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LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Mud is prevalent again.

—Spring seems to have come pretty close.

—Wheelmen are polishing up their cycles.

—Wild geese have been flying over town the past week.

—Equinoxial gales were more gentle this year than usual.

—Nearly two months of steady sleighing, may be said of 1896-7.

—The mill dams have been severely tested the past few days.

—The I told you so man was on deck during Tuesday's snow storm.

—The merchants are giving their store windows a pretty spring aspect.

—Col. Allan has favored the FREE PRESS with copies of late Chicago papers.

—Four or five inches of snow fell during the storm on Tuesday afternoon and night.

—A disabled engine west of Acton delayed the morning train last Friday for about an hour.

—Butter and eggs are selling this week at 12 to 14 cents. Butter has an upward tendency.

—Did some one make the original remark that "Winter lingers in the lap of spring," yesterday?

—The farmers who neglected to put in their supply of ice before the 20th March will be short next summer.

—Mr. Jos. T. Cripps has purchased the Charles Cameron farm, lot 32, Con. 1, Esquesing, at a fair price.

—The Burlington *Record* advocates a High School for that town and invites correspondence on the subject.

—Winter's mantle disappeared with wonderful rapidity the past week but was as rapidly resumed on Tuesday.

—Mr. Adam Cook has disposed of his laundry to Mr. Geo. Peavoy, who will continue it with a competant manager.

—The winter wheat has a fine fresh appearance and is said to have come through the winter's frost in good condition.

—Mr. John Kennedy and Mr. Albert Wicks were elected Aldermen in Guelph to fill vacancies in the Council caused by disqualification, on Tuesday.

—Some of the stone street crossings are hard to find. The chairman of the Street Committee should see that they are raised a couple of inches as soon as possible.

—M. M. Orr, Superintendent of fruit tree spraying experiments for the Department of Agriculture, will be at Milton on the 1st April to conduct spraying experiments.

—The first quarterly review services of the year will be held in the various Sunday schools next Sunday. Parents and friends will attend and encourage the teachers and scholars.

—Mr. Wm. Swackhammer has moved this week to his farm at Crewsons' Corners. He will be missed in town. Mr. W. Williams has leased Mr. Swackhammer's residence on Mill street.

—Mr. Henry Townsend and family left on Tuesday for their new home at Ralphtown, Selkirk, Man. Their friends here unite in wishing them a safe journey and every success in the West. They have been good citizens and obliging neighbors.

—A large company of friends from Acton and other points were entertained at the home of Deputy Reeve Stalker last Thursday evening. It is needless to say a delightful evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Stalker are noted for the cordiality of of their hospitality.

—Contractor D. D. Mann has returned from Lethbridge and MacLeod, where he went on business connected with the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. It is understood that he has engineers at work running lines for the formation on which to base a tender in the event of construction being proceeded with.—Montreal *Trade Review*.

—Many enjoyable sleighing parties have been held the past winter. The last of the season drove to the home of Mr. Isaac Snyder last Friday evening. It was composed of nearly a score of Acton young folks. The weather was not propitious but the welcome accorded was most hearty and every participant appreciated the effort of Mr. Snyder and family to ensure them a happy evening.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

How It's Done in Chesley.

All is not smooth sailing in the Chesley Council, any more than it is in other councils, but they have a most heroic way of settling their differences. The other day two of the councillors who couldn't agree, decided that they must fight it out so they went into the back yard and smashed each other up in good shape.—Lucknow *Sentinel*.

Gathering of Young Christians.

The quarterly meeting of the young peoples' societies of the various churches will be held in the Methodist Church on Monday evening, 5th April. The committee has arranged a very interesting programme, and have also invited the societies in Georgetown, Rockwood, Ospringe, Ballinafad, Limehouse and the Brick Church to participate in the service.

Halton-Peel Base Ball League.

The annual meeting of this league was held in Milton on Monday. Officers were elected as follows:—Hon. President, W. Panton, Milton; President, Wm. Barry, Milton; Vice-Pres., James Sharp, Brampton; Sec.-Treas., R. J. McNabb, Acton. The following teams have signified their intention of uniting with the league for the coming season:—Acton, Burlington, Milton, Oakville, St. Anns and Brampton.

"Sandy," the Dray Horse, Dead.

Carter Harvey met with a serious loss in the death of his big dray horse "Sandy," on Monday afternoon. He was taken with inflammation on Sunday night and when his owner visited the stable next morning he was suffering intense agony. The animal was specially adapted to the work of the dray, and was a favorite on the streets with everybody. He was a well-bred animal, weighed 1760 pounds and stood 17 hands 1 inch in height. He was raised by Mr. Alex. Sprowl of the second line and Mr. Harvey has owned him for three or four years. He was valued at $185, but his owner would not have parted with him for that money.

The Home Circle Sadly Broken.

