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**The Acton Free Press.**  
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**CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.**  
Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press-Reporter:

Schools in again.  
Look for the January show.  
New Thursday is court day here.  
Erm post office is to have lock boxes.  
This is the year of the Queen's Jubilee.  
Small shavers have no more to say.  
The House wants a dog show for Guelph.  
Guelph has a temperance Municipal Council.  
The revenue of the town hall last year was \$167.  
The British Liberator has suspended publication.  
Sunday's snow storm was the biggest of the season thus far.  
The Council boded 110 transgressions during the year and fed 37 meals.  
The Free Press excels for neat and artistic commercial printing.  
Mr. Allan Mann has been engaged caretaker of the public schools.  
Mr. H. Bamshaw, formerly of Acton, is fitting up a photograph business in Erin.  
A horse was sold at an auction sale in town during the week for seventy-five cents.  
There was a general exchange of pulpits by the ministers of Guelph on Sunday morning last.  
The annual meeting of the County Agricultural Society will be held at Milton on Wednesday.  
A movement is on foot to raise money for the re-organization of Acton Cricket Club for next season.  
The Methodist Churches of the County of Halton contributed \$3,000.18 last year for missionary purposes.  
A new weekly illustrated paper is shortly to be published in Montreal, to be known as *The Illustrated Times*.  
A strong committee of Hamilton citizens are organizing for a carnival on a scale similar to that of Montreal.  
The ice men will soon commence their business. There is a splendid crop on the spring water ponds hereabouts.  
St. Valentine's Day will be on a Monday. All Saints' Day on Friday. Good Friday on April 8th, and Easter Sunday, April 10th.  
Orilla property owners have carried a by-law to raise \$20,000 for extending the waterworks system and lighting the town with electric light.  
Messrs. Freure Bros. have the new roller mill at Glen Lawson now in complete running order. Their flour is giving entire satisfaction.  
With the new year the St. Marys Lodge commenced its thirty-first year. The lodge is an enterprising local paper, and a leader in its section.  
New subscribers are coming to the front right along. The Free Press should be taken by everyone who wants a tip-top local paper. Try it for a year.  
The cow-by-law was pretty carefully enforced last year. The vigilance of the Inspector caused the impounding of 31 cows and 17 pigs during the year.  
St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, G.R.C., A.F. & A.M. will give a conversazine in the town hall, Milton, this evening. An enjoyable evening is anticipated.  
The skating carnival on Monday evening was largely attended. The ice was fast. The band supplied excellent music. There was a dearth of costumeders.  
After 14 and 10 years respectively, of occupancy of office, Messrs. W. H. Storey and D. Henderson, bade goodbye, officially, to municipal affairs last Tuesday evening.  
A meeting of all interested in the organization of a debating or other form of improvement society will be held in the Council Chamber next Tuesday evening, at 7:45 p.m.  
A literary and musical entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Church will be given in the town hall, Nassagaweya, this evening. Quite an array of speakers is announced.  
Mr. H. S. Holmes, of Theford, assuming charge of the G.T.E. depot on Saturday. Before leaving Theford he was presented with a gold watch. Mr. Rae, has been transferred to Theford.  
Never with an unmarried woman of uncertain age a happy new year. She has more years already than she knows what to do with. Wish her a merry Christmas—that may suit her case.  
An unaccountable accident occurred at Beardmore's laundry last Thursday by which the main shaft was twisted entirely in two. The shaft has been repaired and the men returned to work again on Tuesday.  
"I was never exactly buried alive," said an old clerk, recounting his experience, "but I once worked in a store that did not advertise. When I came out my hair was silver as white as you now see it. Solitary confinement did it."  
Dr. N. Washington, the well known throat and lung physician, will visit Acton at the Dominion Hotel, on Monday next. He invites all who are suffering from throat or lung troubles to call and see him. Consultation free.  
Levi Peeler, who was fined about two years ago for violating the Boot Act, and failed to pay, was arrested in Guelph, by Mr. J. Zimmerman, of Kilmbridge, and Inspector Booth, on Tuesday, and lodged in Milton jail.—*Herald*.  
Mr. T. E. Bragg, late of this place, has purchased the Decatur Mills, at Cummingsville, and took possession on the 1st of January. The mill has three runs of looms, but Mr. Bragg intends refitting it with the roller system in the spring.  
Messrs. Rutledge & Crossen, butchers, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Mr. Rutledge, who will endeavor to sustain the high reputation earned by the firm for first class meat and lowest dealing.

