THE CRADLE.

CREECH—In Acton, on the 30th April, the wife of Mr. R. Creech, of a son.

DAY—In Guelph, on the 1st of May, the wife of T. J. Day, of a daughter.

BOLLERT—In Guelph, on the 27th April, the wife of Mr. E. R. Bollert, of a son.

MULHOLLAND—In Esquesing, on the 30th April, the wife of Mr. George Mulholland, of a son.

THE ALTAR.

KENNEY—NICKELL—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 27th April, by Rev. J. Alexander, Norval, Mr. John Kenney, of Acton, to Barbara E. daughter of Mr. John Nickell, of Esquesing.

THE GRAVE.

LAING—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs Jackson, Perth-st. Guelph Isabella Lidgertwood, relict of the late Adam Laing, Nassagaweya, aged 88 years, a native of Roxboroughshire, Scotland.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1887.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Fifteen members of the Michigan Legislature are Canadians by birth.

The Jesuits' Incorporation Bill was carried in the Quebec Legislature last week by a vote of 34 to 16. The incorporation of the order is only applicable to the three dioceses of Montreal, Ottawa and Three Rivers.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne arrived in Toronto on Tuesday evening, and met with an enthusiastic reception from the citizens. They will remain in Toronto for some two or three weeks.

The division last Thursday night on the Queen's County (N.B.) election case in the House of Commons, was the first of the session. It shows that the Government has a good working majority of between thirty and thirty-five. Four Nationalists voted with the Government and five against.

Saturday completed the first year in which the Canada Temperance Act has been in operation in the County of Wellington. So far as the South Riding is concerned there have been 25 convictions, amounting to $1,300. The fines were all $50 with one exception of $100, which was a second offence.

Among the Osgoode Hall notes the following appears: "Queen vs. Heffernan.—Judgment. Order *nisi* to quash the conviction under the Canada Temperance Act discharged with costs." This was a Scott Act case. Mr. D. J. Heffernan appealed against the decision of Police Magistrate Saunders, and as appears above the appeal has been discharged with costs.

If any evidence were required to demonstrate the debasing effect of dealing in whiskey, it would be forthcoming in looking over the record of Scott Act convictions throughout the country. In nearly every instance where the law was broken, the guilty party was a person who had previously sold under license. It seems impossible for men to deal in liquor without becoming utterly lawless.—Fergus *Advocate*.

The report comes from London that the committee of the Presbyterian Church of England are preparing a revision of the Confession of Faith, to be submitted at the coming meeting of the Synod. It is reported that the changes recommended will amount to a reconstruction of the creed and will be sure to lead to profound agitation among the Presbyterians throughout the world. A similar movement for the revision of the standards of the Free Church of Scotland has been postponed, to be resumed after the English Synod has finished its deliberations upon the committee's report.

A largely attended meeting of representatives of Farmers' Institutes throughout the country was held in the Courthouse, Toronto, last Thursday. A Central Institute for the province was formed, and officers elected. Resolutions were passed in favor of reciprocity with the United States, and condemning the present railway rates and classification as being prejudicial to the interests of the farmers. The establishment upon a permanent basis of the Institute is an important move towards bringing to bear upon legislation and public opinion the views of a large class who have never hitherto exercised a great share of influence in public matters.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening.

Members present Mr. George Hynds, chairman, and Messrs J. E. McGarvin, Thomas Ebbage and Isaac Francis.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their third report recommending payment of accounts as follows:—

James Brown, wood &c.....	$ 19 94
Geo. Havill, stove pipes, &c.....	3 25
J. C. Hill, repairs.....	1 90
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Report adopted.

The Principal reported that the school well was in such a state that the water was unfit for use.

The property committee was instructed to make the necessary repairs.

Moved by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by Isaac Francis, that Friday, 6th inst., be observed as Arbor Day, and that the Property Committee be instructed to procure some suitable trees for planting in the school grounds.—Carried.

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

The County Spring Show of Horses.

The spring show came off in Milton on Friday, the 22nd., and was generally admitted to be one of the best ever held in the county. The attendance was good and the display of horses was above the average, especially in the heavy class, there being ten imported horses on the ground, some of them noble animals.—*Champion*.

—If you want a nobby durable and cheap suit, go to J. Fyfe's, Acton.

ARGUS THE SECOND.

A Short Epistle on Trout Fishing, Moving Day, Base Ball, Cornet Band, Jubilee, &c.

