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The Acton Free Press.

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CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Sumner is going fast. Fine, warm weather this week. Farmers are scarce in town now.

Today is Guelph's and Milton's civic holiday.

Read Kenney Bros' new advertisement this week.

Only one more week of holidays for country schools.

Several of our citizens attended the great Sauguest in Berlin this week.

A Bible agent claims to have sold \$300 worth of Bibles in Halton County the other week.

Mr. W. J. Nicklin, of New York, has our thanks for copies of late New York daily papers.

The salary of Rev. D. E. Brownell, Methodist minister at Oakville, has been raised to \$1,000 per annum.

It is yet a question as to which is the right shoulder to look over when getting the first sight of a new moon.

Yesterday was Brampton's civic holiday. The Y. P. A. of St. Paul's Church held an excursion to Hamilton.

The *Champion* is the only Milton paper which gave a fair report of the Olympic-Crescent horse race, held last week.

Out of fifty-two candidates for the entrance examination at Waterloo High School, only nine passed and four were recommended.

Mr. John Wallace, of Milton, while training in Lake Katchewanooka, captured a massamogge which measured 42 inches and weighed 24 pounds.

By a typographical error in last week's issue, we announced Georgetown's civic holiday to be on the 29th. It will be held on Thursday, the 19th August.

Aside from the direct object of furnishing news, the newspaper incidentally accomplishes an amount of good not equalled by any other agencies combined.

The Milton *Son* complains that its people do their shopping in Toronto, greatly injuring their own town and making no perceptible increase in the volume of the city's trade.

Lost, strayed or stolen—A project to lay the dust on the streets. Last heard from just before the rain two weeks ago. Any information will be thankfully received by our citizens.

On a lot of one dollar a Beech youth plunged into eight feet of water last Sunday, and in his best clothes. The losers gambled more over the loss of the dollar than he did over the damage to his suit.

A Georgetown young man was arrested in Hamilton last week while in the act of drinking in the public street. He explained that he was badly ruptured, and found it impossible to go any further without using his trousers.

Occasionally a merchant advertises that he is going out of business. When he does not advertise he is certainly going out of business, though he may take a back street and keep a shop. At any rate he will disappear.

The cold weather of last week was not reasonable. It, however, may have been beneficial to the grain in allowing it to all, instead of driving up. All agree that which would have followed had the weather continued like it was the other week.

A game of base ball will be played on the base ball ground on Monday afternoon next, between the Athletics, of Toronto, and the Clippers, of Acton. Game to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. Admission ten cents, ladies free. A good game may be expected.

The universal opinion of all who have tried it is that the *Free Press* is the best local paper they know of. All agree that no matter how far they are away from home, if they get the *Free Press* it keeps them thoroughly posted on everything that transpires in this neighborhood.

The early closing movement was perhaps carried a little too far in Guelph the other evening, when a lady customer was accidentally locked in by the clerks at six o'clock. She stood at an open window imploring to be let out, and was released after about an hour's imprisonment.

Our citizens will be pleased to learn that the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, propose giving another of their excellent songs on the lawn of Mr. Wm. Moore next Tuesday evening, August 17th. We trust that with favorable weather this may be the most successful garden party of the season.

The foot ball match which took place last Thursday between local Grits and Tories, was won by the former by two to none. Although not as productive of so much fun as the married vs. single men's match it was a more interesting and scientific game. The return match between the married and single men will be played this evening. Game to commence at 7 p.m.

Under the laws of Ontario, the shooting season will begin on the 15th of August. After that day woodcock may be shot; snipe, rail, golden plover, grouse, pheasant, partridge, prairie chickens, ducks, and other waterfowl, and hares after the 1st of September. Deer may not lawfully be shot till after the 15th of October. No quail may be shot in 1886 or 1887, and no wild turkey till after 1888.

Grip's Great Supplement.

With its Midsummer Number, our fac-tions contemporary, Grip, has issued a magnificent supplement, in the form of a lithograph plate, 18x21 inches, a group of Conservative leaders in Canada. The picture is as fine as a photograph, and is well worth framing. The likenesses and autographs are accurate, and the whole picture is at once striking and pleasing. It is one of the best things of the kind ever attempted in Canada, and not only all Conservatives, but those on the other side, will like to secure it. The price, together with Midsummer Grip, is only 25 cents, and it will be forwarded to anyone enclosing that amount to the Company at Toronto. In this connection we may state that the success of the enlargement and improvement of Grip (now 16 pages) has led the Company to reduce the price of Canada's Comic Weekly to 2c. New subscribers sending \$1 (together with 5 cents for tube and postage of plate), will get the paper for the last six months of this year, to Dec. 31, and have the Midsummer Number and its fine supplement plate thrown in.

