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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Merry, Merry Christmas.

—No green Christmas this year.

—Cheap fares on the railroad this week.

—The Disciples' S. S. entertainment next Monday evening.

—Service in St. Alban's church this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

—Knox church Christmas S. S. anniversary on New Year's evening.

—The Hillsburg *Banner* has been considerably enlarged and improved.

—Mr. W. P. Campbell has sold his new house and lot on Brock street to Mr. Adam Cook for $750.

—You are invited to attend the Christmas entertainment in the Methodist church to-night.

—The FREE PRESS carrier boys will present their annual address to their patrons in town on New Year's morning.

—According to the list of convictions $195 was paid in for violation of the license laws in this county the past three months.

—Prof. P. S. Campbell, B.A., of McMaster Hall, Toronto, is expected to preach in the Baptist church on Sunday 28th, at 3 p.m.

—The New York *Herald* subscribes $1,000 and asks the public to "chip in" the rest of the money to buy 1,000 pea-jackets for the newsboys of New York.

—Doors open at 7 o'clock at the Methodist Sunday School entertainment this evening. Proceedings commence at 7.30 sharp. Admission only fifteen cents.

—The Rockwood Mills and farm in connection were offered for sale by public auction at Guelph, on Tuesday morning, but were withdrawn, the bids not reaching the reserve price.

—The public event of the day will be the Christmas Entertainment by the Sabbath School children in the Methodist Church this evening.—The Christmas trees will be worth seeing.

—Santa Claus has come to the help of the money market this month by emptying some of the old stockings of hoarded coin for the purpose of filling them with Christmas tokens.

—The husband's present. Wife—Oh, George, I've picked out the loveliest Christmas present for you. Now give me $50, please. Husband—For what? Wife—Why, to pay for it, to be sure!—*Shoe Record.*

—While assisting in the Christmas decorations of St. Joseph's church on Tuesday evening Mr. Jno. Flynn fell from one of the windows to the ground, about eight feet, sustaining a dislocation of the shoulder.

—It has been a pleasant sight this week to observe the crowds of eager purchasers in the stores the past few days. Buyers' hearts were gladdened with their Christmas purchases and the merchants were pleased to supply their wants.

—Phrenology. Miss L. Henderson, graduate of Phren. College, New York, lectures at Acton Town Hall on Monday, Dec. 29th. Dozens of pictures shown to illustrate heads and faces. Don't fail to get a chart of your head. Find out what you are best fitted to do in life.

—The examinations in the public schools last Friday proved creditable alike to teachers and scholars. The number of visitors was not equal to that in attendance at the midsummer examinations. At the conclusion of the day's proceedings the schools were closed for the Christmas vacation.

—The Leamington *Post* issued one of the most interesting Christmas numbers we have seen this year outside the cities. It contains not only a large amount of Christmas matter, but an interesting and comprehensible description of the town with illustrations of public buildings and portraits of citizens.

—Mr. A. E. Nicklin, chairman of the Board of Education, received this week from the taxidermist, at Wiarton the head of the stag shot by him in Bruce during his hunting trip in the fall. It is a fine trophy, the fine large head and beautiful antlers present a splendid appearance. The cured carcass came to hand and a number of Mr. Nicklin's friends will have prime venison on their Christmas bill of fare.

—WANTED.—A few car loads of choice potatoes for which the highest market price will be paid in cash.—T. H. HARDING.

—J. P. Marshall M.D.S., 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.

Sudden Death of a Boy.

GUELPH, Dec. 22.—John Jefferson of the 12th con. Peel, went with an older brother to the woods for a load of wood. On arrival at the wood lot the older brother proceeded to put on a load. Noticing that the boy did not follow he went to him and to his consternation found that he was dead.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and Every Item Interesting.

Municipal Nominations.

The nomination for Reeve and Councillors of this municipality will take place next Monday, 29th inst., at noon. The nomination of three school trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Messrs. Storey, Nicklin and Harding, will take place the following Wednesday at noon.

Terpsichorean Enjoyment.

The first assembly that has been held in Acton for some two years took place in the town hall on Friday evening. Some seventy couples participated and express themselves well pleased with the arrangements and the programme presented. Guests were present from many parts of the province. It is claimed to have been a brilliant affair and the Guelph *Herald* says:—"The young bachelors of Acton are to be congratulated on their enterprise in providing so delightful an evening's entertainment."

Presentation.

