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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1897.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Spring work begins to loom up.

—The March winds blow as usual.

—The maple sugar season is at hand.

—Guelph has now three one-cent daily papers.

—The weather is somewhat more spring-like this week.

—The skating rink business is over for the present season.

—Guelph is talking a big Diamond Jubilee celebration.

—A day or so more of soft weather will annihilate the sleighing.

—Mr. John Moffat has gone into the livery business in Milton.

—Reid Bros., stove dealers, Georgetown, have made an assignment.

—The robins are daily heard trilling their spring melodies now.

—Good Morning! Have you renewed your subscription for another year?

—Mr. Jno. A. Gordon has his wood contract with the Public School completed.

—Mrs. John Williams has our thanks for a budget of interesting papers from a distance.

—Mr. A. C. Graham, of Aylmer, has been in town this week in the interest of Acton Lodge A. O. U. W.

—Mr. E. H. Thomas, of Norwich, Oxford county, has purchased the Ronald fire engine works at Brussels.

—Guelph's City Treasurer's books are again in a muddle and an expert is to be called in to put them right.

—Our local merchants are not complaining about the discontinuance of the cheap market tickets to outside points.

—The proprietor of McEnaney's Hotel, Cataract, was fined $10 and costs last week for allowing dancing on his premises.

—A meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the home of the Secretary next Monday evening at seven o'clock.

—There is no rose without a thorn, there's fuzz on all the peaches; there never is a banquet given without a lot of speeches.

—The publishers of the Streetsville *Review* are now issuing a paper at Port Credit—The *Herald*. It is a very creditable sheet.

—A meeting for the re-organization of the Halton-Peel Base ball League is announced to be held at Milton, on Monday, 22nd inst., at 2 p. m.

—Rev. J. E. Howell preached in Brampton on Sunday. In the afternoon he addressed the prisoners and indigents in the county gaol.

—The rumor is again current that a project is on foot for the erection of a new Baptist Church here, and that subscriptions are being solicited.

—Friend! Subscribe for the FREE PRESS! Don't borrow it. Its a lot of bother and the subscriber doesn't like it. Left at your house every week for two cents.

—Mr. E. H. Schlimme, of Waterloo, has purchased the tailoring business of Mr. H. Strasser. He has moved his family to Acton and taken possession of the business.

—Officer Graham reports frequent guests at the town hall dormitories. They have been more than usual the past winter, owing perhaps to the cells being comfortably warmed now.

—In referring to Mr. Howell's visit to Brampton the *Conservator* says: Mr. Howell's sermons, marked by earnestness and devotion, were much enjoyed by all who heard them.

—A review of the proceedings of the Epworth League Convention, held at Paris, was given by the delegate from Acton at the League on Tuesday evening. The report was enjoyed very much.

—Councillor and Mrs. Brown provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening for the Methodist Choir last night, at their home on Main Street. The choir appreciated very much the interest manifested in their behalf.

—A sleighing party to the home of Mr. David Williamson was held on Monday evening by a party of young people. The kind reception by Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and family was an earnest of the enjoyable evening which followed.

—Every column of a newspaper contains from five thousand to fifteen thousand distinct pieces of metal, according to the size of paper and type. The displacement of one of these means an error. Is it any wonder that errors sometimes occur? Still, the people are shocked to see mistakes in a newspaper.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

School Pupils' Railway Fares.

The rates to school pupils are not so high as reported in the first announcement respecting the increased rates. The rate for pupils to Georgetown, who are under eighteen years of age, is $2.30 per month and to Guelph $3.45 per month. Pupils over eighteen are required to pay the full fare.

Grindell's New Machine Shops.

Mr. H. Grindell is getting in the machinery for his new machine shops and when the new building is up will have everything in readiness to place in position. He has purchased a 12 h.p. steel boiler and 10 h. p. engine, a lathe, planer and drill and a quantity of wood-working machinery. Building operations will commence as soon as spring opens.

