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# The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1913


## BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Yes, February has been an unusually cold month.

—The feeling is now very general that warm weather would be acceptable.

—The milder weather is here at last. May it stay with us for a week or so.

—R. L. Homstreet has been appointed assessor of Milton at a salary of $100.

—The appetizing pancake was on the bill of fare on most tables on Tuesday.

—Ten botelkeepers were fined at Berlin last week for violations of the liquor law.

—The sum of $180.50 was contributed to the funds of Milton Bible Society last year.

—Ash Wednesday services were held in St. Albans and St. Joseph's Churches yesterday.

—The Brampton Banner says the Elkman Shoe Co., of that town has now gone into liquidation.

—J. Cadesky, eyesight specialist will be at E. H. Rice's grocery store on Monday March 3rd, 9.30 to 5 o'clock.

—Toronto's record effort to match Guelph's big winter fair resulted in a deficit of $37,-979, which the city is asked to pay.

—And February has treated us to another below zero spell. Fourteen below zero on Monday and twelve on Tuesday.

—Bert Sattos, driver of the fire hose sleigh, Guelph, was thrown off while going to a fire on Sunday and seriously injured.

—Lansdowne School, Toronto, was gutted by fire on Tuesday and 830 pupils filed out in good order inside of four minutes.

—Acton Electric Chopping Mill is attracting farmers from a wide radius. 250 bags of feed is often chopped in a day these days.

—A number of delegates from Acton are attending the annual convention of the Dominion Alliance, in Massey Hall, Toronto, this week.

—Rev. J. B. McCormack, Baptist minister, Erin, having accepted a call from the Fort Elgin church, preached his farewell sermon in Erin last Sunday.

—Treasurer Geo. Leslie, of Esquesing, had the misfortune to fall on Saturday last and fracture several of his ribs. He will be confined to the house for a few days.—Herald.

—Messrs. A. B. Murray & Son, lot 1, first line, Erin, have leased their farm and will hold a clearing sale on Thursday, March 20th. R. J. Kerr will wield the Auctioneer's hammer.

—Police Magistrate Watt, of Guelph, decided that two boys should be whipped for stealing several small articles. With the parents' consent the boys were given a good sound spanking by two policemen. This is better than requiring parents to pay fines for their lads' misdemeanors.

### NASSAGAWEYA

The entertainment given in the Ebenezer Church, Nassagaweya, on Friday evening last was a good success. The programme was well rendered and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. George Wilson, near Eden Mills, had a very successful auction sale last Friday and good prices were realized for his stock. The farm was sold some time ago to Mr. Rudd, of Guelph.

Rev. Mr. Todd, of Lowville, preached educational sermons on the Nassagaweya circuit last Sunday. His sermons were much appreciated. Rev. E. M. Carter took the work of the Lowville circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bales, of Milton, visited friends in Nassagaweya last Sunday.

Mr. James Simpson, assessor, is now making his rounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coulson and family, of Milton, visited relatives at Kuatchbull last week.

### JURY CONDEMNS THE CROSSING

**In Their Verdict on the Death of Robert Wright**

At the adjourned inquest on the death of the late Robert Wright, who was fatally injured at the seventh line crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway, the only evidence offered was that of the train crew, who claimed that the whistle was blown at the regular place, and that the bell was ringing continually, as the snowstorm was a severe one.

The following was the verdict: "That Robert Wright came to his death by being struck by an eastbound Grand Trunk train. We recommend that this level crossing be done away with, and all others as soon as possible. Further, we believe engineers should blow the whistle between the whistling post and the crossing when such weather conditions prevail as prevailed on February 6th."


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## NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

**New Residence on Knox Street**

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**Hydro Electric Power for Storey's**

The glove works of W. H. Storey & Son are to be equipped at once with Hydro-Electric power. Motors will be placed both in the basement and the machine operating rooms on the second floor.

**Guelph Will not Appeal**

The Guelph Carpet and Worsted Mills, which secured $35,000 damages against the city for flooding their premises, threatened to close down and discharge their 500 employees, when the City Council decided to appeal the case. This brought the city to terms and there will now be no appeal.

**Fraternal Visit by Young People**

On Monday evening about 30 members of the young people's society of the Presbyterian Church, Rockwood, made the young people of Knox Church a fraternal visit. They presented an excellent programme. During the serving of refreshments the social side of the evening's proceedings was enjoyably developed.