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Early Harvesting.

Mr. Walter Laing, Nassagaweya, commenced cutting his spring wheat on Thursday, 25th inst., which is considerably earlier than last year. Mr. Laing sowed his wheat on the 13th of April. Last year he commenced cutting on the 30th of April and completed cutting on the 14th of August. This year it is a week earlier than last.

Our Young Men.

Next week we purpose, unless interfered with by the editor or some other powerful influence, to give for the sole benefit of our young and perhaps marriageable ladies a list, concise and descriptive, of Acton's prominent young bachelors. We do this with a view to assist them in making a choice among the matrimonial catches about town. Should any engagements be effected through our efforts our charges will be moderate.

Drowning Accident.

We are sorry to have to record the death by drowning of one of our citizens, Mr. Anderson Beatty, which occurred on Sunday last in the lower part of the county. It appears from the very meagre reports received that Mr. Beatty went in bathing in the sixteen mile creek below Milton and getting into a bed of quicksand was drowned before help could be obtained. Mr. Beatty had for the past year and until the time of his death been a resident of Acton, and was a quiet and unobtrusive young man. He was lately engaged in drawing bark from the station to Messrs. Boardman & Co.'s laundry, and went on Saturday last to visit some friends in Trafalgar.

The Halton Gaol.

At present there are confined in the Halton County gaol at Milton five prisoners. One of these is insane; two are vagrants, one for stealing and one for assault. The case of one of the vagrants is one of great and unnecessary hardship. He has a son, a stenographer, earning good wages in Toronto, and a son-in-law, Chief of Police, Randall, in Guelph; but although they have been written to by the Governor of the gaol, Mr. Van Allen, informing them that their parent is suffering from Bright's disease and that he may die at any moment, they have paid no attention to the communications whatever. They ought to do so at once, as the old man is in a dangerous condition, and we trust this public appeal on behalf of their relative will not be in vain.

Be Careful What You Sign.

Several young men are travelling through the country at present, offering to give away a new kind of peach tree that they want to introduce. They present an order for the farmer to sign, which, they state, is simply to show the house for which they are travelling where they have placed the goods. This transaction may be perfectly fair and legitimate, but it will be no harm for farmers to be on their guard. If the parties want to give away peach trees they can easily do so without requiring the farmer to sign a blank order. In case of any doubt about the proper method of dealing with a stranger who wants a farmer to sign such an instrument, it is generally a safe middle course to kick him off the farm and then set the dog on him to chase him about half a mile up the road.

Sporting Events.

On Saturday last a game of base ball was played in the park between the Rockwood base ball club and the Clippers, of Acton, resulting in a victory for the Clippers by a score of 15 to 8. Our boys played well, but ought to have received a good many pointers from their opponents' playing.

The battery of the Clippers was all that saved them from defeat.

There also was a game of some kind on the grounds on Monday afternoon between the Mascots, of Drampton, and a team supposed to have been a travelling troupe of burlesque actors who borrowed the Clippers' suits and attempted to apply their peculiar avocations in burlesquing the game called base ball, which they succeeded in doing to perfection. The Mascots, doubtless following the line adopted by them in selecting their name, admirably supported the others. Such a game—we could not do either side justice to attempt to give a proper account of it. It was a comedy-burlesque all through, and there being no Mascots to hone their course came out victorious by a score of about 340 to 230—mostly errors. We cannot give the exact figures as the scorer started up town with a telephone for a supply of foolscap and has not since been seen, and there remains no one to tell the tale, not a player can be found up to press time. We are surprised that the manager of the Clipper Base Ball Club would allow the team suits to be used on such an occasion.

WHAT THE BASE BALLERS SAID ON MONDAY.

CLIPPER—That comes from changing positions.

SCORER—Hough—gh—gh—gh.

ASHTON—What's the score anyhow?

SCORER—Great Scott! what a game.

RAMSHAW—Pshaw, they slag those balls of mine all over the field.

MARSHALL—I must practice some before trying this again.

WILSON—This beats me all out.

KELLY—Well, we would like to know what Kelly didn't say.

UMBER FRANCES—You are all the worst muffs I ever saw.

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