The Annual Meeting of the Esquimaux Agricultural Society will be held at the Council Chamber in the Village of Stewartton this afternoon, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the election of officers for the present year and other business of the Society.  
The storm at the first of the week blocked the roads pretty badly. A big load of citizens anxious to attend the service at Ebenezer Church, Nassagaweya, had to go beyond the corporation limits before they found themselves snow-bound. They retraced their way.  
At the recent entrance examinations at Georgetown High School, Arthur Smith, Frank Pigott, and Katie Allan of Acton public school, and Thurlott Brown, John Warren, Minnie Lamb, and Jennie Somerville, of Nassagaweya school were among the successful candidates.  
Messrs. Henderson, McEae & Co., are about to commence stock-taking, and in order to reduce the quantity of goods now on hand they will dispose of all their winter goods at very low prices. The Glasgow House is a reliable place and the public can depend on what they purchase there.  
The Streetsville Review is a neat local paper, the first number of which was issued last Thursday. It is published by the Review Publishing Co., and is edited by Mr. J. B. Mack. The Review is a counterpart of a paper of the same name published in Streetsville for a short time in 1816.

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

**School Trustees Election.**  
The proclamation announcing a meeting for the election of a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. D. Henderson declining to accept the office of Trustee of Acton Public School, to which he was elected at the annual election, has been issued. The election will be held on Tuesday next, 18th inst. It is probable a member will be elected by acclamation.  
**Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise.**  
The Young People's Association of the Dublin Street Methodist Church, Guelph, have arranged for a grand symphony concert, to be given on Thursday evening, January 30th. Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise will be rendered by a chorus of 150 voices, and full orchestral accompaniment of twenty-five instruments, assisted by well known vocalists of high reputation.  
Credit to an Acton Baker.  
The Georgetown Firemen's annual supper on New Year's Eve was quite a success. Referring to the supper the *Herald* says:—  
"The supper, which was a feature of the occasion, was prepared by Mr. T. Statham of Acton, and was the subject for favorable comment by many a colliery critic. It was a good one and all enjoyed it." This is quite a compliment to a local tradesman.  
**Anniversary Services.**  
On Sunday, 9th January, anniversary sermons were preached in Ebenezer church, Nassagaweya, at 10 a.m., by the Rev. F. Strawn, Rockwood, and at 6:30 p.m. by the Rev. A. Blair, of the Presbyterian church, Nassagaweya. On Tuesday evening a successful tea meeting was held. Addresses were given by several ministers, and the choir of the Norfolk street Methodist Church, Guelph, provided good music.  
Georgetown High School.  
The new High School at Georgetown opened on Monday under particularly favorable auspices. About sixty pupils are in attendance. Of this number Acton sends ten as follows:—Katie Allan, Emma Moore, Samuel Brown, Chas. Henderson, Willie Kaurawin, Leslie Moore, Frank Pigott, Arthur Smith, Fred Townsend, and Frank Worden. The Free Press wishes the new institution a successful year.  
**Not Going to the Hotel.**  
There was a meeting of the hotelkeepers of Guelph on Monday evening. The business was private, but it is understood that the chief object was to consider the advisability of hotelkeepers closing their houses and their stables for a time. The majority were in favor of closing, but Messrs. Galer, Watt and Slatkoff and Mr. Cotten thought that it would not be advisable, hence the matter was dropped.—*Guelph Mercury*.

