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The Government Returns show that depositors in this bank have over Five Million Dollars of Surplus Security.

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J. P. BELL, Agent.

The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1899.

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

-Farmers are busy threshing.
-Orangeville's rate of taxation this year is 23 mills.
-We've had four weeks of very dry weather now.

-Mr. Geo. Baunters has been appointed Postmaster of Erin.

-The Greenock Croquet Club will play a match at Glen Williams to-morrow.

-The taxes are due in two instalments—2nd September, and 4th November.

-Business men, get your invoices and letter heads printed at the Free Press office.

-Mr. John Agnew has improved the front of his store and residence on Main Street.

-Glen Williams has won the Junior Championship in the Royal District, O. L. A.

-Monday was Toronto Civic Holiday and a number of her citizens spent the day in Acton.

-Harvest excursions to the Northwest for \$10 are announced for the 22nd and 24th inst.

-The open air concert by Acton Cornet Band on Tuesday evening was enjoyed by our citizens.

-Everybody but you and I are either out of town, going out of town or just getting back.

-Dr. Bell, Dentist, has returned from his trip and will now continue his weekly visits to Acton.

-During the exceedingly dry weather of the past month the street sprinkler has been a boon indeed.

-If we're to have a civic holiday it's scarcely time the date was being announced and the proclamation issued.

-Messrs. Creason Bros., of Creason's Corners, are drilling a deep well for Mr. A. Stephenson on River Street.

-The individual who said "one-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives" never resided in a small town.

-The power house presents a wonderfully improved appearance since the truck polishing of the exterior walls was completed.

-If you wish for a pretty photo, to Ramshaw's studio go. He'll make you no nice, you'll call on him twice, and say that his work is not slow.

-The Guelph Electric Light and Power Co. announce a reduction in the price of electric lighting. That on residence lighting is exceptionally large.

-While going home Saturday evening with a load of chopped stuff, Mr. John Denny was delayed for an hour or so on Mill Street with a broken axle.

-The new siding and switch for Beardmore & Co., at the G. T. R., is completed. Agent Holmes says he has accommodation in the yard now for 150 cars.

-You don't know what a good thing you are missing if you continue to read the Free Press weekly story. The one this week is especially good. Every issue has a complete story.

-Improvements at the power house continue. A till drain now surrounds the building; a cement floor has been put in the boiler room and a sidewalk Willow Street is in the way.

-One day last week while Master George Brosser was at Stephenson's blacksmith shop a horse stepped on his bare foot inflicting painful injuries. Several stitches were necessary in dressing the wound.

-A number of Miltonians saw the Galt-Acton lacrosse match at Acton last Saturday. They say it was one of the finest they ever witnessed and they pronounce Acton's team a great one.—Champion.

-Toronto pickpockets were evidently out with the crowd to spend civic holiday. A woman's pocket was picked at Guelph and two women lost their purses here as they were getting on the Toronto train Monday evening.

-A special of eight cars of "Fergus Old Boys" passed through from Toronto on Monday morning to attend the celebration at Fergus. The train was gaily decorated. A score or so of our citizens joined the excursionists here.

-We glean the following very timely advice to correspondents, from an exchange: "Send in your items while they are fresh. We don't like to publish a item after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or a husband's death after the widow has married again."

-A dry goods establishment in Chicago paid last year to a single daily newspaper in that city, \$97,501 for advertising.

-Three dry goods houses in New York each paid last year to a single New York daily paper over \$100,000, and the admission is made by the dry goods houses that they will exceed these figures this year.

-For choice sugar-cured Hams and Bacon go to Rolston's Butcher Shop, next Kennedy's Shoe Store.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every item interesting.

The Exhibition Game at Fergus.
Twenty-four years ago Contractor Richard Clark was foreman of the bricklayers who built the Methodist Church that falls. He is again foreman of the masons and bricklayers who are engaged in the erection of the new Baptist Church, just 200 feet east of the other. The foundations are rapidly rising and the corner stone will shortly be laid.

Antidote for the Kissing Bug.
Reports of the painful effects of the bite of the kissing bug are current in many sections of the country. "If you are bitten by the kissing bug and your lip swells up, don't get frightened and think you are going to die. Prompt application of ordinary household ammonia will relieve the pain and obviate all bad effects. Mr. L. Howard, government entomologist at Washington, says so, and he should know. An important appointment.

