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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1899.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

-Enjoyable moonlight nights this week.

-About an inch of snow fell last Friday night.

-Snow shovels were brought into requisition again on Saturday.

-Guelph has a hundred owners of dogs who have not provided tags for them.

-There are a number of cases of small pox in the counties of Essex and Kent.

-Rev. J. W. Ross will lecture on "Doors" in Knox Church to-morrow evening.

-The Burlington Gazette has improved its office plant by introduction of a power press.

-Mr. John Kennedy, Church Street, is under treatment for a severe case of blood poisoning.

-A meeting of the Public School Board is called for on Monday evening next at 8:00 o'clock.

-The last regular meeting of the County Council for 1899 will be held on Tuesday, November 28th.

-Rev. Father Feany has had the front of the paragon property on John Street neatly bulldozed.

-Lord Minto has been invited to Guelph Christmas Fair to be held on Thursday, 7th December.

-There has been considerable "stargazing" the past two nights. The meteoric display is blamed for it.

-The grain market continues somewhat dull. The prices here yesterday were: wheat 65c, oats 24 to 25c, rye 50c, barley 30 to 35c, peas 55c.

-Messrs. W. D. Frolic, W. Stark, A. J. McKinnon and R. G. Campbell, attended a special meeting of Milton Chapter, A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday evening.

-It would be a good idea for the Streets and Works Committee to have all collectors, watercourts and drains on the streets put in good order before frost sets in.

-The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will hold a social on Friday evening, 1st December. An excellent program is under preparation.

-Mr. Wm. Ebbege has forwarded the Essex Press with interesting Anecdotes, Montages, papers, illustrating the return of the Montana soldiers from the Philippines.

-The Essex Press stands on its merits as a local family newspaper and guarantees clean, healthy tone and attractive typography. 10c to January. One dollar to 1901.

-Mr. H. T. Arnold purchased the double dwelling on Main Street from the estate of the late Archibald Campbell, a sale last Saturday. The price paid was \$700.

-The Georgetown Herald has entered upon its thirty-fifth volume and the Milton Reformist its fifteenth. Both are interesting, well-conducted, local papers and a credit to the county of Hamilton.

-Although there have been several names suggested during the past few days as likely candidates for the Mayoralty next year, it is pretty well understood that Mayor Nelson will not receive any opposition for the second term.—Guelph Mercury.

-Advertising of the right kind, in a good medium pays. We believe the Essex Press to be a good medium, and would like to see the name of every business man in this section represented in its advertising columns. Rates furnished on application.

-Rev. Mr. Macpherson returned on Monday from the services held in connection with Erasmus First Church Anniversary. The services were well attended. The social on Monday night was a decided success. Mr. Macpherson delivered part of his lecture on "The Meaning of Life."

-In an unassuming domicile at the door of the post office the other evening, Rev. J. E. Golden M. A., who was passing, had his spectacles knocked off and broken. It was no doubt an accident, but those responsible for this should certainly have had the manliness to apologise and make good the damage sustained.

TO THE DEAR.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noise in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent \$1,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply to Department, K. B. The Institute, 780 Eighth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

LEAVING ACTON.

Harness, for robes, blankets, whips, etc., as they set for the next twenty-one days. I have sold my business to Mr. Cameron, of Bolton, and have to reduce my stock to half the present amount by the first of December, so anyone wanting a harness, robe, or anything in the stock will have a chance of buying it at cost until the first of December, 1899. The chance of a lifetime to buy harness at such a price as I will offer. J. H. MARVIN, Acton.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every item interesting.

Lecture on "Doors."

Rev. J. W. Ross, of Toronto Junction, will deliver a lecture on "Doors," in Knox Church on Friday night of this week. The more mention of the name of Mr. Ross will insure a large attendance. The administration is 15 and 10 cents.

Knox Church C. E. Anniversary.

The Rev. A. J. Mann, of First Church, Erasmus, preached in Knox Church last Sabbath. In the evening the members of the C. E. Society occupied the front pews and were addressed by Mr. Mann, who took for his subject, "Go Forward." Mr. Mann will always be welcomed to Acton. His sermon, and the doat with the leader of choir, Mr. A. T. Mann, were delightful.