On Thursday evening last at St. Alban's church after the usual service, the teachers of the Sunday School and others presented Mr. Harry Blake on the eve of his departure for Johnstown, N. Y., with a handsome Teachers' Bible as a recognition of his services in the past as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Blake also shared in the regard of their numerous friends by receiving a very pretty set of silver napkins rings.

Editor's Table.

The *Dominion Illustrated* Christmas number is to hand. The artistic work is very excellent, while the literary matter is much above the average of similar publications. The engravings are most of them beautifully executed. The principal supplement plate is the Lord's Prayer in fifteen colors, adapted for framing. The number is a great success and a creditable evidence of what Canada can produce in the line of holiday literature. The price is fifty cents. The publishers are the Sabiston Lithograph and Publishing Company, Montreal.

A Few Christmas Hints.

Give no gift where you do not delight to Entertain only within your means. Keep your Christmas nerve, and muscle, and heart, and hope, and cheer, first for your own home, your own fireside, your dearest, your closest, your sweetest—and then for the homeless, the fireless, the unloved, the "undeared," and be true, true, true to the last Christmas card that goes to your post-office, or the last "Merry Christmas" that crosses your lips! We are a generous people, and a happy people, and a Christian people, and we must keep our festival with sincerity, honor, intelligence and good sense, if we would keep it alive and "in His name."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Royal Templars' Officers.

The election of officers for Acton Council R. T. of Temperance held on Monday evening resulted as follows:—

E.C. Rev. Bro. J. W. Rae,
V.C. Sister S. Ferguson,
Chap. Rev. Bro. Dr. Gifford,
R.S. Bro. Dr. Lowry,
A.R.S. Sister A. Ramsay,
F.S. Bro. N. F. Moore,
Treas. Bro. J. Ramsay,
Herald, Bro. Chas. Jenner,
Guard, Sister Mary Brown,
Sentinel, Bro. R. Somerville,
P. C. Bro. J. L. Warren.

Interesting meetings of the Council will be held during the winter months. A programme to be carried out at each meeting and the order will continue its good work here.

Death of Mrs. Rev. L. Cameron.

It is our sad duty this morning to chronicle the death of the wife of Rev. Lachlan Cameron, of Thamesford, formerly of Acton. Mrs. Cameron had been unwell for some time but her family did not anticipate any immediate danger and were shocked last Thursday morning at 7.30 o'clock to find her dead in her bed. The immediate cause of death is supposed to have been convulsions. During their long residence in Acton Mrs. Cameron was beloved by all who knew her and the members of Knox church congregation regarded her as a queen among women. "She went about doing good." She leaves a family of four—two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters is the wife of Dr. Kester, of Mount Elgin. The community here is stirred in sympathy for Mr. Cameron in his great loss.

A New Book Case.

The Excelsior Book Case Co., of Teeswater, has lately put upon the market a new book-case which should commend itself to all who require such an article. It is a revolving book case with a capacity of about 140 volumes, with dictionary stand and reading desk and a set of convenient drawers for papers, etc. It stands four feet and a half high on four hardwood feet morticed into the base of a turned standard which runs up to the fourth shelf, around which the case revolves, giving it stability and freedom from unsteadiness. The rotary motion is perfect, a slight touch of the hand being all that is necessary to put it in operation. The shelves are 22 inches square and adjustible, so that by removing a screw they can be made to admit any size of book. To ministers, professional men generally or students this ingenious article will be found of the greatest convenience, saving time and annoyance in searching for books. For the home it is well adapted for either the library or parlor, as it is a well finished piece of furniture.

A Kindly Farewell.

Last week the FREE PRESS referred to the fact that Miss Kate Lawson was about to depart for Cheyenne, Wyoming. On Wednesday evening, 17th inst., the teachers of Knox Church Sabbath School met at the home of Dr. Lowry, and a messenger was sent to request Miss Lawson to meet the teachers there as they wished to bid her good-bye. The meeting was informal and pleasant. The Rev. J. W. Rae, pastor of the church, said, "We usually hold our teachers' meeting on Friday evening, but have thought it best to meet on Wednesday this week." Thus an opening was pleasantly made to the more special object that had called them together. At the close of Mr. Rae's address, Miss Pearson presented Miss Lawson on behalf of the teachers, with a souvenir of their esteem and best wishes, in the form of a well filled purse. Messrs. Henderson, Hynds, Kannawin and Lowry each spoke of the faithfulness and efficiency of Miss Lawson, as a teacher and worker in the church. Mr. Hynds, whose assistant in the primary class Miss Lawson had been, made the speech of the meeting, specially dealing with her work as a teacher. Each of the ladies present gave their assent to the good things that had been said of Miss Lawson, who was much affected. She returned her thanks with the same grace and quiet dignity that has characterized her work as a teacher, as a member of the choir, as treasurer of the Ladies' Aid and as a general worker in the church. After kind farewells, good wishes and prayers for success had been made, the teachers separated, feeling that one of the best workers in the church and Sabbath School had, in the person of Miss Lawson, taken her departure for a time.

THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

BURLINGTON.

Another meeting to discuss the High School question is called for Thursday.

The closing exercises of the Burlington West public school were held on Friday; the school in Burlington East, on Thursday afternoon.

Election talk is quite plentiful. The reeveship is seemingly a desirable position, and three are after it. Two will be left sure.

The scholars of the Methodist Sunday school will render a cantata entitled "Waiting for Santa Claus," on Christmas night. This cantata will take the whole evening and the scholars and officers have gone to too much trouble and pains to make the entertainment pleasant.

A sad burning accident occurred last Thursday afternoon. Little Oliver Wray, the three year old son of Geo. Wray, was playing with fire in the absence of his mother, when his clothes suddenly caught fire. The little fellow ran out into the street, his clothes all in a flame. Some of Jas. Allen's men noticed it and immediately tore what clothes were still burning off. The child died about six o'clock in the evening. Much sympathy is expressed for the parents.—*Budget.*

Mrs. Sarah McKenzie, of Burlington, has received word from the United States Treasury Department that she has been granted a pension. Mrs. McKenzie's son was a private in a Vermont regiment, and she will receive $170 back pay and $12 per month.

ERIN.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Mary E. Carberry, daughter of Mr. T. Carberry, Erin, was married at her father's residence to Dr. A. McFaul, of Stayner. Rev. J. Fennel, of Georgetown, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by the relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. The bride was richly attired in white Henrietta, with moire antique silk front and train, bridal wreath and bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Polly McFaul, of Stayner; the groom was supported by Mr. Jacks, of the same town. The wedding gifts were useful, valuable and numerous. Dr. and Mrs. McFaul left by the afternoon train on a tour east, amid the warm congratulations of their many friends.

Burn's church anniversary services were held on Sunday. Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Waterdown preached the sermons.

Dr. J. D. McNaughton, who has been practising in Ospringe for the past few months now resides in Erin.

Thos. McLachan, B.A., of Knox College Toronto, was in town last week.

Miss Julia Milloy, has returned from Toronto where she has been for some time.

John Ross Robertson, the Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M., visited Wellington Lodge, 271, Erin, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. C. U. McDonald, is at present on an extended visit amongst friends in Essex County and Michigan.

An entertainment will be held in the Baptist church in this village on the evening of Christmas day.—*Advocate.*

GEORGETOWN.

Good-morning, St. Nick.

"What'd you get in your stocking?"

We are glad to see Mr. F. Short at his work again.

The Milton *Champion* is the last addition to the temperance ranks!

Prof. Miller was around town for a few days last week tuning pianos, etc, with emphasis on the etc.

Mr. Wm. Pitman is home from the old sod and rumor says he came back loaded with bullion.

Mr. John Hoban having secured permanent employment in Petrolia, has moved his family to that place. Prosperity attend you.

Mr. Daniel Cook who for years has been one of Esquesing's prominent farmers has retired from the business and settled down in our town.

Mr. John Aldous is on a travelling trip up north soliciting orders for his furniture factory here. The furniture made by this firm is ever in favor amongst the dealers.

On Friday last Acton and Georgetown exchanged visitors. Acton's contingent being interested in a Cadi's court held here for their benefit, while Georgetown's representatives went to Acton "to trip the light fantastic."

Our schools closed on Friday, and for the past few days the youngsters have been utilizing every available inch of snow and ice in the town in their endeavors to make the occasion take on something of an Xmas appearance.

The High School entrance examinations held here this week were fairly well attended, the rural districts being as fully represented as usual. The principal of the school, Mr. Barron, is the guardian of the occasion, and sits in watchful care over his hopeful flock.

As noted above a large number of our local pleasure seekers availed themselves of their invitations to attend Acton Assembly. The opinion held by all who attended is that the affair was the finest ever held in this section of the country.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church here last Sunday were in every respect most successful. Rarely has it fallen to the lot of a Georgetown audience to listen to a man of such calibre as Berlin's popular pastor, the Rev. Mr. Howell. Both morning and evening he held the breathless attention of his large congregations by the spell of his eloquence. In the evening especially when he discoursed on, "Am I my brother's keeper?" there was not a soul in the house capable of feeling, but was irresistibly moved, and when the Rev. gentleman asked all present to carry away at least this one thought that "the influence of our acts and words is as indestructible as the soul God has given" each heart must have struck a responsive chord. Financially the affair was a most gratifying success. The town churches as is the custom were nearly all closed. The Rev. Mr. Love was present and opened the service in the evening with prayer.

