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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th, 1900.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Hot Cross buns to-morrow.

—Dust is flying in the streets.

—Palm Sunday was a beautiful Spring day.

—The pretty little catkins are in bloom again.

—Trout fishing season opens in three weeks.

—Spring work is now commencing in earnest.

—Easter-tide visitations are likely to be numerous.

—A golf club is talked of being organized in town.

—The bicycle men's business is livening up these days.

—Have you renewed your subscription to the FREE PRESS?

—You can travel over the railways for Easter-visits very cheaply.

—The Burlington *Gazette* is strongly advocating electric lighting for the village.

—The next meeting of Esquesing Township Council will be held on Monday, 7th May.

—School closes for Easter holidays this afternoon and will re-open on Monday, 23rd inst.

—Study the advertisements in FREE PRESS. When business men have bargains they tell the public.

—Easter Sunday the world over is usually the day chosen for the display of spring millinery productions.

—Tenders for the new block, corner Mill and Willow Streets, will be asked for in a few days, the plans are now on the way.

—"Let us bottle up the zero that has cut us like a blade, for we'll need it all next summer, when it's nicely in the shade."

—Religous service will be held in St. Joseph's Church on Good Friday evening: "In commemoration of the suffering and death of our Blessed Redeemer."

—Business is evidently profitable with Mr. Thomas A. Morton, barber, Milton, formerly of Acton. He has just purchased Mr. E. Brook's residence on East May Street, the *Reformer* says.

—There will be divine service in St. Alban's Church this (Thursday,) evening, as usual and to-morrow (Good Friday) at 10.30, a. m. with a special offertory for Bishop Blyth's mission work among the Jews in Jerusalem and the east.

—Last Sunday several Oakville boys got guns and were playing Boer and Briton. A gun in the hands of a son of Henry Wilson went off. The charge broke the jaw of a 14-year-old boy named Hosler, the son of a laborer, and carried off part of his cheek and one ear. The boy's recovery is doubtful.

—Field Seeds. Be sure and see our samples before you buy. No trouble to show goods. The noted Tea Store & China Palace, J. A. McCrea, Guelph.

—Those who contemplate purchasing monumental or work of any discription for their cemetery plots should order direct from the old reliable grabite and marbl dealer, J. Ivey, Hamilton, Guelph, Ont. All expenses allowed to purchasers. All work and material warranted, competition defied.

AT THE NEW STORE.

Just in—New Hatlor Hats and Flowers, Kid Gloves, Black Crepons, Blister Effects. Also a line of Men's New tipping Hats and Fancy Ties at Special prices. HAFKELMAN & KOPMAN, Acton.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

Gone to be a N. W. Mounted Policeman.

Mr. Malcolm McDonald applied at the recruiting station at Toronto last week for admission to the ranks of the North West Mounted Police. He was accepted and will make a stalwart and successful soldier. He is a fine specimen of healthy and well developed young manhood.

Seeding First Week in April in Manitoba

Mr. John L. Kribbs, who left Acton last year for the Northwest, has secured a situation on the Model Farm at Brandon. In a letter to the FREE PRESS last week he said: "We have very fine spring weather. I hear that some people are already busy seeding on the high land." Mr. Kribb's friends will be pleased to learn of his securing so good a position.

Their Silver Wedding.

A very pleasant gathering enjoyed themselves at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaw, Willow Street, Tuesday evening, the occasion being being the celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married in England and came to Canada some fourteen years ago. They were accorded the heartiest wishes of the company that they may be spared to celebrate their golden wedding.

The New Electrical Engineer.

The Council has engaged Mr. Frederick Molatz, Preston, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. G. L. Kitchen, engineer and electrician of the municipal electric lighting plant. Mr. Molatz comes highly recommended. He has for nine years been in charge of the Preston electric light works, as engineer and electrician. He is a married man and will remove to Acton next week and is expected to take charge of the plant about the 23rd inst. His salary has been fixed at $550 per annum.

Mount Forest Council makes a new Depot.

