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**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1897.

**CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.**

Provided by the ever thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

Dust off your rag bookshelves. Boys are at their marbles again. Next Thursday is St. Patrick's day. Ferret out all the dogs Mr. Assessor. Fourth Division Court next Thursday. The assessor is well on with his duties. Council meeting next Tuesday evening. Fine spring weather has been enjoyed here this week.

Apple-green and chestnut-brown is the latest color combination. The millinery warehouses are being put in attractive order for the spring trade. Trafalgar township council paid \$94.86 for sheep killed by dogs last week. Shoot the dogs.

The Streetsville Review says the woolen mills there are to be re-opened with 150 employees. The Star says a fine Presbyterian Church will be erected in Oakville the coming summer.

A tea-meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Omagh, last week was a success. The proceeds, \$60.

The annual tea-meeting in the Methodist Church, Ashgrove, last Thursday evening was as usual a success.

A very large proportion of the farmers in this section are laying in a stock of ice for use during the summer in their dairy.

A letter from an unknown friend is assigned to the Free Press waste basket. The name of the writer was lacking.

The Carnival in the rink on Monday evening was largely attended, but they were not much of an exhibition of fancy costumes.

H. McCann, of Eramosa, and C. J. McDonald, of Erin, were each fined \$50 and costs last week for violation of the Scott Act.

There is a general wish expressed among ratepayers that the Council adopt the two-payment plan for collection of municipal taxes.

The assessors throughout the country are on the war-path and the depreciation in value of real estate in a short space of time is surprising.

Messrs. Kelly Bros. have opened up quite a stock in clothing and gent's furnishings generally. They are doing a nice business in the new lines.

Mrs. Alex. H. Brown has rented her farm, near Acton, to Messrs. Alex. and John Mann for a term of years. Mrs. Brown will still reside on the place.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of several of the members the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was postponed until next Monday evening.

The number of votes polled in the Dominion election was just five more than in the recent Provincial election. In the former there were 4,157, and in the latter 4,162.

The Gospel people are going right on with their C. P. Branch and are now applying for a charter to extend it through Waterloo, Perth and Huron counties to Goderich.

The Farmer's Alliance, just published by the Dundas Standard, is a little volume to be appreciated. The blank memoranda will be put to good use by those to whom it is presented.

Mr. Edward Nixon, Jr., of Stewartstown, died suddenly in Georgetown last week of compression of the brain. He was a young man, thirty years of age, and highly respected.

Georgetown W.C.T.U. last week presented the village council with a largely signed petition praying that no billiard, pool or bagatelle license be granted in that place. The prayer was granted.

John Morgan, Georgetown, who has been an inmate of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for the past two or three years, died suddenly on Sunday, from paralysis. He was about 80 years of age.

In their advertising space, Messrs. Henderson, McKee & Co. announce their intention to clear out the whole of their remaining winter stock at large reductions. Flannels are reduced 30 per cent. Read what they say.

Lorne Literary and Debating Society presents quite an interesting programme at its weekly meetings each Friday evening. It is the intention of the Society to hold a concert on the evening of April 1st. A good programme is being prepared.

The very many friends of Mr. H. B. Jago, formerly agent of the H. & N.W.R. Millon, will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed General Eastern Passenger Agent of the West Shore Railroad, with offices at 363 Broadway, New York—Chambers.

It was the Millon Reflector which printed the ballots for the recent elections. It was not paid half price for the work, so the fault is with the Reflector that they were of so wretched a quality. The Reflector shouldn't let its angry passions rise though. People will laugh at it for flying off the handle so.

The Globe, with commendable enterprise has put into practical operation a scheme by which the people of London have the morning Globe for pennies at their breakfast tables. The residents of nearly the whole of the western peninsula now receive the Globe about as early as the people of its own city. The Globe has a special train for the work of distribution exclusively.

Day by day additional testimony comes to notice, proving that, except as a means of getting rid of money without any visible return, fence-posting and rock-gathering are not a success. Day by day advertisements return to the newspaper fold with tales of how they plastered their greenbacks on the country fence, and gilded the rocks in the waste places, and how their business slipped away from them.

