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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTONER 21, 1886 .-

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

-Rev. Dr. Torrance officiated in Knox Church last Sabbath. -The event of the week was Erin show

on Tuesday and Wednesday. -A number of interesting Nebraska papers have been received from Mrs. P. Armstrong. Thanks.

-A.J.C. Yes, a man without money can run for Parliament, but the man who has money is more apt to get there. -Mrs. George Stoddard shows a very

attractive window full of fancy goods and ladies' and children's underclothing. -The average daily expense per head for prisoners in Halton County Jail, for the year ending 30th September, was 54 cents.

-In the fall we hear the T. cat calling through the twilight grey; in the fall the paragrapher lays the ice-cream joke away. -The FREE PRESS has more prompt paying subscribers, and consequently does less dunning, than any local paper we know o -John Bennett, of Acton, had his overc

stolen in Hamilton on Friday. The thief was caught and given two months. - Spec--C. B. Griffin & Co., of Dunnville, formerly of Acton, General Merchants, have called a meeting of their creditors .- Monr.

tary Times. -Messrs. R. W. King & Co., of Georgetown, are putting in the new steam heating arrangements in Mr. W. H. Storey's resi-

dence this week. -The first snow storm of the season strived on Sunday morning. Snow fell continuously for five or six hours, but it had all disappeared next day.

-The annual collection in aid of the Supersunuated Minister's Fund was taken in Methodist Church last Sunday morning. It amounted to nearly \$50.

-The revival services of Messrs. Jones and Smail, in progress at Toronto, are meeting with abundant success. Acton people are in attendance nearly every day. -Troubles seem never to come singly. Mr. Andrew Mutrie, of Eramosa, had his arm fractured on Thursday, and on Sunday he lost a fine four-year-old colt worth \$125 by inflammation:

-The FREE PRESS' reference to unlighted street/lamps evidently had a very salutary effect; even if our much; annoyed lamp lighter thought he didn't deserve the attention bestowed upon him.

-The tax collectors for Esquesing township, appointed at the last meeting, are Messrs. Thos. Chieholm, David Lindsay, Edw. Nixon, John Kennedy, James Nickell and John Evans. Their salaries are \$30

-"Sugar weddings," four weeks after marriage, are the latest device in the matrimonial anniversary line. How soon after this does the vinegar wedding come Acton should have a goodly number of the sugar weddings, anyhow.

-Rev. Laclilan Cameron, of Thamesford-for many years pastor of Knox Church, Acton-is expected to preach in that church next Sunday. Mr. Cameron writes us that he would like to see all h : old friends, at church, and we have no doubt

-The editor has been favorably remembered this week. Mr. C. C. Speight, one of the successful local sportsmen, treated us to a brace of fine partridge, and to Messrs. Thos. Easton and Thos. T. Moore we extend thanks for a nice lot of celery and

-A mass meeting of the Reformers of South Wellington will be held in the citof Guelph on Thursday, 28th inst., for the nomination of a candidate in the Reform interest to represent the Riding in the Do minion Parliament. A public meeting will be held on the same evening at which Hon-Edw. Blake and Hon. G. W. Ross will deliver addresses.

PURELY PERSONAL.

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

Mrs. H. J. Hall, of Berlin, visited friends here this week.

Mr. C. Chapman, of Torouto, is spending as few days with friends here. Messrs. T. Worsnop and W. Carrol have

removed their families to Toronto. Mr. Allan Mann, who has had a severe attack of inflammation, is slowly recover-

Dr. McGarvin is about to remove to his own residence at corner of Mill and Frederick streets.

Miss Clara Midgley, who came to Acton to visit friends last week is seriously ill at

the residence of Mr. H. J. Smith. Mr. George Garrett and son, of Glovers ville, N.Y., is visiting his former home. George mays there's no place for him like Acton. He is doing a very successeful business in Gloversville though.

Mr. A. B. Calloden and his nephew Master Willy Culloden, of Lowville, Nelson came to Acton on Sunday the 10th inst., to cious. At any rate a night or two in the visit their sisters, Mrs. S. A. Secord and cells would correct.

