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A General Banking Business transacted.
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GEORGETOWN - ONT.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1898.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLISTS

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

-Happy New Year to all.

-Write is 1899 from Sunday next.

-We're on the threshold of another
year.

-The mercury was down to zero point
yesterday.

-Wasn't it glorious old-fashioned Christ-
mas weather.

-The electric light men have cold
fingers these days.

-A great many Free Press sub-
scriptions expire this number. Does
your?

-Acton Hockey team went to George-
town last evening to have a match with
the team there.

-The Brampton Conservator has
adopted the Free Press' cash-in-advance
system for subscriptions.

-The Milton Standard is to be the title
of the third newspaper to be launched in
the county town shortly.

-Reports of several Christmas weddings
reached the Free Press too late for inser-
tion this week. They will appear in our
next issue.

-The "Soldiers of the Cross" have been
invited to go to Georgetown New Year's
night to take part in the programme of
the Methodist Sunday School anniversary.

-The Free Press carries boys will pay
their respects to their numerous patrons
in town on New Year's morning and
present them with their annual tokens of
good will.

-At the close of the Township Council
proceedings on Thursday, Rev. Wright
worth entertained the Councillor, Treasurer,
Clerk and some friends, at supper in Hill's
Hotel - Georgetown Herald.

-The hockey rink was well patronized
on Monday. During the morning an
existing game was played between two
teams of the club. In the afternoon the
ice was given over to skaters generally and a
jolly time was spent.

-In testimony of the regularity with
which the Free Press reaches its readers at
distant points, Mr. Nelson Martin, of
Vancouver, B. C., writes: "The Free Press
has been received regularly fifty-two weeks
this year without fail."

-The Free Press would esteem it a
favor if readers and others would ring
up phone 11 or communicate with the
office in some other way, when they have
any items of news that would be of public
interest. Everybody is invited to contribute
such items to the Free Press personal and
local column.

-A letter from Mr. Whiteman, Sunny
Cove, B. C., Athens, Oregon, to Mrs.
Mary Morton, formerly of Acton, says she
is delighted with her new home in Oregon.
Her husband's crops were good. That they
were ample is seen when it is stated that he
had 6000 bushels of wheat and 2000 bushels
of barley not sold yet.

-Mr. H. Swackhamer desires the
Free Press to say that he declined to
accept nomination for councillor as he had
no desire to distract the local council in their
present relationship, for he knew they
would serve the town with satisfaction.
He thanked his nominees for their kindness
in presenting his name.

-Laws - On the road between Acton
and Georgetown, on Friday night, Dec.
18th, a black and white checkered shawl
will flutter under the store of L.
Nelson & Co.

LIMELIGHT.

The delightful Christmas weather was
most enjoyed.

Family visitation and interchange of
social visits have rendered the holidays
very enjoyable.

Mr. John Moore spent Christ-
mas with relatives in Guelph.

Mr. Ed. Shorthill, late of Ashgrove, will
open his school of Languages. Public School
classes re-open next Tuesday.

Entertainments were considerably en-
joyed. On Friday morning to see a beauti-
ful musical performance, a drollily wals-
king dog, the creation of the farm of the
late Mr. J. C. Elford, passed within
the walls of the house upon which the
old Elford residence stood.

Quitting the old Elford residence
was the good many years
of those grand old creatures who
used to live in the rocks here.

Quitting the old rocks every little kilo wood
has been delivered yet. The firms work
wants to put in a good stock this winter.

Now is your time to blanket
yourself. Mr. Matthews is
offering a special deal.

It is what you can
expect for from J. H.
Matthews.

Matthews - now that they are
here, we must be.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licensed at Office of Residence. No
licences. Call during day or evening.

H. M. Watson, Inspector.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and
every item interesting.

Christmas joys saddened by Death.

The late Peter Macpherson, sr., who has
been ill for several months at the home of
his sister-in-law, Mrs. Janet Macpherson,
Dover Avenue, died on Christmas morn-
ing. A service was held at the residence
on Monday evening by Rev. J. A.
McLachlan, M. A., assisted by Rev. Wm.
W. Smith, who remained to Killeen in
Tuesday morning by Rev. H. A.
Macpherson, nephew of deceased.

Debly Bereaved.

A widow, about fifty, whose husband
Mr. David Hougham, one of Milton's
oldest residents, and who has been a
sufferer for many years, passed away. It
was only on the preceding Monday that
his daughter, Mrs. Janet Macpherson,
his funeral took place in the family plot
at the new cemetery. Deceased leaves a
doubtfully bereaved widow, three sons and a
daughter to mourn their loss. The
sympathy of friends goes out to them in
their great affliction. -Reformer.

Helpful Services Recognized.

The members of the Methodist Sunday
School Orchestra showed in a tangible
manner their appreciation of the valuable
instruction and services of Mr. J. C. Hill,
who has for some time taken an active interest
in the Orchestra's progress, and accom-
plishments. Last Saturday evening as the
weekly practice. In an informal manner
he was made the recipient of a splendid
nickel plated music stand enclosed in a
new leather case. Mr. Hill graciously
accepted the present which came as an
appropriate Christmas gift.

Young Men's New Year Resolutions.

Who perfectly frank! I have little
faith in New Year resolutions, but we
make them at the beginning of a year," writes
Edward Bok in the December "Ladies'
Home Journal." "At the same time, there
are people who fancy the idea of making
resolutions at some arbitrary division of
time, such as the first day of a new year.
But the characteristics of these resolve
should emanate from one's own heart, and
not be suggested by another. Yet an ex-
cellent resolution for a young man to make
is this triangular one: Be industrious,
shun all intoxicating liquors, and put into
a good savings bank at least fifteen cents
of every dollar earned during the year."

Christmas at St. Joseph's.

Rev. Father Fennell celebrated High
Mass before a large congregation at St.
Joseph's Church on Christmas morning.
The enlargement and repainting of the altar
rendered it most attractive and the
decorations by ladies of the Altar Society
were tastefully arranged. The body of the
church, which was well trimmed with
evergreens and flowers, reflected kindly
the young people who occupied the
pulpit gallery the past week. In the
evening Vespers and Benediction were
rendered, the altar being brilliantly lighted.
Special music was rendered by the choir
during the day. Monday being St.
Stephen's day, Mass was celebrated at 8
o'clock, and a pleasing feature of this
joyous season was the presentation to Miss
Lamb, organist, by Father Fennell, on
behalf of the congregation, of a well-filled
purse.

St. John's Festival in Walker Lodge.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist
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