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The Acton Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2ND, 1886.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

- Christmas in three weeks.
The political pot is boiling.
Tuesday was St. Andrew's day.
Council meeting next Tuesday.
The holiday trade promises well.
Creemore's rate of taxation is 3 3/4 mills.

Board of Education next Monday evening.
Oakville wants a tobacco club. Let her slide.
Guelph assessment this year amount to \$3,150,000.

A snow-shoeing club is talked of by local athletes.
The schoolboys' stomach is always in apple-pie order.
Splendid roads now and teaming is largely engaged in.

The government has granted \$121 to Milton Mechanics Institute.
Georgetown High School will be formally opened on 10th January.
The last session of the Township Council was held on Monday.

The store windows are being decorated with attractive holiday goods.
Mr. Smith, the collector, reports that the talk of the taxes are already paid in.

The County Council will hold its last regular meeting for the year next Tuesday.
Santa Claus has already commenced his selection of presents for the little ones.

D. Heffernan, Guelph, was fined \$50 and costs on Monday for selling beer at his hotel.
The County Court and general sessions will be held at the Court House on Tuesday, 14th December.

Sermons were held in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday; Father DuMortier, of Guelph, presiding.
Milton public school pays the teacher of its janitor department the enormous salary of \$400 per annum.

The event of the holiday season will be a grand concert by the Clipper Base Club on Christmas night.
Last Sunday was Advent Sunday. This is the earliest possible date on which this anniversary can occur.

Councillor Fyfe is building a neat and substantial fence along the front of his fine property on Church street.
What is coming in to the market here in large quantities just now? The prices, however, show no indication of rising.

Business in certain lines may be a little dull; but the men who advertise generally get a big share of all there is.
There are over seventy-five applications for the Chief of Police of Galt, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. McFeggan.

The political campaign in this county will be opened at Oakville to-morrow evening. Major Keran setting the ball in motion.
Rev. J. S. Coates, of Glanville, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, here, has accepted a call from the Kitchener Baptist Church.

Mr. Thos. McCullough, of Eramosa, sold his farm of 100 acres last Tuesday to Mr. Edward Tucker, Toronto, for \$7,700, including about \$200 worth of wheat.
The newest wrinkle in church socials is the "backstreet party." They don't provide anything for grub but slapsacks and "lases"—both kinds of the latter.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will probably take place on Thursday evening, 23rd December. A new feature to the entertainment is talked of.
Business is slack the world over, and when it is the truth there is nothing imminent in the Acton Free Press saying its job department is superior to any in the county of Halton.—Dundas Standard.

A fractured wagon has been standing along the centre of Frederick street at Church for a week. The residents of that vicinity will thank the proper officer to see that the owner removes it forthwith.
The death is announced at Peterboro' of W. J. Hesse, LL.D., Principal of the College Institute, and uncle of Mrs. S. A. Secord, of this place. His demise is greatly regretted, as he was a most useful man.

A meeting of the Reformers of Division 1 and 2, Esquimaux, and the Village of Acton, will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, 10th inst. Dr. Beck, the Reform candidate, and others will be present.
The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Alban's Sabbath School will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 9th Dec. It will be of a perfectly informal character. The children will have a tea and Christmas tree, sing Christmas carols and enjoy themselves generally.

If you want a nobby durable and cheap suit, go to J. Fyfe's, Acton.
Go to J. Fyfe's, Acton, for your clothing. He can save you for price, quality and style every time.

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Loos and All Interesting.

A Handsome Present. Mr. L. P. Kribs, Mail correspondent at Ottawa, formerly "Pica" of the News, has been presented with a gold watch, chain and locket from the Mayor and City Council and the city officials of Toronto.

Mass Meeting at Milton. A mass meeting of the electors of the County will be held at Milton on Saturday 11th inst. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. Edward Blake, Oliver Mowat, G. W. Ross, W. McCraney, M.P. and Dr. Buck. This will evidently be a field day.

Series of Sermons. The first of a series of sermons to young men will be preached by Rev. R. Phillips in the Methodist Church, next Sunday evening. Subject, "Strike the iron while it is hot." The sermons will be continued on the first Sunday evening of each month.

Foot Seriously Out. Last Wednesday as a son of Mr. Joseph Arthur was chopping the axe glanced and struck his foot entering at one of the toes splitting his foot almost to the instep. Dr. Stacey was sent for and upon examination found that some twelve articles were necessary to keep the severed parts in proper position.

