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The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of Free Press Reporters this Week.

More snow wanted. The mercury went below zero on Sunday night.

For every need on land or sea, a Fax Press is ready to supply the key.

The Christmas sale at the Mammoth House, Georgetown, has commenced.

The annual holiday entertainments are now under preparation in all the churches.

For the very finest wedding cards be had call at the Fax Press office and see samples.

The District Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance will be held at Oakville to-morrow.

Sir Richard Cartwright addressed a large gathering of electors in Guelph on Saturday afternoon.

Wages - A few car loads of choice potatoes for which the highest market price will be paid in cash. - T. H. HILSON.

Mr. Joseph Lasby has the foundation completed and is making arrangements for the erection of a fine bank barn next spring.

A firm of grain buyers from Milton were here this week prospecting. They may establish a business here but have not arranged the matter yet.

The merchants were in excellent form on Saturday. The sleighing brought in multitudes of purchases and a fine day's business was transacted.

One of the steam pipes in the Canada Globe Works sprang a leak on Sunday afternoon. The watchman and manager had a lively time for an hour or so.

Naught is so fine as a winter day, when in clear, and the snow is done falling, the boys with their sleds are allowed away, but all used up in snowballing.

The annual convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, for the total suppression of the liquor traffic, will be held at Toronto to-day and to-morrow.

The season for weddings has evidently opened earlier than usual this year. Several having local interest have already been announced and it is reported there are more to follow.

Mr. George Scott, of Guelph, was bitten in the arm by a horse some ten days ago. He was taken to the general hospital, where he died last Friday night from the effects of the bite.

New post-offices were opened in Ontario on the first inst. at Allen, Frontenac county; Andressville, Storm Lake; North Valley and Warren, Storm Lake; Acadia, North Norfolk; Tain, South Norfolk.

Mackie it up to the time in point of educational interest. A handsome and substantial new public building, which has just been completed at a cost of \$70,000. Acton will require very soon to move in the direction of farther school accommodations.

James McNece, a well-known farmer of lot 27, Chingacousy, was pitched out of his wagon while driving home last Friday night in consequence of the wheels sinking into a rut in the road. He rolled down an embankment, striking the stone abutment of the culvert and dying in about two hours.

On Saturday the property of Mrs. H. McCann was offered for sale by auction. The day and residence failed to secure a purchaser, but the vacant lot on Mill Street was purchased by Mr. Thos. T. Moore, whose property joins it, for \$27,000. Mrs. Moore has a fine block of four lots there, with a corner lot.

J. P. Marshall, M.D., D.D.S., L.D.S., Dentist, will be at the Clark's Hotel every Friday. Special attention to the preservation of the natural teeth. Highest grades of artificial teeth. Perfect fit guaranteed.

C. M. French, L.D.S., D.D.S., Dentist, continues to visit Acton at Agnew's Hotel on first and third Tuesdays of each month. Extensive and artificial teeth attended to only. Satisfaction guaranteed at reasonable prices.

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THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and Every Item Interesting.

A Chopping Accident.

On last Thursday morning a young man named Miller, of the 7th St., Esqueping, while chopping, slipped on the ice in the swamp which caused his axe to enter the right foot almost completely severing the bone at the great toe.

An Enforcement Fall.

One day last week Mrs. J. Crippa, of Nassagawby, while walking on Main St., slipped on the sidewalk and fell, and was so injured that she had to be assisted into Mrs. Adams' store. On examination the hip joint was found to be severely injured and will require some weeks' rest to repair the damage.

Property Sold.

On Saturday afternoon, the Campbell House, the property of the late James Campbell, was put up at auction by A. B. Hamilton, and sold to Mr. G. C. Clark, the lease of the premises for the past year or so, for \$3,125. Mr. Clark makes a very attentive landlord and under his management the Campbell House has been in favor with the travelling public.

Knox Church Sacramental Services.

The communion services, in Knox church last Friday and Sunday were well attended and of a very interesting character.

Dr. A. H. Drummond, of Georgetown, preached on Friday and his sermon was very well fitting to the occasion.

On Sunday morning Rev. J. W. Van preached the communion sermon and at its close the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of members.

He Broke His Leg.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mr. David Swackhamer, 4th line, Esqueping, met with a very severe accident while engaged with his team in drawing logs to his farm.

