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The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1909.

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

—Yesterday was Ash Wednesday.
—The Lenten season is here again.
—Did you receive your valentine?
—Milder weather will be very acceptable.
—It has been "Our Lady of the Froats" lately.
—The postmaster at Bronte died on the 7th inst.
—The Council will meet next Monday evening.
—A February show would not be guaranteed.

—Wood's coming in more freely now than for a month past.
—Twenty six degrees below zero is too chilly for comfort in this region.
—Ash Wednesday services were held in St. Joseph's Church last evening.
—Georgetown pays J. G. Harley \$16 per year for services as transit officer.
—Mr. Thomas C. Moore has sold his lots in Cook's survey to Mr. Adam Cook.
—The "oldest inhabitant" is comparing old records to find a cold snap equal to that of the past week.

—About twenty young fellows went to Georgetown last Wednesday night to see McCulloch, the champion slater.
—The contract for the supply of wood at the public school has been awarded to J. L. & J. M. Warren at \$3.25 per cord.
—Mr. John Petch has sold his brick residence on Park Avenue to Mr. John Walters, who will shortly retire from farming and settle in town.

—Rev. J. K. Godden, M. A., was re-appointed member of the Free Library Board for the ensuing three years, at the last meeting of the Public School Board.
—John Moffat, liverman, formerly of Acton, has left Milton for Brantford, where, with his brother, he has purchased an extensive livery business.
—Owing to the Anniversary Services in Knox Church, the services in the Methodist Church will be withdrawn next Sunday morning and the congregation will attend at Knox Church.

—When the probabilities read: "Higher temperature, local snow flurries," yesterday morning, every reader was glad of the change from "continues very cold," which had prevailed for nearly three weeks.
—While going to the east tomorrow will be a sign that the weather is changing. Charlie Holmes, son of Agnes Holmes, had both hands seriously frozen. He had been away from the station only fifteen or twenty minutes.
—Mrs. James McLennan has kindly remembered the Free Press with copies of Winnipeg papers giving particulars of the case of the missing child, Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, who is spending this week in Milton.

—A couple of young fellows who went to Georgetown one night last week lost their horse at Silver Creek and came home without him. He was found comfortably housed by a humane farmer at Ballinacree two days later.
—Harry Boncher, a "horse" lad who has been about town for several months, was arrested near Rockwood by Chief Lawson and came before Judge Pearson on Monday, charged with stealing a ring and a sum of money from Mr. Theodore Dunn. He pleaded guilty and was committed to Milton for trial.

—Rev. Mr. Merrill, of the First Baptist Church, Georgetown, preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon in the interests of the missions of the Northwest. His pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. B. McLaughlin, who is spending this week in Milton.
—Mrs. Hugh Brown, nee Flynn, died on the 24th ult. and was buried in the Greenwood cemetery, Burlington, on Wednesday. —Milton Standard.

—Mrs. Brown will be remembered by old residents of this section. With her husband she resided for a number of years on the farm now occupied by the Messrs. Kinnaird Brothers.
—First Oysters Haddies and Clisces at E. B. Collins.

—A few sets of second hand single harness to be sold cheap. John Matthews, harness maker.
—To the Deal.—A rich lady, aged her husband and notes in "The Deal by Dr. McLaughlin" and "The Deal by Dr. McLaughlin" to the fact that she had a single harness to prepare the "Deal" harness, they have them free. Apply to Department, E. B. Collins, "The Deal" harness, Gunnersburg, London, W. England.

—Any one requiring anything in marble or granite monumental work, or cemetery work, of any kind, should place their orders at once, to insure the discount, with the exception of Gold, who has the reputation of doing the best work in Ontario. All prices guaranteed right. Write at once for terms.

THE NEWS AT HOME.
Mostly of a Local Character, and every item interesting.

Knox Church Special Services.
The week of special services in Knox Church closed on Friday evening. The series was of a very interesting character and helpful to the hearers. Rev. W. Partridge, B. A., of Galt, who assisted the pastor, an able and impressive preacher and his discourses were most appreciated.

A Worthy Minister.
Rev. J. L. Robertson, of Merriton, whose church was totally annihilated by the explosion which caused such extensive devastation in St. Catharines and Merriton last October, visited Acton this week. He addressed Knox Church in a very interesting and inspiring address on Tuesday evening, appealing for aid in the rebuilding of the church. A liberal response was made.