Miss Gracie Louiwees Culloden. A letter received this week locates Mr. John Moore, son of Principal T. T. Moore of this place, at Singapore, India. He has! Fyfe's. been travelling in Burmah, Malay, Siam and other eastern territory, but is soon to return to Australia. He is enjoying good health and spirits; is tanned as brown as an Indian, and speaks the Malay language sufficiently well to make himself understood. He expects to return home in seven

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All

A Fine Contract. The contract for building stone for the new parliament buildings at Toronto has been let by the contractors to Mesars. K. Chisholm and M. M. Efliott, of this town, The amount of the contract is \$125,000. The prospects for next season indicate s great boom in quarrying operations at the Credit Forks.

Halton Teachers Conventions. The managing committee of Halton Teachers' Association has arranged to hold two conventions, the first at Georgetown on the 20th and 30th October, and the other in Burlington on the 5th and 6th of November. A programme embracing many of the subjects of instruction in the public schools and others of particular interest to teachers, has been issued. Al the teachers of the county should be able to attend one or other of these conventions.

Only Gone Before. On Friday last the remains of Mr. P. Thurston were intered in Farview Cemetery. For several years Mr. Thurston has been an invalid, a victim of consumption and slowly but surely it continued its fatal work until death ended his sufferings, - He was a man of exemplary christian character, and during his long period of illness was never known to grow impatient or to lose in any degree his unwavering trust in r personal Saviour. He leaves a wife and three children, who will ever think in kind remembrance of a loving and attentive husband and father, now safe in that brighter land beyond. The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Thurston and

family extend sincerest sympathy in their

A Taste of Tornado. The heaviest windstorm experienced this section for a long time was that of last Thursday evening. Considerable damage was done. The new stable of Mr. Stephenson, which was raised a day or se before, came crashing down, injuring the lumber a good deal. Two of the vetera willows on the street which received its name from them were blown down. One of them fell on Mr. Wm. Steel's house which escaped serious injury. Fences were blown over in all directions, and on Friday morning thousands of bushels of apple were found lying under the trees in the apple orchards, some farmers having as many as 50 or 100 bushels thus hurriedly picked for them. Reports from the obser vatory at the Agricultural College, Guelph give the velocity of the wind at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening at 80 miles per hour

Death of a Prominent Haltonian. On Monday Major H. M. Switzer, of Palermo, died at his home after an illness of some length. He was well known and highly respected in Halton and adjoining counties, and was a successful business man. The Major was born in Co. Limerick Ireland, in 1819, came to Canada with his parents in 1832, and finally settled at Palermo in 1844. He was married in 1845 and appointed post-master at Palermo in 1846. He was paymaster of the Lorne Rifles, from the time of its organization was a magistrate and commissioner, and one of the county's trustees to hold the bonus of the N. &. N. W. R. R. All these offices he held until his death. Mr. Switzer's religious faith was that of the Church of England. The remains were interred St. James' Cemetery, Toronto, yesterday with military honors; the officers of the 20th Batt. Lorne Rifles taking prominent part. The death of this prominent citizen

is much regretted throughout the county.

Presentation at Milton. On Monday evening last a social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, was given in the basement of the Methodist Church The basement was well filled. As the entertainment neared the time for closing an interesting event occurred. The members of the congregation hearing that Miss Gussie Harrison, who for so many years had faithfully served them as organist and in other capacities, was about to enter hymeneal relations, thought they should recognize her services in some appropriate way, and a beautiful silver sett, of eight pieces, consisting of a tray, hot water urn, coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher, chocolate pot, and spoon holder, -- which took the gold medal at Toronto exhibition, -was purchased, suitably inscribed, and presented to Miss Harrison by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Russ, on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Johnston Harrison replied on behalf of his daughter, thanking the friends for their kindness. After singing the National Anthem the gathering dispersed, having spent a most enjoyable evening .-

Burglars, or More Correctly, Bunglers. On Monday night the stores of Messrs, R. B. Jermyn, J. E. Howson and George Andrews were entered by midnight visitors, who were evidently satisfied with small returns for their pains. At Jermyn's they secured an entrance by a rear window, and carried the till-a combination till-containing eight coppers; to the wood-pile outside, where they pried off the top. After selecting a pair of ladies' shoes, a suit of underclothing, a can of salmon and some smaller articles they decamped. At Howson's a pane of glass was taken out of the front door and this was their place of ingress. Although the shop and contents were thoroughly rummaged nothing of any account appears to be missing. Andrews' they took out part of a front window pane and securing a bundle of underclothing and some yarn from the window departed without making further molestation. Suspicion points very strong ly to the nights' transaction as being the work of local midnight loafers. It is fact that a number of half-grown boys have made it a habit to be prowling around town at all hours of the night, and whether guilty or not their actions look very suspi-

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WHAT ARGUS THINKS

About Gossip and Its Vendors.—A Rich Extract for Its Batisfactory Consection.