Well, the fishing season opened with the weather in a most favorable condition. The most enthusiastic disciples of the rod and fly rose with the sun on Monday morning, and one and all made a bee line for the pond by the track where the crowd, about forty strong, more or less, industriously whipped the waters until breakfast time, with in some cases very fair success. Its a little early yet for big fish yarns, but the crop will doubtless be up to the average. I think the best catch of the day was made by those two cousins who have a good record as amateur sportsmen, their joint bag being something over sixty fish.

—The annual spider-hunting season has set in, and the tap of the tackhammer resounds through the town with the accompaning "ouch!" of the busy housewife as she strikes her thumb instead of the tack nine times out of ten with great regularity. Moving day has been well observed and many families have changed their quarters for better or for worse. The moving spirit of the Argus family might have been seen by those who looked, perched on a load of household goods, wearing his oldest duds and a smutty, smeared expression, while many cuss words floated around in the atmosphere over some refractory bedside or heavy stove.

—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the base-ball loving youth of the town was held in the hall on Tuesday evening, and a club organized in due and proper form. It was determined to make it the most successful club of any yet organized here, and to be the proud possessors of the championship of this and the adjoining county ere the leaves fall again. A strong nine will be put in the field and clubs in neighboring towns had better prepare to tremble in their boots as we are going to get there, not in their boots though.

—I have been looking for some days past now that the foolish and ridiculous cemetery business has flattened out, for a letter from our old friend "Pro Bono Publico"; a sort of triumphal I-told-you-so letter to put the finishing touch on the description of the opposition. Perhaps he thinks they ain't worth wasting paper and ink on, and faith, he's not far out.

—The Band made a pretty good showing for the first appearance this season on Monday night. The comments on their performance have been very favorable. What they want is a decent uniform, an imposing drum-major to head the parade, and a little more attention paid to the manipulation of the drum. Might I suggest that it would be a good idea to have a suitable band-stand erected in some appropriate spot where there is chance for people to promenade, and then we could enjoy their music better than at present.

—A slight falling off in marriages lately. This won't do if we are to keep the record.

—How about a jubilee celebration? if we are to have one its about time that some steps were taken in the matter. Could not some of our societies take up the thing and do it up in handsome style? We are fortunate in having most suitable grounds for the purpose and with good attraction might draw a crowd. From all accounts societies are in a flourishing condition, new members being admitted almost every week: they could all amalgamate for the purpose and have a rousing celebration.

ARGUS.

Acton, May 4th, 1887.

HORSES AND GYPSIES.

A Story of Some Sharp Trading, Which Resulted Unprofitably to all Concerned.

CHAPTER I.

On Wednesday last a family of gypsies composed of an old woman and three boys, came to this vicinity, and after camping at Swackhammer's Hill, started out on a horse trading expedition among the farmers. The first to entertain business relations with them was Mr. Alex. Lasby, who was induced to trade his team with the boys, concluding that by so doing he would secure a team better suited to his requirements. The negotiations were completed, and Mr. Lasby's horses and a sum to boot were exchanged for the gypsy team; the old woman making feigned protestation against the transaction throughout the proceedings, and warning not to trade with the boys. The trade being consummated the gypsies left in quick order. But, alas, when Mr. Lasby tried his new team at his farm work, he found them utterly useless. Taking time by the forelock he at once came to town, secured the services of Chief Lawson, and they proceeded to the camp to recover the team. The gypsies, however, were too sharp for them, and there was no "trade back" agreed to until a $10 bill had been exchanged for the privilege. Mr. Lasby took his team home determined in future to give the professional traders a wide berth.

CHAPTER II.

The next day the gang found Mr. John Arthurs, of Glenlawson, ready for a trade if it could be shown to be profitable, and arrangements were entered into for a trial of their respective horses. The gypsies requested a trial of Mr. Arthurs' horses, they were unharnessed and one of the boys got on the back of the best one to try its wind in a smart trot, rode it up over the hill, and was seen no more. Chief Lawson's services were again called for. The woman was arrested and lodged in the cells here and he proceeded to discover the whereabouts of the horse and its rider.

