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## The Acton Free Press

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1897.

### BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS:

—Watch action grows.

—Nomination for School Trustee next Monday.

—The brick is being laid down for the Johnston block.

—Building improvements are in progress.

—The warm weather this week has given vegetation a burst.

—Time the street sprinkler was put in commission, Mr. Williams.

—The Acton House stables have been rebuilt and are in condition again.

—A. B. Bradley, the crusty land-lord of the Albion Hotel, has returned to Guelphton.

—Acton extends a cordial welcome to members of Guelph District meeting this morning.

—Mr. Hugh McLaughlin has the foundations built for his house on Wellington Street.

—The annual convention of the Halton Teachers' Institute will be held in Milton on 22nd and 23rd inst.

—The bowling green is being put in prime condition and the bowlers are looking forward to a game this bright weekend.

—Dollar wheat looks up on the market again. The farmers are in a fair way to realize this price—a more than the cruiser season.

—The Street Committee made a splendid job of Mill Street in the matter of cleaning. Church Street should now receive attention.

—Round trip tickets at single fare will be on sale at all railway stations for Victoria Day, good going May 21 and 22, and returning until and on May 27.

—The new pumping outfit at the G.T.R. has been completed and the old building removed. Engineer Hauser is quite proud of the new premises.

—The frame work of Mr. J. H. Dunn's fine new residence at the corner of Queen and Wellington Streets, is up and enclosed and ready for the bricklayer.

—On Saturday evening some party flocked down at the Grand Trunk station, at Guelph, jumped through the window and stole \$100 in silver from the till.

—The usual spring raking of all the streets in town is still undone. Hurry up, Mr. Holt, let us have our street cleaning completed before the summer visitors begin to arrive.

—The Powassan News, published by J. D. Lake, formerly foreman of the Free Press, has commenced publication. It is a new little sheet, and Powassan people are giving it liberal patronage.

—Mr. W. R. Bliley has been transferred from the office of the Bank of Hamilton, Georgetown, to Hamilton. Mr. Bliley made many friends while in town. He is succeeded by Mr. R. J. Howat, of Carman, Man.—Horrid!

—The Guelph City Council has accepted the tender of the Royal Artillery Stone Paving Co., for the construction of cement concrete sidewalks at 10 cents per foot. There will be about 100,000 feet to build this season.

—The remains of the late Mrs. Whistler, of Hamilton, arrived in Acton on Tuesday morning and were conveyed by Undertaker Johnstone to Everton for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Whistler were former residents of Everton.

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### NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

An Action Day Pending Abroad.  
The Exeter Times says: "In addition to remodeling and beautifying the interior of his confectory and lunch parlor, Mr. W. J. Statham has just installed a new gasoline engine to operate his ice cream freezer. Mr. J. is bound to be popular."

The Moore Farm Case Settled.  
At the Friday meeting of the county council a case which had been pending for the addition and improvements to the Dominion Hotel. The contract was awarded to Mr. Snackhamer. The plans are for a brick addition 30x36. The lower portion to be used for a new office, waiting room, bar, etc., while the upper stories will be divided into fourteen bedrooms.

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CREWDOME CORNER.  
Most of the farmers have completed tilling in this vicinity.

The weather of the past few days has greatly improved the appearance of the country.

Mr. C. Creydon, who is drilling for oil, has now reached a depth of about 100 feet. The rock so far has been very hard but the prospects of striking oil are very favorable. Should oil be struck, Crewdome Farmers will spring a greater surprise to the public than Cobalt, Larder, or the Kipling dykes.

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### GOOD POSITION IN DOMINION HOSPITAL.

Miss Amelia Hartland, professional nurse, left yesterday morning for Erie, Pa., to take the position of nurse in the operating room of the hospital. Miss Husband is to be congratulated upon her appointment to this important position. Miss Mabel Cook also returned to Erie yesterday.

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A Glabstone Station.

The railway companies, the City Engineer tell us, are not disposed to build a terminal station in Toronto, and in appearance the railway buildings will be accepted as the same part of the station as is at St. Catharines on Tickling Concourse. Well, if that is to be a safe fate, we should at least insist on giving the privileges of the inhabitants of those growing communities.

It is well known that one of the perennial entertainments of these young people is to go down and see the train come in. We watched dwellers in the metropolis of Ontario are debarrased from such giddy pleasures. When we attempt to do so, uniformed sepoys bars the way.—Toronto Globe.

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Hilton Jones, of Guelph, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Alf. Bell, of Toronto, visited friends here this week.

Miss Anna Snyder spent Sunday with friends in Guelph.

Mr. Tom Currie, of Yorkton, Sask., arrived home last week.

Miss Little A. Moore was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Mr. Frank Holmes is taking a course at Guelph Business College.

Mr. Watkins Sir, has been very ill from pneumonia the past week.

Mr. Christopher Russell, Hallifax, has been critically ill during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Laird, of Toronto, were in town for a week-end visit.

Miss Katherine Hall, of Berlin, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. McNabb, this week.

Mr. Fred. Murray, manager of the James Hill, Brookville, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. H. E. Cameron of Port Hope, visited him at the home of Mrs. P. McNabb, this week.

Miss Helen Warren spent a few days during the week, with friends, at Guelph.

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