Nominations on Friday, December 2nd.

The municipal election for the year will be held on Friday, December 22nd. The statutes provide that when the last Monday in December is Christmas Day, the nominations for the offices of members of the municipal council shall take place on the preceding Friday. This election will, however, be held on the first Monday in January as usual—this year, New Year's Day.

Acton Extending Westward.

W. P. Campbell, the builder, has changed his office from leaving Acton and will continue to supply the town with more new dwellings. As is well known he has already built between twenty and thirty houses here, all of which are occupied. He has now purchased some three acres of land, suitable for building lots, from Adam Cook, on Mount Campbell, and is dividing it into lots. A new dwelling has already been commenced on the lot at the corner of Brook Street and Victoria Avenue.

Knox Church W. F. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Knox Church last Thursday afternoon. It was largely attended, not only by its own members, but also by members of the missionary societies of other churches in town. The address was given by Mrs. Goldie, of Guelph, who was very interesting and helpful and went to show how much the women are capable of doing when they become fully seized with the importance of the work. The officers for the coming year were elected. The doat by Misses McCleane and Watson was much enjoyed. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. S. Smith and Mrs. H. A. Macpherson.

A Milton Boy's Progress.

The St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press give particular notice of the remarkable case of a burning building on Commercial Street in that city recently, in which Mr. Martin Moffat, son of Christopher Moffat, Acton, figured prominently. An incendiary fire occurred in a house occupied by a father and mother and seven small children and the wife's mother, eighty-eight years old. The father succeeded in rescuing four of the children and Mr. Moffat and a neighbor got out the other three, when the woman got out the old lady, who was unable to walk, and still in the house. Mr. Moffat bravely dashed through the flames into the falling building and carried the woman out to a place of safety.

Safely Returned from the Old Land.

Mr. Wm. O. Cameron and his daughter, Miss Lillian, arrived home from their trip to Great Britain, and the continent last Wednesday evening. The trip was a very enjoyable one, excepting perhaps the return voyage, which Mr. Cameron says was the roughest he has ever experienced in ten trips across the Atlantic. Mr. Cameron stood the journey well, however, and was one of the very few passengers not troubled with sea-sickness. During his trip Mr. Cameron visited London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Paris, Stockholm, Lubeck, and numerous smaller cities, and the excitement and activity over the war in the Transvaal was very apparent in all parts of the old land, but it was not to be compared with the excitement manifested in the populous countries of England and Scotland over the results of the recent yacht races from day to day. Mr. Cameron saw a number of the transporters sitting out for South Africa, and the steamship he sailed over in, the Bavaria, was held by the British authorities for this service.

Interesting Natural History Meeting.

The fall and winter series of "Nature Studies" opened very auspiciously in the Baptist Church last Friday evening. Rev. W. S. McAlpine, B. A., the pastor, introduced the subject by what he called the "Humber Creation" and spoke of the utility, beauty and marvellous construction of many insects, etc., in the class. Interesting papers relative to the subject followed. "The Mosquito" by Miss Sherman, Georgetown, was read by Miss Warren; Mr. McAlpine read an essay on "Aphids," or green flies, the cows which the ants milk, by Dr. Frank Watson, Georgetown; Mr. R. D. Warren read a paper on Spiders, and Moths," written by Mr. H. Goodson. He also gave a description of "Wasp's Nest Building," illustrating the first paper maker. Mr. McAlpine read another paper on "Locusts and Grasshoppers" and Miss Grindell one on "Aiding Cities, or Architecture of Acton," by Miss Barnes. The choir sang "Three Bumblebees," and the pastor sang a solo, "The Cricket on the Hearth." A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Rev. T. R. Forbes and Mr. Fred Eastwood.

The Name of Our Town.

