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Sign of the Big Watch.

The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1891.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLTS

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

-The fifth of November.

-Hockey election trial today.

-No business next Thursday.

-Thanksgiving Day - 12th November.

-Now begin to save for the Christmas presents.

-Board of Education next Monday evening.

-Provincial Election in East Wellington next Tuesday.

-A shooting match is announced for Thanksgiving Day.

-A few cords of dry wood is wanted at the Free Press office.

-The Free Press will be sent to new subscribers to January, 1892, for \$1.00.

-Goldie's mill, Guelph, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Saturday.

-Mr. Lindsay, a Knox College student occupied Knox Church pulpit on Sunday.

-Kelly Bros. have decided to continue business. Look for their new adv. next week.

-The Patrons of Industry are now dealing in groceries, coal oil, etc., on their own account.

-The property of Rev. Mr. Alexander, Nevel, has been purchased by Mr. Joe Mitchell for \$15,000.

-The Ladies' Aid of Knox church will hold a social tea in the town hall on the evening of Thanksgiving Day.

-Reeve Kirkwood will contest East Wellington with Jas. Craig, of the Ferguson & Craig Record. Both are reformers.

-Mrs. Head, of Guelph, whose husband's death was noted in last issue of the Free Press, died of diphtheria on Sunday.

-Brown sawmill completed the season's cutting last night. A large quantity of lumber has been turned out this year.

-Mr. W. Colwell has removed the plant of the West Lancashire Herald to Lexington, and will go up opposite to the Post.

-Mr. Alexander Lashay has purchased the family home, upon which he has resided for so many years. The price paid was \$1,500.

-R. B. Cook is the first insurance agent to present calendars for 1892. The Economic of Berlin, has a very neat and distinctive calendar.

-Mr. J. H. Pyper has disposed of his Bathurst business and purchased another in Stratford which will be conducted as J. H. Pyper & Co.

-The anniversary services in the Methodist church will be held on the 22nd and 23rd inst. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, will preach.

-The usual hallowe'en pranks were indulged in on Saturday night. Some of the boys gave themselves very laborious work for very little fun.

-The annual entertainment in connection with the closing of the Presbyterian S. S., Osgoode, will be held this year on Friday evening, Nov. 13th.

-The sacramental services in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning were of a very interesting character. Rev. Mr. Edge preached an excellent sermon.

-Mr. Michael Caley, of the second line lost a valuable horse by inflammation last week. As usual he had been offered \$150 for the animal the day before.

-The doctors in Toronto - where at the present time there is an epidemic of diphtheria - say that the habit of chewing gum among children helps to propagate and spread the disease.

-It is reported that a caretaker at one of the Main Street hotels made an excellent attempt at a bundle race on Hallowe'en. He knew the vandals who set the trap they would likely suffer.

-Our best thanks are due to a goodly number of subscribers to the Free Press who have settled up back accounts. But several hundred envelopes sent out a couple of weeks ago have not yet been returned.

-The Club of last Saturday gave a number of excellent engravings of Vancouver, B.C. Among them was one of the drug store of Mr. Harry McDowell, formerly of Milton. Mr. McDowell is one of the above city's most prominent business men.

-Thornton, the six-year-old son of Mr. Thomas Smith, had a narrow escape from serious injury, on Saturday evening. He was running the street after dark when a dog, containing three men ran over him and his ankle was run over. He was soon broken.

-Grinding stone, wheelbarrow, scythe, scythes, and other articles for sale. - Mrs. E. A. Brown.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character,
Every Item Interesting.

The Free Press is in Motion.

Mr. Archibald Campbell had a narrow escape from serious injury in Guelph on the other day. He had boarded a train and finding it was not the one he wanted, started to leave the car. It was in motion and in descending to the ground he fell and the step of the car struck him on the head. His injuries were not serious, but it was certainly a narrow escape.

Municipal News.

The Council met on Monday evening. The Reeve was in the chair and all the members were present. The only matter of business before the council was the twenty-first report of the committee on finance and it contained but one recommendation, the payment of an invoice for coal presented on behalf of Mrs. Read, Guelph, \$9.85. The account was passed and the Council adjourned.

