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LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Ho! for the sugar bush.

—Easter Sunday, 2nd April.

—The assessor is on his rounds again.

—Good Friday—three weeks from to-morrow.

—Teaming has been lively this week with the new sleighing.

—The farm boys will now begin to hide eggs for the Easter feast.

—Saturday night's snow storm gave sleighing another short lease.

—The spring assizes will be held at Milton on Monday, 20th inst.

—Dozens of the farmers were in town for their ice supply last week.

—Merchants! The public expects to see your advertisement in the FREE PRESS.

—Pilgrims from Manitoba and the North West are getting ready for their long journey.

—The congregation of St. Joseph's Church is negotiating for the purchase of a parsonage.

—Considering the very indifferent sleighing a large quantity of wood was teamed into town last week.

—Chief Harvey of the Fire Brigade, has been laid up for a week or so with the grippe but is now recovering.

—Rev. H. A. Macpherson preached the pre-communion sermon in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, last Friday.

—The sudden deaths of a number of dogs in town lately would indicate that poison is getting in effective work.

—The town of Whitby telegraphed on Monday for full particulars as to cost and success of our electric lighting system.

—Rev. W. S. Griffin, D. D., of Toronto, will preach in the Methodist Church on Sunday, 19th inst., morning and evening.

—Wm. Doran, of the Union Hotel, Guelph, was fined $10 and costs on Monday for selling liquor to a drunken man.

—Prof. Catto, who finishes portraits by the De Lenon process, has been in town the past week with a staff of artists and canvassers.

—A two-story addition is in course of erection at Acton Roller Mills. The extra space will be utilized principally for storing flour and grain.

—Now that the long winter evenings are nearly over an effort should be made to have the provisions of the early closing by-law more generally observed.

—Harry Boucher, the Feegan Home lad, who was sent down for stealing money and jewellery from Theodore Dunn, was allowed his liberty by Judge Hamilton on suspended sentence.

—Georgetown Council permitted a very objectionable sparring match in the town hall last Friday evening. The *Herald* fearlessly denounced the affair as an outrage on the town.

—Notwithstanding the severe frosts of the present winter, the new granolithic walk has stood the winter thus far with entire satisfaction. Not a crack has appeared on the surface of the walk.

—There are people in town who think a rule should be made and enforced that not more than three members of the same family be permitted to visit the post office at the same time when the evening mail is being distributed.

—Mr. John A. Gordon has leased "Gordon Hall," the family homestead, to Mr. Hall Kennedy, jr., and will leave in a few weeks on a prospecting trip to the Northwest. Mr. Gordon's many friends hope his visit to the North West will be only temporary.

—It is expected that six o'clock closing will be introduced in Shelburne. The merchants will have a meeting this week to discuss the change and make the necessary arrangements. It's a good thing—help it along.—*Economist.*

—Wanted—Fresh Eggs, Apples and Poultry, at the Alexandra Produce Co, Acton. Highest prices paid for Furs.

—Any one requiring anything in marble or granite monumental work or cemetery work of any kind, should place their orders at once, to secure the discount, with J. H. Hamilton, of Guelph, who has the reputation of doing the best work in Ontario, and at prices guaranteed right. Write at once for terms.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and noises in the Head by Dr Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent $2000 to his Institute, so that deaf people who cannot procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply to Department, K. [illegible] Toronto, Canada. Gunners[illegible] Road, London, W., England.

TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY.

[illegible] who intend to [illegible] the [illegible] apply by [illegible] with himself [illegible]

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

Halton Battalion To Go To Camp.

The volunteers of Halton Battalion will go into camp again this year. The time for going to the front has been fixed for June and will consequently be very acceptable to the members of the various corps. The duration of the camp will be sixteen days this year. There is every probability that the ranks will be unusually well filled.

Fell and Fractured His Leg.

Early last Friday morning Mr. Arch. McTavish, merchant tailor, had the misfortune to slip on an icy walk and by his heavy fall sustained a fracture of the right leg a few inches above the ankle. Dr. Forster was called in and reduced the fracture. Mr. McTavish is doing well, but will have an enforced rest for a few weeks. It is unfortunate that the accident occurred just as the spring trade is opening.

Leaves To-Day For the Mission Field.

Mr. Robert J. Edmiston, who has been studying the past two or three years with a view to entering the ministry, leaves to-day for Winnipeg, and will enter the work under Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North West. Mr. Edmiston is a young man of considerable ability and promise and will no doubt win success in his chosen work. He has been a faithful worker in the Church, Sunday School and Epworth League and his many friends here unite in prayer and best wishes that he may have a useful and successful future.

The Town is Not a Place For Dogs.