Mount Forest is evidently as badly in need of better passenger accomodation at the G. T. R. station as Acton, and the Council has taken the matter up and hopes to induce the railway authorities to give the town a new station. This action is worthy of emulation here. Acton station yields revenue aggregating over $50,000 per annum, and the public should surely under the circumstances be given more commodious and comfortable accomodation. The Council might take the matter up with good results. Acton would not object to a station after the plans of Galt's new depot.

Esquesing Township Pathmasters.

The pathmasters for Divisions No. 4 and 5, Esquesing, for the present year are as follows: Division No. 4.—Robert Brown, Alex. Holmes, S. J. McKenzie, David Carty, Robert Thompson, Thos. Cameron, Thos. Watkins, Henry Hayare, David Cox, Geo. Doughlas, Jas. Stewart, Wm. Mullen, Ephriam Moore, Cameron L. McMillan, Chas. Davidson, Thos. Elliott, John McDonald. Division No. 5.—Robert Sprowl, Thos. Ryder, Alex Lawson, Duncan Mann, Brock Swackhammer, Robert S. Henderson, James Newton, Albert Meredith, Geo. Mino, Samuel Lindsay, Wm. Cooper, Ira Hilts, Levi Cole, David Mills.

The Steel Property Definitely Sold.

While the Steel property to the corner of Mill and Willow streets was virtually sold a couple of months ago to Mr. R. D. Warren of the *Herald*, Georgetown, the formality of putting it up at auction was found necessary to satisfy the legal requirements relative to the transfer of church property invested in the Trustees of Baptist churches. This property and the old church property were consequently offered for sale by auction last Friday afternoon. Mr. Warren purchased the building site for $1,000. Judging from the rate of rentals asked from prospective lessees Mr. Warren intends erecting a block of modern design and upon elaborate architectural lines. He has a fine site and a good building on that corner will show to excellent advantage.

The Pretty Spring Millinery Creations.

Henderson & Co's. millinery openings on Friday and Saturday last were attended with the usual success. The showrooms were gorgeously decorated for the occasion. Two artistically decorated floral circles, suspended from the ceiling were particularly attractive. The trimmed hats and bonnets displayed reflected the latest styles of American and French art. Made shapes are the order of the day, although Leghorns will be worn to some extent. Our lady friends can make no mistake this season in wearing either toques or Spanish turbans, of which this firm show a splendid assortment. The leading shades are the pastel tones in green, mauve, and blue. Airy materials, fancy straw trimmings and flowers comprise the principal trimmings and their artistic blending certainly speak volumes for the artistic ability of Miss Campbell and her staff.

Better Wages for Farm Hands.

As a result of the large exodus of young men to the North West and to Rainy River District last fall a scarcity of men for farm work was reported from different parts of Ontario. Reports from different sections now state that the scarcity is found greater than it was then, the situation having been aggravated by the spring movement toward Manitoba, the sending of the contingents to South Africa and the provisional battalion to Halifax, together with the recruiting now going on for the North West Mounted Police. The prices for hired man this summer are likely to be more attractive than for many years. It is generally believed also that the country is on the eve of a general increase of pay for labor of all kinds. Many manufacturing establishments throughout the country have already made substantial increases in wages and others are finding it desirable to seriously consider such a step.

Heroism Credited to the Wrong Town.

The Guelph *Mercury* says: "From the village of Acton comes this story of juvenile heroism. W. J. Shaw's three children were playing with their sled on the hill near the pond. The oldest of the three is Lorne, aged eight years, then Willie, six, and Pearl, four. The two boys had their little sister on the sled and were giving her a ride down the hill. In the descent the sled left the road and plunged into the millrace. Without a moment's hesitation Lorne ran and jumped into the water and seized his sister. Meanwhile, Willie secured a point of vantage on the bank and helped his brother out of the water with his precious burden. Had the child gone twelve feet down the stream she would have gone under the ice, but the pluck of the boys saved her life. No man could have done more." The family and circumstances recorded above are unknown here, but FREE PRESS readers will appreciate the courage and bravery of the little fellows wherever the event occurred.

AUCTION SALE REGISTER.