With his team, the log which was a peculiar shape, suddenly turned over and crushed the left leg of Mr. Swackhamer, breaking both bones below the knee.

The mishap seems rather unfortunate as Mr. Swackhamer was about starting off upon a job of work which was to keep him fully employed all winter.

Two Hearts That Beat as One.

A couple of former residents of Acton were united in the bonds of holy matrimony last week and by some means the recipients of numerous congratulations from Acton friends.

On Monday, 1st December, Mr. G. W. Cook, of Toronto, and Miss Minnie Adams, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. E. Adams, of Drayton, were joined in wedlock by Rev. Dr. Hanson, Guelph, at the parsonage.

After the ceremony the happy couple went on a trip to London; returning to Acton on Wednesday, they spent a day or two visiting friends here, leaving on Friday evening for their home in Toronto.

Fraser, Dr. P. V. Levesque, recently returned from Australia, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning and in Knox church in the evening. His sermons were earnest and contained much to encourage Christians in their efforts to do God's will.

At the close of the evening service he spoke again, his subject being "The Wines of the Bible." On Sunday evening he delivered his lecture "Beer and Wine in America" in the Methodist church to a very large audience and on Tuesday evening he gave his lecture on "Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down" in the town hall.

Municipal Matters.

Are evidently beginning to agitate the minds of Acton ratepayers and the question "This is to be our Beeve, and who our Councilmen for 1921" is rapidly becoming a current question. Two at least of our citizens have been giving the matter some thought and are apparently giving the Fax Press readers should know their minds.

Neither of the communications speak in the most complimentary terms of the present Council; nor do they say much for the men they call "workmen." Their letters would have carried more weight had they applied their every day names to that the public might know who the men are who are interesting themselves so much in their welfare.

However, if their communications have the result of setting the ratepayers thinking, some good will have been accomplished.

A Worthy Institution.

In September last Mr. A. F. Smith sent his little daughter, Maggie, who is partially deaf and dumb, to the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, and her progress there has been both surprising and encouraging. Last Thursday Mr. Smith was delighted to receive a short letter from her own hand, very legibly written, as follows:

Belleville, Dec. 3rd, 1920. Dear Father - I am well and happy and I hope you are the same. Best love to you all. Your loving daughter, MARGIE SMITH.

The writing would be a credit to a child of her age possessing all her faculties, and exhibits marvellous progress for so short an attendance at the institution. Mr. Mathison, the painstaking superintendent, deserves praise for the efficiency of his much-needed school.

It Caused a Furry.

Last Wednesday afternoon County Constable Hartley, of Georgetown, arrived in town with about half a quire of blue paper invitations to as many of our citizens as "At Home" in the office of the Georgetown Magistrate the following Friday. A very strange thing, indeed, was the fact that these invitations were no more kindly received than those which were delivered during the Scott Act regime, and numerous were the threats of what would be done with the informant if hands could be laid upon him. Even some of those who a couple of years ago used their votes and influence to secure the Crooks' Act didn't like this part of the Crooks' Act programme a bit more than the Scott Act's. But a few days served to cool the matter down a bit and the proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, who was charged with selling liquor contrary to law on Sunday, 23rd November, settled the case by the Magistrate and notified the case, it is reported by paying the fine for such an offence.

Revels Services Closed.

The special services which had been in progress for three weeks in the Methodist church were brought to a close last Friday evening. The meetings though of a very quiet character were pervaded throughout with a strong spiritual influence and resulted in much good. A reception service was held on Friday evening when twenty-eight persons were received with singing fellow-ships to the church.

Rev. Dr. Gifford addressed and interesting sermon, explaining the rules of the church and exhorting them to lead Christian lives, trusting constantly in God for strength; also to attend the ordinances of God, such as the people worship of; the ministry of the Word; the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; family and private prayer and searching of the scriptures.

The service was a solemn and impressive one. At the close of the service Dr. Gifford returned to the good order which had prevailed throughout the series of services and the interest manifested in the proceedings by those who attended.

May Reasonable Weather Continue.

The wintry weather that began last week bids fair, if it continues, to bring a livelier Christmas than we have had for a few years back. The snow always adds to the zest with which Christmas enterprises are undertaken as well as to the extent of purchases made by the public in all departments of trade.