A letter from Miss Jennie M. Steele gives the interesting information that "At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday last, Miss Steele, of Acton, Ont., was appointed Superintendent of the Girls Training School at Cleveland, Ohio." Miss Steele is well qualified for this position, having been matron of a home at Tacoma, Wash., for a number of years. Her friends congratulate her upon her appointment.

The New Pavement.
This year's section of new pavement was completed on Tuesday, by the Guelph Pavement Co. It is a very fine piece of work, superior in quality, in some respects to the splendid walk laid last summer. The members of the Council were inclined to have the walk continued as far as the G. T. R. Crossing, but finally decided to defer that section until next season. Our citizens generally are well pleased with the permanent pavement that they would be glad to see it replace the plank walks more rapidly.

Another Way to Get More Pavements.
A young lady in town, who is interested in public improvements, and who thinks the laying of permanent pavements is being proceeded with very slowly, said to the Free Press the other day she thought some local organization might be formed to advance the work, especially on the side streets. "If the Guelph Civic Club could raise about \$400 for a piano in one season," she said, "what is to hinder a similar club from raising a like amount for several years for permanent pavements?" A loyal proposal, certainly.

A Family Re-Union.
There was a very happy family re-union last Friday at the home of the Misses Laing, Agnes Street. Mr. Adam Laing, the father of the family, and Mrs. Laing, were up from Stratford, and all the sons and daughters were home again. There were Mr. and Mrs. John Laing and Master Clarence, from Burks Falls; Rev. Byron and Messrs. Albert and Arthur, who have been travelling through the United States for several years, and Misses Alice and Francis, who reside here. In some four years since the family were all together last.

So Far Riding on the Sidewalk.
Miss Greer, a well-known society young woman, riding on a bicycle on Dufferin Avenue, Bedford, was at the police court the other day fined \$10 for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. Miss Greer and several other ladies were served with summonses last week. The others called and settled the fine of \$1 each. Miss Greer, it appears, wrote a letter to a local newspaper, in which she said that the police commissioner, consisting of the Mayor, Judge Hardy and the Police Magistrate, levied these fines for the purpose of raising money to go on holidays. In fixing the young lady's fine, the Magistrate referred in severe terms to the charges of the letter.

The Local Churches.
Knox Church congregation welcomed back their pastor, Rev. H. A. Macpherson, last Sunday. Vigorous sermons were preached. Rev. Father Pezzy ministered to a large congregation in St. Joseph's. A number of visitors were notified in the congregation. The sacramental services in the Methodist Church on Sunday were largely attended. Rev. Mr. McIntosh's sermons were very appropriate to the occasion. The Baptist congregation was manifestly happy on Sunday. Gratitude that their new place of worship was commenced was felt in many hearts. The services in St. Albert's Church were conducted by Mr. McCausland. The news of the pastor's improved health was received with genuine interest. Rev. E. I. Crawford was in his place in the Disciples' Church, and Rev. T. R. Forbes preached an edifying sermon in the Congregational Church.

One Thousand Men Wanted.
Quite a future has been created here during the past week through the presence of a representative of the new Ontario & Rainy River Railroad. Mr. M. G. F. Egan, the Superintendent of Employment is anxious to engage one thousand men at \$1.75 per day of ten hours and to guarantee continuous work for eighteen months to good men. The transportation tickets which cost \$10 will be advanced to all who engage to go on to the works and spend at least a month there. If three months be put in this sum will be refunded. Mr. Egan says the board supplied to the men is first-class, wholesome and plentiful, and unlike the experience of the men on the Crow's Nest Pass the contractor do it in their power to make the men comfortable. Mr. Egan expresses his willingness to send all the men from this vicinity to that portion of the road which is under the charge of Mr. Alex. R. Mann, a brother of Dan's, and one of the most popular contractors in the West. A meeting of those interested was held in Matthews' hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Egan gave detailed information and answered questions relating to the work, and convinced those present that Mann & McManis had no contract on the Crow's Nest Pass. It is probable that a considerable number of men in Acton and vicinity will engage for the work required.

