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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1909.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

-This is St. Patrick's Day. -New maple syrup is coming in. -Sugar-making is at its height now. -The snow has nearly all disappeared. -The rap has not commenced to run yet.

-Nomination for the vacant Reverehip on Saturday. -Hamilton's rate of taxation this year will be 20 mills. -Slips of spring have been numerous the past two weeks. -The Free Press subscription list is growing rapidly every week. -The Aurora display on Monday night was especially brilliant at times. -The snow vanished so quickly the past week that we had no freshets here.

-If the weather continues open the farmers will soon commence plowing. -A meeting of the Public School Board will be held next Wednesday evening, 23rd inst. -The Crokinole Club is arranging another of their popular Promenade Concerts.

-There was a very large demand for extra copies of the Free Press last week. If you wish extra copies of this issue call today. -The case, McKee vs. Corporation of Acton, was heard before Judge Hamilton last Wednesday at the Division Court here. Judgment was reserved.

-A subscriber at Highgate writes: "Enclosed find \$1.00 for renewal. The Free Press is a most interesting and useful paper and we would be without it with regret." -Now, municipal authorities, let us have a strict enforcement of the "Animal at Large" by-law, at once. There have been stray horses and cows on the streets the past week.

-The dear little daisy is in bloom again. The writer picked the first one on the 15th of December last and again on Monday, March 14. Pretty good record for the "Lady of the Snows." -Owing to the non-arrival of part of the apparatus the time light exhibition of views of Trinidad, in Knox Church, announced for Monday evening, was postponed until Monday evening, 29th inst. -Rev. Father Feeny has arranged for a sacred concert to be held in the Gothic Church this evening. Father Feeny will deliver a lecture on Ireland's Patron Saint in connection with the concert.

-Disciple Church Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend at the morning service. Evening subject, The Millennium Age, and the Second Coming of Our Lord. -Court Olive Branch I. O. E. No. 90, have had the claim of the late W. H. Storey adjusted and paid their obsequies for \$1,000 to W. A. Storey, the executor. The cheque was in the hands of the local officers of the court within four days from date of burial.

-Mr. W. C. King has purchased the lot and dwelling of Mr. Peacock at Paris, and will remove there this week. Mr. King has been a student of science for the past twenty years, except for an interval of a year or so, and has proven himself a real student worthy of confidence. -There are said to be a great many counterfeit silver coins in circulation. The latest importation of this kind is in the shape of Newfoundland fifty-cent pieces. People cannot be too careful in examining the silver change they receive. It is very humiliating to be told that you have tendered a bad money.

-O. L. Nelles, the Wall Paper man from Guelph, was in town Friday and appointed J. D. McKee, the Druggist, his agent here for wall paper. Mr. McKee carried the full line of samples representing 50,000 rolls, including the new Ingrains, the prettiest thing on the market. -CARD OF THANKS.

The promptitude of the Independent Order of Foresters in settling the claim for insurance of deceased members of the order is mentioned in the following letter, received by the secretary of the Court here: The Secretary, Court Olive Branch No. 90, Acton.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a cheque for \$1000 in payment of policy No. 7465 on the life of my late father, and being so happy to see my approval of the prompt manner in which you have settled the same. With best wishes for the continued success of your order. I am, Yours Truly, W. A. Storey. Acton, March 14th, 1909.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mortality of a Local Character, and every item interesting. Candidates for the Colls. Last Thursday night one of the windows of Goodwin & Co.'s store was smashed and a quantity of goods stolen. This is the fourth time thieves have broken front windows and helped themselves to goods on exhibition. This petty thieving is very annoying to Mr. Goodwin and he offers five dollars reward for conviction of a company of half a dozen young men who had evidently been imbibing too freely. He has their names and will bring the case before a bench of magistrates, who will no doubt inflict due punishment for disturbing the public peace. Our authorities are determined to stamp out all such disorder and the gally parties may expect to pay dearly for their violations of the peace.