**THE TREE'S RAKINGS.**

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

**What it Costs.** The recent provincial election expenses were as follows:—Major Kerns, ordinary expenses, \$111.00; personal expenses, \$88. total, \$199.00. Dr. Buch, ordinary expenses, \$286.10; personal expenses, \$52.88; total, \$338.97.

**A Batch of Embryo Dentists.** At the late examination in connection with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, the following passed their primary examination:—G. H. Cook, Eden Mills; D. Clark, Guelph; J. A. Shannon, formerly of Acton; and R. N. Wynn, Nassagaweya, and J. H. Allan, Mount Forest passed his final examination.

**Property Changes Hands.** Mr. Wm. S. Swackhamer has sold his brick dwelling and lot on Young and Wellington streets to Mr. John Kennedy of Wexford, who intends taking up his residence in Acton. Mr. Swackhamer has purchased the dwelling on Mill street belonging to Col. Allan, and purposes erecting a brick front thereto the coming summer.

**Ontario Alliance Convention.** The annual convention opened at Toronto yesterday and continues in session to-day. The Young Men's Prohibition Club are making arrangements for holding a grand banquet for the delegates in the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens this evening. The decorative arrangements are to be particularly attractive, and will exhibit trophies of artistic work from several temperance societies. Several Actonians are attending the convention.

**The B. W. Nicklin Estate Wound up.** The affairs in connection with the estate of the late B. W. Nicklin, Esq., have been finally settled. The court has paid over to the heirs of legal age the respective amounts due them. Mrs. Nicklin has purchased the brick dwelling and bakery, and the blacksmith property, two lots, on Mill and Main streets, belonging to the estate, and consequently retains the family home as her own. It is a valuable and desirable property.

**Erangelizing the Young Men.** How would his scheme of the young women of the village of Aylmer work in Acton. They have formed a society the object of which is to better the moral condition of the young men into whose society they are constantly thrown. The vow a young woman takes when becoming a member is that she will not associate with a young man who partakes of the intoxicating cup, frequents billiard rooms, indulges in tobacco in any form, or uses profane language or slang.

**Serious Tobogganing Accident.** A terrible accident occurred on the toboggan slide on Bradley's hill, on Monday night. Miss Sarah Benham, was rapidly descending the slide when, the toboggan, mis-directed, made a dart sideways and came with fearful force against a sharp corner of a three cornered post. Her body was terribly mangled, one leg being broken in three places, and frightful injuries sustained about the head. Drs. Todd and Freeman were soon in attendance to do what they could to relieve the sufferer, who is in a dangerous condition.—Georgetown Herald.

**Esqueping Agricultural Society.** A meeting of all interested in the holding of the annual exhibition of Esqueping Agricultural Society in Acton this fall will be held in the town hall on Friday evening. We understand that the directors are willing that Acton should have the show this year. The matter will be taken into consideration at the meeting and it is desirable that both the farming community and our citizens be well represented. Mr. Alex. Waldie, ex-President of the society, will be present and will give all necessary information respecting the exhibition and matters in connection therewith.

**A Rising Young Minister.** Rev. James Argo, of Knox College, preached excellent sermons in Knox Church last Sunday. In our judgment it would be a wise course for our Presbyterian friends of Knox church to secure a young man of Mr. Argo's standing as their pastor. He is an earnest preacher, has had ample education and his experience in country life is not in any wise theoretical. Mr. Argo will graduate in a few weeks. We believe a call to Acton would be very generally acceptable to the members of the congregation. Mr. McMill, a student, who is at present in charge of the Presbyterian Church, Ballinacree, will preach next Sunday.