Sudden Death at the O.A.C. Guelph.

A very sudden death took place on Monday night at the Ontario Agricultural College when Mrs. David Ross of Cobourg was killed. She has not been in good health for some time, and visited Toronto to obtain medical advice. She came on from there to Guelph two days ago to visit her daughter, the wife of President Mills. Her condition on Monday appeared to be unchanged, but about 7:30 p.m. she took suddenly ill and expired in ten or fifteen minutes' time. The deceased was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and had attained the age of 69 years. It was her intention to return to her home Monday. The body was taken to Cobourg next morning, being followed from the college to the station by some 90 students and other friends.

A Sack Thief.

On Friday morning a well dressed young man came to town and stated to several of our citizens that he was looking for a good place in which to open a jewellery store. He rented the little shop next to Remey's Drug Store, and engaged board with Mr. Lyman on Elgin Street. The shop was never occupied, and the boarder remained but for three meals and one night, then left by the Saturday morning train for Toronto, ostensibly to secure his stock. A few hours after his departure several of the boarders found their pockets had been picked one after another, another of five dollars, and a third of sixty cents. The jeweller did not return. He stated while here that he had levied his trade with Wanless of Toronto, and that he had lived for some time in Brampton.

Another Heavy Breach.

The old saying that "Troubles never come singly," is very frequently verified, and this has been the case of an esteemed family in our midst. Last week Rev. Mr. Edge was called upon to bury the remains of a dear little boy. On Tuesday evening the heartbreaking message came that Mr. Daniel Taylor, Mrs. Edge's elder brother, was instantly killed while at work on his farm. Mr. Taylor resides near Owen Sound, occupied a prominent position in the church and community and was the father of a large family. The accident arose of the sadness that has ever occurred in the community. In January Mrs. Edge's mother died suddenly after a short illness and in August a cousin was drowned at Owen Sound. Rev. Mr. Edge left yesterday to attend his brother-in-law's funeral. The sympathy of the community is extended in the heavy affliction.

They Spilled the Rye Bagas.

Last Friday Rev. Mr. Warren Jr. and J. Richardson, teacher, had an experience which neither are anxious to have repeated. Mr. Warren was having turns from the farm here to the homestead, and Mr. Richardson coming along took seat with him on the front of the sled. When a short distance from the road the dash board gave way and Mr. Warren was precipitated under the wagon and his companion astride the top. The horses were frightened and dashed homeward and up the lane with the terrified school teacher in his perilous position, and the drags flying in all directions. They were stopped without much damage except that between forty and fifty bushels of turnips were scattered along the road, not more than half a bushel remaining in the wagon. The horses were frightened and shaken up, but is around again in fairly good shape and now the young man has a thrilling experience to relate to coming generations.

On a Rock Stump.

On the farm of Mr. Wm. Brown, 4th line Elgin Street, recently. The centre rock had come down to the ground for nineteen feet.

The circulation of the Free Press moves quickly forward and new subscribers are added every week. We wish to give the local and district news. Tell your neighbour and send the paper to your relatives. Balance of 1891 free to new subscribers for \$1.00.

The males are sometimes very untidy, and many papers which are started to subscribers never reach them. If you find a number don't return the publisher, and don't remain silent, but report the loss to him, and another will be mailed.

Persons who do not receive the paper may still promote a full house.

GEORGETOWN.

Guy Fawkes Day.

Hallion election trial to day.

Already the gobblerers are wearing troubled looks.

D. Henderson, Esq., M.P., was in town Saturday attending Court of Revision.

The mild weather is calling forth the usual raptures about Indian Summer.

The Epsom League held another successful literary meeting in the Methodist church last Monday evening. A special series of meetings were commenced on Wednesday evening.

"Kelleys' Expectations" showed to a very poor house on Friday evening, but the performance was excellent from every point of view. It is hoped that the company will visit us again when we could almost promise them a full house.