A PROVINCIAL REPUTATION.
Hamilton's Marble Works, Guelph, is the scene of very active operations at present. He will ship shortly monuments for erection at Berlin, Ridgeway, London, Berlin, Hamilton, Stratford, Galt, and other points. No better indication of the superior work and material supplied by this old and reliable establishment, than the uncollected orders from a distance, which come to Mr. J. H. Hamilton, the proprietor. A large shipment of Swedish and Scotch Granite has just been received, and includes a number of attractive new designs.

HOW GALT DIDN'T DO IT.
An Open Letter to the Galt Reformers and to his Sporting Editor.

To the Reformers:
It is an accepted saying in all sporting circles that "Galt has never been able to accept defeat in any contest gracefully," and verily if we are to judge from your report of the recent championship lacrosse match here the saying is a true one.

You emphatically disgraced yourself by permitting the publication of a report which not only belittled the facts, but grossly misrepresented Acton lacrosse club and belittled this well-behaved and law-abiding town and its worthy citizens. Your Billingsgate includes the following choice epithets and lying phrases:

"An Acton Mob;" "1500 hoodlums;" "Acton crowd, terrorized the visitors;" "They carried clubs and bludgeons;" "The mob howled 'hang him, kill him, knock his block off,' exterminate him;" "Open hostility of the Actonians;" "Blows were aimed at the players as they approached the spectators;" "They were threatened with words strong and unamistakable, illustrated by waving clubs;" "Acton must be an Irish settlement, every mother's son of them had a shillelagh, and they brandished them in the air in a way quite alarming to one;" "Lay his head open;" "Brutal attack;" &c. &c.

In the name of all 'thats' fair and sportsmanlike we protest against such untruthful, unwarranted and malicious characterization of our lacrosse players and citizens, as you in bold headlines and loaded matter indulge in.

The game referred to was an excellent exhibition of clean, skillful, well-played lacrosse, and spectators who witnessed both games freely asserted it was markedly freer from rough play than our boys were treated to in the game at Galt. In fact there was little if any rough play and none of the players received an injury more than skin deep. Whatever feeling the Acton players may have had against Galt for the treatment they had received in the game in that town, there was certainly no demonstration of it on the field during the game on the 29th inst. here.

If ever a club was contemptuously treated in the name of the "unrepresentative" and detected attempt to smuggle in a brilliant outside player, Groves, from Stratford, Galt was on this occasion. All players know that the referee could have refused permission to put another player in his place who is illegally forfeited, but Acton generally allowed a substitute to take the place of the imported, registered under an assumed name.

Your contemptible lies about spectators interfering, and mob threatening, and clubs, and shillelugs and bludgeons were without the remotest semblance of truth. The fact of the matter is that Galt was outplayed, but could not bear defeat. Two of the players of the team did, however admit to a member of Acton's Managing Committee, before they left town, that they were fairly defeated in a well played game, and similar admissions were made to friends upon their arrival home.

If Galt wants to obstruct to play lacrosse in any district in the province they will require to adopt different tactics, and without the remotest semblance of truth.

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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."

Miss Hall, of Berlin, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Andrew Ford, of Durham, was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gray, of Toronto, are guests at Moorecroft.

Mr. John Moffat, of Galt, was home for a day or so last week.

Mr. Robertson, of Toronto, visited at the old home on Monday.

Miss Aggie Glover is visiting friends in Erin and Orangeville.

Dr. M. Forster, of Palmerston, visited his son here yesterday.

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Mr. Frank Lee, of Rockwood, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Roland Perryman, of Toronto, was home for a day or two this week.

Mr. J. Bryne, of Hillsburg, was the guest of Mr. H. H. Worden on Sunday.

Mr. John Williams is making a visit of a week or so at Winton and Hope Bay.

Miss Ida McNabb, of Toronto General Hospital, is home for a three week's rest.

Mrs. Harry Stroser and children of Waterloo, are guests at Mr. T. Statham's.

Mr. Anson Smith, Sr., of Galtford, is the guest of his daughter at Sunderland, Villa.

Miss Nettie Noble, of Toronto, returned home on Monday after a pleasant two weeks visit.

Miss McLeod, of Hamilton, has been the guest of the Misses Stephenson the past week.

Mr. Frank Priest, of Toronto, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Bryne.

