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CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

- Good Friday, April 8th.
- All fools day to-morrow.
- Hot maple sugar socials.
- It's April in the morning.
- Now about April showers.
- Fall wheat is looking well.
- Easter, a week from Sunday.
- Rather wintry weather this week.
- Soon mud and slush will be in order.
- Have your wits about you to-morrow.
- Sugar making is quiet yet, hereabouts.
- Look out for a corner in eggs for Easter.

Board of Education next Monday evening.

—Spring birds and baby carriages have reappeared.

—The farmers are preparing for their spring work.

—Spring amusements will open at Milton on Friday, 8th April.

—Milder weather and bad roads, will now be experienced.

—Services were held in St. Joseph's Church last Sunday.

—Vague rumors are heard that house-cleaning time comes apace.

—Acton is to have the next convention of Hallow Farmers' Institute.

—Some of the street crossings are hard to find. They should be re-surveyed.

—Dr. Washington the throat and lung specialist will visit Acton next Monday.

—Lacrosse, cricket, foot-ball and baseball clubs should organize for the season.

—Paper tobaccos are a novelty, and are said to be faster than those made of wood.

—Stephen Lowrey, of Nasagaweya, was fined \$2 and costs for ill-treating his wife last week.

—Rev. C. C. Johnson, of Brampton, superintended a service in St. Alban's Church last evening.

—The woman that maketh a good padding in silence is better than she who maketh a tart reply.

—The "scythe stone" swindler is now abroad among the farmers with his little agreement. Don't sign it.

—Acton checker players are cocky these days and are sending out challenges to all the world and his girl.—Standard.

—The Georgetown Herald advises that town to honor the Glenwilliams Woodmen Mills and have them locate there.

—A cow fell upon Mrs. W. Pettigrew, of Trafalgar, while she was milking, breaking both her legs and injuring her internally.

—Mr. W. Selwood, of Erin, has purchased a lot on Young street and will build a double brick dwelling thereon this summer.

—Local disciples of Old Izak Walton are polishing up their trout rods and paraphernalia for the 2nd of May. The fat comes on Sunday.

—Mat. Brush, Milton, was sent to jail for three months with hard labor for committing an assault, upon a little daughter of Abraham Wooding.

—After one takes the quacks and paid notices out of the Milton Reformer and the Georgetown Herald there is not much reading left.—Dundas Standard.

—Mr. George Smith, Milton, has sold his general store to Mr. J. M. Bastedo, and Mr. George Hemstreet has sold his photographic business to Mr. S. Dice.

—Mr. Arch, Campbell, of Nasagaweya, will build a brick residence on a lot on Young street this season and when completed will remove there.

—In view of coming events the checker players of the village had a practice on Tuesday evening last, and will hold another next Tuesday night.

—When the street and sidewalk committee build the new sidewalk on the south side of Mill street, it will require to be raised several inches higher than the old walk.

—The firm of Hemstreet & Bastedo, Milton, was recently dissolved, the latter retiring. Geo. Hemstreet was taken into the firm, which is now Hemstreet & Bros.

—From all the principal fruit-growing sections of the country come the same reports of healthy buds and rare promise of a great yield. This is the best sort of spring tidings.

—The spring announcement of Messrs. Henderson, McRae & Co., will be found in another column. A very large and attractive new spring stock has just been opened. Millinery opening on Saturday.

—The wise business man brings his job printing to the Free Press office and gets a fine job, on fine paper, printed with new type, on the best presses, with superior inks, and last, but not least, at reasonable prices.

—The Free Press to the end of the year for seventy-five cents. Who would be without it for 75 cents; or, who would walk half a mile to borrow their neighbor's when three quarters will get one sent to your address.

—We have received from the office of G. G. Green, Woodbury, New Jersey, manufacturer of Bosch's German Syrup, one of his attractive illuminated "shut the door" lithographed reminders. It is novel and attractive. Send for a copy.

—A few nights ago, owing no doubt to the roughness of the road, three young men being unable to balance themselves in their outer, fell out and allowed their horse to run away. Fortunately, however, it was caught by others who met it.

—Rev. Mr. Francis of St. Joseph's, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Interesting and effective discourses were preached. Mr. Francis is a promising young man. He will preach here again next Sunday.