The Yacant Reverehip. The vacant Reverehip announced a meeting of the electors for the nomination of candidates for the office of Revere, rendered vacant by the death of W. H. Storey, Esq., to be held at noon on Saturday next. Acton needs a Revere of good business ability; a man who will be abreast of the times in the matter of municipal improvements, who will support the consumption of the people's wishes in the matter of electric light and street improvements, as expressed at the meeting of the ratepayers at the annual convention, and outlined in the inaugural address of the late Revere.

The Firemen's Entertainments. The firemen held entertainments in the town hall last Friday and Saturday evening. They were given by a "Picture Picture" Company but were not a decided success. The pictures were about the best that have been seen here, but were rather short and were run through the machine six or eight times to make up for the deficiency. This gave them a very curious aspect, especially in "The Execution of Mary Queen of Scots," who was beheaded seven or eight times. A photograph also rendered music during the entertainments. The J. L. H. Orchestra consisted of violin and guitar duos were also given.

Where a Manufactory is Appreciated. On the 1st of February the organ factory of W. Doherty & Co., Clinton, was totally destroyed by fire. In order to avoid the removal of the organ from Clinton the town Council submitted a by-law authorizing a loan to Doherty & Co. of \$35,000, for 20 years. The Clinton citizens voted on the by-law on Monday and were almost unanimous in expressing their approval of the loan.

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An Inconvenient Fire. Shortly after eight o'clock on Monday evening the whistle on Beardmore & Co.'s sole leather tannery sounded an alarm of fire, which was followed in a few seconds by the ringing of the fire bell. It was found that the bark dust which had collected near the roof, between the bark-mill shed and the main building, above the furnace, had ignited, where the "one" of the wholeness was lit and gave the alarm.

The Discovery of the Age. A superb entertainment, consisting of a view of the principal cities of Ireland, and other points of interest; also her magnificent Churches, Ruined Abbeys, Ancient Towers and Crosses is promised. Miss Magpie Brennan, the pleasing exponent of Ireland's Past, is presenting at the Grand Hotel, Monday, March 14. Pretty good record for the "Lady of the Snows."

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THE LATE W. H. STOREY.

The Canada Globe Works Business to be Continued by Mr. W. A. Storey. THE LEGACIES OF DECEASED. [The great esteem in which the late W. H. Storey, Esq., was held, was further manifested last week by the continuous demand for copies of last issue of the Free Press, containing the biographical sketch, etc. Notwithstanding that some four hundred extra were printed the entire edition was exhausted the day after publication and orders for hundreds were unable to supply have since been received. With the desire as far as possible to avoid disappointment to those whose orders remain unfulfilled, we republish this week a synopsis of the obituary, in addition to the half-tones engraved which have been so freely remarked for its excellence, and other matters relative to the deceased and his estate which will be of general interest. -Editor.]

After six weeks' illness arising from a cancerous growth in the bladder, W. H. Storey, Esq., of Acton, and founder of the Canada Globe Works, passed peacefully away, on Sunday morning, 6th March. All the members of the family surrounded his bedside when the spark of life ebbed out. Slowly, but surely, it is dawning upon them that the loving husband and father has really bid adieu to the things of

earth. His chair is vacant; his congenial presence is only a hallowed memory. William H. Storey was the only child of George and Jane Storey and was born in the village of Acton, Yorkshire, England, on the 8th of March, 1837. His father was consequently held on his sixtieth birthday. His early advantages for education were good, so that he obtained a creditable English education which was supplemented with academic training. He came to Canada with his parents in 1845 and they settled on Dundas Street in the County of York. Both parents died shortly after and at fifteen years of age he was left an orphan in a strange land. With the determination to succeed, which characterized him through all his future years, he apprenticed himself to the late John G. Rogers, of Lambton Mill, to learn the millinery business. To the influence of this estimable and good man, his wise counsel and direction, Mr. Storey always gratefully acknowledged much was due in the formation of his character. From high school he was imbued with the principles of integrity and upright business methods which became the dominating principle of his career in after life.