Exhibits to Australia. Sir Charles Tupper, Executive Commissioner, has written us for permission to send the Free Press exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition, at London, Eng., to the Jubilee International Exhibition, to be held next year at Adelaide, Australia. Other Canadian exhibitors have been similarly invited to send their exhibits.

The Political War Cry. Soon shall we hear such phrases as "The intelligent electors of Halton," "The sturdy yeomanry of Esquimaux," "The Ontarion, Ontarion," "Canada for the Canadians," "Chestnuts," "The Glorious Mother Land," "Honesty and good government."

'Rah for 'Mowat. 'Rah for 'Sir John. 'Rah for 'Meredith. 'Rah for 'Blake. The foundation of this item was stolen from the Beeton World.

A Worthy Example. The Quarterly Board of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Brantford, which has control of the weekly contributions for the support of the pastor of the church, found, when they met last Friday night, that the income from this source during the past six months met the half year's salary and left a surplus of nearly \$300 to be handed over to the Trustee Board for general church purposes.—Conservative.

A Prospective Manufacturer. The senior partner of the firm of Draper & Sons, of Canton, Mass., manufacturers of woolen and cotton goods of various classes, was in Acton last week prospecting with a view to the establishment of a branch manufactory here. The large quantity of goods in their line utilized by Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, of the Canada Glove Works, for glove linings, etc., is an inducement for them to locate their proposed Canadian branch here. We hope the project will be satisfactorily consummated.

A Mock Parliament. We are pleased to notice that there is now every reason to believe that a successful Debating Society will be organized here. A number of our young men are interesting themselves in the matter and Mr. A. E. Slater has kindly offered the use of the law office, with which he is connected, for a preliminary meeting to be held next Monday evening. Read his letter, and attend the proposed meeting, determined to assist in the formation of a society, which, if properly conducted, will tend to mutual improvement of the members.

Real Estate in Milton. Milton has had quite a boom lately in real estate transfers. Mrs. James Coates sold her frame dwelling and lot on Main street to Mr. D. McGibbon, and Mr. McGibbon resold the back part of the house to D. McCutcheon, who is removing it to a lot on Pearl street. D. McCutcheon sold his house near the school to Mr. Joseph Johnston, Mr. Henry Howes sold his house and lot on Pine street to Mr. John Robinson, and Mr. James McIntosh has sold the house and lot formerly owned by Mr. Toek to Mrs. Fitzsimmons.—Champion.

Communion Services at Knox Church. The quarterly communion services of Knox Church were held last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Alex. Frazer, of Ororo, officiated at the services, which were well attended on both days. The sermons were able and earnest, and much appreciated by the congregation. Those among the older members of the congregation who have loyal feelings for their mother tongue, the Gaelic, were unusually favored, for sermons were preached in that dialect both on Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Mr. Strathely will preach in this pulpit next Sunday.

The Work of Body Snatchers Long Ago. Last week Mrs. J. Lawrence and her sister, who reside at Albany, N.Y., came to Acton for the purpose of disinterring the remains of their grandfather, W. Rhodes, who, some forty-two years ago, was buried in the old cemetery behind the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of removing them to the family vault at Albany. They ordered from Messrs. Speight & Son, undertakers, a handsome casket, and employed Mr. W. Smith to open the grave, and both proceeded with their labors. The casket was completed and the grave dug, but when the coffin was reached the cover was found to be disarranged, and those present realized strange forebodings as to the cause. The lid was removed, when to the amazement of all concerned the coffin was seen to be entirely empty, not a vestige of anything was left to tell of the occupant who it was thought had been quietly resting in his narrow bed for nearly half a century. The ladies remunerated the undertaker and gravedigger for their work, and returned to their home with the inward consciousness that although their mission had been unsuccessful they had done their utmost to fill a dying mother's request. The ladies referred to are daughters of the late John Fisher of this place, whose wife was a daughter of Mr. Rhodes, and are consins of Mr. Wm. MacLennan. The old gentleman was about seventy-five years of age at the time of his demise. Messrs. Alex. Grant and James Cameron were the only persons outside of the family who were present at the funeral so long ago.

Local Business Men.

