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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1909.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFINGS

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

—A second local paper in Oakville is hinted.

—Milton is now talking "electric light under municipal control."

—Milton's Collector of taxes returned his roll for 1909 last week.

—The closing examination of the county model school will begin on Monday Dec. 11th.

—The Court of General Sessions of the peace will be held at Milton on Tuesday, 12th, December.

—The Sacrament of Baptism will be observed in Knox Church next Sabbath at the morning service.

—The town of Brussels laid 80,044 square feet of granite walks this summer at ten cents a foot.

—The Agricultural College shipped by C. P. R. ten cases of dressed poultry to Liverpool last Saturday.

—The funeral of the late Miss Lizzie Mann will take place from the family residence at two o'clock this afternoon.

—Dondak is putting in a complete system of electric lighting under municipal ownership, at a cost of about \$60,000.

—Mr. Wm. Bell, of Newburg, sold his team of fine black horses, to Mr. Gibbs, of Elora, the other day for a handsome figure.

—Ladies in all parts of the country are adopting the sensible practice of removing their hats while attending public entertainments.

—A meeting of the executive of Acton Branch Bible Society will be held in the Council Chamber next Monday evening at eight o'clock.

—Miss Evelyn McKelown was re-engaged as teacher of the Bannockburn school for another year, and Mr. Fred Naxon at Dublin.

—Miss Warren gave an address at the recent Young People's rally of Guelph Baptist Association, at Etobicoke, on "The Child's Experiences."

—A number of men have been laid off at the Acton Tanning Company's works, business being somewhat slack in one of the departments there.

—The month of November has been shaved off the winter of 1899-1900, at any rate, and the winter will no doubt be that much shorter than usual.

—Mr. Wm. Dunfield, late of Newburg, has purchased and taken possession of the business of the Palace Barber Shop, lately operated by Mr. H. H. Worden.

—Numerous properties in town have been in the hands of the carpenters and painters the past few months, with beneficial results to Acton's general appearance.

—Rev. A. Blair, B. A., of Newburg, will assist the minister at the evening service on Sabbath, December 3rd, and deliver an address on "The Lord's Supper."

—Would it not give an added interest to the nomination meeting if the Council fixed the hour at 7:30 in the evening, instead of at 12 o'clock noon, on Friday 2nd, December.

—The remains of the late Thomas Cripps, who died of diphtheria in Toronto on Saturday, were driven to Acton and interred in Fairview Cemetery on Monday. The funeral was private.

—The Provincial Educational Council has appointed Mr. J. B. Deacon, Public School Inspector for Etobicoke, as one of the examiners in Normal School examinations for the year 1900. An excellent appointment.

—Messrs. C. C. Speight and A. T. Brown, who are expert amateur photographers, are each issuing new calendars for 1900, bearing attractive photographic landscapes, &c. The idea is an excellent one, and their friends who secure one of their dainty productions will prize them.

—You wish a first class farm and home paper? Then see the *Weekly Sun* before placing your order. A post card request sent to Sun Office, will secure for you four successive numbers of the *Sun*, free and if at the end of that time you do not wish to subscribe your name will be dropped and there will be no charge whatever.

—T. P. Smith, eye specialist, will be in Acton on Thursday, December 7th, one day only, rooms at Agnew's Hotel, if you have any defect in your eyesight it will pay to call and see him. Examinations at 11 A. M. or by special appointment at A. T. Brown's Drug Store.

—To Mrs. Dix—A rich lady, owned 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 may be cured. Apply to Department, K. B. The Institute, 780 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

—Two sets of team harness and two sets of harness yet to be sold, at cost. To be seen within eight days if you want them. J. E. Morrison.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

The Affirmative Won.

An interesting debate on the question: "Is it part of the duty of a Church to provide amusements?" was a part of Tuesday evening's programme at the Epworth League. The debaters were members of the Missionary and Christian Endeavor Committees. The decision was given for the affirmative.

County Councils Last Session for 1899.

