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**CEO. HYNDS, Acton.**  
**The Acton Free Press.**

**LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS**  
Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of Free Press Reporters this Week.

—Acton is to have a resident dentist.  
—Division Court today at ten o'clock.  
—Missville changes \$160 for her tavern license.

—The sleighing continued very fair until yesterday.  
—The weather the past few days has been exceedingly fine.

—The Farmers are preparing to gather their maple sugar harvest.  
—The High School by-law was defeated in Milton on Monday by a majority of 21.

—Mr. G. H. Kennedy, Reeve of Georgetown, will preach at the Brick Church, next Sunday morning.  
—The Joint Reading Room committee of councillors and citizens met in the town hall last evening to arrange for the proposed new public reading room.

—John Graham, of Ferris, and Anson Smith, Acton, skated a five mile race at Ferris Monday night for a purse of \$50. The former was the winner by about half a lap.

—Rev. W. Rae, will be absent next Sabbath preaching anti-slavery sermons at Union Church, for Rev. Mr. Argo. A student will occupy the pulpit of Knox Church.

—A tramp spent Monday night in the public school. He gained an entrance through a window, burst a pile of the Chief's wood and crawled out just before he arrived to light the fire next morning.

—There was no service in St. Alban's church last Sunday owing to Rev. G. B. Cooke, the incumbent, being prostrate with a severe attack of asthma, his old complaint. Lenten services as usual this week on Thursday evening at 7.30.

—The new president of the county Sabbath School Association is already actively engaged in interesting the schools in S. E. work. He has arranged with Rev. J. W. Rae to deliver his address on the International Convention at Pittsburg, before the S. E. workers of Georgetown next Tuesday evening.

—Any person who furnishes reliable items to a newspaper is looked upon as a valuable friend to the editor. Many persons hesitate about sending a postal card or other information to a newspaper regarding the movements of their friends or themselves lest the editor should think them anxious to see their names in print. He will think nothing of the kind. He is glad to get such notices.

—Dr. Striton, the well-known dentist of Guelph, has taken into partnership his brother, D. Striton, L.L.S., a recent graduate of Toronto College of Dentists, and they have decided to open an office in Acton. They have obtained apartments in Matthews' Block opposite, and are having them thoroughly refitted and furnished. This office will be in charge of the junior partner and will be open every week day.

—To my many customers in Acton and vicinity I would respectfully call your attention to my immense stock of choice New Spring Goods, which I can confidently say are the finest I have had the pleasure of showing. As I have made special bargains in the purchasing of them I am offering special inducements for spring, and will be pleased to meet all my old customers and many new ones, and as I am giving my special attention to the cutting, I can assure you of perfect satisfaction and good fitting clothing every time. R. E. Nelson, Guelph.

—\$745.00 in Gold for a Wife.  
—We will give to the first person telling us where June 1st, 1891, when in the Bible the word "wife" is first found \$100.00 in gold. To the next \$30.00. To the third, \$20.00. To the fourth \$20.00. To the fifth, \$10.00. To the sixth, \$5.00. To the seventh, \$2.50. To the eighth, \$1.00. To the person sending in the last correct answer, we will give \$100 in gold. To the next to the last \$50, and so on same as from the first. With your answer send 25 cts. in silver, or 27 cts. in gold, for a box of Dr. Cole's Blood and Liver Pills, the best Blood, Liver, and Stomach Pills ever made. Send care for sick headache. Don't Grip. Remember the presents are absolutely free being given away to advertise Dr. Cole's Perfect Pills and Family Remedies. At the close of the contest the names and addresses of all the prize winners will be published. We refer you to the Traders' Bank, of Guelph, for a full list of names. Address, House Specific Co., Guelph, Ont.

**THE NEWS AT HOME.**  
Mostly of a Local Character, and Very Item Interesting.

**Oyster Supper.**  
The gentlemen of the Methodist church are arranging for an oyster supper to be given next Wednesday evening. This will be an enjoyable evening, and this being the first oyster supper given here this season a large attendance will no doubt be present. After supper a good programme will be carried out. The admission will be twenty five cents.