**Death of Thomas Somerville Sr.** On Thursday afternoon, 8th March, Mr. Thomas Somerville Sr., died at his residence, lot 24, esp. 5, Esqueping, about two miles below Acton, at the ripe old age of 80 years. Mr. Somerville was a native of Lanark, Scotland, and was born on the 6th of May, 1816. He married Miss Jane Fraser, also of the Parish of Carstairs, and they emigrated to Canada in the year 1833. Mrs. Somerville died in 1869. A son and a daughter, Mr. Thomas Somerville, who resides on the Brown Homestead, near Acton, and Mrs. Jane Kennedy, widow of the late Alexander Kennedy, of lot 25, next farm to her girlhood's home, survive them. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and considering the exceedingly stormy day was largely attended.

**A Successful Institution.** The annual meeting of the Guelph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society held in Guelph on the 16th Feb'y, was attended by shareholders representing over \$280,000 of the society's stock. The result of the year's operations must be extremely gratifying, not only to the shareholders, but also to the depositors and all others interested in the prosperity of the company. The reserve fund now amounts to the handsome sum of \$47,000, the total assets are \$1,019,849.55, being \$97,501.20 greater than the previous year. And to keep pace with the increase in the other departments of the business, the shareholders authorized the directors to issue the remainder of the capital stock. It is understood, however, that the new stock will first be allotted to the present shareholders pro rata, and any balances not subscribed for by them will be offered to the general public. The society is in a most prosperous condition, and we cordially wish it continued success. (Votes of thanks were rendered the officers of the society and the scrutineers.—Guelph Herald.)

**Anniversary Sermon.**

The anniversary service in the Methodist Church last Sunday was largely attended. The sermons preached by Rev. W. H. Hinks, of Preston, were full of interest and much appreciated. Mr. Hinks is a comparatively young man in the ministry, but he occupies a prominent place among his fellows. He has great natural ability and a bright future lies before him. The lecture on Monday evening was quite successful. There was a fair attendance. The novel subject, "Mind Feudica" was ably handled by the lecturer. His matter was good and he presented in well chosen order the various phases of life. The lecturer was delivered in pleasing oratorical style, and the audience was well entertained. Rev. B. Phillips occupied Mr. Hink's pulpit on Sunday.

**Death of Another Prominent Bramptonian.** Brampton is experiencing a sad diminution of the ranks of its prominent citizens by death. Last week we mourned the demise of Mr. Milner, the mayor of the town, and to-day we have a similarly sad duty. Mr. Alexander Dink, Registrar of Peel County, after a long and painful illness, died at his residence in Brampton on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst. Mr. Dink was one of Brampton's most substantial and worthy citizens, a man of sterling integrity and unswerving principle—a gentleman in every sense of the term. He was a native of Batlagat, Scotland, was born in 1833, and came to Canada 23 years ago. He taught school at No. 22, Chinguacousy, and was afterwards Principal of the East End schools, Woodstock. With the publication of the *Peel Banner* began Mr. Dink's residence in Brampton, and that journal was ably edited and flourished under his control for nearly twenty years. In religion deceased was a Presbyterian. Mr. Dink was appointed to the Registrarship of Peel, in January, 1894, succeeding over the good will and plant of the paper to his eldest son. Deceased was in his 64th year, and leaves a widow and six children, three sons and three daughters. The widow and bereaved family have our deepest sympathy in this dark hour of affliction and trial.

**ARGUS THE SECOND.**

Tells That Spring is in the Air, and Philosophizes Accordingly.

**FROM GAY TO GRAVE.**

The season is fast approaching when the spoozy young man takes particular care to oil the hinges of the front gate and see that the family bull-dog is securely chained up. He (not the bull-dog) polishes up his poetical knowledge and rehearses sweet speeches and telling attitudes in the privacy of his own bedroom, and plans all sorts of jolly summer excursions for two.

Present indications go to show that our spring crop of new lovers will be largely in excess of former years. Several of our callow youths and young men who have hitherto scorned any idea of the tender passion and who said "they'd be shot if ever they'd fall in love" have been shot, and fatally wounded too, by the tender darts of the little blind god Cupid.

It will be in order for the owners of property wherein is situated lovers' walks and that sort of thing, to provide seats in shady sequestered nooks, where under the umbrageous shade of the sugar maple, for instance, our local turtle-doves may sit and coo to their hearts content, and whisper sweet nothings into willing ears under the tranquil moonlight; though some of them would rather fair Lana did not shine on such an occasion, being slightly jealous of even the man in the moon.