The last session of the County Council for the present year was held on Tuesday. The business was the usual routine of the closing session. All the members were present. At the conclusion of the business of the day, Warden Hall entertained the members at the Wallace House to a quiet dinner. After dinner, speeches were then indulged in, and many kind things were said of Warden Hall for his able and courteous occupancy of the office during the year.

The Baptist's New Edition.

The new Baptist Church is progressing. The plasterers are at work this week. The stumps and painters have the exterior pretty well finished and their handiwork has much improved the appearance of the building. The Clarence Bro. Co., Preston, have been given the contract for the furnaces and the Valley City Heating Co., of Dundas, will put in the heating. It looks as present as if the opening would not take place until well into January.

Another New Home on Church St.

Mr. John J. Lawson, carpenter and contractor, has purchased the two lots belonging to the Milburn property at the corner of Church and Willow Streets. The large frame building on the front has been removed to the site of the front lot and will be used for a carpenter shop, etc. Work is in progress on the foundations of a two story frame or brick veneered house on the corner which Mr. Lawson intends to occupy himself. This will much improve what has been a very untidy corner in town for a long time.

Successful Special Services.

The Misses Hall, of Guelph, who conducted evangelistic services in the First Methodist Church on Sunday, says the London Free Press, have been engaged with Rev. Joseph Edge in the Wellington Street Methodist Church for the past two weeks. From the first the congregations have been large. On Sunday evening many had to leave, not being able to find room. The conductor writes that "the earnest and tender appeals of the evangelists have led many to decide to lead a better life." The services will continue through this week.

To-Morrow Evening's Sociable.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church has completed arrangements for an enjoyable social evening to-morrow. The programme, which will be presented in the auditorium, includes an address by Rev. John Saunders, M. A., the new pastor at Georgetown, solo with guitar accompaniment by Rev. W. B. McAlpine, B. A., a declamatory number by Miss Mina Walker, of Berlin; solo by Miss Hettie J. Lawson, of Stewartville, and Mr. R. J. Garney, of Acton, and instrumental selections by the Sunday School Orchestra. Entertainment commences at eight o'clock.

An Enjoyable Thanksgiving Service.

An interesting service was held in connection with the Knox Church Christian Endeavor Society's meeting on Sabbath evening. It was the regular concert meeting held by the choir, who had prepared a special programme. The theme of the evening was thanksgiving. Solo were given by Mr. A. T. Mann and Miss Jennie Smith. Trio, quartet, etc., by other members of the choir, and readings by Mr. J. J. Lawson, Miss Sinclair, and Miss E. Jean McPhail. This, together with a couple of anthems by the choir, and the regular concertation service of the society, made up a very enjoyable and profitable hour.

Farmers' Zanfirre Meetings.

The regular and supplementary meetings to be held this winter in connection with the Halton Farmers' Institute, and deputations for each, have been fixed as follows:—Regular meetings at Milton and Acton on Jan. 5th and 8th respectively, and supplementary meetings at Brocks, Kilmuir, Portville and Burlington on Jan. 10th and 11th, and Feb. 1st and 2nd, respectively. Speakers at regular meetings to be A. McNeill, Walkerville, and Mrs. Andrew Kinney, Grand View. At supplementary meetings—Andrew Elliott, Galt, and G. W. Nash, Toronto. Halton Institute enjoys the distinction of being third in point of members in the province. Secretary J. L. Warren informs the Free Press that nearly 500 members are enrolled.

Revised Lists.

On the recommendation of Gen. Halton all corps of the Canadian militia are like to be equalized shortly, and if this be done rural infantry or rifle battalions will hereafter consist of either four or eight companies. The 20th London Rifle Battalion, now seven companies, it is to be hoped that its strength will be increased, not reduced, and there should be no difficulty about the organization of the eight company. There is room for one at Oakville. The headquarters of No. 1 Co. have always been at that town, but on account of its officers having been transferred for years past it has been recruited altogether or nearly altogether from the township. There is no good reason why its headquarters could not be removed from Oakville to Georgetown where there is a drill shed, and the new No. 8, enlisted at Oakville, where company, there is plenty of good material for both officers and men.—*Champion*.