Acton's name is simply "Acton" not "Acton West." It was so christened by a public meeting of citizens away back in 1847 when elevated to the distinction of possessing a post office. "Acton" is the name in all municipal records, and this is the Government name found in official post office and court lists. "Acton West" was not thought of until long after the Grand Trunk Railway was built through here, and became freight occasionally went east to Acton Vale, Que., for their own convenience the railway people inserted "Acton West" in their time tables, etc. "Acton" is distinctive. There is no other place of the same name in the Dominion and citizens are leaders for those times honored title. Some people erroneously address their letters "Acton West." There is no such post office. A contractor with a "new" map of the province was in town this week. His "new" map shows "Acton West" as the G. T. R. and has a second post marked for "Acton" a mile or a mile and a half away from the railway. This is an injustice to our town inasmuch as the railway runs directly through the town, with the post office and business section within a quarter of a mile from the station. The error makes very nearly executed map very objectionable to Acton people, who desire Acton's advantages to be fairly represented.

TO LOSE A GOLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative from Quinine Tablets. A. J. B. Co. N. Y. U. S. A.

"ROWDYISM"

To the Editor of the Free Press, Dear Sir: It is with a deep sense of regret that I feel myself called upon to write these few lines for publication. I do so with some reluctance; but present circumstances call for it.

The conduct, on the streets at night of many of our young townsmen, of either the boy or what may be called the "coming man," is open to severe criticism. Surely we are not going back to the old days of "rioting, drunkenness and rowdyism," when it was scarcely safe for a lady to be alone on the streets after night without being subject to some insult. But yet, when we call in question the rowdy, unmanly conduct of many young men, either at the corners of some of the streets, or at the post office, at night, we have reason to think the old days have returned, that a lady's presence only calls for a hiss, a spit, or a word of vulgarity or insult; and that those posing themselves as gentlemen may find to their dismay that they are only esteemed as "losers."

How much better if young men only realized more the sanctity of home life.

The good moral influence they had when under parents' control; so that the actions of a gentleman are such as can never be called in question.

Whether these actions are entirely owing to the rowdy nature of some young men, or to a lack of proper vigilance on the part of the "keepers of the peace," is a question that cannot be answered here, but, not only was I myself the butt of some of this rowdyism the other evening at the post office, when the offending party had not the manliness to apologise, but I have been told by a certain lady that on returning home some nights from the office she has had to even wipe off tobacco spit from her dress. I think such conduct as this, in a public department, and where ladies congregate, deserves not only the severest reproof, but calls for more careful vigilance on the part of the authorities and more prompt action of the law. And here I would also give a word of advice to Christian parents of this town. If you really love your children and have an interest in their future moral and spiritual welfare, keep them off the streets at night, where they are a perfect trial to the public, or else let our authorities by all means institute the rigid law of the curfew bell.

I am yours truly, St. Alban's Parsonage, J. K. GOODSON, Nov. 13th, 1899.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Power House Lot and Water Privilege are Paid For.

Council met on Monday evening in regular session.

Members all present except Councillor Francis. Reeve Pearson in the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-first report and recommended payment of accounts as follows:

D. W. Gibson & Co., car cost..... \$23 25

D. Mills, teaming coal..... 22 75

A. Stephenson, repairs..... 18 05

Headmore Lumber Co., repairs..... 16 00

James Clark, oil under oil..... 8 00

W. Perryman, labor..... 7 10

John Harvey, freight and expenses..... 7 49

H. Bingham, labor..... 6 87

W. Campbell, gravel..... 3 00

J. W. Matthews, sundries..... 2 85

J. Arthur, labor..... 2 50

Bell Telephone Co., telephoning..... 75

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Moved by J. A. Murray, seconded by James Clark, that the twenty-first report of the Committee on Finance first read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by John Clark, seconded by James Clark, that the Reeve and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to pay W. A. Storey, the sum of eight hundred dollars, as soon as a deed is satisfactory to one holder, being amount of purchase price of land purchased for erection of electric plant.—Carried.

Moved by James Clark, seconded by J. A. Murray, that the Reeve be paid the usual grant of twenty dollars to cover amount dispensed for charity.—Carried.