Knox Church Anniversary.
The fourth anniversary of the opening of the present church and the fifty-second of the organization of the congregation will be observed by Knox Church next Sunday and Monday. Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Seaforth, with whom Rev. Mr. Macpherson was associated for some time during his student days, will preach morning and evening. On Monday evening next Rev. E. E. Knapp, B. A., of Galt, will deliver one of his popular lectures. The lecture will be preceded by a social tea.

New Equipment for Halton Rifles.
A board of officers will assemble next month at St. Charles Barracks, Toronto, to receive the new equipment for the Halton Rifles. The equipment consists of a russet-colored tunic to replace the old capote, and a belt, also of the same color. The equipment is to be issued to the Halton Rifles in the month of March.

Electric Light Progress.
The writing for electric light is progressing rapidly. The lighting of the new house at the G. T. R., and the residence on Church and Wilbur Streets are now in the hands of the electricians. The light was turned on at the Methodist Church last Thursday evening and is now being utilized every evening for the special services. The contrast between this and the former coal oil lighting is great and an excellent test of the improvement is the fact that a hymnbook with the finest print can be read by people in the church with ease.

The Long-Continued Cold Spell.
Tuesday was the sixteenth day in succession that the mercury registered zero or lower at sunrise. We have often had cold snaps when the mercury went down to twenty or twenty-five below zero for two or three days in succession, but the long continued cold spell of the past three weeks breaks the record in Canada. The intense cold was a serious matter for the consumption of coal and wood, and it brought business to a standstill. From pumps, steam pipes, fingers and noses have been frequent and a general air of discomfort has prevailed. The lowest point reached by the mercury hereabouts was twenty-seven below on Sunday morning.

Evangelist McHardy's Services.
The Evangelist McHardy visited the town of Acton on Saturday evening, and as a result both the congregation of the Methodist church and himself were disappointed. He arrived, however, on Monday afternoon and, the special services have been in progress the past three evenings. The attendance has been good and the meetings interesting. Evangelist McHardy is an earnest, interesting speaker. His addresses are forceful and carry the conviction that "the time is behind us."

Wedded at St. Joseph's.
A quiet wedding was commemorated at St. Joseph's Church last Tuesday morning, when Miss Lizzy Gibbons, daughter of Peter Gibbons, Esq., Esqueville, and Edward Byrnie, son of Richard Byrnie, Oatley, were united in holy wedlock. Rev. Father Feeney officiated. Owing to the recent death of Mrs. Dunn, the sister of the bride, the ceremony was very quiet one. The bride was dressed in white dotted muslin with veil and wreath interlined with orange blossoms. She was supported by her cousin, Miss Meggie Gibbons. Mr. John Byrnie, brother of the groom, attended him. After the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's father the happy couple left for their new home near Oatley, with the best wishes of the community for a life of happiness and success.

Disseminating Germ for Experiments.
For the past ten years systematic efforts have been made to increase the average returns and to improve the quality of the cereals and other important farm crops grown in Canada by an annual distribution from the Experimental Farms at Ottawa, of samples of seed of the best and most promising sorts. These varieties have been first tested at the Experimental Farms and only those which have proven to be the very best have been chosen for this distribution. The samples sent out have contained three pounds each, and every precaution has been taken to have the seed in every instance thoroughly clean and true to name, and the packages have been sent free through the mail. Those who have received such samples and grown them with care, have usually had the seed of the second year enough seed to sow large areas, and in this manner careful farmers all over the Dominion have been gradually replacing inferior inferior and less productive sorts which they have been growing in the past, with superior varieties possessing greater vigor.

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THE FREE LIBRARY.
Reeve Pearson Re-Elected Chairman For Another Year.

The monthly meeting of the Free Library Board was held on Monday evening. Members present: J. B. Easton, Chairman, Rev. J. K. Godden, and Messrs. John Cameron, T. P. Moore, and H. P. Moore.
The municipal clerk reported that Rev. J. A. McLachlan, M. A., had been re-elected a member of the Board for the coming year, while the Secretary of the Public School Board reported the election by that body of Rev. J. K. Godden, M. A., for a similar period.