When you see a young man roaming in the gloaming with a fair charmer on either flank it is an easy matter to tell which is "mashed on him" as the classic phrase runs in Ladies' College or Seminary language. She snuggles up closer than the other and looks up into his face with a sort of duck-in-a-thunder-storm expression every few seconds, while the other—doesn't.

Signs of spring on every hand. Those sable scavengers of the farm-yard, the crows, have returned from their winter quarters. We may now expect our local sharpshooters to polish up their rifles and other arms and lay in a good stock of ammunition. We shall in all probability soon see the long and the short of it taking their early morning and evening peregrinations in search of jove and game.

More signs of spring. The base ball enthusiasts amongst us are vaking up, and making preparations to organize a club for the approaching season. They expect to do great things, especially as their batteries and minor players have been putting in lots of practice during the winter in the paternal barns. There is no reason why we should not have a pretty good club, we have plenty of good material if only properly worked up. There has been some talk about the married men getting up an organization of their own, but I think it would be better if they pooled issue with the younger members, as one good club is far better than two not so good, and besides their valuable assistance would be of great benefit to the younger ones.

I have been credibly informed that the masquerade carnival at the rink on Monday evening last, was a grand success. The ice, I hear, was crowded with a motley throng in chaste and elegant costumes, and a delightful time was spent by all present. The Band was there in force and discoursed sweet music in their well-known style.

From grave to gay, from lively to severe; so wags the world and so runs the paragraphist's pen. It is to be sincerely hoped that the present year of grace will not see such a wholesale taking off of the prominent men of this continent as the preceding one. At no time in the history of America was witnessed such a number of deaths of prominent men as the year that is past. Already this year is the grim reaper death gathering in his harvest, and the first to go was that eminent divine, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, who on Tuesday morning last passed peacefully away to the life that knows no ending.

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**PURELY PERSONAL.**

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

Major W. Kerns, M.P.P., was in town on Monday. Miss Minnie Broley, of Elora, is the guest of Acton friends. W. H. Young, Esq., P.M. has recovered from his recent illness. Mr. R. E. Nelson spent a couple of days this week with friends in Acton. Mr. Wm. Auld who removed to Toronto some time ago is doing well there. Mr. Thomas Blair, and Miss Blair, of Kilbride, were guests of Acton friends this week. Mrs. Eli Snyder, of Guelph, spent several days during the week with friends in Acton. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fitzbrook, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. W. H. Storey and family last week. Mr. James Flood, father of A. T. Freed, editor of the Hamilton Spectator, died recently at Seattle, Washington Territory. We are informed that Mr. W. D. Frick, for sometime foreman of the sashel factory here, has been engaged as manager of a large factory in Philadelphia, employing 40 hands.

**From the Mercury, Guelph Markets.**

	February 29th, 1897.
Flour (Roller)	2 10 to 2 35
Flour (Stone)	2 00 to 2 20
Wheat	0 75 to 0 77
Barley	0 70 to 0 73
Oats	0 50 to 0 55
Hay	0 80 to 0 85
Timothy	0 90 to 0 95
Wood per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Stump per cord	0 15 to 0 18
Butter (dairy packed)	15 00 to 17 00
Apples	0 10 to 0 15
Chickens	0 10 to 0 15
Poultry	0 10 to 0 15
Eggs	0 20 to 0 25
Wool	0 30 to 0 35

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**CHANGE IN THE BUSINESS OF THE**

**LION, GUELPH**



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Fur Goods at half price, Fur Capes at \$1.00 and up, Factory Cotton at 3 cents and up, Dress Goods at 50c. on the \$1.00, Splendid Tapestry Carpets at 25c., Men's Suits at \$3.95 and up, Ladies' Cloth Jackets at \$1.00 and up.

These Bargains are to be found at the Grand Old Stand of the Lion, Guelph, that has stood the test for 30 years.

Goods all down to slaughter prices. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.