

## The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1890

### BROTHER WILLIAMS' SONG

Brother Williams was a singer he could beat 'em all at that!—An' he always sang the loudest when they paid him the bill; Then he'd shut his eyes and back his head, unconscious as could be,—An' shake the roof an' rafters with "I'm glad Salvation's Free!" "We're a needless subscription," says a neighbor, "for the poor; An' ungenerous brother on the side, shomy shore; Takes cash to send the gospel to give 'em right to 'em"—Then Brother Williams raised the tune—"I'm glad Salvation's Free."

No matter what the cause was—if cash was in demand, For the poverty mountains or India's costal strand; He'd always shut his eyes an' sing, loud and loud could he, That "I'm glad Salvation's Free."

An' I reckon when at last he passed away reached the white shore; Where there'll never be no sighthill an' no sorrow any more; As the gates of Gold are happy as could be, He shook the walls of glory with—"I'm glad Salvation's Free."

Frank L. Stanton.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

*Crumbs Swept Up from the Free Press of November 7th, 1870*

This is Thanksgiving Day.

A 40-inch geared wheel was broken in Councillor Harvey's flour mill the other day, costing about \$100 for repairing.

If the young man who carried away the gate from "The Maple" at Halton will return the hinge he lost, all will be forgiven. The bridle hinge is not referred to. That was lost some time ago. It's the gate hinge that the owner wants.

Official election on Tuesday for the Methodists, Young People's Union were, Han. Pres., Rev. Dr. Clifford; Pres. G. Herbert Brown; Vice-Pres., Miss Mary Brown; Secy., Nelson E. Moore; Treasurer, Miss Maggie Mathews; Entertainment Committee, Misses Spaight and Hemmestad and Messrs. Cameron and Nelson. The financial report showed the year's receipts to be \$130.

A lamentable railway accident occurred at the G. T. R. yards on Friday last by which Mr. Holt, Warren was run down by a shunting train and killed. Mr. Warren was well known here having come with his father and six brothers from Scotland in 1852, and settling soon after on Cedarwood farm, fifth line. With George Hall, Tom Dunn, John Dunn, and others he left the old country in British Columbia in 1862, returning four years later. He lived with his brother John, and together they worked their farms on the 4th line and in Acton. He was a sincere Christian, a good neighbor, and an ardent temperance worker.

The impact on Mr. Warren's death was conducted before Coroner McFarlin, and as a jury, Meers, John Cameron, foreman, R. B. Jermyn, W. T. Smyth, John McRae, W. R. Kennedy, Thos. Perriman, Thomas Agnew, J. C. Nelson, John Perkins, H. P. Moore, J. H. Matthews, and W. E. Smith. Evidence was given by Hiriam Swackhamer and Duncan McDaniel, and Dr. D. D. MacLean Co., four G. T. R. trainmen, of Point Edward; Mr. John Warren, brother; G. T. R. Agent, H. S. Holmes; Dr. G. E. Stacey; Samuel Laird, switchman. The jury exonerated the railway men from any blame.

In the School Board were present: Meers, Thos. Elbidge, chairman, J. Francis, Geo. Hynd, T. H. Harding, \$2.50 was ordered to be paid to Anthony Stephenson for repairing stoves, etc. T. T. Moore was re-engaged teacher of first department at \$375 and free residence, and Miss Casio McPhail \$300. Other teachers already engaged are Misses Julia Cleveland and Anna Davis.

Mr. Joshua Nottish, of Nassagawaya township, has written a book of 100 pages giving a good history of the township from its early settlement to the present.

Rev. D. M. McKenzie, about 12 years ago Methodist minister on the Nassagawaya circuit, died last week in Milton. At the funeral, Rev. Jas. McAllister, Palmerston, preached, and other ministers participating were, Revs. J. Stewart, Palmerston; Thos. Colling, Thos. Boyd, Truelgar; Holt, Hindon, Gen. Clark, Milton; and T. R. Clark, Lowell.

Hockenberry, Fries—Geo. Grieveson, of the Hockenberry Building, had the sole fortune to fall into one of the pits on Monday. When taken out his hands were badly burned. . . . Mrs. Vestal, Acton, gave a very interesting lecture in town hall on Monday evening, on "Health." . . . Mr. John Gibbons, blacksmith, has moved his place of business to the old fiddle factory.

Hicks—In Enfield, on Oct. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scott, a son.

Hicks—In Acton, on October 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sooper, a daughter.

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Hicks—At Salem, Oregon, on Nov. 5th, to Mrs. J. A. Garson, barrister, a son.

MARSH—On Oct. 30, at the home of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. W. Rees, Mr. Thomas Fairless, Gowan's Corner, Brampton, to Ophelia, third daughter of the late Danford Swackhamer, Churchill, Esquimalt.

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