There is nothing, in the good weather to promote a healthy state of business and popular pleasure.

In Memoriam.

At the regular meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance on Monday evening the following memorial referring to the death of the late Miss Augusta Nicklin was passed:

"The first crown." Our circle of fraternity has been broken. God, who is too wise to err and too loving to be unkind, has called to his bosom, come up higher. The greater love has prevailed. Our sister has taken her place in the abiding city above.

Her relatives of disposition, her transparent honesty of purpose, and her quiet unassuming manner, won for her the affection, the esteem and the confidence of all. The influence of her life, almost unbroken, was a silent voice saying "Be ye also ready."

While we mourn our loss, we would remember the other hearts that with hers, formed another circle, within even ours, and to these—the members of the bereaved home—we would offer this memorial, with an added prayer for God's guidance and blessing for each, our only plea for this claiming their attention being:—"We too have lost a friend."

Signed on behalf of Acton Council No. 300, R. T. C.

JAMES L. WATSON, Sole Agent. DR. W. H. LOWRY, Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to address the memorial on the minutes of the Council and send a copy to the family of the deceased.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Harry Blake left on Monday on a trip to Gloversville, N.Y.

Rever. Storey attended the meeting of the County Council on Monday.

Mr. Thomas Blair and Miss Mary visited friends here during the week.

Miss Jessie Nicklin now occupies a place in the office of the Canada Globe Works.

Miss Mattie Black, who has been visiting in Toronto for some months, is home at a rural.

Miss Hattie Thornton, who has been in Guelph for a couple of months returned home on Saturday.

Rev. Joseph Edge, of Clinton, has been invited to the pastorate of North St. Methodist Church, Guelph.

The last issue of the North Toronto Recorder has an excellent portrait of Mr. S. T. Hamblestone, Reeve of York Township, well-known to a number of Fax Press readers.

Rev. LeRoy Hooker, of the Metropolitan church, Toronto, has decided to accept the invitation of the Chatham church, Rev. J. W. Annie, of Chatham, having accepted the general of St. Paul's church, Toronto.

The resignation of Rev. A. H. Drummond of the charge of the Georgetown and Lincolnton congregations was accepted by the Toronto Presbytery on Tuesday; the Rev. Joseph Alexander will be moderator when the church is declared vacant.

HAROLD'S BIRTH.

The Christmas number of Harper's Bazar, to be published December 15th, will be fairly redolent with the spirit of the holiday. The stories will include "St. Gabriel's Angel," by Marion Hamilton; "A Snowy Christmas," by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop; and "How Christmas came to Florida," by Florence Waters Sneedaker— all of which will be superbly illustrated. Will Carleton will contribute a poem entitled "Christmas Seventy Years Ago," which will be illustrated by a full-page picture drawn by Alice Barber.

AN EX-COUNCILLOR'S OPINION.

To the Editor of the Acton Fax Press.

Respected Sir—Will you kindly give me space to say a few words to the ratepayers and those who are seeking to be our village representatives. There has been no time in the history of Acton when the electors should be more careful in giving their votes. Men of ability and economy, if possible, should be our choice and who have the most sense of honor so that it would be impossible for them to stoop to anything small or in any way against our best interests.

Municipal government may well be said to be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people," and if it fails the failure must be ascribed to the people themselves, and not to a system that gives them complete control over their own affairs. I look with a good deal of jealousy at the many suggestions made by outside interference in these matters. The people make and manage their own governments and if they are dissatisfied with the government, they have the remedy in their own hands. I don't believe in making too much talk in the stores and on the street corners, etc. for relief when we can get it by changing our own civic parliament.