THURSDAY, April 19.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Graham Lawson, lot 25, con 4, Esquesing. Sale at one o'clock. Terms 8 months. WM. HENDERSON, Auctioneer.

150 MEN OUT ON STRIKE

The Employees of Beardmore & Co. and the Acton Tanning Co. Ask an Advance in Wages.

For several months there has been a feeling of unrest among the men employed by the large leather manufacturing establishments of Messrs. Beardmore & Co. and The Acton Tanning Co. here, and during the past month or so a considerable number of men have left the employ of these firms.

The prevailing low wages is the cause of the trouble. At the time of the business depression throughout the country the rate of wages for the rank and file of the men was reduced from $1.25 to $1.10 per day—the foremen of the various departments and a number of skilled workmen, of course, are paid considerably higher wages. The men accepted the inevitable at the time, but have felt lately that with the return of prosperous times and with the fact before them that other large establishments and the railway companies, having lately increased the wages of their employees, they could reasonably ask that the former wage scale be restored. The request for this increase has been made by numbers of the men, but up to Tuesday had not been complied with, consequently on Tuesday morning the employees of the sole leather tannery—Beardmore & Co's—marched out in a body to the number of between forty and fifty, leaving the foremen and only a few others at work.

About nine o'clock these men marched to the warehouses at the G. T. R. depot and the men there joined them.

After returning from dinner the men employed by the Acton Tanning Co., met at the offices of the Company and requested a general increase of pay. The managers replied that they could not see their way to accede to the request, and shortly after one 117 men marched up Elgin St. from the tanneries and joined their fellow workmen on Mill St. and subsequently paraded to the G. T. R. Station.

Up to this time there was no organization of the men. With a view to formulating their decisions and appointing representatives from the various departments who would be able respectfully and intelligently to present their views before their employers, the men met at the town hall at three o'clock and made such arrangements.

At their request a number of business men and citizens subsequently met with them, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson, H. P. Moore, Councillors Williams, Wallace and Henderson, Public School Trustee Matthews, Dr. McKeague and Division Clerk McNabb addressed them in brief speeches. The speakers all sympathized with the men in their effort to secure higher wages, commended them for their orderly conduct and excellent behavior, bespoke a continuance of this peaceful demeanor under any circumstances which may arise during the strike, and felt that they voiced the sentiment of the entire community when they wished them success. The meeting closed by singing God Save the Queen.

The men feel that they have been reasonable and conscientious in their action, and that in view of the fact that other tanneries and large manufacturing establishments are paying higher wages they think their request in this respect should be granted. They all feel that working men throughout the country should give them their sympathy and support, and have requested all tanners and laborers to keep away from Acton while the strike is progress.

On the other hand the managers state that they are in direct competition with the Berlin tanneries, which, they say, pay lower wages than the Acton tanneries and require more work from their men. It is true the tanneries at the north, excepting perhaps the one at Penetang, pay higher wages, but they secure their hemlock bark at something like $2 per cord less than it costs to lay down bark at Acton. The firms claim that they have been unfairly used by a number of the men going out on strike whose situations have been held for them during periods of illness and extended visits to the North West. They say they never were in a more favorable position to close the the tanneries, if necessary, for a month or so.

Up to the hour of going to press there seems to be no disposition on the part of either the men or their employers giving in, and it is difficult to say how long the strike may last.

The men are well behaved and there is no fear that the peace will be broken by any illegal act on their part.

EASTER SERVICES.

Appropriate and Interesting Service in the Churches Next Sunday.

ST. ALBAN'S.

On Easter Sunday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 30 a. m.; also at the 10.30 service. The morning and evening services will be of a musical character, with an exceedingly fine class of music. There will be special hymns suitable for the day, the Easter Anthem, special psalms and lessons, as also Te Deums, Chants, Kyries, etc. The evening service will be particularly good and interesting, as the musical part will be taken by the combined choirs of St. John's, Rockwood, and St. Alban's, Acton, under the able leadership of Mr. J. B. Wallace, Esq. Plummer's beautiful Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and Gounod's Anthem "Send Out Thy Light," together with special hymns of a high order will be rendered by the zealous and energetic choirs. Sermons also appropriate to the "Great Festival" will be delivered. The church itself will wear its usual festive dress.