The first business before the Board was the organization for the year.
In speaking of the success of the year Reeve Pearson said it had been very gratifying and, he confessed, surprising to him. Much of this success was due he thought, to the Librarian, her attention to the duties of the office and uniform courtesy to all patrons of the library.
Moved by J. K. Godden, seconded by John Cameron, that Reeve Pearson be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Reeve Pearson demurred owing to the multiplicity of duties now devolving upon him, but was finally persuaded to accept the position for another year.
Moved by John Cameron, seconded by J. K. Godden, that Mr. H. P. Moore be re-appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.—Carried.
The Librarian's report for January gave the following particulars:
Membership January 1st, 193; enrolled during the month, 5; total present membership, 198.

Number of books taken out during the month: History, 60; biography, 10; voyages and travels, 83; science, 4; general literature, 35; fiction, 138; religious, 15.
Cash receipts, for catalogues and cards, \$5.15; fines, \$3.10; total, \$8.25. Paid for stamps, \$1.00.
Moved by John Cameron, seconded by T. P. Moore, that the report of the Librarian for January be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by J. K. Godden, that the following members of the Board be a committee to select books for the annual addition to the library: the Chairman, Rev. J. K. Godden, H. A. Macpherson, and J. A. McLachlan, and the mover—and that the value of the books to be purchased be limited to \$150 net.—Carried.
The Board then adjourned.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION MEETING.
Toronto District Association Had a Splendid Convention at Church Hill.
The Secretary states that in point of local attendance and interesting sessions the regular gathering of the Toronto District Association of the Congregational Church at Church Hill last Tuesday was one of the best that has been held for some time. The sermon was preached in the morning by Rev. T. B. Hyde, of Toronto, who strongly urged the need of fruit-bearing in the Christian life. A communion service followed, which was conducted by Rev. T. B. Hyde, pastor of the church, who was assisted by Rev. M. S. Gray and E. O. W. McCall.

At the afternoon meeting Rev. Mr. Moore, pastor of Knox Church, Acton, and Rev. W. J. Hindley, of Guelph, and E. O. W. McCall were received as corresponding members and briefly addressed the association. Rev. W. J. Hindley then outlined a course of study on Congregationalism as carried on by the Western Association, and was followed by Rev. H. F. Thomas, of Toronto, and J. D. McEwen, of Stouffville, on various phases of the same subject. Rev. M. S. Gray, a veteran of the churches, now nearing eighty years of age, who drove over twenty miles to be present at the meeting, also sang in strong praise of the "Land of the Pilgrims."
The evening meeting was largely attended, and was addressed by the President, Rev. J. F. Gerris, of Toronto, editor of the Independent, and Rev. W. J. Hindley, of Guelph, and T. B. Hyde, of Toronto. The Church Hill choir gave acceptable singing at all the sessions, and were ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Revell of Toronto.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.
Calls Extended to Pastors for Erasmus and Alma, at Guelph.
At the meeting of Guelph Presbytery on Tuesday in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, two calls were presented, one from Erasmus, to the Rev. Mr. Mann, and the other from Alma and Onnook, to the Rev. Mr. McLennan.
Both of them were unanimous and cordial. Mr. McLennan being present, the call was put into his hands, and he signified his acceptance of it. Arrangements were made for his induction in the church at Alma, on Thursday, 2nd of March, at 2 p. m.

In the case of Erasmus, a letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Mann stating that the call, if unopposed, would be accepted by him, and arrangements were made for his induction at the church, in Erasmus, on Tuesday 29th February.

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COMING AND GOING.
Visitors to And From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

The Frazz Frazz invites all its readers to come to the column. If you or your friends are going away on a holiday trip or if you have friends visiting you over a card to the Frazz Frazz.
The Misses Foster, of Milton, are guests of Acton friends.
Mr. W. F. Campbell visited friends in Toronto this week.
Mr. Arthur E. Moore, of Toronto, was home over Sunday.
Cousin Clark is just recovering from a severe attack of a gripper.
Miss Carrie Smith was home from Sarnia a few days last week.
Mr. Switzer, of Michigan, made his visit. Mrs. Wm. Mason, a short visit last week.
Mr. Allan Campbell, of Johnstown, N. Y., spent a few days at his old home this week.
Mr. William Shaw, of St. Catharines, spent a few days this week at the old home.
Mrs. Z. A. Hall, of Penetang, is a guest this week at the home of Mr. James Brown.