The tea-meeting held on Monday evening was not as well attended as these events usually are, but all enjoyed the good things supplied to their fullest extent. The feature of the evening was the addresses on different nationalities by Revs. Fennel, Howell, Norton and Love. Proceeds about $50.00. The children also had a good time at their tea-meeting held on Tuesday evening.

On Friday last the pupils of the High School departments presided over by Messrs. Jones and Weaver took occasion of the fact of their leaving to make them suitable presentations and addresses expressive of their sorrow in the loss about to fall upon the scholars and that in their new fields of labor prosperity might ever attend them. Taken wholly by surprise the teachers were not in a speech-making condition but managed to convey their thanks to the pupils and all concerned in a few feeling remarks. May our loss be their gain.

WASP.

NASSAGAWEYA.

Dr. Gifford, of Acton, preached very excellent and profitable sermon at Ebenezer and Campbellville Methodist churches on Sabbath, with which the large congregations were much pleased and edified. He also delivered a splendid lecture on the "Mammoth Cave of Kentucky" on Monday evening. It was the first time he had delivered it; but it was the best word painting we have listened to for many years. He described this wonderful cave so accurately and made it so realistic that the audience felt almost as though they were walking with him in his seventeen miles of exploration through this greatest of all concerns of the world. Owing to other meetings being held this week the audience was not a large as it otherwise would have been, but those who did not hear it missed a great treat and we would advise them to hear it at the first opportunity. The Dr. will always be welcome, and greeted by a good audience whenever he comes to Nassagaweya. An appeal was made to the congregation at the close of the lecture to raise the amount of debt on the Parsonage, and in a short time the whole amount was provided for.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson, who has resided for many years near the Moffat station of the C.P.R., died very suddenly on Wednesday last, aged 64 years. She was about to get into the cutter to accompany her husband to a funeral, when she dropped dead at her own door. She was much respected and had been for a long time a consistent member of the Methodist church. Her family are all grown up and married and Mr. Anderson is left in a very lonely condition. One of her married daughters came with her husband to the funeral, but was taken sick and unable to see her mother or to go to the funeral. She lies at her father's home in a very precarious condition. They have the sympathy of the community.

Mr. Charles Carton, who has been sick for a long time, of pleurisy, is slowly recovering.

A little stranger girl came, a short time since, to the home of Mr. Thompson Sherwood. She evidently intends to stay, and they take to her wonderfully well.

St. Alban's S. S. Christmas Tree.

The first in the long list of holiday entertainments was the annual festival and Christmas Tree in connection with St. Alban's Sunday school held on Monday evening in the town hall. The programme was carried out by the children and the Christmas tree bore many pleasing gifts to the scholars and teachers. The attendance was very good, and those present heartily enjoyed the proceedings. Rev. G. B. Cooke was master of ceremonies and had the programme well in hand.

Montreal Witness Prize Competition.

The *Witness* Canada Prize Competitions for true Canadian stories have proved very great successes during the past two years, and a third is now announced. The prizes awarded to this county were as follows:—COUNTY PRIZE.—Miss Nellie Emory, Burlington. SCHOOL PRIZES.—Master Robert Appelbe, Esquesing; Miss Ada Nixon, Ashgrove; Master John Storey, Mansewood; Miss Gertrude Madden, Burlington; Master J. H. Gordon, Rockwood Post office; Miss Katie Kingsbury, Nassagaweya; Master William Peddie, Mansewood. Full directions for the competition will be mailed free to any one sending a request for a circular to Messrs. John Dougall & Son, Montreal.

Christmas Wedding Bells.

From time immemorial the month of December, and Christmas week especially, has been a favorite period for the consummation of matrimonial alliances. A couple of our young people followed in the wake of many who had preceded them this week, and on Tuesday evening Rev. J. W. Rae performed the marital rites which made Mr. H. H. Worden and Miss Hannah Glover man and wife. After the ceremony, which took place at the Manse, the happy pair were driven to their home, Prospect Cottage, at the corner of Park and Lake Avenues, where a merry company of guests awaited them. A pleasant evening was spent. Numerous and beautiful bridal presents were received. Among those present from a distance were Miss May Hermiston, Toronto; Miss Alberta Jones, Milton; Miss Emma Glover, Orangeville; Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and T. Akins, Erin.