Why will farmers and others who are so cautious and particular in purchasing goods from regular merchants, buy so freely and ungrudgingly from peddlers? They all do it, much as they dread the idea of being bitten by a fellowman. Hence the unequaling and groaning about frauds and the execrations of empty, knowing ones who have been "done" by the dealer in shoddy cloth. Just now rural parts are swarming with only tongue-tongued gentry, who have all sorts of wondrous and fabulous prices, and it is fair to prophesy that, in due cases out of ten, the purchaser will have the worst side of the bargain. Some of our readers can testify to the truth of the shoddy cloth business. It is always safer to deal with responsible local men.

An Invalid Editor Assaulted. In his paper, the Wingham Times, two weeks ago, Mr. S. W. Galbraith, for some time editor of this journal, vividly proved the falsity of the statements of one of the town councillors, who had publicly slandered the newspapers of the town by charging them with presenting exorbitant accounts for work performed by them. The Times showed that the unprincipled economist had no foundation whatever for his statements, and that his reference to the comparative prices for work in other towns was entirely false. Of course the man who is caught in a lie is the maddest kind of a man; and a day or so later the misrepresenting councillor came upon footpaths with his mud-spattered boots and brutally assaulted him from behind. The attack came so unexpectedly that Steve had no chance for self defence, and as a result was severely injured, being knocked insensible for some minutes. It is well known that for years he has been partially invalided, and the indignation of the people when they heard of this assault upon a sick man was very great. As soon as Steve was able to be about again the cowardly councillor was arraigned before the Mayor, who found him guilty and fined him \$5.00 and costs or ten days in goal. In his remarks the Mayor told the culprit that as long as he held a public position the newspapers had a right to criticize his actions if they saw anything wrong in them, and such a mode of muzzling the press must not be tolerated. The many friends of Mr. Galbraith in Acton sincerely hope he has received no permanent injury and feel satisfied that he will proceed as before to fearlessly expose wrong from whatever source it may emanate.

Educational Services. The annual Educational Meetings in the Methodist Church last Sunday and Monday were full of interest and resulted quite satisfactorily. The sermon on Sunday by Rev. R. Phillips, the pastor, wore of a character not ordinarily heard on such occasions. They gave evidence of careful preparation, were highly interesting to the congregation, and were in every way worthy of the important theme which was their subject. The meeting on Monday evening was also very interesting. After the reading of an encouraging report of the work of the Education Society by Rev. R. Phillips, the chairman introduced Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto. The Dr. thoroughly explained the working of the society, its aims and objects, and its importance as an ally to the various educational institutions of the church. He clearly showed the connection of education with the constant elevation and growth of the Methodist Church since its inception, and the growing necessity for a still more general education, both as concerns the pulpit and the pew. The university federation scheme, which has for several years occupied the attention of the various conferences and which was carried at the recent general conference was vividly reviewed and the audience was given an insight to many of the important details with which they have hitherto been unacquainted. The address given by the Rev. Dr. was a masterly one and received the undivided attention and appreciation of the audience. After the address the collection was taken and we are pleased to learn amounted to double that of the circuit last year, when Crewson's and Sloan were connected. The choir sang at intervals during the evening a number of selections. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. P. Moore.

Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.
Persian lamb caps, the best quality, at low prices; also black Astrachans, good and cheap at J. Fyfe's.

THE CRADLE. HAVILL—In Galt, on Saturday, 20th inst., the wife of Mr. J. T. Havill, of the Reporter, of a son.

ALDENSON—In Trafalgar, on the 23rd Nov., the wife of Mr. Thomas Alderson, of a son.

THE ALTAR. CHAMPLAIN—NEWTON—At Woodstock, at the residence of the bride's father, on 24th November, by Rev. T. A. Moore, Princeton, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Wm. H. Chambers, Salford, to Miss Jennie Newson, daughter of Mr. Richard Newton.

COLEMAN—MOORE—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 24th November, by Rev. Francis Swan, Rockwood, Mr. John S. Coleman, of Erin, to Miss Mary Moore, daughter of Mr. David Moore, of Erin.

THE GRAVE. MORTON—In Acton, on the 27th Nov., infant son of Mr. James Morton of Port Huron, aged one month.

ROSS—At 88 Wellington St., Hamilton, on the 19th November, Florence Mary, daughter of Mr. John Ross, Principal of Victoria School, aged 12 years and 8 months.

SALE REGISTER. SATURDAY, 4TH DECEMBER—Sale of building lots, stock, household effects, &c., on the premises of Robert Crain, Main street, Acton. Sale at 2 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

WE ARE ON THE MARKET—BUYING—WHEAT, PEAS AND OATS. We will give market prices for all sound marketable grain, delivered at our warehouse at Acton. E. NICKLIN & SON. Acton, Sept. 29th, 1886.