Called to Eternal Rest.

After several weeks of serious illness death ended the sufferings of Mrs. Robert Auld, of the second line above Acton, last Friday. She was an old respected resident. Her aged husband and her children will miss her affectionate presence. She had reached her seventy-second year. The funeral was held on Sunday morning. Rev. V. J. Gilpin, her pastor, improved the occasion by a suitable sermon in the Brick Church. After the service the cortege proceeded to Churchill cemetery where interment took place.

The County Gaol.

According to the last report of the Inspector of Prisons there were 312 committments to Halton County gaol last year. Of these but four were women. Of the number 251 were discharged without trial; they were presumably tramps and vagrants. 39 were sentenced for a definite period. Of the 312 committed, 285 were returned as intemperate. The average cost per prisoner to the county for food, clothing, etc., was 75 cents, and the total expense per prisoner was $4.00. The average cost per day for each prisoner was 7.52 cents; while the average cost throughout the province was 20.28 cents. Guelph gaol cost the highest rate in Ontario—45.66 cents per day for each prisoner.

The Spring Assizes.

The Spring Assizes were held at Milton on Monday, Chief Justice Sir Wm. R. Meredith presiding. The docket was very light, there being only one criminal and one civil case for the court. Staley and Toby from Oakville were charged that on the night of the 19th December last they stole from the warehouse of Mr. Foulds in Oakville a quantity of shorts. The evidence was somewhat contradictory and largely circumstantial, and the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal. S. F. Washington for the Crown, D. O. Cameron for the prisoners. Cross v. Davidson is an action for damages brought by Albert E. Cross, bailiff of the second Division Court of the County of Halton, against Joseph Davidson, of Toronto, for wrongfully taking out of his possession goods which he had under seizure by virtue of executions in his hand issued from the Division Court. Decision was reserved.

Successful Missionary Anniversary.

Eloquent and impressive were the sermons preached by Rev. J. J. Redditt, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Brampton, in the Methodist Church last Sunday. The occasion was the Missionary anniversary and the discourses at both morning and evening services were most appropriate. The speaker was so full of fervor and earnestness, and his arguments so lucid and logical that none could listen without being convinced of the great truth and wonderful progress of Christianity. Mr. Redditt also addressed the Sunday School briefly at the close of the service in the afternoon. His address there was also much appreciated. The missionary offerings, including the amount contributed by the Sunday School, aggregated about $180—$125 of which was cash. The above sum will be considerably augmented when the collectors make their annual canvass.

An Expert's Good Opinion.

Mayor O'Donaghue, of Stratford, while favoring the FREE PRESS with a pleasant call on Monday, expressed a desire to look over the fire department equipment of his native town. A visit to the fire hall was taken and after a careful inspection of our steam engine, hose and reels, hook and ladder outfit, etc., he pronounced the equipment first-class in every respect. The Mayor was particularly interested in the large underground watertanks situated in the most popular parts of the town and kept full automatically by the gravitation mains. He was surprised at the completeness of our protection and expressed genuine pleasure that Acton was so fully abreast of the times. This opinion from a practical man of Mayor O'Donoghue's experience is of value to us, inasmuch as he was for years chairman of the Stratford fire department, and also as he is the representative in his city of one of the largest stock fire insurance companies doing business in Canada.

Brieflets of the Week.

—To hear the talk in some quarters about going to Rossland to shovel gold, and to the Northwest to harvest wheat by the thousand bushels, a big exodus from Acton might be expected within the next few weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, (farmer), entertained the choir of Knox Church on Friday, 26th ult., in a very hospitable manner. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the choir sincerely appreciated the courtesies extended.

—The essence of good advertising is to reach the people and to interest them in what they have to say. The FREE PRESS reaches the people of Acton and a wide circle beyond, and the FREE PRESS artists know how to make an advertisement attractive.