Mr. John Kennedy and Miss Dorothy, of Guelph, were guests at Moorecroft on Monday.

Mr. Ninian Lindsay, of Georgetown, spent Monday with his son Mr. N. F. Lindsay.

Mr. Laird, of Hamilton, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Macpherson, at the Manse this week.

Miss Katy Mook has returned from Freeport, Ohio, and is at her home in Waterloo.

Dr. Ernest Hall, of Toronto, late of Victoria, B. C., was a guest at Moorecroft on Thursday.

Mr. William Auld and two sons, of Toronto, came up on Saturday to spend a few days here.

Rev. J. W. Peckley, of London, has accepted a call to the Western Congregational Church, Toronto.

Mr. Jas. Milne, of Toronto, was a guest at the home of Mr. T. Ferryman for Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Asa Hall, returned last week from Berlin after spending a couple of weeks with friends there.

Mr. Matheson, of Guelph, was in town on Tuesday visiting his friend ex-wagoner Warren and others.

Miss Ada Francis and Mr. Edwin spent their holidays at the home of their father, Councillor Francis.

Mr. George Blair, who now occupies a good position in New York, spent a day or so last week with his sisters here.

Their many friends in Acton were pleased to meet Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy, of Hillsburg, last week.

Messrs. Wm. Edmiston Sr., Thos. J. Wm. and Albert attended the "Old Boys' Reunion at their old home at Fergus Monday.

Rev. H. N. Masalas, who has been in Dowagiac, Mich., has been called to Richmond, Mich. He is now 200 miles away from home.

Mr. Alexander Mann, Sr., has recovered much of his former strength since his recent illness. He was able to drive to town on Tuesday.

Mr. James Martin, Postmaster of Speyside, who was confined to the house with typhoid fever for six or eight weeks is able to be about again.

Mr. Charles McCann, of Toronto, spent a couple of days this week at his home here. Charlie has a good position on the "World" and is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gowdy and Miss Nettie left yesterday afternoon for their annual summer vacation at Guelph Bay, Michigan.

Mr. William Williams went to Toronto yesterday morning to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge No. 204, representative of Acton Lodge No. 204.

Mr. Lewis Bentley, of Hillsburg, spent a day or so last week at the home of Rev. Pearson. Back in the sermons he was a member of St. Paul's in the old farm at Hillsburg, Bentley and Pearson, Toronto.

Mr. (Rev.) B. B. Cook returned home on Monday from visiting her son at Hamilton. She went to the Ambitious City with her granddaughter, Miss May Cook, who had been spending a few weeks here.

Rev. J. K. Godden, M. A., writes the Free Press that he and Mr. Godden are now comfortably settled on the lake shore at Oakville. Mr. Godden says he feels almost completely restored to health again, and hopes to resume his work on the 1st September.

From June 15th till July 15th

J. D. MCKEE, ACTON

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50 papers now 44c.	6c	"	5c
7 1/2 " " 5c	7 1/2 "	"	6c
10c "	"	"	8c
12 1/2 " " 10c	12 1/2 "	"	10c
15c "	"	"	12c
20c "	"	"	15c
25c "	"	"	20c
30c "	"	"	25c
40c "	"	"	30c

Snaps for one month only.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

Salvage Sale at the Noted Tea Store & China Palace.

TO-MORROW MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK WE WILL OFFER FOR SALE:

50 doz. Nappies, regular price 60c. dozen. Sale price 30c. doz.
5 doz. Large Nappies on stand, regular price 40c., sale price 20c.
5 doz. Low Preserve Dishes, regular price 30c. sale price 15c.
5 doz. Low Preserve Dishes, regular price 20c. sale price 10c.
10 gross China Egg Cups, regular price 20c per dozen, sale price 10c.
3 gross Peppers and Salts, regular price 5c each, sale price 2 1/2c.
Tumblers, Goblets, Pitchers at same rate.

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Entries close September 6th. Space allotted on receipt of entry. Exhibits will be unreserved, attractions better than ever. Hippodrome, Charlot Races, Champion Sword Contests, Imperial Japs, Famous Lady Riders, World Renowned Gymnasts and Aerial Artists perform. Fireworks each evening, "The British and Americans in Samoa," and all ring and platform attractions.