Rev. Mr. Parent presided morning and evening in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Kelley's infant son, who had a fund of \$500 to his credit in the Clarendon Court, obtained from justice Robertson this morning permission to draw out \$500. The cheque is to be made jointly to Mrs. Margaret Murray, the infant's aunt; Miss Marian Murray, his cousin; and to himself, as he ought the ladies several sums of money.

He is an old man if he visits Acton.

A very odd call of the Grim Destroyer was made in the home of the Howells' last week, when the only remaining parent, the mother, was taken. The father had been laid to rest in California, and now the orphaned children are the deepest sympathy of the entire community in this last stroke of Providence.

Milligan's Comedy Co. strolled into town Sunday morning and showed to indifferent houses Monday and Tuesday. The prices asked by these shows are vastly in advance of their merit, and it is to be hoped the poor houses that greet them will have a salutary effect in keeping out of town.

A Rock.

Mr. John Black, and his nephew, Master Harry Hamilton, returned on Tuesday from a week's holiday to Detroit.

Dr. Farish, on 29th ult., had the degree of M.D. conferred on him at Trinity University Convocation.

Miss Mary, elder-in-law of Squine Strange, died on Saturday last, and was buried in Guelph on Monday. The deceased lady had been poor health for several years. A large funeral procession accompanied the remains to the Guelph cemetery.

We have a new butcher. Mr. Joe Kehoe, Guelph, is prepared to supply all.

Mr. Duffield returned yesterday from a visit to friends in Toronto.

One of our leading young men, with a penchant for fancy poultry, had a couple of trips last week, too a new strain that materialized as the trade mark from a rain-coat. The boy says he "acted."

The Women's Gospel Union holds a meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening. The united choirs of the village will sing.

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THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

ERIN.

The Council has appointed a committee to suppress vagrants in the village. It is to be hoped they will not be afraid to put the law into operation. The hoodlums who wrecked the Advocate office a few weeks ago should find themselves.

The Council has held eighteen sessions since their election.

At the Erin township ploughing match held on Tuesday the following took place:

As stated: 1st prize and sweepstakes, Mr. Robinson; 2nd class, E. Tolton, W. Simpson, J. O. McArthur; 3rd class, W. Jessop and Rott.

Grain is coming in in considerable quantities.

The next session of the Township Council will be held here on the 15th December.

The wife of Rev. R. Fowle, of this place presented her last week with a baby boy, J. R. Craig, the prospective M.P.P., in town smiling all day. The Toronto man who pretended to be a real wild and dangerous fool at a sideshow during the fair, is nothing but "Africa Giant" for his pay for "acting like a fool generally."

BALINAFAD.

The anniversary service of the Presbyterian Church, Balinafad, was held on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Large congregations were present on both occasions. Rev. Dr. M. Buchanan, of Georgetown, preached practical, powerful sermons, his text in the evening being: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." The tea-meeting and entertainment on Monday evening was largely attended. The program consisted of addresses by Rev. Mr. Emes, the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. M. Buchanan, Rev. J. Ball and other resident ministers. Solo, quartettes and choruses were rendered by the Acton Presbyterian choir. The soloist, Miss Henderson accompanied by vocal quartet, the quartette by Misses Maun, McClure, Meeks, Mann, Johnston, and the male quartet by Messrs. Mann, McClure, Johnson and Watkins were rendered in good style. The choruses were excellent and were received with applause. The evening throughout was one of pleasure and profit to all. The proceeds amounted to \$60.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bewick left this week to visit friends at Markham.

The special service in the Methodist Church is still in progress.

MITON.

Saturday night was the quietest Holloween in Miton has had for some time.

The poles for the electric light are being erected and we expect to have a well-lighted town in the near future.

Two fine new dwelling houses are being built by Mr. Wm. Hill and Mr. Thomas Lavery.

The Royal Templars held a very successful open meeting on Thursday evening. There was a large crowd and a good programme. A clergyman from Toronto was in town to speak.

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Most of the evidence in the Balinafad Cholera investigation is