Trades and Occupation.

The *Youth's Companion* for 1891 will give an instructive and helpful series of papers, each of which describes the character of some leading trade for boys or occupation for girls. They give information as to the apprenticeship required to learn each, the wages to be expected, the qualities needed in order to enter, and the prospects of success. To new subscribers who send $1.75 at once the paper will be sent free to Jan. 1st 1891, and for a full year from that date. Address, *The Youth's Companion*, Boston Mass.

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
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Beautiful Hanging Lamps, in Hall and Library, Parlor, Stand and Hand Lamps, Shades, Globes, Wicks, Lanterns, etc.

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Tea Sets, Plain and Fancy. Fancy Cups and Saucers, Vases, Porridge Sets, Cake Dishes, Glass Sets, Goblets, and an endless variety of useful and ornamental Glassware.

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New Raisins, Currants, Cinnamon, Orange and Citron Peel, Spices and every requisite for a real old fashioned Pie or Pudding.

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Christmas and New Year's

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New Silk Handkerchiefs, Ladies' and Gents' Gloves in Kid and Wool.

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Double Fold Dress Goods at 25 cents.

It is the best thing for the money in town.

We are selling a nice Overboat as low as $3.50. That one usually sold at $5.00, and also better ones at close prices. Be sure and see our

Men's Fine and Heavy Underwear as low as 35c. each.

For the cold weather we are selling

Men's Felt Boots, Over Shoes at bottom prices. Ladies' Over Shoes and Rubbers in all the best makes.

A large stock of Fresh Groceries just to hand, suitable for the holiday season. Remember that our Prices are always away down.

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THE LION

A Whirl of Excitement.

The minds of the people of Guelph, young and old, are in a constant state of excitement at the near approach of Christmas. What a task it is to know just what to choose for everyone especially when means are limited and prices high. To combine utility with beauty and reasonableness of price require care and judgment and an amount of time that not everyone can spare to devote to details. We think we have mastered all their details for you, have seached the Markets of the Old World, and now have brought together from every Clime and Country goods of all descriptions, and at prices to suit the pockets of every one.

As you enter THE LION on the left is a show case containing Purses and Satchels, Brackets and Wall Pockets, Gloves and Handkerchief boxes, Picture frames and Writing decks, Brooches and Hair ornaments, etc. A step farther on and filling the shelves are Gloves of Cashmere Silk and Kid in endless variety. We might mention one line of Kids at 67c. equal to the regular $1 goods. Handkerchiefs in rich profusion adorn the line from the neat little handkerchief which we sell at the rate of 6 for 25c. to the expensive Silks which range in price from 25c. to $2. Black Silk Scarfs and Veilings also make nice and inexpensive presents.

Entering the House Furnishing Department are Linen goods of every description. Doylies, Napkins and Table Cloths in all the richest and newest Damask patterns. Linen and Silk Goods in Doylies are a novelty which will be appreciated by any lady. Table cloths in Felt, Tapestry and Plush are always acceptable. Towels in fine Linen, Damask and Huckabuck up to $1.50 per pair.

CURTAINS—We will mention these goods here although they are kept upstairs. Our assortment is complete in Lace, Madras, Guipure, Art Muslin, Ottoman, Turkoman, and Tapestry. In passing over the Staple Department from which suitable presents can be can be selected we pass on to the Furs. BOAS—Childrens from 12½ cents up. The new Alexandria Boa from 75cts up; Storm collars, Muffs and Capes in all the principal Furs, Beaver, Bear, Baltic Seal, South Seal, Opposum, Angora, Wombat, Perian Lamb and Astrachan. Special value in Astrachan Capes in High Shoulders. We are also offering great inducements in Ladies Astrachan Coats. In our Mantle Depaatment we have Sealette Jackets, Fur Lined Circulars, Russian Circulars, Dolmans and Short Jackets in every description and price. Ribbons an immense variety of colors, qualities and prices.

Passing on to Silk and Dress Department we have not space to go into details. Our 25c. colored Satins are just the thing for making up Christmas presents. What so nice for a Christmas Gift as a Black or Colored Silk or Satin Dress. Our $6.50 Costumes worth $15, which we show in our window is a complete and compact little gift which no one can make a mistake in purchasing. Woollen Goods in Clouds, Shawls or Fascinators make a nice and always acceptable present. In Men's Goods, suitable for Christmas Gifts are Collars and Ties, Caps, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and every imaginable line of goods that come under the heading of Men's Furnishings and all at very reasonable prices.

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