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A TRUE STORY

(CONTINUED.)

Yes, the present is undoubtedly the time to buy. The prices of all classes of Dry Goods are jumping up, and in many lines cannot buy to-day from the manufacturers at as low prices as we are selling the goods across our counters. Especially is this the case in Cashmeres and French Dress Goods generally. I am selling a beautiful Cashmere at 25c, that would be cheap at 35c; a better one at 42c, and a really splendid line at 50c, which to-day I could not import to sell under 75c per yard. My prices run up to 85c per yard, but any of them are worth to-day at least 38 per cent. more than I ask for them, and so on FANCY DRESS GOODS, which I sell at 10, 12, 15c, 20c, and upwards, and all exceptionally cheap. One great pleasure you have in buying your Dress Goods from me is that I always keep a beautiful range of Trimmings to match every shade. This refers to Plain and Striped Plushes and Velvets, Fancy Silks, Braids, Laces, Passementeries, Fringes, Buttons, Claps, &c. If a lady wishes to get her dress made she has the services of Mrs. Thompson, one of the most competent artists in this land, who will give her the most faultless design at a very moderate price. However, we never worry customers to let us do their work. Many people buy Dress Goods and make them up themselves, or take them to their regular dressmakers in the city. To each and everyone we give the best attention. We have still a full assortment of those Silks at 25c, 37 1/2c, and 50c a yard, exactly at half price, but they are going off fast, and will soon all be cleared out. Another department in which we have had a great run is the Hosiery and Cloth Department. I have superlative Cashmere Socks at \$1.25 per yard, better ones at \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, and \$6 per yard in all colors. Also Ottoman Corbs at \$1.50, and equal to goods sold in the city at \$2. Then in Tweed effects, Meltons, &c., my variety is very large. Scotchies are better value this year than I have ever seen them. You should see our goods at \$7, \$8, \$11 and \$14 per yard. Here also, under the management of Miss Mauny, every customer is assured of the best results. In Ready-made Mantles, Dolmans, Street Jackets, Children's Jackets, my stock is still very fully assorted. No such in reference to goods to-day. Another point—Remember I do not sell on credit, I refuse every attempt to run a bill. The cash-buying customer always gets the full benefit from me, and does not have to help make up for the bad debts incurred in every credit business. (To be continued.)

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Fall & Winter 1886

R. B. JERMYN, Fall & Winter 1886

ACTON.

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The business that I did during the spring and summer was very encouraging, indeed; so with increased facilities and double the stock, I do not fear for the Fall and Winter Trade. I wish to direct special attention to the following lines, which for variety and elegance combined are so perfect and varied that very few houses outside of the principal cities can show such perfection in their selection:— DRESS GOODS.—The fashionable shades are grey and navy blue—200 pieces to select from, in English, French and German makes, viz.:—Jersey Cloths in black and colors, Boucles, Foulas, Ottomans, Serges, Plaids, Meltons, Cashmeres, All-wool Combinations, Combination Wineys, Silks in black and colors, Satin Merveilleux, Plushes, Velvets and Velvetines. (Large and small buttons and clasps to match the goods.) Special values in Boating Shawls, Mantles and Walking Jackets, Gloves, Hosiery, Corsets and Ladies' Underwear. STAPLES.—Grey Cotton, White Cotton, Wool and Cotton Shirtings, Ducks, Denims, Tabling, Crashes, Towels, Linens, Sheetings, Ticks, Blankets, Flannels, Yarn, etc., etc. MILLINERY.—Miss STRONG has charge this Fall and Winter. This lady is thoroughly posted in her business, having had charge of some of the best establishments in Western Canada, so ladies may rely on getting correct styles, and I will guarantee prices to suit. Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing. Men's and Boys' Woolen Underwear. BOOTS AND SHOES for ladies, misses, children, men, youths and boys. All new goods, at prices as low as THE WHEAT. GROCERIES.—I have received advice from Yokohama, Japan, that the a.s. "Rio" sailed from that port on August 13th. It has ten chests of uncolored Tea on board for me. It is due at British Columbia on Sept. 7th, and the goods will reach here about 1st October. Call and try a sample pound of the first tea that was ever imported to Acton direct. The choicest Groceries always on hand. FARM PRODUCE BOUGHT. R. B. JERMYN, - - Halton Dry Goods House, Acton.

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