**The Nickel in the Slot.**  
An Iowa judge has decided that a boy who tied a thread to a nickel, dropped it into a slot, and repeated the operation until he had cleared the contents of the receptacle of which the slot was a part, had not committed an offence against the law. The judge held that he had merely done what the inscription on the machine told him to do—drop a nickel in the slot—and had kept on doing it. Nothing was said about leaving the coin where it was dropped.

**A Halton Man Dies At Vancouver.**  
About three weeks ago Mr. John W. Chapman, son of Mr. E. Chapman, of Campbellville, left home via O. P. R. for California. On the way he was taken ill with inflammation of the bowels and died at Vancouver, B. C., where he died. He was about 25 years of age and unmarried, and for some years was engaged in Halton as a public school teacher, in which profession he was successful. He was also a non-commissioned officer in the 20th Batt. A Wideawake Newspaper.

**The frequent complimentary references by our readers to the enterprise of the Free Press last week in giving the returns of the election took in the County and the Dominion the morning after, have been very gratifying. The telegraph and telephone were used to excellent service and we were enabled to place the Free Press on the breakfast tables of our local subscribers, a considerable time before the morning dailies came to hand. That this effort was appreciated the kind words bestowed and the large extra edition sold amply testify.**

**The Cedar Creek Social.**  
The social given at the residence of Mr. John Warren, under the auspices of the Baptist church, last Friday evening, was quite a success. The force snow storm during the day and the heavy rain, and Mr. Warren's family exerted themselves in all directions to ensure the pleasure of those present. Rev. Mr. Norton was master of ceremonies and conducted a good programme in which Revs. J. A. Keay, Dr. Gifford, J. W. Rae, Mr. Moffat, Mrs. McFieley, Mrs. Warren, Miss Bessie, Miss Warren and Miss Norton took part. Mr. Keay continued the "lion's share" and edited all.

**The Acton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society has for many years been active in the effort to secure funds for the spread of the gospel. The annual meeting, which has been held for many years, has been held in Acton for the present year will be held on Friday evening of this week, commencing at 7.30, in the Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Rae, who is the agent of the society for this section this year will present the claims of the cause. In the Methodist church on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Brampton, who has heard Mr. Rae's address, paid him a high tribute for his excellence and advised all the people to go and hear it. The resident ministers will also be present and the public is cordially invited.**

**Amateur Missionary Services.**  
The annual missionary meeting were held in the Methodist church last Sunday. The services were of a most interesting character throughout, and the congregations were large both morning and evening.

**Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Brampton, preached a most eloquent and impressive discourse in the morning from the text, Prov. 11:20. "He that withholdeth words is wise." Man was held up as the superior being on earth, rendered so because God had breathed into him a soul. The value and importance of a soul was referred to and the responsibility and privilege of being instrumental in the salvation of a soul was impressed upon all. In the evening Rev. Dr. Gifford presided and a touching and encouraging report of the work of the missionary society during the year, showed the revenue for 1890 to have been \$22,000 and gave a satisfactory analysis of the manner in which the funds are expended. Rev. Mr. Boyle followed in a brief address, referring to the vision of Daniel, 7th chap., the wonderful march of Christianity throughout the earth and the ultimate consummation of the events anticipated in the remarkable vision. An appeal was made to the congregation for contributions for missionary purposes and the liberal response made the amount subscribed about thirty-five per cent. in advance of that of last year. The choir rendered excellent and appropriate music during the services.**

**COMING AND GOING.**  
Visitors to and from Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

—Mrs. John Perkins is visiting friends in Berlin.  
—Mr. Anson Smith was home from Hamilton over Sunday.

—E. J. Mayor and Mrs. Gowdy paid Acton friends a short visit yesterday.  
—Mr. Anson Smith Sr., has been very ill for several days but is recovering.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Wynn and family, of Campbellville will shortly move to Milton.  
—Mr. Patrick Lamb has been very ill the past week. His recovery is despaired of.

—Miss Annie Boomer, who has been visiting for some months with friends at Elginstown, is now spending a few weeks in Acton.  
—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stone, of Toronto, were guests at Cedar Creek Farm the past week.  
—Mr. and Mrs. P. McGee, of Toronto, spent a few days with Acton friends last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finckbrook Jr., of Toronto, were guests of Mr. James Finckbrook, over Sunday.  
—Messrs. William and Duncan McGregor returned to Brandon on Tuesday. They took a car of stock with them.