—Messrs. W. D. Brothers and R. White, of the Milton Reformer, have been served with summonses in a charge of criminal libel, laid by Rev. J. H. McCollom, who was accused by the Reformer of crookedness in connection with tenders for county printing.

—Although not specially a temperance sermon, the discourse of Rev. R. Phillips last Sunday evening showed in a most earnest and practical manner, the great necessity for a universal measure totally prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

—Now that the Presbyterian Church has a choir, we may expect an improvement in its singing. Under the efficient training of Mr. Mann, the choir will prove a credit both to himself and the congregation. If an organ were now introduced, the musical part of the service would be complete.—Cox.

THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Don't Sign Them.
Sharpeners are sending blanks to farmers with stamps for return postage, these blanks presumably being innocent crop reports, which are to be filled out and signed by the farmers. They turn up in a few weeks as promissory notes in the hands of innocent purchasers.

Scott Act Violations.
William McLean, Georgetown, and Nathaniel Brown, of Glenwilliams, were charged by Inspector Brothers, and appeared before W. H. Young, P. M., at Georgetown on Saturday last, to answer for violation of the Scott Act. Each was fined \$50 and costs. McLean pleaded guilty.

Requesting Jubilee Celebration.
At a meeting held in Stewarttown last week it was decided to hold a big township celebration some time in June. The affair will be informed take the shape of a monster picnic. The people of the township are anxious for Acton and Georgetown to join in the Jubilee. A strong committee was appointed to arrange a programme.

The Judgment of a Practical Man.
We are in receipt of a batch of specimens of job printing executed at the Free Press office, Acton. H. B. Moore's establishment has won an enviable reputation for the execution of artistic printing, and we know of no country office that can beat it. The specimens are regular daisies, and will be religiously preserved. Send us some more.—Paul Bauer.

Properly Chosen Hands.
Mr. Isaac Francis sold his house and lot on Bower Avenue last week to Mr. Geo. Garrett of Gloversville, N. Y., for \$850. Mr. Garrett has done well since he went to Gloversville, but he has such faith in Acton's future prosperity, that he invests all his surplus capital here. He owns several houses here now. Mr. Francis intends securing a lot and building a brick house before long.

An Inquisitive Youth.
"Say, pa," asked the pride of the household in a local family, after a moment's reflection, during which he had inwardly said, "I don't know," "if a man does what he ought to do he does his duty, don't he?" "Yes, he does, my son." "Well, suppose he don't do what he ought to do, does he do his duty?" Up to the hour of going to press the parental answer had not been given.

Send Correspondence, but cut it short.
"Condense" is a text from which a good many sermons are preached in newspaper offices. The doctrine is especially essential for those who send communications to the Free Press. Long letters can not be used. To write them is but a waste of paper. Cut them short if you would save them from the obscurity of the waste basket. Also accompany them by your real name. The Free Press pays no attention to anonymous communications.

A Pleasant Event.
A pleasing event transpired at No. 27 Lower Wyndham street on Friday evening. On that day was completed the second year of Mr. Boller's business in his present quarters. Mr. Boller called his staff together, stated that upon taking stock he found that he had a very successful year, thanked them cordially for the interest they had manifested in the welfare of his business, and presented each one with a cheque for a week's salary. It is needless to say that this act of generosity on the part of the employer was warmly appreciated by the employees.—Geuelph Herald.

Acton Public School.
The present Board of Trustees of Acton Public School, is giving more personal attention to educational matters, as pertaining to local affairs, than has been noticeable for some years. Visits are frequently made to the several school rooms by members of the board, and the chairman, Mr. George Hynds, has just completed a round of all the departments, spending half a day in each. He reports the school in a satisfactory condition, and that the pupils generally are making progress in their classes. Our citizens will no doubt appreciate the interest taken in the proper education of their children by the members, and especially by the chairman of this Board of Education.

Advertising.
A local newspaper is a traveling agent, taking its weekly round to the families of all its patrons. No matter whether times are good or dull; no matter whether trade is brisk or otherwise, no business man can afford to take down his sign, nor withdraw the pleasing influence of a weekly chat with his customers through the newspaper. For a business man to stop advertising, would be equivalent to his saying, "I have stopped business and ask no more favors of the people." Intending buyers should always regard the advertising columns of the Free Press, before purchasing, and then deal with those who invite them to do so.