Ferretally Entered into Rest.

Death touched the frame of Mrs. Ezra D. Prater, mother of Mrs. (Rev.) William Byrnes, on Monday evening and she peacefully fell asleep. She had attained the ripe old age of 88 years. Mrs. Prater was born at Earnestown, near Bath, in 1810, and lived with her parents there until her marriage. After her husband's death, she remained with her son, who was in Napanee, where she remained until five years ago. The past five years she has spent with her daughter, Mrs. Byrnes, in Acton. Owing to failing physical and mental vigor the past year or so she was confined to the house, and latterly has been a great care. Her daughter and other members of the family ministered to all her wants with loving attention and everything was done to smooth the path of the old lady in her declining years. Her father's house and her own home always extended a hearty welcome to the pioneer minister, and Mrs. Prater always enjoyed the services of the house of God as long as her health permitted her attendance. A private funeral service was conducted at the home on Tuesday evening by Rev. J. A. McCrea, and the body was taken to the home of the late Rev. Byrnes and her brother, Mr. Prater, of Toronto, for interment.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMING.

The By-Law Fixing Polling Places and Deputy Returning Officers Passed.

Council met on Monday evening in regular session.
 Members all present, Reeve Pearson in the chair.
 The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-second report, recommending payment as follows:
 G. T. R. freight and duty on coal \$27 57
 W. Ferryman, 5 days labor 6 35
 D. Mills, teaming 3 50
 Rice Lewis & Son, roll work 2 00
 J. A. Speight & Co., repairing stone boat 1 25
 Total \$40 57

Moved by I. Francis, seconded by J. A. Murray, that the twenty-second report of Finance Committee just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by John Clarke, seconded by James Clark, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law for the purpose of appointing the places at which the polls will be opened for the election of Reeve, Councillors and Public School Trustees in the Municipality of Acton, in case a poll is required, and to appoint Deputy Returning Officers, who shall preside at the respective polling places, and that said By-law be now read a first time.—Carried.
 The By-law was introduced, read the required number of times and passed, the usual places being named—the Town Hall and G. C. Speight's shop, and the returning officers, Thos. F. Moore and Jas. G. Hill. Council then adjourned.

GEORGETOWN

A tramp who was being given his walking ticket from the G. T. R. station yard last Wednesday by Agent McCann, cursed on him and gave him several ugly gashes on the hands with a keen bladed knife he carried. He was subsequently arrested.
 One day last week the members of the family of Mrs. G. W. Godden were poisoned by eating canned kippered herring. Mrs. Godden, assistant post-mistress, was most seriously affected, and was for several days in a very critical condition but she is now recovering.
 Mr. Chester J. Matthews, of the Acton post office, who relieved Postmaster Henderson while away on his bridal tour, had filled Miss Godden's place during her illness the past week. Chester has become quite a favorite with the patrons of the post office.
 After a brief illness, Mr. J. S. Rogers died last week. He was a young man and had been married only a few months. He was employed at the tannery. Lung trouble was the cause of death.

MILTON.

The authorities are advertising for fifty pairs of first-class body wood, beech and maple, for the goal posts.
 Thirty-four lock boxes are being put in at the post office.
 Thos. Morton, barber, and Thos. Morton, tailor, were losers of a dog each by poison one day last week.
 Halton Football League has been organized. There are only two teams, Burlington and Kilmuir. A match was played on Saturday at Burlington.
 A committee having been appointed by the town council to wait upon the Milton Electric Light Co. to ascertain their terms for purchase of their plant by the town, this matter will probably be a live issue at the forth-coming municipal elections.

The programme for the band concert on December 8th will be an excellent one.