**An Address on Citizenship**

On Friday last Rev. H. H. Wilkinson gave an interesting lecture to the members of the Sons of England after the business meeting. His subject was "Citizenship." Many points were touched upon including party politics which, the speaker said, a good citizen would leave alone and always strive to return the best man to parliament. The discussion which took place after the lecture was intelligently handled by Rev. S. Howarth, J. P. Scarrow and others.

**Big Sons of Scotland Concert**

Ivanhoe Camp, Sons of Scotland, have arranged to hold an unusually attractive event in the Town Hall on Thursday evening 12th March, to be given by the George Neil and Harry Bennett Combination. The Scottish sketch "Tam O' Shanter and Souter Johnny" will be featured. George Neil is the distinguished Scottish tenor, and has sung all over Scotland, England and Ireland, and has appeared before the Royal Family. Harry Bennett is the famous singing comedian and character impersonator, always welcomed in Acton.

**Big Loads of Logs**

The good sleighing is enabling the teamsters to bring in big loads of logs these days. On Monday the following loads were delivered at Henderson's mill from Renton's lands, near Copringe: Robert Wallace 968 ft., Ed. Gamble 1030 ft., Ed. White 1040 ft., A. M. McPherson 1112 ft., Evan Jones 1160 ft., and Hugh Morgason 1372 ft. The first four loads were all maple, the last two elm. Henderson's mill has the biggest stock secured since he commenced business here.

**The Baptist Pancake Social**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Social in the Baptist Church was quite a successful event of the week. Pancakes and ice cream were the features of the menu and were partaken of with relish. An excellent musical and literary programme was given. It embraced the following numbers: Duetts by Rev. and Mrs. Howarth, The Misses Graham, Misses Thompson and Graham, solos by Miss Lydia Smith and Mr. W. Coles, readings by Miss Margaret Neur, Mrs. A. T. Brown and Miss Eva Cook, and a male quartette.

**A Pleasing Junior League Event**

The regular meeting of the Junior League on Tuesday afternoon was made the occasion for a very enjoyable birthday party out of respect to the able and much-loved Superintendant, Mrs. A. T. Brown. The mothers of the forty members of the Junior League were invited to participate and the event was both interesting and pleasurable. A pretty birthday cake illuminated with candles was presented to Mrs. Brown which she shared with all present. A well-arranged programme including an illustrated missionary address by Miss Winnifred Watson, and a few timely remarks by the pastor, were followed by the serving of refreshments.

**A Careful, If Speedy, Driver**

Mr. Charles Davidson, of the second line felt aggrieved concerning the FREE PRESS' item as to the one danger of coasting in the school lane being the possibility of "Farmer Davidson or some other John driving past as they are crossing Main Street from the lane." Mr. Davidson objects to being likened to John. There certainly was no offense nor reflection intended in the term, and we regret exceedingly that it hurt Mr. Davidson's feelings. Everybody knows he loves a good speedy horse and does not permit the grass to grow under his horse's feet when driving; that he never has, and never would knowingly hurt a child. The standard dictionary says: "John, one who loves driving."

**Farewell by Fellow-Employees**

Mr. Alex. Mackie, who has been a faithful and highly-esteemed bookkeeper in the office of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., for several years, has accepted a position with the International Correspondence Schools and severed his connection with the firm last Friday. Before leaving a number of his fellow employees waited upon him and presented a very flattering address accompanied by a fine club bag. The address spoke in pleasing terms of his kindly disposition, his willingness to bestow a favor whenever the opportunity offered, and the spirit of comradeship between himself and his fellow employees which always prevailed. Pleasure was also expressed at the preferment which had come to him. Mr. Mackie appreciated very highly the kind words and valuable gift and thanked the donors in fitting terms. In his new position he will make Guelph his headquarters for the present.

**Splendid Sermons Rev. Mr. Bartlett**

The visit of Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Toronto, General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of the Methodist Church, to the congregation here last Sunday was an event of much interest. In the morning Rev. Mr. Bartlett addressed in a most impressive sermon the teachers of the Sunday School and the parents of the scholars. The duty and the privilege of leading the children into an intelligent acceptance of Jesus Christ were impressively set forth, and very practical suggestions were made. The first eight verses of the 78th Psalm formed the basis of the command of God to the fathers to teach the children and the generations to come the praises of the Lord, his strength and his wonderful works. The evening sermon was directed especially to the young people and was a most earnest exhortation to them to choose the right way and live fruitful and productive lives for God. Rev. Mr. Bartlett also addressed the Junior and Intermediate Leagues on Saturday evening and the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon. His services were much appreciated and will be productive of lasting good.