Jubilee Colors.
The flower policy of the coming jubilee in Guelph is to be a positive gold, and the flower growers are trying to produce gold colored blossoms. All of the florists are very mysterious about new designs which are to come out at the right moment. One of them is a crown of beautiful golden flowers on a velvet cushion. Crowns of all sizes will, of course, be a prominent feature, not only in flowers, but in everything worn or seen.

Friends at Work in Milton.
The fire shed is at work in Milton. The tailor shop of Mr. Wm. Bews and the drug store of Mr. J. H. McCollom were both fired the other night. Fortunately, a citizen happened to pass that way and discovering the fire while yet in an incipient state, gave the alarm and they were soon extinguished. The people in the county town are now very anxious for better fire protection. The waterworks scheme should be accelerated no longer, but be made a practical fact.

The Entertainment to-morrow Evening.
The concert and literary entertainment to be given in the town hall to-morrow evening by the Milton Musical, Literary and Debating Society promises to be one of rare merit. The programme before us is well arranged and presents a variety of attractions. In addition to the well known local talent, numbers are arranged for Mrs. Hamilton, soloist, Eden Mills; Miss Stuart Scotch vocalist, Guelph; Mr. Strachan, clarionist, Rockwood; and Messrs. Lamb, Erasmous & McCaig, violinists, Erasmous.

Mr. D. Henderson, Banker, will take the chair at eight o'clock.

Graduated with Diploma.
Mr. Will Speight, who has just completed a course in the commercial department of Albert College, Belleville, returned home on Saturday. Mr. Speight was a studious and painstaking pupil and was successful in making very creditable percentages in all his examinations, aggregating in the principal subjects as follows:—Theory and practice of commercial science, 92; correspondence and composition, 90; business penmanship, 93; arithmetic, general and commercial, 88. The result of the course is a credit to himself and to the excellent institution which he attended. Mr. Speight is the bearer of several very complimentary testimonials as to his ability and business qualifications which were voluntarily tendered him by professors of the college.

A Practice Which Must be Repressed.
For some time past a number of youths in town have rendered themselves unpleasantly conspicuous by their careless and daring use of firearms, to their personal annoyance and loss of others. On several occasions numerous panes of glass have been shot out of the public school windows, successful homes have been entirely denuded of glass, neighbors' pumps have been utilized for targets; last fall a horse belonging to a neighboring farmer was shot while quietly grazing in his own pasture; but on Saturday last one of the most rascally and daring acts was performed. A pet kitten, belonging to the baby daughter of a citizen in the west end, was sitting at the kitchen door, when a couple of boys with shot guns came along, deliberately took aim at the kitten over the garden fence and shot it, seventeen grains of shot being imbedded in the door. A serious fatality was narrowly averted, for the little girl had just started to the door for her pass when the shooting occurred. This kind of thing savors of western border doings, as described in the yellow-covered literature, but there is no desire for such doings in this community, and it must be stamped out with the firm foot of municipal authority. We believe the citizen above outraged, entered a case against the perpetrators of the ugly trick, but in consideration for the feelings of the parents of the boys, who occupy prominent positions, and who are much grieved at their boys' misdoings, withdrew his charge after personal apologies were tendered by the boys. It is generally considered that sterner punishment would tend to set the mind of the community more at rest as to their future safety, and would be of more lasting benefit to the boys themselves.

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

Miss Eliza Cameron, now of Toronto, is home on a visit.

Mrs. W. Hawkins, of Guelph, visited friends here this week.

Mr. C. H. Young, of Oakville, visited Acton friends this week.

Mrs. Geo. H. Niebel, Postville, is the guest of Acton friends.

Mr. Thomas Sunley, of Toronto, visited friends in Acton during the week.

Mr. Roger Kelly, who has been visiting friends in New Jersey for some weeks, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron arrived in Acton last Friday evening. They were welcomed by numerous friends.

Mr. Ass Hall returned home on Monday, after spending several weeks very pleasantly at Grimby and Watford.

Mr. R. Graine, representative of Messrs. Moore & McGarvin, left yesterday for Winnipeg, in the firm's interests.