Miss Flanigan, soprano, Toronto, pupil of Mr. E. W. Schuler, of New York, Canada, a favorite singing comedian: E. U. Dickson, tenor, Victoria University, Toronto; R. E. Gollins, baritone, Milton, will take part in the programme.
 A White Ribbon Tea, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., was given at the residence of Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson on Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. An offering was taken, and the proceeds devoted to buying prizes for the Public School pupils for best papers on Scientific Temperance.

EVERTON.

On Wednesday afternoon of the 23rd inst., about eighty invited guests gathered at the home of Wm. Jackson, to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter, Lydia, to Mr. Wm. Everdell, of Hillsburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Brand, pastor of the bride, Miss Minnie Skeritt, playing the Wedding March. After all had partaken of a sumptuous tea and were gathered into the two sitting rooms, the organ was drawn into the hall and the minister, as chairman, called on all who were willing to entertain with singing, recitations, speeches and instrumental music. This the evening was spent till nine o'clock when the young couple retired to innocent games. Hot coffee and cake were served before twelve, and then all dispersed feeling that they had been highly entertained by their kind host and hostess. The presents were numerous and beautiful as well as useful. The Methodist friends gave the bride a bible, and the bride's present was a framed photo of the choir, of which Miss Jackson has been first soprano for some years. Her faithful services will be missed very much, still she carries with her to their new home in Hillsburg the best wishes of the community and it is hoped she may do faithful work for her Master wherever placed in life.
 Dr. James E. Harrison presided at the Division Court sittings here on Monday.
 Mr. James J. Hill, one of the old boys whom Rookwood turned loose on this cold world a good many years ago, and who has been generally regarded as the continent's greatest rattlesnake magnate, is still meditating new and was entertained. The *Mississippi World* outlines what it says is his great scheme, now approaching realization, for a world-belting transportation line, rivaling the Canadian Pacific. The line is to run—Liverpool to New York, 8,068 miles; North Atlantic Steamship Company's present system: New York to Chicago, 1,000 miles; Baltimore to Ohio, in which Mr. Hill is interested already; Chicago to Minneapolis, 450 miles; Wisconsin Central, which he is credited with the intention of buying; Minneapolis to Seattle, 1,912 miles; Great Northern; Seattle to Hong Kong, 6,150 miles; Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, for which a fleet of 19,000 ton ships is to be built. The whole line will thus be 19,500 miles long, or half-way around the earth, and it would take thirty-one days to journey by it from Liverpool to Hong Kong.
 Rev. Mr. Scott, of Carlisle, Indiana, addressed gospel meetings in the Friends' Church on Friday and Tuesday evenings. The marriage is announced of Miss Emma Benham to Mr. W. H. Horport, of Everton, on Wednesday, Dec. 6th. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents.
 The school concert will take place on the evening of Dec. 8th, not Dec. 1st, as we announced last week.

ROCKWOOD

The revival services are again being conducted in the Methodist Church here this week. The meetings are being well attended and much good is being accomplished.
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 Miss Mary E. Williamson returned home last week after spending two weeks very pleasantly with friends in Burlington.
 Mr. John and Master Eddie Hoffman, of Woodstock, who have been visiting their uncle, Mr. N. McArthur, and their brother, Mr. Will Hoffman, for the past two weeks, returned home last week.
 Mr. Leslie Gault and Willis Cann, of Luther, spent a few days this week with friends here.
 Mr. Wamborough, Jr., of Hillsburg, visited his son, Mr. R. Wamborough, for a few days during the week.

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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 come to the 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.
 Mrs. James Brown visited Toronto friends during the week.
 Miss Annie McRobb has been visiting friends in Toronto this week.
 Miss May Moore is spending the week with relatives in Georgetown.
 Mr. Allen Mann and Mr. John McRobb returned last week from the Northwest.
 Miss Ada Hynde went to Toronto a week ago, having secured a good situation there.
 Mr. Asa Hall left last week for Penetang. He will spend the winter with his son and family there.
 Mrs. John Hiscook and son went last week to Collingwood to spend a month with friends there.

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