Arrangements were considered for the erection of an oil and supply house for the electric plant.

Council adjourned at nine o'clock.

The Anthrax Case Appaled.

Notice of appeal has been served by defendants in the case of Campbell vs. Acton Tanning Co., tried at the late session at Guelph in which the plaintiff was awarded by the jury \$1,000, and each of her two infant children \$500, together with the costs of suit. The appeal will be heard in January.

MILTON.

The anniversary services in Knox Church on Sunday were highly interesting and successful. With Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Hamilton, on Sunday and Rev. William Patterson, of Toronto, Monday night, the congregation was favored with a very strong team.

The Minto curling club has been re-organized for the coming season with a strong membership and able officials.

The shoe factory is rushed with orders and experienced operatives are hard to get.

Mrs. E. Featherstone, formerly of Trafalgar, has moved into town, and is living in the residence formerly occupied by the late ex-Mayor Smith.

Milton W. O. T. U. is still agitating for the continuance of the curfew bell.

County Treasurer, Jas. Menzies, is gradually recovering from his recent illness.

GEORGETOWN.

Judge Hamilton has decided that Constable Harley is entitled to the \$25.00 reward offered by Peel Council for the arrest of Mike Tracey, Jr. for horse stealing.

The Anniversary Services in the Methodist Church last Sunday and Monday evenings were very interesting and successful. Rev. D. A. Moir, B. D., of Walkerton, was cordially welcomed by many friends. His ministrations were highly appreciated. Miss E. Lillian Powell, of Toronto, sang with much acceptance.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. George's Church held a "Sale of Work," in the town hall Tuesday and Wednesday.

The paper mill safe was blown up on Friday evening, Sept. 1st, and \$40.00 secured.

The suit of Appleby v. the Corporation of Georgetown was tried by Judge Hamilton last week. Mr. Appleby asked for \$100 damages for loss of water on his farm during the dry spell. He was granted \$80 and costs.

TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY

Young men or old men who intend to marry will be pleased to learn that the new Marriage Act is made quite simple by applying to H. P. Moore, issuer of marriage licenses, at the Essex Press Office. Call a few days before the ceremony and have the Act explained. Private office. All business strictly private and confidential. Residence in evening.

But few people are able to appreciate a good thing until after they lose it.

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

THE FREE PRESS INVITES ALL ITS READERS TO CON- tribute 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.

Mr. Bert Mason, of Meadowdale, visited relatives here this week.

Mr. G. E. McCann, of the Toronto World, was home over Sunday.

Misses Jennie and Mabel Edmiston are visiting friends in Guelph this week.

Mr. James Coleman is now in Winnipeg and expects to spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMillan and Miss Jessie Nicklin visited friends at Erin this week.

Councillor and Mrs. Wrigglesworth, of Ashgrove, visited Acton friends last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyde, of Springfield-on-the-Credit, were visiting friends here this week.

Mr. C. S. Smith was a guest at the Anderson-McLeod wedding at Georgetown last week.

Mr. F. W. Ross, of Toronto, spent a couple of days this week with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mill St.

Mrs. C. McLaughlin spent a couple of weeks with friends in Toronto, and Mr. McLaughlin was in the city over Sunday.

Miss Christie, of Guelph, and Miss Dempsey, of St. Thomas, were guests at the home of D. H. Ross, of P. E. this week.

Miss S. Schram, of Toronto, who is forming a class in instrumental music here, has been a guest at Moorcroft this week.

Very Rev. Father Knoch, P. P., of Paris, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Hamilton, was a guest of Rev. Father Feany last week.

Mr. W. A. Storey left Saturday on a trip to Gloversville and Johnstown, N. Y. He was accompanied by Mr. Fred H. Storey.

Dr. F. F. Mercer, who went out to Prince Albert, N. W. T. from Acton two years ago, has now settled at Santa Rita, New Mexico.

Mr. John S. Coleman returned from his visit to the North West last week. He is quite favorably impressed with the country.