—A neatly-set adv. in an attractively printed paper means money in the advertiser's pocket. Try an adv. in the FREE PRESS this spring. All FREE PRESS adv's command attention. Our circulation is large and reaches the prompt paying homes of the community.

—Rev. T. R. Forbes will give his popular lecture "Sketches of New Zealand Life," in the church at Churchill next Tuesday evening. The lecture will be illustrated with colored views. Silver collection in aid of church funds. Rev. A. H. Hope, of Hillsburg, late of New Zealand, is expected to occupy the chair.

—The Oakville *Star* libels our young ladies by a line in what purports to be an original stanza: "Burlington girls are neat and sweet: Acton girls have large-sized feet." If the fair young man of the *Star* comes to Acton again he will not only take his own large-sized feet home with him but a pair of very large-sized ears as well.

—If you want first-class Guelph sash and doors at Guelph prices, T. EDMONDS, can fill our order at his planing mill.

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"CHARACTER."

Rev. W. F. Wilson's Splendid Lecture—First of the Epworth League Course.

No more suitable subject could have been chosen for the initial lecture of the course arranged by the Epworth League than the one delivered by Rev. W. F. Wilson, of Trinity Church, Toronto, last Friday evening. It was edifying, instructive and inspiring and calculated to influence the young people, who composed a majority of the good-sized audience, to more earnest and conscientious effort to make their life and conduct all they should be.

In announcing the subject the lecturer said it was one which would interest all the wise people as well as the otherwise people. "Character," we scarcely know what it is. It is not the product of wealth, nor knowledge, nor power. But it is that which makes the difference in the people we meet. It is what a man really is. It is at the back of all his actions. Character is most important to the young people, and was never at such a premium as it is now. Young men, he appealed, whatever else you strive for, strive for character. It will always stand as capital for you. This world is our battlefield. We have our contests in the school room, the workshop, the office, the field. We commence to build our character with the rudiments as in life and business. As we advance let us take time from Christ.

In the formation of character five important steps are necessary:—

1. SELF-RESPECT—Character cannot be conferred by parentage, gold nor power. It is the outcome of our living. Begin from the earliest moment to win the crown of good character. The most perilous years of life are between the ages of 16 and 21. It is then that self-respect must be exercised in the matter of habits; in choosing life companions, in deciding upon religious principles. Unless we exercise self-respect we cannot expect the world to have respect for us. Remember, he said, God wants to-day ordinary men, not extraordinary men.

2. SELF-RESTRAINT—Be a sovereign and not a slave; be a leader and not led. Young people of Acton! If you want the best that's in you to serve God and your fellows, exercise self-restraint. It is the first lie, the first oath, the first impure thought which fixes the destiny. Either you go on and these sins become fixed habits, or you exercise self restraint and form enduring character.

3. SELF-CULTURE—The works of education, science, philosophy, the inventions, the authors, are now accessable to all. Read them, study them, cultivate your mind in your leisure moments. But remember at the same time the Bible is no back number. It has abundance of matter teaching in the most delightful manner all the principles of self-culture.

4. SELF DENIAL—"Did you ever see a man enjoy himself all alone?" "No man liveth to himself." The thought kept in the brain unuttered, never does anyone any good. Deny your selfish inclination. Do good to all if it does demand self-denial. Gold kept in the vault will bless no one. Familiarize yourself with the history of Daniel and similar characters.

5. SELF-SURRENDER—Your heart will never be yours in the truest and highest sense until you give it away. Live so as to be something worthy of your name, your opportunities, your responsibilities, your God.

All the above divisions were ably amplified, and from beginning to close the lecture was fraught with beautiful word pictures showing the true philosophy of life. It was profusely illustrated by anecdote, both pertinent and entertaining, and was crowded with wise counsels and sound advice, which cannot fail to influence for permanent good the many young people present.