ST. JOSEPH'S

On Easter Sunday Rev. Father Feeny will hold Divine Service in St. Joseph's Church at 8.30 a. m., and in Georgetown at 10.30 a. m., returning in the afternoon will preside at Vespers and preach on Easter subject: "He has risen" at 7 p. m. There will be special music at each of these services.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. McLachlan, M. A., will preach special Easter sermons morning and evening. The choir have had several new Easter anthems under rehearsal for several weeks and this will add to the Eastertide character of the services.

The Sunday School service will also be an attractive one. In addition to the Easter hymns the orchestra has prepared special music and the musical service will be unusually interesting.

KNOX CHURCH.

Easter has been selected as the date for the quarterly Communion service and Rev. Mr. Macpherson will preach sermons appropriate to the occasion.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. McAlpine will preach a sermon appropriate to Easter tide on Sunday afternoon. By special request Miss Lizzie Clark will sing "Forever With the Lord" at this service.

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 Symon, of Wiarton, is visiting the Misses Nelson.

Mr. Hugh Akins and family removed to Huntsville last week.

Miss Newton, of Limehouse, visited Acton Friends on Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Byers visited friends in Guelph on Tuesday.

Township Clerk Tracy was a caller at the FREE PRESS office last Friday.

Reeve Pearson went to Toronto on Tuesday to spend a few days with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gentles, of Acton, were visitors in the city yesterday.—Guelph *Advocate*.

Mr. Allan Good, who has resided in Acton for some time, returned to his home at Breslaw this week.

Miss Hawthorne, who went to the General Hospital, Toronto, for treatment last week, is slowly improving.

Rev. E. F. McLennan, of the Stratford Presbytery, has been called to Knox Church, Milton, and has accepted.

Rev. Father Feeny, with other priests of the diocese is in Hamilton, assisting the Bishop who officiates to-day—Holy Thursday.

Mr. Charlie Goodeve left on Monday morning to resume his situation with his uncle J. H. Ashdown, the hardware king, at Winnipeg.

Messrs. Robert Moore and John H. Coleman were called to Arkell on Saturday through the death of Mr. Anderson, stepfather of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Hugh I. McDonald who has been canvassing in Caledon and Erin for orders for Nursery Stock and red grain the past two months, returned home last week.

J. E. Bull, district manager of the Bell Telephone Co., who has been in the General Hospital for the past few weeks with pneumonia, has now almost recovered and was able to be down to the office for a short time this afternoon.—Guelph *Advocate*.

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LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

—The frogs are croaking again.

—Good Friday—a general business holiday.

—Gardening operations are being planned.

—Good Friday and Easter Monday are Bank holidays.

—The tennis club will meet for reorganization on Friday evening.

—Guelph City Council has passed a by-law fixing cigarette licenses at $25 per annum, with penalties of from $1 to $50 for infraction.

—At the last meeting of Esquesing Council, Peter Gibbons and Sylvester Van Fleet were each voted $3.50 as bounty for killing dogs caught worrying sheep.

—Postmaster Matthews has earned the thanks of a long suffering and uncomfortably crowded community by the removal of the partition at the entrance of the post office. Other improvements are in contemplation.

—The Bell Telephone Co., have a gang of workmen here putting in a heavy copper wire as a ground to overcome the induction from the electric light wires, each telephone in town will be connected to the new ground wire.

—A Toronto patron of the FREE PRESS Job department, writes:—"Never before have you executed an order for us which has pleased us so well or given such general satisfaction. Your previous excellent work has been eclipsed this time. The work was beautiful. Inclosed is amount of bill."

E. R. Smith, of Winona, the well-known nurseryman, has been nominated by the Conservatives of South Wentworth as the candidate to oppose Hon. Thomas Bain in the coming Dominion election.

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A Suggestion or Two.

HATS.—To be trimmed. Just received some of the nattiest New York conceits it has been our lot to show. Sailors and other styles of like character. Novelties have just reached us.

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