—Mr. John Horvath, for many years a hardware merchant in Guelph, died on Saturday at Oak Lake, Manitoba.  
—Rev. T. M. Campbell, of St. Mary's, has been invited to become pastor of the Cambridge Methodist Church in Lindsay, and last accepted, subject to the action of the transfer committee.

**The Hamilton Herald says—**At a special meeting of the local board of the St. James' Methodist Church last night, it was unanimously agreed to extend to their popular pastor, Rev. T. A. Moore, a hearty invitation to remain for another year. The board also congratulated him for the success of the past two years, both financially and spiritually. In reply Mr. Moore expressed his willingness to remain with them for another year notwithstanding cordial invitations from other churches at large salaries than he had received from his present charge.

**THE COUNTRY AROUND.**  
News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

**ERIN.**  
This township gave a majority of 162, but the Village gave Goldie 13 more than Erin.

**CREWSON'S CORNERS.**  
William J. Brown left for Brandon, Man. on Tuesday to company with Mr. John Royce, of Ermaison, who has spent a couple of years in the North West and returned recently for his stock and implements. Mr. Royce also takes back with him one of Ontario's western daughters to comfort him in his Western home.

**Mrs. James Storeton, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is rapidly convalescing.**  
Rev. Hugh J. Fair, of Ermaison, preached a missionary sermon here last Sunday.

**KNATCHEBULL.**  
It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of Hattie Darby, wife of Mr. George Kitching, Nantawaga, who has not been well for some days and it was thought that she was only suffering from a bad cold, but about a week ago her illness developed into typhoid fever. Her case was not considered dangerous until Thursday last when she grew worse and peacefully passed away on Friday evening about 10 o'clock. Her age was 37 years and 8 months. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the Ebenezer Cemetery. Her kind acts and Christian character had won the esteem of all who knew her, and a sorrowing husband, two daughters and a community in this their sad bereavement.

**The other day Mrs. McColbrie, who is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Clark, Nantawaga, in stepping off the door-step, slipped and fell breaking her arm a little above the wrist. The break is a bad one, but it is doing as well as can be expected.**

**Another the ice, the greater the number of days a person experiences. Old winter hasn't wasted his supply of snow in blocking off the highways this year.**

**OAKVILLE.**  
It appears as though your Oakville correspondent has been sleeping for the last few weeks, but we must bear in mind that appearances are often deceptive, especially while an election excitement continues. No, your correspondent has not been sleeping, neither have I been talking politics, much less scattering loose over the county but owing to uncontrollable circumstances I have not been able to send reports for the past few weeks, so with apologies for the past seeming neglect I will try and write what little news of interest there is to be gathered in our rather quiet town at present.

**A couple of weeks ago a number of young people were entertained one evening at Mr. J. Taylor's residence. An agreement was written out and signed by two young gentlemen present, agreeing that the one whose party got left on the 5th of March, should treat the other company at the same residence to an oyster supper. Last Saturday evening this supper was given by the disappointed young man. Several toasts were drunk, and ably responded to by the young people present. Mr. C. M. Young being master of ceremonies. A very enjoyable evening was passed and all felt that it was good to have an election once and awhile.**

**Mrs. Wm. and N. Robinson now have their store fully completed and a new stock of choicest goods on hand. There is no need now of anyone going to the city in order to have a variety of goods to choose from.**

**Rev. Canon Worrell had the misfortune on Sunday morning last of falling down stairs, and breaking three of his ribs. His pulpit was occupied on Sabbath by Rev. E. Graham, a retired clergyman residing in town.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, of Burlington; Mr. Chas. Williams and his sister, of Glen Williams spent Sunday with relatives in town.**

**Our temperance council is still in a prosperous condition. New members are joining with us every week, most of whom are young men. At our last meeting a number of short addresses were given by Dr. C. H. Lusk, Mr. H. Husland, Misses N. Taylor and L. Anderson.**

**MILTON.**  
The Champion is putting in a fine new cylinder press this week.

—W. B. Clements has succeeded J. J. Zealand in the hardware business here.

—Mr. Robert Coates, of Kilmorie, has received the appointment of Town Clerk.

—Col. D. Campbell has taken proceedings against Nelson Township Council to have its members indicted at the coming session for neglecting to build a bridge over the Twelve Mile Creek near Zimmerman to replace one which was carried away in a flood some years ago.

