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The Acton Free Press.
PUBLISHED WEEKLY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1896.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.
Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

A week of damp weather. Frosty nights now prevail. Another equinox is passed. Overcasts are again acceptable. Days and nights of equal length.

The coal bins are being replenished. The grain market is now more lively. Council meeting next Tuesday evening. Esquimaux exhibition a week from tomorrow.

Some farmers in Erin haven't got their peas and cobs in yet. Georgetown's rate of taxation for this year has been fixed at 20 mills.

Now that the big fairs are over the number of ones step to the front. A number of local men are exhibiting stock at the Provincial at Guelph this week.

Will the young men's night school be continued the coming winter? We hope so. The town of Mitchell pays 20 mills on the 4th this year, and carries a bank debt of \$10,000.

The Cordova Tannery is now tanning double the quantity of stock formerly put through. Base ball and lacrosse have evidently been laid upon the shelf for the season, by local athletes.

The County Model School has an attendance of eighteen pupils: nine ladies and nine gentlemen. The local milliners are putting their show rooms in as attractive a condition as possible for the fall trade.

Mr. W. G. Rawbone, of Toronto, will (D.V.) preach in the Baptist Chapel on Sunday next, 26th inst.

The Provincial Exhibition at Guelph this week promises to be a success. The attendance is very fair.

Thanksgiving day has been fixed by Acting Governor-General Lord Russell, for Thursday, November 18.

A meeting of the Deacons of Halton and Wentworth was held in Georgetown on Tuesday and Wednesday.

As we go to press this—Wednesday— evening, Rev. Mr. Deacon's illustrated lecture is in progress in the Methodist church.

Galt's liabilities are \$111,336.15. It claims assets to the amount of \$112,276.02. Were it not to drop, it would be rather a bankrupt town.

For copies of that interesting journal, the Northwestern Miller, Mr. Chas. Armstrong, Armstrong's mills, will please accept our thanks.

Oakville Council spent nearly a whole session last week in deciding not to grant the town bond \$100 to assist in paying for their new uniform.

The Milton Sun has evidently learned of a new dialect. It says:—Rev. D. B. Cameron preached a sermon in Gaelic and Acton last Sunday.

A former Acton boy, now a successful business man in a western town, will next week wed one of Kent County's fair daughters. Particulars anon.

Scores of hay and straw stacks were blown over in Wellington county by the storm on Thursday last, while many large trees were overturned and fences demolished in all directions.

Guelph was visited by a miniature tornado last Thursday afternoon. Signs were blown down and smashed, plate glass windows broken, buildings unroofed, umbrellas blown away, etc.

Bring in your sale bills to the Free Press office and receive a local notice in the paper. A local notice, with the Free Press' circulation, means that everybody must know all about the sale.

The Free Press job rooms has executed wedding invitations for every Wednesday in September. The people have learned where they can secure fine and artistic printing. We show some very pretty samples.

We have received from Mr. Geo. Hynds, Bookseller, copies of the Cottager and Arisan, Children's Friend and Child's Own Magazine for September. They are pure literature and very interesting to the little folks.

The Toronto papers have decided not to publish the prize list of the Industrial Fair unless it is paid for. This is fair and reasonable, and local papers are likely to follow this sensible example, respecting local fairs.

An excursion train from Chicago to Boston passed through Acton via G.T.R. on Friday afternoon. It was loaded with Odia fellows on their way to the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the latter city.

The prices paid for grain on the market here this week are:—Wheat, 78 to 79; barley, 55 to 60; peas, 50 to 52; oats, 52 to 54. Very small quantities of peas and oats are offering and the present demand for them is not great.

If the Council have any desire to avert their liability for costs resulting from broken limbs, they will forthwith proceed to cover the Willow street crossing on Church street. Where is the gallant young chairman of the committee on streets and sidewalks.

It is rumored that a marriage will be consummated in the Methodist Church next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. We are not prepared to guarantee that there really will be, but we will guarantee that a majority of the fair maidens in town will be there.

The Tilsonburg Liberator celebrated the inauguration of its tenth volume with an enlarged paper, at the same price as formerly. The Liberator is an enterprising local paper and is meeting with success.

Mr. Daniel Strachan, of Rockwood, preached morning and evening in Knox church on Sunday. In the evening there was a very large congregation. Mr. Strachan's sermons were very acceptable.

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.
Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Milton Brass Band Concert.
A concert for the benefit of Milton brass band will be held there on the evening of Friday, October 8th.

The quarterly review of Sabbath School lessons by Rev. R. Phillips in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning promises to be a very interesting service.

Ordination of Elders.
The edict for the ordination of the recently-elected elders of Knox Church, Acton, was read from the pulpit on the 12th and 19th insts.

Police Magistrate Young held a court at Georgetown on Friday, 10th inst., at which Mrs. Sanderson, Milton, was fined \$100 and costs for second violation of the Scott Act. The charge of perjury against Elias Clark, of Georgetown, was dismissed, owing to lack of evidence against him.

A Fine Post Office.
The new post-office at Orangeville is completed. Twenty-five thousand dollars were spent by the Dominion Government in giving that town postal accommodation.

The Public Health.
In connection with the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association which is to be held in Toronto, on the 4th October, a meeting of the members of Local Boards of Health and medical health officers will take place for the purpose of organizing an Ontario Public Health Association, with the object of promoting public health work.

An Acton Boy in Jail and Out Again.
Capt. Stephen Marshall, of the Salvation Army, Montreal, well known to our citizens, was a couple of weeks ago arrested for singing Army hymns on the streets.

The latest thing I've seen in signs is the following forcible example in the store of a Mill street merchant:

ARGUS RETURNS AT LAST.
A Vivid Description of His and Mrs. A.'s Experience on a Roller Coaster.