CHAPTER III.

is told by the Guelph *Mercury* as follows:—

"Yesterday Chief Constable Lawson, of Acton, arrived in the city and notified the police authorities to be on the lookout for a horse thief named Geo. Gray, who, it is alleged, had stolen a horse from Mr. John Arthurs of Acton. A man was detailed to assist Lawson to search for the thief. During their travelling about the city Geo. Beemer, implement agent, who had driven in from the country, met Lawson and in the course of their conversation the latter mentioned what he was on the "still hunt" for. Beemer told the police that a boy answering the description had ridden into the city with him from Mr. Langford's hotel on the Eramosa Road, and had got out of the wagon at the Wellington hotel. A number of the hotels were visited and at last their efforts were rewarded by one of the searching party seeing their game on Macdonnell street. At once Sergt. Dooley and Chief Lawson were notified and they arrested Gray as he was entering the Commercial hotel. The bracelets adorned his wrists in short order and he was conveyed to Chief Randall's office and placed in the hands of Lawson and then taken to Acton. Gray's mother and brother were arrested and locked up on Thursday night at Acton for having taken part in the transaction. This is the same family that resided in the western part of this city, and were arrested by Chief Randall about a year or so ago for crookedness in the disposing of a quantity of silverware and other articles. Since their short residence near Acton a great number of dishonest transactions have taken place. Chief Lawson says he intends to exterminate the gang if it can be done.

CHAPTER IV.

A Magistrate's Court was appointed for 7 o'clock Saturday evening. His worship, Reeve Fyfe, and W. H. Storey, J. P., were on the bench. W. A. McLean was there as counsel for the prosecution and J. A. Mowat for the defence. The parties met before the court opened and agreed to return each other's horses, each pay one half the costs, about $12, and his own lawyer's fees. The case was consequently dismissed.

MORAL.

Don't trade horses; but if you must trade, give the gypsies a wide berth.

Not a Remarkable Loss After All.

This is the way an exchange discourses on the man who stops the paper:—After you get angry and stop your paper just poke your finger in water, pull it out and look for the whole. Then you will know how sadly you are missed. A man who thinks a paper cannot survive without his weak support ought to go off and stay a day. When he comes back half his friends will not know that he has gone, and the other half will not care a cent, and the world at large didn't keep any account of his movements. You will find what you cannot endorse in every paper. Even the Bible is rather plain and hits some hard licks. If you were to get mad and burn your Bible the hundreds of presses will go on printing them; and when you stop your paper and call the editor names, the paper will still be published, and what is more you'll read it—on the sly.

A Hamilton Item.

"My wife has been a sufferer from liver complaint for many years. I am glad to be able to testify to the benefit received from Burdock Blood Bitters; as well as in the case of my little boy, who had glandular swellings." J. S. Miller, 77 Victoria Ave North, Hamilton, Ont. B. B. B. regulates the entire glandular system.

BUTIFYING THE CEMETERY.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS.

Dear Sir:—I am pleased to observe that the Council have the caretaker of Fairview Cemetery busily engaged in planting trees and shrubs in the Cemetery. Nothing tends more to render any property beautiful and attractive than suitable trees, flowers, &c., planted with taste. To my mind however, the caretaker has given these two points—suitable trees and taste in planting—rather nominal consideration. I am certain the good taste of the members of the Cemetery Committee cannot allow them to overlook the fact that many of the maples planted have been of an inferior and irregular quality, and the supports exhibit a distressing lack of uniformity. The evergreens too are trimmed up rather unnaturally and present altogether too naked an appearance. We all desire to have the Cemetery a beautiful place of rest for our departed loved ones, and it can easily be made such. The errors in the planting should be remedied before it is too late, by the personal supervision by the committee of the caretaker's movements. I would suggest that they give the matter their careful attention on Arbor Day and I am certain the caretaker will be thankful for their superintendence instead of leaving upon him the total responsibility. So will we all.

Yours Respectfully,

A PLOT OWNER.

Acton, May 5th, 1887.

—CENTRAL—

Meat Market.

JOSEPH PATTON,

BUTCHER, has pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Acton, that he has purchased the butchering business of Mr. Wm. Rossell, and is prepared to conduct the same in a straitforward business manner.

Having had large experience in the business, I feel that I can guarantee all customers who favor me with their patronage, perfect satisfaction.

All kinds of meat, fresh and good, and poultry, fish, &c., in season, will be found in stock.

I respectfully solict your esteemed patronage,

JOSEPH PATTON.

Acton, Nov. 8th, 1886.

MR. T. MITCHELL

Desires to inform the people of Acton and surroundings that he is prepared to take orders for weaving all kinds of Fancy Rag Carpets, Flannel Sheeting, Shirting and Dress Goods, striped or plaid, twill or plain, also Bed Blankets and Horse Blankets, two yards wide and over.

