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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 1896.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Quite a mild weather this week.

—Yesterday was Ash Wednesday.

—Saturday is St. Valentine's day.

—The Intermediate Association meets this evening.

—By trade and payments also well up.

—Quite a number of sleighs are now in evidence.

—Methodist church services as usual next Sunday.

—Increased attendance at the Public Library.

—The Board of Health meets on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. A. Madill, Georgetown, will preach next Sunday morning.

—Warm sunshine on Wednesday.

—The Acton Band is expected to give a concert shortly.

—Mr. Fox, Parkdale, gave a lecture on temperance in the Methodist church last Monday evening.

—Mr. John Arthur has put in a complete stock of new groceries. Read his advertisement in another column.

—"Three months' subscription" will be given to the person supplying the town with a good supply of the Free Press of March 1st.

—The Guelph Mercury is referring to the marriage of a couple in that city this week as being Rev. Archdeacon Dixon and the bride's sister.

—R. B. Fergusson informs us he has to press that long list of the Dominion Parliament referred to in the 13th new remedy. Call at office if you want one.

—The Township Sabbath School Association of Puslinch, will hold its annual convention on the 17th February in Duff's church, East Puslinch.

—The centenary of the death of John Wesley occurs on March 2nd next, and the event will be commemorated in all the Methodist churches in Canada.

—Communion services were held in the Methodist church last Sunday morning. Rev. J. Hanna, of Newburgh, preached an earnest discourse from Luke 6:13. The attendance at the service was good.

—Mr. Adam Cook will offer for sale on his premises on Saturday his high bred Jersey and Ayrshire cattle and a long list of stock and implements. Sale at one o'clock. W. H. Person, Auctioneer.

—The tea meeting in the Methodist church, Acton, on last Friday evening, was well attended. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Griffin, Acton, Love and Geo. Georgetown. The Georgetown choir provided the music.

—Pat Prospero, the Parry Sound poet, who rows about the country blarneying those who patronize him and reviling those who don't, put Acton a visit last week. Pat counts himself quite a poet and author, but his productions, though effusive, are not the most refined.

—The Bishop of Qu'Appelle preached in Guelph on Sunday. His visit was in connection with missions in the North-west. The Bishop is a brother of the Earl of Lichfield and therefore the Hon. Adelbert Anson. On Saturday evening he was tendered a reception in St. George's Church school room, at which several of the congregation were presented to him and the Rev. E. Sanderson, of the State of New York.

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THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and Every Item Interesting.

Flynn's Old House Distroyed.

Mr. M. Flynn, who has just finished his new house on the second line, got partly moved in last week. On Saturday morning the house vacated was found to be on fire, and it burned to the ground. A fire was on for the purpose of boiling feed for stock and it is thought the stove fell over and scattered the fire in the absence of those in charge. Some furniture and a number of books were burned.

A Joke on Politicians.

The Guelph *Herald* says: "The Reform party have secured the old ten cent store for committee rooms and have their sign over the door. Just above this stands the sign used by the former occupant of the store, which was hardly covered over with canvas. The wind, however, blew this covering partly off and citizens have to day looked with astonishment on the sign which reads: "Ten cent Reform Committee Rooms."

Compliments to our Boys and Girls.

A gentleman who was visiting in Acton last week left the Free Press "I must congratulate you upon the good behavior of your school children on the streets. I met them this afternoon coming from school and I never respect a lot of boys and girls I have seen in Acton. In night coming home I have often seen the school boys committing the most disgraceful outrages imaginable." For years the Acton Public Schools have been noted for their good order and it was a pleasure to us to have an outside gentleman make reference to it. We publish it be cause we think it will encourage our boys and girls in the good name they have earned for themselves. It is hoped that parents will always be as proud of their children as our visitor was.

The Harmonic Concert.

[illegible]

Canadian Press Association.

[illegible]

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

Mr. Harry Wade, of Brantford, is in town.

Mr. Fred. Albright, of North Adams, is in Acton.

Miss Lambert, of Toronto, is visiting Acton friends.

Mr. R. Anderson spent Sunday with friends in Guelph.

Mr. R. J. Kennedy, of Orillia, was in town on Sunday.

Mr. G. G. Blackwell, of Muskoka, was in town on a visit.

Miss Lynch, of Georgetown, visited friends here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lee, of Newburgh, were in town over Sunday.

Miss Lila Towell returned last week from a visit to friends in Toronto.