The choir of the church rendered several anthems most creditably, and Miss Jessie Nicklin sang the solo: "Daddy," with a sweetness and tender expression which rendered it most effective. Prof. Lee playing the accompaniment.

Rev. J. E. Howell, M. A., pastor, presided and Rev. H. A. Macpherson assisted in the devotional service.

The members of the League are highly pleased with the success of this first lecture and are looking forward to the lectures by Revs. D. W. Snider and G. A. Mitchell, B. A., with much interest.

NASSAGAWEYA.

Mr. John Locker is having a sale on Monday next as he is leaving the farm.

Mr. John Anderson has rented his farm at Knatchbull to Mr. Jas. Locker for a fair figure. Mr. Locker intends moving soon.

The regular monthly meeting of the E. L. of C. E. of the Ebenezer Church was held last Sunday evening and was a profitable meeting spiritually.

The Rev. A. Blair, B. A., preached in the Ebenezer Church last Sunday morning from Hosea 6th ch. and 1st verse. His sermon was highly appreciated by all.

Miss Ellen Taylor returned home Saturday after a six weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Clifford.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, of Knatchbull, is away on a visit to her son Dr. L. H. Wilson, D. D. S., L. D. S., of Armada, Mich.

The recent soft weather has taken off a good deal of snow and has brought some of the spring birds around again.

Mrs. Wm. Watson and Mr. Wm Napper left for the Northwest Territory on Tuesday last.

Mr. George Husband returned to his home in the Northwest Territory on Monday after several weeks' visit to friends in Nassagaweya.

The following is a report of the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 9, for February, based upon class-work and written examinations. Marks possible, 300.

Class V.—Wesley Coze, 264.

Class IV Sr.—Albert Wilson, 220; Wilbert Darby, 208; Katie Nickell, 193; Minnie Nickell, 180; Cameron Ramshaw, 158; Rosa Haw, 132; Lily Haw, 83; Walter Townsend, 76.

Class IV Jr.—George Knox, 231; Fred Williamson, 219; May Camp, 208; Jessie McGregor, 164.

Class III—Herbert Carroll, 182; Alfred Watson, 178; Ernest Borthwick, 152; Mabel Williamson, 150; Janet Borthwick, 148; Ben Nellis, 112; Gertie Nellis, 58; Minnie Lourey, 56.

Class II Sr.—Willie Watson, 229; Maggie Richardson, 227; Lizzie Leishman, 217; Alonzo Carroll, 207; Mabel Nickell, 197; Leonard Maltby, 151; Jennie Agnew, 143; Walter Borthwick, 130.

Class II Jr.—Victor Watson, 208; Wesley Gray, 202; Leonard Michie, 196; Roy Townsend, 100.

Part II—Ethel Watson, 250; Alice Richardson, 240; Louisa Alexander, 200; Fred Alexander, 195.

Part I B—Eva Leishman, Percy Carroll.

Part I A—Mamie Near, Charles Watson, Sidney Maltby, Colores Nickell, Fannie Alexander.

TERA CURRIE, Teacher.

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes

The FREE PRESS invites all its readers upon tribute to this column. If you or your friends are going away on a holiday trip or if you have friends visiting you drop a card to the FREE PRESS.

Mrs. T. E. M. Secord left on Tuesday for a ten days' visit in Guelph and the west.

Mr. Wm. Symon, of Wiarton, spent part of last week with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Wm. Auld, of Toronto, was home this week to attend the funeral of his mother.

Miss Annie Henderson, of Milton, was a guest at the home of Mr. John A. Henderon last week.

Mr. W. H. Storey has been confined to his room since Saturday with an attack of La Grippe.

Rev. Jno. C. Stevenson has been invited to remain pastor of the church at Elora a fourth year.

Mr. C. McNab, and Miss May Paemore, of Rockwood, paid Acton friends a flying visit this week.

Miss Armstrong has been in Toronto the past week studying the spring styles of ladies' costumes.