—Last week as Rev. D. M. Johnson, of the Trafalgar circuit, was driving across the Drummond bridge he was thrown into the creek, which was very high. He sank almost immediately and would have been drowned had not been plucky rescued by Mr. Oscar Hood. We are happy to say that neither Mr. Johnson nor his rescuer at any of the works for the cold bath.—Champion.

—The Methodist place of Milton, next to the behind other places in regard to church accommodation have built themselves a large and beautiful church which will compare favorably with those in large cities. It has a seating capacity of about 600, and is built in the amphitheatric style of architecture, with the latest improvements in heating, lighting, etc. The dedicatory services were held on Sunday by the Rev. John Kay, of Bradford, President of Conference, Rev. Mr. Wakefield, chairman of the district, and Rev. Dr. Dewar, editor of the Christian Guardian. The church was crowded to overflowing. The people of Milton may well feel proud of this new addition to its fine buildings. The entire cost of the church is in the neighborhood of \$18,000. The Presbyterians of the same place have also a fine church in course of completion, and which will be ready about June. When completed, it will be equal to its Methodist neighbor, and will cost about \$15,000.

—Government Detective Murray was here several days last week, having been instructed by the Ontario Government to enquire into the circumstances of the Brothers alleged forgery case near here about a year ago, with a view of commencing legal proceedings. He is satisfied that the charge against Brothers is fully justified. The case will be pushed, and Brothers will probably be on his way back to Canada very soon. He is now living in California.

—Mrs. Philip Horning, of Brant, got up apparently as well as usual on Sunday, and attended to her household duties until 10 o'clock, when she took a bad headache and four hours later died of cerebral apoplexy.

**ROCKWOOD.**  
Mrs. S. Duffield and Mrs. John Barber visited Rockwood friends last week.  
Mr. Wm. McCarty has returned looking hale and hearty after an extended trip to British Columbia.

**Special services were conducted each evening of last week in the Methodist church.**  
A great checker match was played Monday night at Lee's Hotel between some eight of our local draughtmen and an equal number from Erin and Hillsburg which resulted in favor of the visitors. After the match all sat down to a supper provided by the Rockwood team.

**Among visiting voters on Thursday we noticed Messrs. D. Strahan, B.A., Kingston, Chas. Strang, T. E. Jago, Toronto, Thos. Mason, Nell McIntosh, Acton; Jas. Clarke, A. Hulbert, Jas. C. Clark, Guelph; Thos. Corcoran, Glen Williams and others.**  
The Band Entertainment on Thursday evening was well patronized. The election returns were the chief attraction, while selections from the Band, songs from Messrs. Edward Strange and Joe. James with short speeches from Messrs. J. Remy, Hugh Black, Thos. Waters and Thos. Eagle added to the enjoyment of the programme.

**The how celebrated case of the "Home Knowledge Association, of Toronto" versus Black et al was tried on Monday before Judge Chidwick in the town hall here and considerable evidence taken for both parties. Mr. McGibbon, of Milton, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Field, of Guelph, for the defendants. Judgment was reserved until Monday, 10th inst.**

**GEORGETOWN.**  
This portion of our fair Canada seems to have been chosen as a dumping ground for Yankee blizzards.

**Judgment in favor of the County has been given in their suit against the Grand Trunk Railway for \$65,000 and costs.**  
Fair day on Friday last was an unmarked event in our midst. A severe storm was the only noticeable feature of the occasion.

**Every paper in the land is now giving its gratuitous advice to settle down to business now the elections are over. But they don't seem inclined to settle. Protests are now in order.**  
The Emma Wells Opera Co. is billed for a week in our hall, commencing Mar. 17th. They should be well received as they are under the auspices of our band.