**A Fine Portrait.**  
A beautiful picture is that issued by the Montreal *Witness* in commemoration of Queen Victoria's jubilee year, and can be obtained by all subscribers to either the daily or weekly edition of that paper who send to the publishers the trifling sum of ten cents over and above their subscriptions. We have ourselves a copy of the portrait, and are of the opinion that it will prove a great inducement to everybody to take the *Witness*, a journal which, without any premium at all, is well worth the money.  
We have received from James Vick seedman, of Rochester, N. Y., his Floral Guide for 1887. This popular annual has improved very much in the past few years, but the last issue, in point of get-up, variety of contents and illustrations, is probably the handsomest and most complete book of the kind ever issued in America. The volume opens with a series of practical articles of great service to both amateur and professional gardeners, is followed by faithful illustrations showing the interior of the immense seed house, and then by engravings of all the leading and rare varieties of flowers and vegetables, with directions for their culture. The book will be sent by Mr. Vick to any address for 10 cents, which amount may be deducted from the first order of seeds.  
Action Lodge, No. 204, L.O.O.F.  
The officers of the above lodge for the ensuing term were installed last Friday evening by Bro. H. P. Moore, D.D.G.M., assisted by Bros. R. Craige, P.G., T. Smyth, P. G. and J. E. McGarvin, P. G., G.L.H., as follows:—  
Bro. J. A. Speight, J.P.G.  
R. Garvin, N.G.  
Alex. Durno, V.G.  
A. E. Nicklin, R.S.  
H. P. Moore, P.S.  
J. E. McGarvin, Treas.  
W. Williams, Warden.  
T. Smyth, Cond.  
N. McLain, R.S.N.G.  
John Durno, L.S.N.G.  
H. H. Worden, R.S.V.G.  
James McLain, L.S.V.G.  
J. T. Ellis, R.S.S.  
T. Marshall, I.G.  
H. E. Edmondson, O.G.  
J. Francis, Chap.  
W. H. Lowry, M.D. Physician.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and the weekly meetings are full and interesting.

**Teachers' Convention.**  
The regular annual meeting of Halton Teachers' Association will be held in the Milton Public School, on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th January. Dr. McLehane and Mr. L. H. Pearson, of Toronto, will be present. An interesting convention is anticipated.  
Another Society for Acton.  
On Thursday evening last, supreme organizer, P. M. Pattison, assisted by supreme marshal, J. Hill, constituted Acton Circle, No. 66, of the Order of Canadian Home Circles. After organization the following members were elected and installed:—  
Past Leader—W. H. Storey.  
Leader—Lucien Currie.  
Vice-Leader—Robert Johnson.  
Treasurer—George Hynds.  
Secretary—John McEae.  
Chaplain—Andrew Teskey.  
Marshal—W. Williams.  
Warden—Edward Cleaves.  
Guard—R. Phillips.  
Sentinel—Dr. Lowry.  
The Home Circle is a benevolent society and makes the matter of co-operative insurance one of its distinguishing features.

**PURELY PERSONAL.**  
Paraphrasing Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. C. C. Speight visited Markham this week.  
Our citizens will be pained to learn that Mr. Robert Joyce is seriously ill.  
Miss Nellie Armstrong, of Markham, is the guest of Miss Fauny McGarvin.  
Mrs. J. S. Felling, of Fergus, spent a day or so this week with Acton friends.  
Dr. J. Yensen, of Stratford, visited friends in Acton and Ballinacraig last week.  
Mr. George McFarlane, of Oxford, Mich., formerly of Acton, paid his former home and friends a visit during the week.

**HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
The various municipalities in the County send representatives to the County Council this year as follows:—  
Acton..... Joseph E. E. Rice.  
Burlington..... Dr. Richardson, Reeve.  
Essexburg..... N. Lindsay, Reeve.  
Do..... Dr. Webster, 1st Dep.  
Do..... R. Graham, 2nd Dep.  
Georgetown..... W. McLeod, Reeve.  
Milton..... J. H. McCollon, Reeve.  
Nassagaweya..... J. M. Menzies, Reeve.  
Do..... Dr. Wheelan, Deputy.  
Nelson..... P. D. Scott, Reeve.  
Do..... W. G. Pettit, Deputy.  
Oakville..... J. M. Felan, Reeve.  
Trafalgar..... Henry Robinson, Reeve.  
Do..... Dr. Buck, 1st Dep.  
Do..... John Husband, 2nd Dep.  
Mr. Henry Robinson is the senior member of the Council, having been first elected in 1873. Dr. Buck took his seat the following year, and the other members as follows:—Menzies, 75, Ludhay, 78, McLeod, 79, Graham, Wheelan and Husband, 82, McCollon, 81, Scott and Felan, 86, and E. G. Webster and Richardson in '87.

**Rockwood News.**  
From our own Correspondent.  
Mr. Theo. McIntosh, Toronto, spent a few days last week with friends in this neighborhood.  
Some of the blocks were observed in white chockers, etc., starting off to a ball in Berlin last Friday evening.  
Mr. Sinclair has had, on account of illness, to quit teaching for a short time. His place is at present filled by Mr. Jones.  
The principal amusement provided for the youth and beauty here at present is skating and the y. and b. seem to get there and enjoy it too.  
E. R. B. Hayward has with his wife and family removed to Toronto, having given up Mr. John Moore's flour mill, although two years of his lease yet remains.  
George, eldest son of Mrs. Pearson, first gone, Erin, while working with a hired man in the woods last Saturday, was knocked senseless by a falling limb striking him on the head. It is believed that although seriously injured he will recover.  
The annual tea meeting in aid of the S. S. Library was held in the Presbyterian Church last Friday night, when those present spent an extremely social evening. Happy and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Revs. Messrs. Strachan, Swann, Kerr, and others. S. Y. Z.

**THE GRAVE.**  
M.E.S.—At his residence, fourth line Erin, on the 10th January, Mr. Arch. McEachern, aged 61 years.

**THE ALTAR.**  
BREMEN.—Glove.—At the family residence, near Breckenridge, on the 17th of December, by the Rev. Dr. Clarke, Rott, Bremser, of Acton, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. John Glover.

**SARVINS.—Natalie.**—By the Rev. Dr. Torrance, at his own residence, on the 5th of January, Peter Stevens, of the village of Nassagaweya, to Mrs. Elizabeth Nailor, of the village of Acton.

**THE BEST PAPER.**  
You can possibly have in your family is the Montreal *Witness*, which gives more profitable and interesting reading matter, has more fearless and intelligent editorials, and is, in all respects one of the most reliable and trustworthy journals in this continent. There are, however, days, unfortunately, but too for newspapers that can be admitted into the sanctity of the family hearth, but the *Witness* is one of the few. Though full of superior to the matter news it never inserts into its columns anything which could possibly injure the mind of even the youngest of its readers, while its questions and Answer Department, in which queries on all subjects of general interest are replied to by competent authorities, renders it of the greatest possible value to all its subscribers. To commendate the high regard of Queen Victoria's reign over the British Empire, the publishers of the *Witness* are giving to all subscribers to that paper—either new or renewing—who send ten cents in addition to their subscription, a magnificent

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Has pleasure in announcing that his Tailoring Shop in Green's Fruit Store is now open and in full running order, and in a position to fill all orders.