SUNDAY OTHER SUNDRIES.
—Well, I'm back again to the old place after my vacation; back again to the troubles of this weary work-a-day world.

—We, that is, a few old cronies and myself. (N.B.—Travelling and sight-seeing is too wearisome for the women folk, so we went alone.) Had a good holiday, a regular high old time, and we saw the Gotham elephant and sundry other interesting animals.

—We return to find things about as usual, moving along in much the same happy-go-lucky way; no particular disturbances on the municipal or social horizons, barring a slight outbreak of the marriage epidemic so prevalent in the spring and early summer, but nothing to brag of, however, only three cases at present, one of which reaches a crisis on Wednesday evening next at 7:30 o'clock, sharp, in the church.

—Of course, on my return, I had to take Marlar (Mrs. A.) and the kids down to the great show at the Queen City, and we had a great time. At least I had. What with the care of the kids and the luncheon basket

—Mrs. A. says she "can't abide that trash them city folks give a body to eat—and endeavoring to keep Mrs. A.'s voluble tongue in something like order (a big job), and the kids from going everywhere but where they shouldn't, I had a great big old time.

—We saw everything there was to see, travelled many miles doing it, and came home tired and cross as two sticks.

—Among other things, some of them rather extraordinary things, that Mrs. A. would do was ride on that new-fangled arrangement, the roller coaster.

—When we clambered up to the starting point she rather wailed, and I suggested it might not be advisable for a woman of her years and heft. That settled it, and with the grim determined air of a martyr going to certain doom, she firmly took her seat with a "de or die" expression on her massive features.

—She motioned me to sit beside her and hold her down. I waded a refusal, my emotion was too deep for words, and turning away sought a seat in the rear beside a lovely little thing in blue. The fellow that ran the machine clambered in beside Marlar. "Let her go!" says he, and she went.

—And she did go. Marlar gripped her companion right and opened her mouth to let forth a prodigious scream, but the speed kept the scream in, and she turned a few pale and gripped harder. I enjoyed it immensely, despite the queer feeling of emptiness in the region of the lower buttons of my vest. The dear creature in blue fell in need of support, and when did Tommas over fall in his duty to the other sex? It may be remarked it was night.

—We arrived at the top again and clambered out. I asked Mrs. A., who looked pretty pale and rather scared, how she liked it. She grinned a ghastly grin, and said, "It was just splendid." I remarked she didn't look it, and the look I got made me gasp for breath and visibly lowered the electric lights.

—On civic holiday the town was almost deserted, nearly everybody was down to the big show. Our youngbloods all went down, and coming back, one of their number being asleep, on reaching the town they let him stumble on and he was carried on to Guelph. This they thought intensely funny.

—Great big joke, wasn't it? So very clever! And the fool was held around with them all day, too, and held up his end of the stick. It is really surprising the very clever jokes that emanate from some of our lads.

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DO NOT ASK FOR CREDIT CONSIDER YOU

—This is emphatically the age of inventions, and one of the latest is a sort of an umbrella and a cuspidor arrangement—a cuspidor that is carried in an umbrella.

The invention is of special use when travelling; no need to spit on the floor, a disgusting trick in a first-class car; just open your umbrella slightly, and there you are, see? It is not known if they have penetrated here yet, but they have been seen in use on trains running through here.

—The season for lacrosse and base ball and kindred games is about over, and our local clubs have gone into hibernating quarters. These cool days are just the thing for foot-ball, though, and some town matches might be arranged. Set the ball rolling, somebody.

—Something should be done this winter in the way of tobogganing and coasting. We have plenty of good hills around, well suited to the sport, and it is rare fun, too, and exceedingly healthy besides. It is good for the girls, too, as well as the boys.

We have quite a few young men of an athletic and sporting turn of mind here; let them get the thing into shape by the time the snow flies. As a fond parent recently remarked: "My boy Jack's a bit of a sport, so he is!" and this is doubtless echoed by many.

Acton, Sept. 22nd, 1896.

—Scotch, English and Canadian suitings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

The sixth tea ship, with freight for the Canadian Pacific Railway, will soon be due at British Columbia.

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

The West Oxford Cheese Manufacturing Company has received an order for a two-ton cheese for the English market.

—Spring suits and overcoats at extremely low prices and made in the latest styles. Be sure to call and see them at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

The by-law to empower the city of Toronto to issue debentures to the extent of \$500,000 for deepening the river Don was submitted to vote of ratepayers on Saturday, and carried by a majority of 1,598 votes.

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GUELPH, SEPT. 22, 1896.

I feel that I am doing you as well as myself a kindness by renewing my oft-repeated invitation to visit my Dry Goods Establishment in Guelph.

At present, with the magnificent array of European importations and Canadian purchases, my establishment is worthy of an effort on your part to see it. I am sure I can make it worth your while to come, and feel assured that on account of the great variety of material, richness of design, and lowness of price, you will feel well repaid and be well satisfied for taking the trouble.

I commend to you especially my DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT. The high reputation which my manager enjoys, the faultlessness of our designs, and the superior work which we produce, should prove an incentive to you to favor us with your orders.

MY MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is again crowded with a beautiful variety of novelties, including imported PATERN MILLINERY, FEATHERS, MANTLES, SILKS, etc. It is a well-known fact that no millinery establishment in the city begins to compare with ours in extent, variety, and richness of material.

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And so all over the house—ELEGANCE, FASHION, VALUE are dominant. My circle of customers constantly increases. People whom we serve once always come back again. I use my customers' names as well as your money. I want both, but am sure while I have the former I get the latter. Come and see us, and you will get the best attention. If you cannot come send for samples. Telephone in office.

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