Miss Millie Anderson went to the Northwest last week in company with her sister, Mrs. John Ruddick.

Mrs. J. J. Redditt, of Brampton, accompanied Mr. Redditt to Acton, and visited her sister Mrs. T. T. Moore.

Owing to severe illness Rev. Father Haley was unable to conduct the services in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Willson, of Georgetown, paid her old friend Mrs. Chas. Symon, of "Corry Hall," a pleasant visit recently.

Messrs. John A. Henderson, George Hynds, James McLam, W. L. Worden, jr., and John Kindaird were at Milton on Monday as Jurors.

Mayor O'Donoghue, Mrs. O Donoghue and Miss Mary Helen were guests this week of George Mulholland Esq., and other friends in Acton and vicinity.

To Those About to Marry.

Young men or old men who intend to marry will be pleased to learn that the new Marriage Act is made quite simple by applying to H. P. Moore, issuer of marriage licenses, FREE PRESS Office, Acton. Call a few days before the ceremony and have the matter explained. Private office. All business strictly private and confidential. No witnesses required. At residence in evenings.

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Grey Fox	1.00 to	1.50.
Wolf	2.00 to	2.50.
Wolverine	4.00 to	8.00.
Lynx	2.00 to	2.50.
Wild Cat	50 to	60.
Marten	3.00 to	9.00.
Skunk	75 to	1.00.
Raccoon, Black	2.00 to	3.50.
Raccoon Common	60 to	1.00.
Badger	1.00 to	1.50
Deer	75 to	2.10.
Mink	1.00 to	2.00.
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Fine High-class Tailoring. In this department great reductions will be given during the sale. We have just opened out a fine selection of the best imported Suitings, consisting of Scotch, English and Irish, Spring Oaercoatings, Trouserings, etc. Remember these are all new. The latest importations of the season in English and American Hats, Caps, etc., just arrived.

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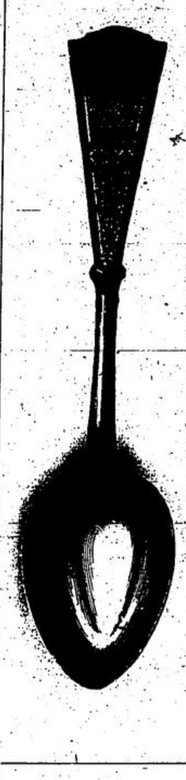

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The "Ethel Group" properties are well mineralized, as proven by the assays. Ore taken from a shaft 15 feet in the Ethel No. 1 and from another shaft 23 feet assays $7 to $12 per ton in gold, which compares very favorably with the assays of ore from the richest mines in this, the Trail Creek district, at the same stage.

Work is now being pushed rapidly, and before midsummer the management fully expect to have shipping ore on the dump.

Development work can be carried on at a minimum of expense. The northern end of the group being nearly 1,000 feet higher than the southern end, makes it suitable for operating by tunnel, which does away with expensive hoisting and pumping plants. Its proximity to the Trail smelter, with a good roadway directly to it, and the very near advent of a railway (the preliminary survey of which passes through the Ethel group), will place it on a working basis excelled by none in the camp.

The eagerness of American capitalists and mining men to secure a controlling interest in this company is evidence of the richness and merit of these claims.

A limited amount of the company's treasury stock is being placed on the market at 10 cents per share, the proceeds to be applied towards further development.

This price is liable to advance at an early date without notice.

Stock certificates will be issued to purchasers at the company's offices in Rossland and Toronto, and the stock may also be purchased from leading brokers.

The capitalization being only $250,000 per claim and the rich indications of the ore, together with careful and practical management, should assure good dividends in the near future.

The operation of the mines will be under the direct supervision of C. W. Smith, an experienced mining engineer from Cripple Creek, Colorado, and the greatest possible results may be anticipated.

Intending purchasers will please write or wire for prospectus or maps to

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