Inexpressably sad and painful is the loss when the mother of a new-born babe gives her life as a tribute to the advent of the little one. Such are the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Donald Mann, which occurred at the home of her husband last Friday. The home is lonely; the sorrowing husband feels keenly his loss and the little babe will ever miss a mother's loving care and training. Mrs. Mann was in her thirty-fourth year. She was the daughter of Mr. Hugh McDougall and was taken a bride to the home on the third line about eight years ago. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The funeral last Saturday was very largely attended. Revs. H. A. Macpherson and O. G. Langford, M. A., conducted the service.

News of Our Churches.

Rev. Father Lehmann, who supplied the vacancy at St. Joseph's Church last summer, during the trip of Rev. Father Haley to England, is again in charge. He conducted the services last Sunday....The bad roads hindered Rev. Mr. Langford from reaching town on Sunday. Rev. W. Bryers occupied his pulpit in the Baptist Church....The Baptist Young People's Union have completed arrangements for holding a concert on Friday, Apr. 9th, instead of Apr. 2nd as previously fixed.... A special collection in aid of the Foreign Mission Fund, in response to the appeal of the committee, was taken in Knox Church last Sunday. A memorial service relating to the late Mrs. Donald Mann will be held in Knox Church next Sabbath at 3.30 o'clock. Rev. O. G. Langford, M. A., will be associated with the pastor in the service. The Sunday School will be held at 2.30.

Farmers' Institute Banquet.

The officers and directors of Halton Farmers' Institute, banquetted the new County Council at the Bennett House, Milton, last week. President J. L. Warren occupied the chair. After partaking of a sumptuous repast the following toasts were introduced and responded to:—Her Majesty the Queen and the Governor General; Halton County Council by Warden Hutcheon, Dr. Robertson, Geo. Andrew and H. P. Lawson; Halton Farmers' Institute by J. L. Warren, President, John Dickin, W. F. Fisher; Our Volunteers, Major Goodwillie and Capt. Grant; The Agricultural Association, Alex. Waldie, Dr. Webster and Wm. Clements; The Horticultural Industry, Geo. E. Fisher; Dairying, W. G. Pettit,—Henry Robertson; The Press, R. White. After dinner the directors transacted some business in connection with the Institute. Among other things the annual excursion to the model farm was advanced a stage.

Small but Interesting.

—Spring commenced, according to the almanac, on Sunday.

—There has been a lively trade sap pails and spiles this week.

—The boys are telling each other there'll be trout fishing in five weeks.

—A year ago last Saturday the big snow blockade on the railways was broken. It will be remembered we had no mail for three days.

—Messrs. Millman & Co., Guelph, who do one of the largest trades in the west, have decided to go out of their crockery business, and are selling out at half price. You are invited to call and see them.

—One of the most influential and thoroughly up to date newspapers in Eastern Ontario is the Renfrew *Mercury*. It is published by Messrs. Smallfield & Son who are practical newspaper men and printers. The *Mercury* gets all the news of its section weekly and its opinions upon current questions are true to the best interests of the public. Typographically it is most attractive. A new dress was put on last week. This of course gives it a handsome appearance and is a great pleasure to the enterprising publishers.

DIVIDENDS GUARANTEED.

Developement work on the properties of the Ethel Group Gold Mining Company, on Murphy Creek, near Rossland, is showing such good results, as depth of shafts is attained, that the management has decided to push the good work forward more vigorously and in order to purchase the most improved machinery and plant, the company are now offering for sale by tender a special issue of preferred stock and the present shareholders have made arrangements with "The Toronto Financial Corporation," (with whom securities have been deposited) whereby dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum are guaranteed on the purchase price of these preferred shares, for a period of five years from date of allotment. Tenders will be received up to the 20th April next for blocks of 25 shares and upwards, the minimum price bein 75 cents per share on the par value of $1.00 per share. Application forms and prospectus can be had at the office of The Toronto Financial Corporation, 86 King St. East, or at the Company's Offices, Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B. C. and 34 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

ACTON'S PARLIAMENT.

The Heavy Thaw Floods Cellars, Etc., and Causes Ratepayers to Complain.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening at 8.15 p.m.

Reeve Nicklin and Councillor Arnold were absent.

Moved by Wm. Brown, seconded by W. E. Smith, that W. H. Denny take the chair.—Carried.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their third report recommending payment of accounts as follows:—

Rice, Lewis & Son, firemen's supplies	$15 25
John Evans, fireman, expenses to Toronto	2 25
Wm. Worden, fireman, expenses to Toronto	2 25
	$19.75

Moved by Wm. Brown, seconded by W. E. Smith, that the third report of the Finance Committee as read be adopted.—Carried.

A committee from the Fire Brigade waited on the Council to request them to have an electric gong, for a fire signal, put up in some suitable place in the east end of the town.

