice Shirtings, Ducks, Denims, at really low prices.

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Rutledge & Crosson,

BUTCHERS,

Have purchased the business of Mr. R. Holmes, and solicit a share of public patronage.

The members of the firm are practical butchers, and are prepared to ensure their customers thorough satisfaction. There will always be found on hand a full stock of all kinds of meat, &c., in season.

We have settled in Acton to stay, and feel satisfied that by transacting business upon business principles we will win public confidence and support.

Rutledge & Crosson.

Acton, Feb. 9th, 1886.

GUELPH

CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & GRUNDY

Would announce the arrival of a large

Importation of Scotch Tweeds

Direct from Britain.

Gentlemen would do well to call at once and secure an early choice of Patterns.

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Merchant Tailors, Guelph.

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I BEG TO INFORM the inhabitants of Acton and neighborhood that I intend opening business as Tailor and Clothier in

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and will be able to show a nice selection of

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—ALSO—

Fancy Worsted Coatings, &c., &c.

and from my large experience I have every confidence of being able to give the highest satisfaction, both as to fit and workmanship,

At Bottom Prices.

M. BRENNAN.

1886. SPRING 1886.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

M'LEOD, ANDERSON & CO.,

In making their announcement for the Spring, would say that owing to unforseen circumstances and the hard times prevalent in the community, they have been unable to carry out their announcement of dissolution of partnership. The said partnership will, therefore, continue for one year longer, so as to give all parties who are still owing us on account a further opportunity to call and settle their accounts.

We purpose to do business entirely for cash or produce; no goods will be charged. We will sell goods cheap. We have had such an experience of the old-time credit business, which enables us to say that it is a very unfair way of doing business. The honest and trusty man who pays up promptly has to pay for the dishonest man who never pays at all. We are satisfied that every person who looks at the cash system of doing business will say that it is the only honest and fair principle of doing business. We can buy cheaper, you will buy cheaper. We will sell goods at wholesale prices, paying cash and getting all the advantages which does accrue to the cash buyer. Try our system—see our goods—compare prices—and we are satisfied you will save 25 per cent. on all goods purchased from us.

Ladies, we are this season showing the neatest and most stylish MILLINERY, MANTLES, &c., &c., all new and latest styles; DRESS GOODS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS, FRINGES, &c., &c., all to match. DRESSMAKING, in all the newest styles, done on the premises, under the management of a first-class dress-maker. Ladies, buy your dress goods—leave your order if you want a fashionable dress. PRINTS, MUSLINS, LAWNS and GINGHAMS, all new, neat and nobby.

Our Ordered Clothing Department—We can speak with pride about it. We have the finest and most extensive stock of TWEEDS, TROWSERINGS, &c., in the Province, and our Cutter is A No. 1. Try our nobby fits and cheap prices. GENTS' FURNISHINGS in grand style and large assortment. READY-MADE CLOTHING, very cheap, big stock to select from.

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