And I will guarantee that I will give good satisfaction to all farmers and others who will favor me with their patronage.

T. MITCHELL.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Great Spring Sale of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Groceries.

Having bought a large job lot of Clothing, consisting of Men's, Youth's, Boys' and Children's Suits at 75 cents on the dollar, we are in a position to give the town of Acton and surrounding country the greatest bargains ever heard of.

Splendid Men's Suits	$4.00.	Pants, a large stock at $1.25 up.
Do Youth's Suits	$3.50.	Our Store is crowded with such Bargains as these. We have the largest, cheapest and most Fashionable Stock of Hats, Shirts and Ties in the County. The Greatest Bargains ever offered.
Do Children's Suits	$1.75.	
Do Boys' Suits	$3.00.	

GROCERIES.

In this line we claim to better for you than any one else in the trade. The Tea we sell you at 25 cents per pound is equal to any 35 cent. Tea you get elsewhere. We also give 20 pounds nice bright sugar for $1.00. In addition to this we are selling new Fruit Raisins, 3 pounds for 25 cents or 7 cents per pound by the box. We sell for Cash or Trade only, so that every customer can rely upon getting every article from us at very low prices.

KELLY BROS. Next to McGarvin's Drug Store. KELLY BROS.

NEW MILLINERY

TWO CASES Opened To-day.

—AT—

R. B. JERMYN'S, ACTON.

LADIES!

Call and look through the piles of New Dress Goods in all colors, notably Greys, Electric Blue, and Tans; and don't forget to ask to see the 5c. printed Muslins, warranted fast colors.

Butter and Eggs Wanted.

R. B. JERMYN.

Hundreds of Ladies Visit the Right House Daily to Purchase

The New and Fashionable Goods, of which there are about $250,000 worth stored up there at present. They come to the Right House because they can get almost every thing they require there in Good Serviceable Qualities, Fashionable Styles, and feeling sure that they cannot do better anywhere than at these enormous stores, because Watkins' sales are so very large that four cents on each dollar's worth sold pays a handsome profit. Then the goods are purchased direct from the manufacturers for the cash down. Then his large cash discounts make a nice profit. Ladies' New Underwear and Hosiery this week. New Mantles, Paletots and Jackets this week. 120 Misses' and Little Girl's Mantles put down to less than half prices. Misses' Mantles marked down from $4.50 to $2.00, from $5.50 to $2.25, from $3.50 to $1.50, from $4.00 to $1.25, $8.50 to $1.00, $5.50 to $1.25. There are about 60 Very Nice Lace Curtains, only one pair each pattern, which are marked down from 4.00 to $2.50, from 7.50 to $5.00, from $3.62 to $2.50, from $6.00 to $4.00, from $4.50 to $3.00, from $3.00 to $2.00, from $5.50 to 3.00, from $8.00 to $5.00, from $6.50 to $4.00. Yard Wide Twilled Cotton at 9½c., 36 inch Grey Cotton at 4½c. Crash Towelling at 5c. An Enormous Stock of Towellings and Towels Very Cheap. Grey Cottons and White Cottons at Unusually Low Prices. An Immense Stock of Heavy Cottonades and Canadian Tweeds for Summer Pants Very Cheap. Striped and Checked Shirtings in Extraordinary Good Value. Just see the Sheetings, Tickings, Pillow Cottons, White and Colored Quilts, Heavy Twilled Cottons for Night and Underwear, the Qualities are Good, and the value not easily equaled. Remember the Millinery, Mantles and Mantle Cloths are very stylish patterns, and the value excellent. Mind if you want Carpets the Right House is the place to go. Nice Brussels Carpets at 50, 80, 90c., and the very best at $1. Nice Tapestry Carpets at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50c., and on up for Crossley's Very Best. Good All-Wool Carpets, a yard wide, at 70c., and on up to the best. Borders at half prices for Enlarging Carpets. Union Yard Wide Carpets from 40c. up. A large lot of Remnants of Carpets at about Half Prices. An enormous Stock of Fashionable Designs in Wilton, Royal Velvet, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets. Just see them. Carpet Materials and Window Fixings in almost every thing known. An Immense Variety of Window Curtains, Table Damasks and Napkins. Remember, the stores are one door west of Hughson Street, ON KING STREET EAST. The names on the windows are the Right House and Thomas C. Watkins.

THOMAS C. WATKINS.

Hamilton, April 30th, 1887.

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