Moved by Wm. Brown, seconded by W. E. Smith, that the tender of Jones & Moore, $50.00 for gong and fixtures, be accepted.—Carried.

Mr. Hugh Mann petitioned the Council for a street lamp to be put up near his place.

Three or four tax-payers were present complaining of blocked drains which caused the water to flood cellars, walks, etc.

The Chairman of the Streets and Walks Committee promised to give the matter prompt attention.

The Collector's Roll for the past year year was returned. Only $14 was reported as uncollected.

Moved by W. E. Smith, seconded by Wm. Brown, that the collector's roll be received and adopted and that the collector be released from further duties in connection therewith.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

CREWSONS CORNERS.

The sudden thawing of the snow caused the heaviest spring freshet that has been seen in these parts in years.

Sleighing has disappeared and we now hear the pleasant rattle of wheels.

A sleighing party of the youth and beauty of this place and Nassagaweya met at the home of Mr. A. Kingsbury, Eden Mills, last Wednesday night. They spent a very enjoyable time in games and other amusements. The host and hostess did all in their power to entertain them, and the pleased faces of the departing guests as in the "wee sma' 'oor ayout the twal," they bade a reluctant good-bye proved how eminently successful they had been.

Miss Lottie Cann gave a birthday party on Friday evening to her many friends here. The evening was very enjoyably spent. Miss Cann was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents from her many friends.

A sleighload of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibbons' friends from Acton spent last Wednesday evening very pleasantly with them at their home here.

Mr. Wm. Swackhammer, of Acton, has purchased the David Moore farm of 64 acres. The price paid was $1650. Mr. Swackhammer is moving on to his farm this week.

Mr. B. Watkins, who was seriously ill, is recovering.

Mr. W. Lamb, who was confined to the house with an attack of the grip, is around again.

Mr. Wm. Y. Gray's sale passed off very successfully last Wednesday.

Messrs. Wm. and John Coleman spent a day or so this week with friends in Hamilton.

Mr. B. McLean, of Marden, has engaged with Mr. Wm. Gray for the summer. Mr. McLean's many friends here will be pleased to see him in these parts again.

Mr. R. Damper, who is attending the Northern Business College at Owen Sound, is home for a week, on sick leave.

Mr. Wm. Cripps intends closing his chopping mill for the season, two weeks from to-day.

Miss M. Crowson who has been visiting friends in Arthur and Luther for two weeks returned home last week.

Another step in the direction of municipal ownership has been taken in Liverpool, where the corporation has purchased the horses, vehicles and good-will of the United Tramways & Omnibus Co.

Willie, the nine year old son of James Little, Weston, with a number of other boys was sitting on one of the abutments of the bridge across the Humber River at Weston Sunday evening, when he fell into the flood and was drowned.

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COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

The FREE PRESS invites all its readers to contribute 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.

Mr. Thomas McClure left last week for Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss E. Froeland has removed from Berlin to Barrie.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee, of Hillsburg, were guests of relatives here last week.

Mr. L. G. Matthews spent a week in Toronto returning home on Friday.

Mrs. (Rev.) H. A. Macpherson was in Hamilton last week visiting her sister.

Mr. John Uren, of Medina, was the guest of his son, Dr. J. F. Uren, this week.

Miss Jamieson, of Midland, was a guest at Knox Church manse during the week.

Mrs. P. McGregor, of Toronto, was the guest of Acton friends several days last week.

Mr. Arthur Pearson left on Monday for Hartney, Man., where he will join his brother.

Mrs. Fred Stewart, of Elfrida, is spending a few weeks at her father's home—Mr. Isaac Snyder.

Dr. Henderson M. P. left last evening for Ottawa to be present at the opening of the session to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyde, who have been at Springfield-on-the-Credit since December, have returned home.

Mrs. James Matthews returned last week from Toronto where she had spent a month with her daughter, Mrs. P. C Maddock.

Miss Emma M. Moore, who has been professionally engaged at Clifford for several weeks, made a short visit to her home here this week.

At the examinations at Guelph Collegiate Institute last week Misses Daisy Nicklin and Ada and Maggie Fyfe took good standing in the fourth class in Grammar.

Mr. John Symon went to Chicago last week on a business trip.

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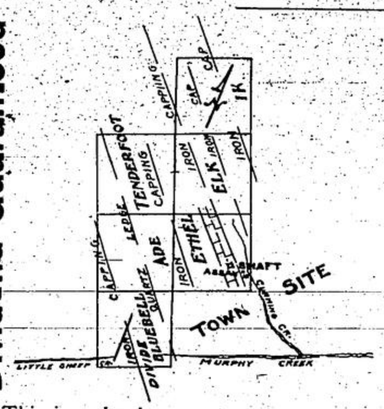

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Thursday Morning, March 18th, at Stewart's old Stand.

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