The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1886.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

We can hardly, we think, do better than congratulate commercial men, agriculturists and the public generally upon the turn for the better which affairs have assumed generally and which bids fair to continue to the general satisfaction. To say that the feeling is better would be only to repeat what we have said and continued to say for some weeks; but we may supplement the remark by the observation that the improvement seems to have come to stay. Whether there will be a continuance of getting better it is hard for us to say, albeit if we can only keep up to what we have already attained there will be precious small ground for complaint even on the part of chronic grumblers. The figures given by the banks have shown that there is nothing disastrous to be apprehended on the monetary side of the situation unless there be developed recklessness of an almost unprecedented character. We have no expectation of a bad winter as far as business is concerned. On the contrary we anticipate such a season as shall witness the prosperity of every one who takes the steps necessary to be prosperous, and, to a great extent, if there be any complaining on our streets it will be on the part of those who are peculiarly unfortunate or of those who scarcely deserve the sympathy of their fellows.—*Canadian Trade Review.*

CORRECTED.

It seems that enemies of the corporation and of the municipal authorities make it their especial business to misrepresent or else misunderstand nearly everything said or done concerning municipal affairs. In our issue of last week the following item—the facts of which were received in regular course by our reporter, and inserted without intent or desire to tell anything but the actual truth—appeared:—

"At the request of Mr. Duff's counsel, Reeve Storey has further postponed his decision in the case for violation of the old cemetery by-law for two weeks."

The following day Mr. Robert Kennedy, of Erin, presumably at the instruction of Mr. Duff, called and stated that neither Mr. Duff nor his counsel had ever made such a request of Reeve Storey, and requested of us a correction of the statement in this issue. The reply to Mr. Kennedy was that our reporter would look into the matter and if it was incorrect the FREE PRESS would place the matter right before its readers. With this in view we communicated with Messrs. Johnston & McLean, solicitors for the municipality, through whom the request came from Mr. Guthrie, solicitor for Mr. Duff, and this in the reply received:—

THE FREE PRESS.
ACTON.

"Yours to hand. Your item was perfectly correct. Mr. Duff's solicitor certainly requested us to ask Reeve Storey, the presiding magistrate in the case, to postpone his decision, as stated in your columns. You are at perfect liberty to use this statement publicly if you desire.
JOHNSTON & MCLEAN.

Guelph, Nov. 2nd, 1886.

Mr. Kennedy will kindly observe that the FREE PRESS was correct after all, and that the misunderstanding was between himself and Mr. Duff.

Now, a thing like this was really a trifling matter to make a fuss about, even if the FREE PRESS had been incorrect, but thus it is that misstatements are rife concerning municipal matters, and the FREE PRESS could, if it deemed it of sufficient importance, just as easily expose the falsity of numbers of the senseless and ridiculous rumors which are so freely circulated, especially concerning the cemetery question. But the very ridiculous character of these rumors renders it unnecessary for us to spend either time or space in paying attention to them.

If the people who are so ready to lay charges at the door of the municipal authorities and misconstrue their actions would quietly refrain from further misrepresentations and adhere strictly to the truth in such matters, municipal interests would be greatly enhanced and a much more neighborly and fraternal feeling prevail in the community.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. James Innis, M. P., of Guelph, has been unanimously nominated for the House of Commons.

President Cleveland has issued a proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 25th, as a day of thanksgiving for the United States.

Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, has hit upon a plan of dealing with strikes, consisting of a proclamation commanding both parties to resume work and submit their differences to arbitration in the interest of public peace, of which he is the guardian.

The poor blind *Champion* still wanders. It seems to be muddled when engaged in reviewing its exchanges and apparently feels badly over its errors and omissions. Its blindness is proverbial and the profusion of Billingsgate in its last issue sustains its notorious reputation.

"Education is the glory of Canada." This is the motto placed above the entry to the Canadian educational exhibits, and no visitor can inspect these exhibits without feeling that the motto is far from a mere idle boast. Everyone knows how important a part education plays in the public life of the Dominion, and in no Province is this more the case than in Ontario.—*Gazette*, London, Eng.

It is a curious thing that, although repeated outrages have been perpetrated on the property of those who have been active in securing the adoption and enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, no adequate punishment has been meted out to the perpetrators of these dastardly crimes. It is not to the credit of this law-abiding Province that buildings should be wrecked by dynamite and life endangered, while the conspirators escape the punishment they deserve. One thing certain, these outrages and terrorism directed against the promoters of temperance will rouse the people of Ontario in favor of prohibition, pure and simple.—*Dominion Oddfellow.*

ARGUS AND THE CONCERT.