Having completed his apprenticeship in 1860, he commenced business, in the fall of that year, in partnership with J. E. Taylor, under the firm name of Storey & Taylor, Saddlers. The following year he was united in wedlock with Hannah Jane, daughter of Anson Smith, Esq., of Grandby, by Rev. George A. Bell, now pastor of the Church of England at Niagara Falls South. As a result of this union seven children blessed the home—three sons and four daughters. The eldest and youngest sons died within a few months of each other some seventeen years ago. The surviving members of the family in addition to Mr. Storey are Mrs. Storey, Mrs. A. E. Nicklin and Mr. W. A. Storey, Acton; Mrs. Dr. Dryden, Guelph; and Mrs. Dr. J. D. Payne, Richmond, Iowa.

In 1869 the saddlery business was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Taylor removing to Georgetown. The business was continued under Mr. Storey's personal supervision until 1868, and the work turned out was always of a superior class, both as to quality and workmanship. In the latter year the members of the present large business enterprise, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as the "Canada Globe Works," was laid. From the outset success attended the enterprise, which, from a small beginning has grown to the immense business which employs the two hundred skilled operatives and whose products are on sale in nearly every city, town and hamlet in the broad Dominion. For a number of years the business was conducted under the firm name of W. H. Storey & Co., Mr. James Moore being the silent partner. Mr. Moore subsequently retired from the business and Mr. Storey's eldest son, Fred, was then admitted to partnership and the business name was changed to W. H. Storey & Son, which it has ever since remained.

A few months after this change his son Fred, died. This bereavement was the heaviest blow that Mr. Storey ever experienced and it was many months before he could be reconciled to his great loss. The past six years his son, William A., has been his partner in business and he shared with him the exacting care of their large and growing business, and, with the additional assistance of his sons-in-law, Messrs. Alex. Seord and A. E. Nicklin, at the head of departments, he has been relieved from personal attention to many of the details, and enjoyed the pleasure of life which naturally came to a man after years of faithful application. The career of Mr. Storey gives manifest evidence of his enterprise, economy, and his ability to handle his business with a firm hand. The business to-day is the largest of its class in the Dominion. It is honored in the finest and best appointed buildings which

could be devised for the purpose, and was built upon a basis so solid and secure that it will go forward under the management of Mr. William A. Storey without interruption.

For forty-two years Acton has been Mr. Storey's home, and on occasions ever dwelt within her borders who were more loyal to her interests or more anxious for the material progress of the place of his adoption. He saw it rise from a mere post office village with few houses, to one of the most prosperous incorporated municipalities of its size on the continent. And to his personal efforts and the influence of his large business much of this prosperity is due. His love for Acton was evidenced by his interest in other towns and cities with a view to their material progress and the improvement of the shape of money, buildings and lands in consideration of general, but to every advanced invariably scattered "No." He was loyal to the last and his lamp of life went out when, after a long and hard important improvements under consideration, as the correspondence on file in his office to-day will show.

Mr. Storey was Acton's first Reeve; was a member of the Council in some capacity for eighteen years, and died bearing the honors for his fellow-citizens who again elected him to the chair of the Chief Magistrate at the last election. He was a valued member of the County Council for years, and that body manifested their

above respect for him by electing and securing a majority for him.

Mr. Storey was highly intelligent, was a reader of high-class literature and passionately interested in intellectual effort. He was not the least to gratify in this respect and one could not help feeling this in his presence at times. He was a man of high character and he was kind, good and philanthropic. He had no doubts, his likes and dislikes, he was positive rather than negative in mental organization and this sometimes would make him appear unwarily more severe in his judgment and conclusions than was intended. Being naturally a man of a high order of intellect, he was in his calmer moments there was no vituperation, but a generous and kindly attitude.

As to his business life, he was a highly successful and representative of his fellow-citizens in most honored positions of preference. He professed no doubt to work away giving his time exclusively to the business in which he had such a success and which was such a potent factor of blessing to many. His fellow-citizens did not fail to see his worth, and hence he was in his own mind a highly respected man, a position he occupied for years and the honor he possessed at the time he died. He was a man of high character and he was kind, good and philanthropic. He had no doubts, his likes and dislikes, he was positive rather than negative in mental organization and this sometimes would make him appear unwarily more severe in his judgment and conclusions than was intended. Being naturally a man of a high order of intellect, he was in his calmer moments there was no vituperation, but a generous and kindly attitude.

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