Miss Norris, of Rockwood, spent a couple of days this week with friends here.

Miss Nellie Spight, Markham, is the guest of her brother, Mr. C. E. Spight.

Mr. John J. Kelly left last week to visit his uncle who was very ill and has since died.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Michigan, returned home last week to spend a few weeks holidays.

Mrs. Collis, of Fergus, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Firstbrook, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamill, of Garafraxa, spent a day or so last week with Acton friends.

Mrs. Archd. Nickell, of Douglas, Man., was tendered a reception at the home of Mr. Wm. Gurney last week.

Mr. Aaron Smith, sr., who has been visiting friends at Hamilton and Glanford for a week or two has returned home.

Rev. J. A. Reay, of McMaster University, has accepted a call to the Baptist church, Dundas, which is an important station.

Mr. I. Francis is the delegate from Acton Lodge, No. 307, A.O.U.W., to the Grand Lodge which meets in Toronto next week.

Mr. Fred Secord left this week for Milwaukee, Wis., where he has secured an unusually lucrative position with a large glove manufacturing concern.

Mr. J. P. Secord, of Orillia, spent a day or so last week in renewing acquaintances in Acton. The Red Cross Hospital under his control is constantly growing in public favor.

Mr. L. Eastmar, of Brampton, who has been ill at his brother's here since early in January with typhoid fever, is rapidly convalescing and will soon be able to be out again.

THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

ERIN.

The Township Council met at Hillsburg last Saturday.

The Royal Templars meet in the Orange Hall now. Friday evening will be their first meeting there.

Rev. J. A. Reay, who ministered to the Baptist church, Bellevue, last summer has accepted a call to the Baptist church, Dundas.

Mr. D. Gibson has quite a number of buildings to move the coming season.

Communion services were held in Burns' Church on Sunday morning.

At the regular meeting of the Erin Public School Board, J. Delaney, was elected chairman for the year and C. Overland, jr., re elected Sec.-Treas. for the present year.

MILTON.

The Military Company here want a drill shed.

The Public School is holding entertainments with a view to the purchase of a bell for the school.

A parlor concert will be held at the residence of Mrs. Matheson this (Thursday) evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Knox church.

Messrs. Earl & Bolly have enlarged their business and now occupy the stores east of the Canadian office, having thrown both into one.

Martin Cosler, whose trial for unlawful transfer of a note given him by Nathan Moore for a patent right was reported in last week's Canadian, appeared before Judge Miller on Saturday to receive his sentence, which he defied to be a fine of $50, and which was accompanied by a whole some lecture.

The Town Council met on Monday evening when the principal business transacted was the third reading of the by-law appointing James Burkholder and Wm. Hagle collectors, and the introduction of a by-law appropriating $[illegible] for high school purposes. The latter by-law was voted down so that it could be submitted to a vote of the town, which will be done shortly.

ROCKWOOD.

Messrs. Fred Burke and [illegible] Stephenson have taken to telegraphy at Rockwood. [illegible] temporary situation in the office during the absence at Pinkerton, of Mr. [illegible] Thursday evening between Gordon of Rockwood and Cooper of Acton, the former won [illegible] in four legs out of five games.

At the meeting of Select Knights, Friday evening, I. C. Walker D.G.C., A. Wilson, D.D.G.C., and [illegible] were the only representatives from outside lodges present. [illegible]

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Mr. Fred Secord left on Monday morning for Milwaukee, Wis., where he has secured an unusually lucrative position with a large glove manufacturing concern.

[illegible] Mr. J. T. Wood, Mr. [illegible] Murray, and Wright, Sec'y, Mr. Jas. Strickland, Treas., Mrs. Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fox, of Toronto, have spent their holidays here. A number of friends met them on Wednesday evening and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. Geo. Boyce, Brantford, has sold his business in Acton on the 4th line to Mr. Wm. Tuck, of North Acton, for $1,200 cash.

A very large carload, with a great price, will be held in the rink next Wednesday evening.

I have been credibly informed by a party who certainly ought to know that the [illegible] in Wellington county were the most [illegible] within the limits [illegible] by the circular sent to the teachers. Consequently, I am glad to say that the paragraph appearing in last week's item regarding the methods of our journals for [illegible] their circulation by giving premiums to subscribers which might be referred to as a reply in the strongest to her position [illegible].

GEORGETOWN.

Another on the list.