HIS PROPOSED MUSEUM.

-- Well, there's not much news that I know of this week, and my usual weekly quota of "copy " will be a sort of a hotch. potch of nothing in particular, something like the average boarding house hash, only hope a little more digestible.

-The bulk of most of our news is, from a feminine point of view, chiefly and simply gossip, pure, unadulterated gossip, and the most popular people are those who, when there is a scarcity of the original growth, can manufacture it to order, cheap and nasty, or highly nutritious and spicy, according to the taste of their patrons.

-Political news is cared for by mighty few of our citizens and citizenesses; financial news interests but little more; but the news is gossip-sweet, deligious, perennial, thrice and ever-blessed gossip, that falls like the refreshing dew on many an old scandalmonger's parched and thirsty palate. Gossip that reports a beloved friend in deep water, a rival in extremis, a neighbor no better than she ought to be and some hightoued individual or another caught hiding an acc up his sleeve at cards or kissing his host's housemaid.

-Gossip travels the round of the smal town or village in winter as regularly as the travelling quack and others of his ilk in

-Let me give you an extract from a popular novel writer who hits the nail on the head in dealing with this sort of thing, to illustrate the point. -

-Speaking of gossip the writer says: "If you wish to be cheye (N.B .- this is, I believe. French : for interpretation thereof apply to any local instructor of youth) and asked out every night, learn to manufacture it. It is very easy; take equal parts of flower of malice and essence of impudence, with several pepper-corns of improbability to spice it; some candied lemon-peel of moral reflection and a few drops of the ammonia of indecency that will make it light of digostion, and the toothsome morsel will procure you welcome every-

-" If you can also chop up any real Paschal lamb of innocence in very fine pieces, so that it is minced and hashed and unrecognizable forever, serve the minoe with the vinegar of malignity, and the fresh mint of novelty, and you will be the very creme of gossip henceforward. Run about society with your concoctions, in and out of the best houses as fast as you can go, and there will be no end to your popularity. You will be as refreshing to the thirst of the dwellers in them as are the emonade sellers to the throats of the public

-Rather hard and cutting, ain't it? But

t gets there with both feet. -Oue of our local nimrods, who is generally known by the sobriquet of Long Tom'sounds like a gunner's pet name for one of those long brass breech-loading forty pounders, don't it ?- is going in for taxiderney. Most everything he shoots with his unerring gun he stuffs, and some specimens are really mounted in a very creditable manner.

-We might start up a small museum : we've got a little material. You see there's the above mentioned specimens; then we might have a model, with plans, &c., complete, of Smith's watering-cart or street sprinkler that is expected to lay the dust of our streets next summer, or possibly the summer after; a few bats from the collection of the Clippers, the bats so grandly wielded by that mitey aggregation during the summer that is past, would be an addition; also a photo of the old residenter that is not a confirmed "kicker" and airbrake on the wheels of our town's progress this would be a great curiosity; then again we might have a regular art gallery with photos of-our picnics-our young men preparing for the awful ordeal of a town hall party, with the fell weapons of preparation-the-but why continue, the list is almost endless.

-I would respectfully suggest to the young bloods who found a difficulty in navigating to their various homes on the completion of a night's jollification (?) last week, that the next time they would find it far easier if they took wheelbarrows along and a boy to wheel them home in them. And if the boy would kindly rest his load under a convenient pump, and notify me I should take pleasure in a little exercise with the pump-handle, just to see if it works satisfactorily.

-I hear there was a little burglary going on the other night. We'll have to polish up our police force, or call out some of the gallant defenders of the country.

-Well, I must stop scribbling. There's Mrs. A. shouting that breakfast is ready, and I hear a little-Argus impatiently drumming with his spoon on a plate waiting for pa and parridge, and besides I'm going to that great local event so dear to the average bucolic heart, Erin show. It seems to have a peculiar fascination for our youths and I'm going to see why. Will report on my return.

ARGUS. Acton, Oct. 19th, 1886.

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Fall & Winter R. B. JERMYN, Fall & Winter

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