His Opinion Concerning its Merits, and His Opinion of Other People's Opinions Concerning It.

THE FASHIONS IN HATS.

Well, the Acton Choral Society has made its first bow to an indulgent public, and we shall be glad, all of us I think, to have it bow some more.

—The concert was pretty fairly patronized, and they gave us a good ten cents' worth of the commodity that hath charms, as the poet sings, to soothe the savage, rend a rock or split a cabbage!

—The programme consisted of two parts of nine numbers each, chiefly choruses and concerted pieces, with a few solos interspersed by way of variety, as it were, and to lighten the thing up some. The soprano solo seemed to rather overtax the capabilities of the singer, who did not seem to be on particularly good terms with the organ. In the bass solo, a capital song by the way, the singer was not able to do himself justice owing to hoarseness and a slight cold. The duet "Katy did" rendered by two little girls, described as the youngest and smallest members of the Society, was well sung and merited the encore it received. The round "Three Blind Mice" seemed to tickle the fancy of the audience, who demanded a repetition.

—Perhaps the gem of the programme was a duet, entitled "Prithee, Pretty Maiden," from "Patience," by Miss Alice Henderson and the secretary; it was nicely sung and deserved the encore the audience insisted on. I know it tickled my fancy immensely and called down on my shoulders a rebuke from the partner of my joys and sorrows, that excellent woman, Mrs. A., who took particularly good care to rush me off home afterwards, and frustrated my laudable intention of congratulating ye fair maiden who said her "heart was frolicsome, and free."

—Some of the choruses were nicely sung and showed the pains that Mr. Hill, the conductor of the society, has taken in training the members. His cornet solo was good, only there might have been a little more of it.

—It is to be hoped that we shall have the pleasure, during the coming winter, of hearing the Society again more than once, and I am sure their efforts will be appreciated by our citizens generally.

—I fully expected that the worthy President would say a few words relative to the Society, its aim, object, and so forth, but he didn't, and I think many besides myself were rather disappointed thereat.

—With regard to that duet from "Patience" I learn that two or three of the audience were—well somewhat disgusted with it, saying it was not exactly the thing; out of place; going too far, and like expressions. Surely this shows a very narrow-minded view of things, a want of being able to distinguish between use and abuse. Opinions of that kind, one is very apt to set down as bosh, which is not far out.

—On the street the other day I heard two young ladies having a little argument over the definition of a flirt. For their special edification I give the definition of the late Josh Billings, which, although rather powerful, comes nearer to it than anything I ever heard—"A flirt is a fool who delights in fooling other fools, and the fool who is fooled by such a fool is the foolishest kind of a fool." There you are; pretty sound sense too.

—That arrogant goddess, Fashion, whom most of our feminine population adore with a passionate adoration, is responsible for the latest monstrosity in hats. I refer to the new fall shapes, those big ungainly felt hats adorned with some large bird, or a lot of little ones, and a big pin with a head like a billiard ball. What the pin is for is a mystery, unless it is to sort of break the wild wide expanse of felt on the side that the bird, or birds, is not.

—I noticed in church the other night no less than twenty-seven of these hats, each adorned with a bird and a big pin. What a shame it is that so many thousands of our feathered tribes should be slaughtered annually to minister to foolish fashion. Now here is a chance for some one to immortalize himself or herself by starting a crusade against this senseless fashion of slaughtering birds, wholesale, to gratify the whims of fashion.

—A millionaire's wife in that gay and frivolous city, Paris, not long ago appeared in a gown lavishly trimmed with robins and had another trimmed with canaries. Just think of it, 'tis really shameful.

—Another fact about the big hats—the majority of the wearers don't seem to have the faintest idea of what suits 'em, and they make some faces look like a thimble in a soup-plate.

ARGUS.

The Hamilton *Spectator*, which is constantly ridiculing country papers for their items noting local improvements, because of their trivial importance in the eyes of a big city newspaper man, evidently forgets itself and imparts the following startling intelligence to its readers:—"City Chamberlain Stuart now has a counter in his front office." The country papers will require to take a back seat after this wonderful exhibition of enterprise on the part of the *Spectator's* dignified local editor.