[illegible] man. Times, Grits and mugwumps [illegible] Mr. should be protected.

Mrs. Hodgins Anchy, of Guelph, is visiting her sister, Miss M. Anchy, of the Manse, this [illegible].

No person of Mongolian origin need apply for poll tax at the coming elections. That's hard on Hallinafax.

Fair day with us is gradually resuming out at the usual end. It is nice made. We learn a lot of complaining that this is all owing to the McKinley tariff and the "Grit annexationists." Last Friday's fair was represented by a few dead and alive pigs with farmers' [illegible].

Another very pleasant and successful bee and butter party was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening. These parties are even more popular with our young people than the more imposing assemblies, and we think more deservedly so as they are less formal and more select.

The Salvation Army held another "big event" with a small house on Thursday evening last. The lady officers in charge here are getting to be deservedly popular.

Mr. Bleiting, a former foreman of the *Herald*, has been calling on his many friends here for the past few days. He is now located in Toronto, and reports a fair degree of prosperity.

The Methodists held quarterly service on Sunday and a meeting of the Quarterly Board was held on Monday afternoon. Rev. T. Gee presided at both.

On Wednesday evening last a number of young people gathered by invitation at the home of Mrs. Tindale. An evening of thorough enjoyment was spent by all in games and music, and in doing justice to the good things provided by their kind hostess.

On Monday evening a committee of firemen waited on our Council at their regular meeting and earnestly petitioned them to take some steps toward exempting the firemen from payment of poll-tax. After considerable discussion pro and con the committee received the assurance that in future the "Deacon" should not molest any of our fire-fighters on this point.

A meeting of the High School Board was held on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, all the members present. The only business of importance transacted was the passing of a number of accounts, and the discussion and subsequent action taken regarding pupils whose fees had not been paid. In such cases power was given to the principal to suspend until paid. The attendance at the school is considerably over the hundred.

Mr. J. H. Jackson has introduced the "penny in the slot" machine into our town. Drop in your penny and get a chew of tutti frutti. We'll be being dynamite next.

S. Burns was convicted before Police Magistrate Ball to day of having asked for liquor at Welland during prohibited hours on Saturday evening last, and a fine imposed.

THE COUNCIL'S CHOICE.

Dan Graham Gets The Big Job. The Tavern Licenses Cost Same as Last Year.

MR. GRAHAM'S LIST OF DUTIES.

The charge cannot be made these days that citizens fail to take an interest in the affairs of the Municipality, for the attendance at the meeting of the Council on Monday evening was larger even than at the previous meeting.

The attraction for the unusual crowd was the expectation that the appointment of the new municipal officer would take place. In this however, they were disappointed for although the by-law was introduced the appointment was not made until the following evening at a special meeting.

Promptly at eight o'clock the Reeve took the chair and all the members were in their places.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. W. A. Storey asking the Council to pay over the sum at credit of near portion of Cemetery as per by-law granting the property.

Compliance with Mr. Storey's request required considerable investigation on the part of the Council for the books during the early days of the Cemetery were not in a very satisfactory condition. As far as could be ascertained the sum of $297.50 had been paid in to the Municipal treasury for lots purchased in the rear portion and of this an aggregate of $264.50 had been paid at intervals since the opening of the Cemetery to Dr. McGarvin and Mr. Storey.

The Committee on finance presented their second report recommending payment of the account of H. P. Moore of $24.25 for printing and advertising.

Mrs. S. A. Secord was present to interview the Council with a view to securing the Council Chamber for meetings to be held by an evangelist she expected from Hamilton. Mrs. Secord explained that he was coming to preach the gospel, would not ask there with any set and would take no collections. Seeing that he was coming to do the people good she hoped the Council would give the room free or at least for only a nominal charge.

The members of the Council explained that owing to the fact that the Council Chamber was to use for meetings several night each week, and the election committee would render them further demand that the room be kept free for the purpose named.

The committee appointed to interview Messrs. McLean & McLean, with reference to the rent of their office in the town hall, reported that Mr. W. A. McLean had always had charge of the matter and would give it his attention within a month.

Moved by Geo. Hamill, seconded by John Harvey, that the report of the committee be received and a month be allowed for the matter. Carried.

Moved by John Harvey, seconded by Hayden Anderson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to limit the number of tavern licenses in this municipality and to fix the amount to be paid for such licenses and that by-law be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read a first time.