Dr. E. F. Bryce, chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, was in town on Tuesday, the guest of Dr. Lowry.

A letter received from Mr. Henry F. Hill, now in Sydney, Australia, last week, gives the information that he expects to return home in June or July.

According to a lengthy article from a minister of Bombay, India, to the Canadian press, Lieut. Annie Nicholson, of the Salvation Army, who was for a year or so an officer of the corps here, and a fellow officer who left Canada last fall for India, are on their journey back home, being sent thither by the charitably disposed English speaking people of that city. The article says they would have starved if they had not been rescued from their wild, crusade in an unknown foreign city. Annie has parents in comfortable circumstances in Toronto, and left home against their will.

—Spring suits and overcoats at extremely low prices and made in the latest styles. Be sure to call and see them at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

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Spring Announcement

As the time to buy Spring Goods is at hand, and the necessity for such makes itself more apparent, people naturally begin to look around to see where those articles most suited to their taste can be had. With this point in view, we wish to announce that the Glasgow House has received the largest consignment of goods ever brought into Acton by any retail house. The stock is not only large, but well selected and varied, and no pains has been spared to make it complete.

DRESS GOODS

This Department has been closely attended to, and comprises a wide range of all the latest shades and styles in Bookley's Albatross Cloths, Jersey's, Fancy Checks and Stripes, etc., a large assortment of Blacks in plain and Brocaded. Our Dress Trimmings and Buttons can fully sustain our reputation in that line, and are brought to match every shade of goods.

PRINTS

"What a large assortment of Prints?" is the exclamation of everyone who glances at the stacks of this material in our Store. We have the very latest in light and dark patterns to be had at prices within the reach of everyone. Ladies, you cannot do better than pick your patterns at once, as they are already commencing to move off in large quantities.

MILLINERY

SPRING OPENING, SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL
This Department will be open for the inspection of customers, on Saturday, April 2nd. The Department is under the able supervision of Miss Smith, who has spared no pains in bringing this branch to a high state of perfection. We predict a pleasant surprise for our patrons in Millinery this Spring.

Gents' Furnishings

This Branch of our business is receiving a great deal of care at our hands this Spring, and we have gone to considerable trouble in bringing it up to a still higher standard of perfection than ever.

We are showing a splendid line of Gents' laundered White Shirts at 60 cents with collars and cuffs at a correspondingly low figure. First-class Hard Hats from \$1.00 upwards, Pocket Handkerchiefs and Gents' underwear at little above cost. The very latest in Silk Ties.

CARPETS

We wish to particularly invite an inspection of our Carpets, as we consider they are equalled by none in the County in price and pattern. A wide range of Hemp from 10 cents a yard up to 35 cents, and beautiful Tapestry as low as 40 cents.

Staples, Etc.

Our Staple Stock is complete, and we are prepared to give excellent bargains in Cottons, Shirtings, Ducks, Cottonades, Linens and Oretones.

A wide range of Boots and Shoes and a Fresh Stock of Groceries always on hand.

Farmers and others can be supplied with first-class Clover and Timothy Seed for Cash.

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ACTON.

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NOW UNDER WAY.

Owing to the contemplated change in our business it is necessary that our stock of \$60,000 should be reduced to \$30,000 during the month of March.

All Marked Down GOODS All Marked Down

This sale is such a grand chance to get bargains that every one within a radius of 20 miles of Guelph, with ordinary foresight and intelligence, will take advantage of it.

- 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.

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The above celebrated Music House is putting up
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stands with great success, in this locality.
Parties desiring to purchase a first-class piano or organ should correspond with the proprietor.
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SCHOOL BOOKS,
PENS, PENCILS,
SLATES, PAPER,
COPY BOOKS,
DRAWING BOOKS,
SCRIBBLING BOOKS,
Or any other School Necessaries, send them always where they get what they ask for of good quality and at reasonable prices, and that place is

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In calling attention to this Season's Stock, I do so with confidence, being in a position to place before my numerous customers the most varied and carefully selected stock ever seen in Acton.

In buying, great care has been taken to procure the most Fashionable and Artistic designs in

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TROWSERINGS,
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The Patterns this season being such as cannot fail to gratify the wearer.

The Latest Styles in Hats and Gents' Furnishings.
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

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