Miss Minnie Holmes was home from Norval over Saturday and Sunday. She has been re-engaged for another year in her school there.

Mr. W. Kennedy, foreman of the Gravures Bureau, who had been visiting at the old home in the evening, called on the Free Press last week.

Mr. John Walker and family have removed to town from their farm and are now comfortably settled in their brick residence on Park Ave.

Mr. Thomas J. Edmiston has left Acton and gone farther west. He is now ranching at Wabasca, N. W. T., where his brother Robert is in missionary work.

Mr. F. W. Galbraith, of the Guelph Mercury is rapidly recovering his former strength and vigor. He was able to visit the office once during the week, and expects shortly to be at his post again.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Joseph Leahy, who underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, some three weeks ago, is rapidly on his feet, and expects in another week to be able to return home.

Welcome news has reached the friends here of Mrs. Dr. Payne Jr. of Chicago, who has been seriously afflicted from an internal growth for some time. She is now rapidly recovering and hopes in a few weeks to be able to visit her old home here.

We are pleased to be able to state that a first-class heavy horse, 6 year old, for sale. Cheap. Suitable for road or farming. Will go at a sacrifice as we are leaving.

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100 doz. Heavy White Cups and Saucers, 60c per doz.

20 only, 4 Piece Toilet Sets, \$1.00

40 doz. Tea Plates, 50c per doz.

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500 Blue and White Japanese China Tea Pots with Drainer, 6c each.

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Our Young Ladies will take much pleasure in showing the best of The New Styles in Jackets

They combine—the choicest of new shapes, the new corded and striped effects, and the applique velvet designs which are prominent features of the best of the new styles.

FOUR DOLLARS Will give you the choice of a splendid lot, and at prices between that and

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Astrachan Jackets and Fur Lined Capes are a specialty with us.

We've Jackets to suit all figures, at prices to suit all purses.

D. E. Macdonald & Bro. GOLDEN LION - GUELPH.

Symon Bros. General Merchants

As it is drawing very near the 20th of November, we notify all those who have not paid their accounts that our leaving Acton is no hoax, and that all accounts must be paid before that date or put up with the consequences.

GROCERIES.

Honey Drip Syrup 30c. gal. worth 70c.

5 lbs. Ginger Snaps 25c.

Very Best American Coal Oil 20c. gal.

Granulated Sugar 10 lbs. for \$1.00.

6 bars Ivory Soap for 25c.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Children's Stockings and Rubbers combined 50c. worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Stockings and Rubbers combined \$1.50 worth \$1.75.

Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, sizes 3 to 4 \$1.00 worth \$1.75.

Ladies' Fine Kid Button Shoes, sizes 3 and 3 1/2 \$1.00 worth \$1.75.

2 prs. Ladies' Imported Kid, size 3 \$1.75 worth \$3.00.

Men's Fine Lace Boots, J. D. King's, box call \$2.50 worth \$4.00.

Men's Long Boots \$2.25 worth \$3.00.

Men's Gaiter Boots \$1.75 worth \$2.75.

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Every mother is concerned at this time of the year about stockings for her boys and girls. She requires something warm and good to wear, of a correct shape, and comfortable to the wearer.

We have such goods as these in worsteds, in heavy and extra heavy qualities, and something extra nice for girls' and ladies' wear in a beautiful fine merino, wool ribbed hose suitable to the most tender feet and very warm, at no advanced prices either, notwithstanding that the yarn has advanced over 50 per cent. since we bought these goods. We have made a special study of this branch of our business and we can thus give you better results than you can get any other way.

Overcoats

Men's, Boys, Youths.

We have all kinds, the comfortable ulster with a deep collar, the up-to-date gentleman's coat made of beaver or cheviot.

Pea Jackets and Reefers.

In frize pilot cloth and beaver. A complete range to choose from, correct shades and well guaranteed workmanship. Give us a look and you will be surprised at the values offered.

Ladies' Jackets

A feature of our jackets trade is that we are constantly adding something to our stock, the latest novelties are to be found here as they come out, a fresh shipment of new jackets expected this week.