A motion for second and third readings was passed and the Council went into committee of the whole with Mr. J. B. Pearson in the chair.

The number of licenses was fixed at three and the fee at $100 the same as last year. Committee rose and reported.

Moved by John Harvey, seconded by Joseph Anderson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint for this municipality a municipal officer to attend to the following duties:

Assessor,
Collector,
Sanitary Inspector,
Caretaker Town Hall,
Caretaker Public Schools,
Caretaker Cemetery,
Caretaker Public Parks,
Lamplighter,
Repairing and Building sidewalks,
Cutting Weeds,
Village Constable,
Pound-keeper,

and such other duties may be required in connection with the work of the municipality, and that said by-law be now read a first time. Carried.

The by-law was read a first time and the Reeve explained that as there were some six applications and the time of the Council would be occupied with other business at this meeting he would call a special meeting to deal with the further readings of the by-law and making the appointment.

Mr. Pearson. In connection with this matter I would suggest that as the School Board is interested with us in this matter that we invite three members of the Board who voted in favor of this change to meet with us and confer in the securing of a suitable man.

Mr. Harvey. I have no reason to find fault with such an arrangement.

The G. T. R. agent, through the Reeve, suggested that the street lamps on the east and west side of the G. T. R. track on Mill street should be allowed to burn until midnight, as a preventative against the danger attending the shunting of the trains during the night. Mr. Holmes, the Agent, agreed to have the lamps extinguished.

The street and sidewalk committee will give the matter their consideration.

Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Council met as per adjournment at seven o'clock this evening.

The hour being early and the meeting very quietly announced the large gathering of the previous evening was not present.

The Reeve was in the chair and every member in his place.

The only business brought up for consideration was the appointment of the municipal officer referred to in the foregoing.

The applications were opened and read by the Clerk in the following order:—

1. Charles Kirkpatrick.
2. One who requested that his name be kept *sub rosa*, unless he got the appointment.—He didn't get it.
3. Hugh S. McDonald.
4. W. P. Campbell.
5. W. D. Smith.
6. Daniel Graham.

After duly weighing the merits of each applicant it was decided to select the new officer by ballot, and Mr. Graham received a majority of the votes.

The Council went into committee of the whole for the second and third readings of the by-law after which it was passed.

By this time the Grits began to swarm into the Council Chamber to hold their meeting for the appointment of delegates to the County Convention next day, and the Council was adjourned.

STRAY JOTTINGS.

Caretaker Easton's term of office expires on the 14th. It will be a one-cent valentine he'll get this time.

Chief Graham enters upon a portion of his duties on the 15th. He won't have much use for starch in his boiled shirt when spring opens and he's kept on the run from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The consideration is $400 per annum, and sureties are required for satisfactory performance of the work.

One of the applicants said in his application: "I will perform the work faithfully with God's help." A good many fear the appointee will require help from some source if the multitudinous duties are satisfactorily performed.

Wonder if the new Chief of all municipal work will don a uniform and Chief of Police cap like his Georgetown contemporary.

Councillor Harvey suggests the securing of new self-extinguishable at eleven p.m. burners for the street lamps.

And now that the corporation finds the oil, American oil is proposed in order to give brilliancy and save smoking.

Dan will do his sidewalk work well, for that's in his line.

There are five applicants for the position who feel that they have been most unfairly dealt with. Each one had the best claims.

KNATCHBULL.

The wife of Mr. Leonard Watson, Nassagaweya, is lying very seriously ill with pneumonia. Both lungs are affected and but little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Arrangements are being made to give a grand entertainment in Bloomsbury school on the evening of February 27th. A good time may be looked for.

The Reformers sent a full delegation from here to attend the convention at Milton Wednesday to select a candidate to enter the field in the coming election.

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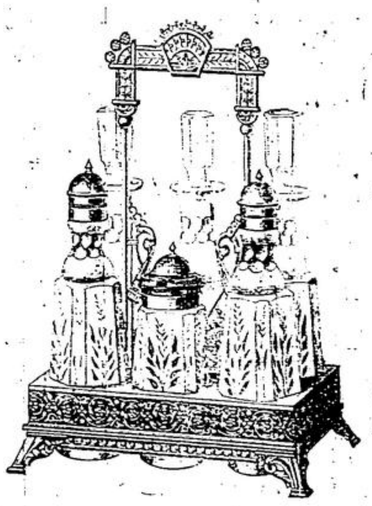

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