Of course, a certain amount of sentiment is attached to any domestic animal by its owner, not unfrequently bordering on a species of affectionate regard; but admitting all this, we contend a town is no place for dogs. If the animal is kept in restraint, the law respecting cruelty to animals will intervene. If allowed to have freedom to roam at large and indulge in their natural proclivities, they are a nuisance and offensive alike to the peace and decency of the municipality. The tax is not rigidly enforced and people sometimes keep dogs who are scarcely able to provide sufficiently for their own families.—Newmarket *Era.*

Mr. Macpherson's Association Address.

The monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association was held at the Presbyterian Manse, Georgetown, on Monday morning. The paper for the occasion was on "Lapsing, or Indifference in Rural Districts," and was given by Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Acton. The causes assigned by Mr. Macpherson for rural "lapsing" were (1) Sunday visiting; (2) The change from the old 3-seated rig to the modern buggy; (3) Visiting of bicyclists; (4) Imaginary grievances against the pastor, the outcome of misunderstandings; (5) Personal pride, which shows itself in an unholy desire for a fine turnout and good clothes. The discussion was pointed and profitable.—*Herald.*

Lacrosse the Game for 1899.

At a well-attended meeting of lacrosse enthusiasts in the town hall last Thursday night the Acton "Crescents" were reorganized with the following officers:—

Hon.-President—D. Henderson, M.P.
President—J. H. Matthews.
Vice-President—J. Lawson.
Secretary-Treasurer—J. D. McKee.
Executive Committee—Dr. J. P. Coghlan, W. Gould and R. J. McNabb.
Captain—R. Scott.

The meeting was opened by a short speech from the President who complimented the Crescents on their brilliant success last season, as well as the gentlemanly manner in which they conducted themselves throughout. He expressed thorough confidence in the playing ability of the team and in conclusion added that the Crescents will undoubtedly be a great source of life in our town during the coming summer as well as an honor to the community. It was decided to make arrangements for getting into the Intermediate League the coming season. A committee was appointed consisting of I. Francis, H. Jeans, M. Henderson, W. Stark, to look after the giving of a "Big Lacrosse Benefit Concert" at an early date. A committee consisting of J. H. Matthews, J. D. McKee and R. Scott was appointed to wait on the Council at next meeting in order to secure the grounds for the season. The appointing of the Manager was left to the Executive. The meeting was then adjourned till future call of the President which will likely be at an early date when reports from different committees will be forthcoming.

A Bright Life Suddenly Terminated.

The cosy home of Mr. James Wilson, foreman of the glove leather tannery of W. H. Storey & Son, on Main Street, has been the place of deep mourning this week, the sudden death by accident of the eldest son being the cause of the keenest sorrow on the part of every member of the family. On Monday morning about 7.30, as Robert Wilson, the sixteen-year-old lad referred to, was going about his work in the tannery, he was in the act of stepping over an unprotected shafting to reach a belt he intended to lace, when his leather apron was caught by the revolving shaft and in an instant he was being whirled to his death, his poor form being knocked against the floor and adjacent partition with every revolution of the shaft until a fellow-workman had the engine stopped. When the poor fellow was reached it was found that his clothing, boots and stockings had been entirely torn off; his legs, arms and thighs fractured; the left arm and ear torn off; and subsequent examinations showed a fracture at the base of the skull. As his heart-broken father and other employees stood for a moment looking upon the mangled body attached to the shaft, thinking life was extinct, the poor fellow piteously exclaimed, upon seeing his father: "Take me off father; I'm not dead." Tenderly the bruised form was removed from the scene of the awful accident, and physicians called in. He survived for about an hour in full consciousness and talked freely with his aunt, Mrs. John Stephenson, and was able to kiss his parents, brothers and sisters goodbye and converse intelligibly with his pastor ere the end came. The event has cast deepest gloom over the community and sincerest sympathy is extended the keenly bereft family in this heavy blow. The funeral yesterday afternoon was one of the largest here for some time.

REV. DR. KING DEAD.

Manitoba College Loses Its Distinguished Principal.

Winnipeg, Man., March 20.—The Rev. John M. King, D. D., Principal of Manitoba College, died at his residence on Broadway avenue this afternoon at 1 o'clock. He had been ill for some time with Bright's disease, but his death was not looked for so soon. He was born in Ireland in 1841, and was educated at Belfast College and Edinburgh University. He came to Canada in 1871 and was ordained by the Presbytery of Toronto. He was first stationed at Orillia, then at Collingwood, and afterwards at Toronto, where he was pastor of Knox Church for 12 years. He came to Manitoba in 1892 to take charge of Manitoba College, of which he was Principal and Professor of Apologetics and New Testament Exegesis. He was also Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Manitoba and Principal of the Indian Training School. He was a member of the Senate of the University of Manitoba, and was Chairman of the Board of Management of the Deaf and Dumb Institute. He was also President of the Manitoba Medical College, and was President of the Manitoba Medical College, and was President of the Manitoba Medical College, and was