Men will try every remedy but the right one because the right one involves a personal responsibility, from which they are only too eager to divest themselves. The duty of each member in any community is to give to that community the very best government it can get and this can only be done by getting the best men to take the government upon themselves. How has this duty been attended to by the very people who complain of misgovernment and are afflicted with periodical fits of municipal reform? Why these are the men who stand aloof when a municipal election comes on. What is the use of being a reformer at the weight of taxation, or railing at the extravagance and folly, if, when the opportunity is given to make a change, men shirk their duty, and neither offer their own services to carry on the affairs of the village nor lend any active support to secure the services of those who could be had to do the work if they were only encouraged by the sympathy and support they have a right to expect? If the reformers suffer because of their own neglect of their duty, it is their own fault, and it is a pity that the machinery of legislation in motion to rescue those who won't take the slightest trouble to save themselves. What is the complaint as far as Acton is concerned? Heavy taxation, a heavy civic debt, road works that are in a perpetual state of excavation. The complaint is bad enough in all conscience, and yet, it is not so bad but that it might be cured by the people. Our civic rulers have been charged with incompetency but have never been charged with dishonesty. Our taxes have been buried under the earth but no man can say that they have gone to the way of corruption; at all events, not in the criminal sense of the word, they have not been put to their best use but they have been used in the service of the people. That our taxes have been growing exorbitant is unfortunately true, but yet true. Whether the advance is in the employment of the unfortunate ratepayer. He feels it all the same and he is not much consoled when he knows that his property does not increase in value to him as it does to the village for taxable purposes.

Yours, etc.

Ex-COUNCILLOR.

Acton, Dec. 9th, 1920.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

To the Editor of the Fax Press.

Another year is gradually drawing to a close and the ratepayers of this municipality will shortly be called upon to elect an executive to preside over the deliberations of another year and to endeavor if possible to eradicate the evils that have arisen through the erroneous administration of those who possessed the confidence, and were entrusted to guard the interests of the electors, but whom, through incompetence and extravagance squandered the finances on expensive roadways, elevated sidewalks, employment of labor during the period of those so-called improvements, a blank check to consolidate the various municipal appointments—possibly afraid of dispensing with a "faithful old servant"—resulting to fulfill the mission of "mortgaging the town" to the disgust of every ratepayer, betraying that confidence they assumed upon their accession to municipal government.

Have we not approached a crisis in municipal affairs, or must we sometimes bear the heavy yoke of taxation?

Would it not be well to make a selection from some of the chronic grumblers who are constantly "croaking"—accept at the period of an election—to sacrifice their personal interests and advance those of the community by effecting some system of reform, releasing us from such a deplorable condition and elevating the low standard of municipal politics?

I firmly believe that we have competent men, possessing the experience and business qualifications sufficiently to represent us at the Council table, and every effort to induce them to enter the field, and, if elected, as no doubt they will be, laboring harmoniously together, must advance and promote the interests of the community.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for insertion, I remain yours,

A. RIVERVIEW.

Acton, Dec. 9th, 1920.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Purify Your Blood.

The impurities of the blood in pure condition is purely known, and yet there are very few people who have perfectly pure blood. The taint of scrofula, which is hereditary and transmitted for generations, causing untold suffering, and we also accumulate poison and germs of disease from the air we breathe, the food we eat, or the water we drink. There is more concentrated in the blood than the positive power of Hood's Sarsaparilla over all diseases of the blood. This medicine, when fairly tried, does expel every trace of scrofula or salt humor, removes the taint which causes certain, neutralizes the acids and cures rheumatism, drives out the germs of gonorrhea, blood poisoning, etc. It also vitalizes and enriches the blood, that overflowing that tired feeling, and building up the whole system. Thousands testify to the superiority of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier. Full information and statements of cures sent free.

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Dress Goods and Silks.

Such a profusion of Materials and Colorings! All ready goods are avoided. Intrinsic value and merit is always our test. In rich Material we have received a number of Elegant Braided Black Ribbons, which we venture to say you can't match in the city for novelty and style. Do you want low-priced goods? Then the special pile of 100 and 125 and upwards are in your way. In Silks, Black Dress and Mantle Goods, Colored Failles, Surahs and Pongees, for ordinary and evening wear, abound in great variety of shades. We import these goods direct, and you will find our goods the very lowest.

Mantles and Furs.

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Clothes and Clothing.

Our Ordered Clothing Department has had a big run. Gentlemen in want of a stylish, neat, and comfortable suit, or a new overcoat, are finding out that they can get style and material from us at less than usual merchant tailor prices. In Heavy Knit Suits and Overcoats for Men and Boys' wear, we don't propose to compete with shoddy trade, but you can rely on getting a first class reliable garment at a low price, not understood by anybody. Give us a look.

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