If the object is to have Thanksgiving Day at the dullest and most unfavorable time in the year a better day than November 18th could not be appointed. At that time the days are generally dull, the weather and the roads bad. In the country there is neither sleighing nor wheeling. Why should not Thanksgiving Day be in October, say between the middle and the end of the month? The harvest is then over, the root crops are in and the fall wheat sown. The weather is usually delightful and the roads in most places fairly good—at least much better than a month later. A large portion of our population begin hard work about Sept. 1st. A holiday about the middle of October would divide the time nicely between September and Christmas. The 18th of November is only five weeks from Christmas. Presumably there is some reason for having Thanksgiving Day at the time appointed, but we never heard it, nor have ever seen anybody that knew any reason.—*Canada Presbyterian.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Teachers of the Present and Those Engaged for Next Year.

MINIATURE FINANCE REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met on Monday evening.

Members present—Mr. J. E. McGarvin, chairman, Messrs. W. H. Storey, W. P. Brown and Geo. Hynds.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their sixth report, recommending payment of the following accounts:—

Thos. Ebbage	$5 80
J. E. Howson, supplies	02
Thos. Easton, repairs	75
John Matthews, cartage	70
T. T. Moore, supplies	63
	$8 89

Report adopted.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by George Hynds, that the teachers of the first, second and third departments be re-engaged at the same salaries as 1886, and that the teacher of the fourth or junior department be re engaged at an advance of twenty-five dollars over the salary of the present year, and that the chairman be instructed on behalf of this board to sign the agreements.—Carried.

Upon motion the board adjourned.

Notes of Interest.

A $50,000 fire occurred at the Lunatic Asylum, Hamilton, on Sunday morning.

The wife of the late A. T. Stewart, New York, died last week. The will of Mrs. Stewart was filed for probate on Monday. It disposes of twenty million dollars' worth of property.

R. A. Martin, hotel keeper, Grand Valley, is putting in 60 days' imprisonment in the Orangeville jail for a third violation of the Scott Act.

Daniel Cummings, Mt. Forest, was last week fined $100 and costs, and Wm. Spires, of Fergus, $50. and costs, by Magistrate Lowes, for violation of the Scott Act.

A. Cavan, collector of Inland Revenue, Stratford, seized an illicit still last Wednesday in the township of Howick, and had two of the proprietors arrested and sentenced to two months' imprisonment and a penalty of $400.

Nearly $20,000 have been paid out in prizes by the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto. The total amount paid out in prizes for the live stock alone at the Industrial Exhibition this year amounts to over $15,000, in sums ranging from $5 up to $407, and covers nearly every section of the province.

Last Thursday was a great day for the United States. The biggest statue in existence was presented by the biggest republic in Europe to the biggest republic of the world. The two republics have always been allied by the closest terms of friendship, and perhaps no more fitting emblem could have been found to mark their union than a representation of the Liberty which they were founded to bring about. M. Bartholdi, the sculptor of this wonderful statue, was present at the unveiling ceremonies.

THE CRADLE.

McKAY—At the Manse, Woodstock, on Thursday, Oct. 28th, the wife of Rev. W. A. McKay of a daughter.

JENNER—At Johnstown, N. Y., on the 10th October, the wife of Mr. Harry Jenner of a son—still-born.

STEWART—In Acton, on the 1st of Nov., the wife of Mr. Adam Stewart of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

BROWN—MOORE—At Crewson's Corners, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 3rd Nov., by Rev. F. Swan, assisted by Rev. R. Phillips, Mr. John Brown, to Martha, second daughter of Mr. James Moore.

SPROWLE—KENNEY—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 27th October, by the Rev. D. Strachan, Alex. Sprowle, of Esquesing, to Miss Rachel Kenney, third daughter of Mr. John Kenney.

SALE REGISTER.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOV.—Sale of stock and implements, the property of Jeremiah Kentner, Lot 32, Con. 7, Esquesing. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.—Sale of stock and implements by Nicholas Forbes, Lot 1, Con. 7, Eramosa. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

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NOVEMBER 5TH—W. Townsend, Lot 30, Con. 1, Esquesing.
NOVEMBER 9TH—Jeremiah Kentner, Lot 32, Con. 7, Esquesing.
NOVEMBER 10TH—N. Forbes, Lot 1, Con. 7, Eramosa.
NOVEMBER—James Clark, Lot 18, Con. 5 Eramosa.

Court of Revision of Voters' Lists, Village of Acton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A Court will be held, pursuant to the "Voters' Lists Act," by His Honor the Judge of the County Court of the County of Halton, at the Town Hall, Acton, on

Thursday, 11th Day of November, 1886,

at one o'clock in the afternoon, to hear and determine the several complaints of errors and omissions in the Voters' Lists of the Municipality of the Village of Acton for the year A. D. 1886.

All persons having business at the Court are required to attend at the above time and place.

J. E. McGARVIN,
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