—He is showing—  
**GOOD TWEED SUITS AT \$12**  
(SOLD ELSEWHERE FOR \$15).  
**SCOTCH TWEED SUIT, \$17 & \$18**  
(SOLD ELSEWHERE FOR \$23 AND \$24)  
**FINE WORSTED SUIT AT \$20**  
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Gentlemen wanting a first-class, good-fitting coat, etc., may rely upon being suited in every respect by leaving their orders with  
**BRENNAN,**  
**THE CLOTHIER.**

**25 Per Cent. YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE**  
CASH DISCOUNT  
**-SALE-**

Kenney Bros., Main Street, Acton,  
—TO THE FRONT WITH A—  
**FINE STOCK OF WINTER GOODS.**

On Saturday, January 27th, at 10 a.m., and until further notice, I shall give the public the benefit of a Great Sweeping Clearing Sale of my immense stock of Plain and Fancy Colored Dress Goods, Fancy Tartans, Colored Silks, Satins and Meryilloux, Plain Colored Velvets, Striped Colored Velvets, Colored Plushes, Striped Faux Plushes, etc., at a straight Cash Discount of 25 per cent. The goods will be sold at the market price and the discount taken off the bill thus:  
10 yds colored Boucle at 40c—\$ 6 40  
less 25% discount 1 60  
net \$ 4 80  
20 yds colored Silk at 75c—\$15 00  
less 25% discount 3 75  
net \$11 25

This should be an immense attraction. It is well known that I carry three times as many handsome Dress Goods as any house in the city. My customers know that the comparative size of my advertisement with others in the trade, is no indication of the relative attraction of the stocks, for while my advertisement is the smallest my assortment is the largest. I do not believe in spread eagle advertisements in any case, and during this Great Sale I am giving away the profits and therefore cannot afford to pay several hundred dollars to the printer. The General Public is going to have the benefit, and I have found that a simple statement always suffices to draw attention to any specialty we make.

In addition to this, special reductions of from 10 to 50 per cent have been made in every other department in the house. I am overstocked, have too many goods, and go they must. I want to take in at least \$20,000 during January and February; the quiet months of the year, and prices are going to be made low enough to make business hum. Come to No. 27 for Bargains.  
Strictly Cash. No Credit.  
Telephone and letter orders promptly attended to.

**MAMMOTH SEMI-ANNUAL SALE**  
—NOW UNDER WAY AT—  
**Ryan, Berkinshaw & Co.'s, GUELPH.**

Store Crowded Every Day With Delighted Customers.

**Great Bargains in Dress Goods**  
Great Bargains in Colored Cashmeres  
Great Bargains in Colored Silks  
Great Bargains in Black Silks  
Great Bargains in Colored Meryilloux  
**Great Bargains in Table Linen**  
Great Bargains in Table Cloths  
Great Bargains in Towels  
Great Bargains in Shawls  
Great Bargains in Tweeds  
Great Bargains in Blankets  
**Great Bargains in Furs**  
Great Bargains in Carpets  
Great Bargains in Comforters  
Great Bargains in Mantle Cloths  
Great Bargains in Lace Curtains  
Great Bargains in Many Other Lines

**E. R. Bollert,**  
27 Lower Wyndham Street,  
**CUELPH, ONT.**

TELEPHONE IN OFFICE.  
—RIGHT—

**TO THE FRONT**  
OF ALL COMPETITION WE PLACE OUR  
**Elegant and Substantial Goods.**

Splendid in Quality!  
Complete in Assortment!!  
Overflowing in Generous Bargains!!!

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S  
**Boots & Shoes**  
RUBBERS, OVERSHOES, &c.

At prices that always lead to speedy sales.

**LOWEST PRICES**  
—CONSISTENT WITH—  
**GOOD QUALITY.**

Custom Work and Repairing promptly attended to.

**W. WILLIAMS,**  
Mill Street, Acton.

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**THE GOLDEN LION**  
Great DRESS GOODS AND SILKS Sale  
AT THE LION  
GUELPH AND GLASGOW.

—We have just received a purchase of a  
**MANUFACTURER'S STOCK OF SILKS**  
Bought at 51c. on the Dollar.

By our resident buyer in London. These goods are the most wonderful, we think we can safely say, ever seen on this Continent.

—WE ARE SELLING—  
**A Very Heavy Meryilloux Satin at 60c.**  
**A Grand Line of Broadened Sat**