**The Glen just now presents a most decided Polar appearance with huge chunks of ice decorating all the fences and blockading every street near the river. They will have a very damp time when the weather moderates once more.**

**A number of our townspeople attended the opening services of the new Methodist church at Milton on Sunday. It is perhaps the finest Methodist church in the County and the Miltonians are to be congratulated on their luck and enterprise.**

**Thursday was a gala day in Georgetown. The boaters of both parties were out in full force and a hot war was called out this last vote was polled. A comparison of totals with other years shows that this was the largest vote polled here in a long time. The result was an immense surprise to both Grits and Tories and goes to show that elections are an uncertain, uncertain thing.**

**PERSONAL ITEMS.—**Miss V. Bennett is visiting friends in Milton. Thos. Willard, of Owen Sound, was one of the many "outside" voters who voted here on Thursday. Mr. Thos. Bailey, of Wallbridge, has been shaking hands with old friends since polling day. Mr. J. B. McCord, of Toronto, was in town last week. Judge Miller held Division Court here on Tuesday. He is as hearty as ever.

**The Disciples are holding a series of meetings in our town hall commencing each night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Campbell, of Aylmer, is the speaker, and he is a very powerful and eloquent man. We wish them every success. Go and hear him.**

**Keep your troubles to yourself; when you tell them you are taking up the time of the man who is waiting to tell his.**

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**Mrs. Chisley—**I see statistics state that 75 per cent. of male criminals are unmarried.

**Mr. Chisley—**Which shows how many men prefer peace to matrimony.

**And the ensuing silence was so deep that Mr. Chisley could hear herself reflect.**

**Mother—**Goodness me! Why? Johnny! Why ain't you at school instead of harrumphing around the streets like a wild Indian?

**Johnny (dancing a jig)—**No school today.

**Mother—**No school? Why?

**Johnny—**Teacher's dead.

**Every base occupation makes one sharp in its practice and dull in every other.**

**Paradise is here, visible and tangible by mortal eyes and hands, whenever self is lost in loving.—Mr. Humphreys' Ward.**

**A mile would rather bear himself busy than to listen to anybody else's music. A good many people are built like him.**

**"What do you think of Job?"**  
"I think," replied the speaker, "that he would have got more patients if he had advertised."

**Teacher (at Sunday School)—**Beatty, what have we to do first before we can expect forgiveness of our sins? Beatty—We have to sin first.

**TEETH AND CHARACTER.**  
A leading dentist says: "To determine a person's character by the teeth take the upper front teeth. They are a true index of the nature of a man or woman. Here," he said, "is the tooth of a young lady who has a lovely disposition and is universally beloved; see how regular and dainty the formation is, and yet possessing all the requisite points for a perfect tooth. Here you see the tooth of a man who is cruel, great deal of stress is the heart of degenerated wires. Now we come to one that belonged to the mouth of a lady who is noted for her retirement and intellectual development. The slender and perfect in shape—one of the kind of teeth going with long slender fingers. Again, this tooth is from the mouth of a much graver nature; this woman is selfish, but has on the whole a kindly heart and more than willing to hurt another's feelings, but it is her nature to be regarded as 'liberal.' New York Ledger.

**Early Spring Goods**  
Received and Put into Stock.

2 Cases Dress Goods.  
2 Cases New Spring Prints.  
1 Case Ladies' LAWNS.  
1 Case Embroideries and Flouncings.  
1 Case Black Silk Laces.  
1 Case New Ribbons.  
3 Cases New Spring Millinery.  
1 Case New Spring Jackets.  
2 Cases Corsets.  
1 Case Umbrellas and Parasols.  
1 Case Ladies' Collars and Cuffs.  
1 Case White Shirts.  
1 Case Flannel Shirts.  
1 Case of Ladies' Underwear.  
1 Case Gent's Merino Underwear.  
1 Case New Spring Hosiery.  
1 Case Laces Towelling, and more to follow.

**Random Remarks.**  
Spider, Web, Ganzo and Fancy Net Novelties in Veilings. We show in great assortment.  
You are assured of reliable wear if you buy our Kid Gloves. If ever a pair does go wrong we always refund the money.  
Do you know that we keep a big range of Carpets? We are glad to show you something extra this spring. House keepers, bear this in mind.  
Ask your lady friend how she likes the Dress we made for her. The consensus of opinion is highly complimentary to the ability of our manager, Miss Lennox.  
We need effects for Ladies' Costumes and Street Dresses are highly popular. We have just opened some beautiful goods in that line.  
We are offering no more than our usual value in good Clear Linens for table wear. Still we were able a day or so ago to show a customer a Linen Napkin at \$1.25 per dozen, which was three inches larger all around, and fully as good as she had paid \$1.50 for elsewhere. A word to the wise, etc.

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