Miss. Missus Orr is spending a few weeks at her home here before returning to Milton.
Mr. T. E. M. Secord arrived home from his six weeks' business trip to the East on Saturday evening.
Mrs. B. Sherlock, of Parkdale, visited her niece, Mrs. William Forbes and other friends here this week.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Liddell and children, of Hillburg, are guests of Mrs. N. F. Moore, of Galt, on Tuesday.
Miss Foster, teacher at Henderson's School, seventh line, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. William Noble.
Rev. R. B. Cook left this morning for Palermo to attend the funeral of his granddaughter, Miss Maggie Cook.
Rev. H. A. Macpherson and Mr. Charles Davidson attended the meeting of the Guelph Presbytery on Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander Kennedy and Dr. Stewart, of Guelph, were in town last Thursday attending the funeral of the late Alexander Grant, Esq.
Ex-Mayor and Mrs. O'Donoghue, and daughters, of Stratford, spent a few days during the week the guests of Mr. George McMillan and other friends here.
Mr. William Grant, of Georgetown, came to town on Saturday evening to visit his nephew, Mr. Howard Masala, who was seriously hurt at the tannery last week.
The many friends of Mr. Howard Masala, who was the victim of the elevator accident at the sole leather tannery last week, will be pleased to know that he is rapidly recovering from his injuries.
Mrs. E. I. Crawford, wife of the pastor of the Disciples' Church, has been very ill the past week. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, who are strangers in a strange country, having but recently arrived from Ohio.
Mrs. John A. McCall returned last week from a sad visit to Montreal. She was called to that city to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law, and while there her father, an aged gentleman of eighty-three years, departed this life. Mrs. McCall has herself been ill since her return home.

What Free Press Patrons Say.
"The subscription books came to hand yesterday and have given great satisfaction. Many thanks."—P. A. J. Webb-wood, Ont. "Programmes have been excellent. Our treasurer will remit for them."—W. P. G., Inglewood.
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We're Well Pleased
We're well pleased with the enthusiasm that has prevailed during our Big Stock-taking Sale. In the past week great quantities of Dry Goods have been distributed from our store throughout the City and County, at prices that will be a standing advertisement and will tend to enlarge your good opinion of our store. The sales so far this month have more than exceeded our expectations. We regret not having sufficient salespeople to wait on customers last Saturday. It was certainly a record-breaking day. We have therefore made provision for extra help and trust in the future that all customers will be waited on properly. You can still afford to buy for the balance of this month and save big money with every purchase, as the great reduction in prices will remain so until we have our stock reduced by many thousand dollars. Now, we did think of giving you a price list this time, but find space will not permit, so as usual, every article in the store, except Spool Cotton, will be reduced in price—and some of the reductions will more than surprise you.

For instance—
A lot of Blouse Silks at just Half Price.
A line of high-class Dress Goods at Half Price.
A lot of Six-Button Ladies' Kid Gloves at Half Price.
Extra Fine Linen Table Cloths at Half Price.
One-third off all Wool Blankets.
One-third off Wool Underwear.
One-third off Men's and Boys' Overcoats.

Ladies' Cloth Jackets at Half Price.
Anything in the Fur Line at a great reduction. A lot of remnants of Carpets in Brussels, Tapestry, Wool and Union to be cleared out regardless of cost. Now the plan we have adopted to clear out all Winter Goods is going to guarantee us having a thoroughly clean stock to commence the Spring Trade with. Such stock Mr. Bollert is at present purchasing in the European markets.
Come with the Crowd.

E. R. Bollert & Co.,
25 and 27 Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

GREAT SALE
Henderson & Co.

We will inaugurate a Great Clearing Sale. Our stock is much too large for this time of the year, and we take stock this month, when it is desirable to have stock as low as possible, to accomplish this quickly Bargains will be the order of the day in all departments. In

Dress Goods
Millinery
Mantles
Furs
Mens' and Boys' Suits
Overcoats, Ulsters
Cottons
Prints
Boots
Shoes
Etc.

Don't wait but bring your cash at once as there are many choice snaps that are sure to be picked up by the early buyers.

HENDERSON & CO.,
MILL STREET ACTON.