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**Oakville has a $10,138 Law Suit**

Claiming that he is entitled to $10,138 under an agreement he held to finish the sewage disposal plant in Oakville, J. Lawrence Armour, contractor, is suing the municipality for that amount before Justice Middleton in the Non-Jury Assizes. The big lakeside town is putting on more city airs every day.

**Rev. J. W. H. Milne may be President**

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, pastor of Weston Presbyterian Church, and formerly minister of the Boston Church, Esquesing, has been offered the Presidency of the Ottawa Presbyterian Ladies' College, following the resignation of Rev. Dr. W. D. Armstrong. Rev. Mr. Milne will consult his congregation at Weston regarding the offer.

**Milton and the Billiard Room**

At the last meeting of Milton Town Council a by-law was passed to license billiard rooms, with the following fees and provisions: For one billiard or pool table $100, and for each additional billiard or pool table the sum of $50. For one bowling alley the fee shall be $30, for two bowling alleys $50, and for three or more the sum of $60. It was provided that billiard or pool rooms shall close at ten o'clock Saturday nights, and at eleven o'clock on other nights.

**Death of Ex-Conductor Draper**

One of the first conductors on the G. T. R. from Toronto to Detroit, Mr. Joseph S. Draper, who ran through Acton for a quarter of a century, who severed his connection with the railway several years ago, after serving for forty years, died in Toronto on Monday in his ninety-first year. The deceased was born in Rosgray, county of Tipperary, Ireland, and came to Toronto when twenty years of age. He had the distinction of never having an accident on his train.

**A Benefaction for Listowel**

E. D. Smith, a wealthy bachelor farmer, aged sixty, at Listowel, called on the Mayor the other day and announced that he would give a valuable site he owns in the centre of the town, one hundred loads of gravel and one hundred loads of sand toward building a place where young men and women can congregate rather than in picture theatres, pool-rooms, hotels, and on the streets. A big public meeting has been called to raise the rest of the money and several handsome donations have been volunteered.

**A Mortal Sin to Dance the Tango**

Roman Catholics who henceforth dance certain modern dances—broadly inclusive of most of the recent innovations, such as the tango, turkey trot, bunny hug, etc.—are committing a mortal sin, and, doing such, are obligated to make confession. This was the statement made by Rev. Father Charles Locoq, Superior-General of the Sulpican Order in America, after he had been asked for an interpretation of the dance-condemning pastoral letter made public by his Grace Archbishop Bruchesi on the eve of his departure for Rome. The Pope has never approved of any of the modern dances, despite statements to the contrary. If they are bad for our Roman Catholic friends what about their influence upon Protestants?

**Business College Course at Seventy**

The Caledonia Sachem had the following item last week: "Mr. A. J. Hawson, of Victoria, B. C., and well known in this village, where his brother and sister reside, recently got a diploma from the "Tamblyn School of Penmanship, Kansas City, Mo.," for a full course of penmanship by mail, comprising plain business, ornamental writing, flourishing and card writing and is now a professional penman. Mr. Hawson is seventy years of age, and can hold his pen just as steady as when he taught at Green's school house thirty years ago, when he won first prize at Caledonia Fair for penmanship." Mr. Hawson is a personal friend of Mr. George Dills, Park Avenue, and was the first teacher of his eldest son, Mr. Park Dills, of Gloversville, N. Y.

### INJURED IN RAILWAY WRECK

**J. C. Broddy, Traveller for W. H. Storey & Son, Seriously Bruised Near Winnipeg**

**FOUR OTHERS ALSO INJURED**

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 24th.—The Canadian Northern express train which left Virden this morning for Winnipeg was derailed one mile east of Fairfax at Knattle's Cut, and five of the passengers were injured, including a Toronto man. Those injured are:

Rev. J. B. Salter, of Winnipeg; cut on head.

James Argue, M. P., of Elgin, Man.; shock.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt, of Elgin, bruised.

P. Schendel, Arcola, Sask.; slightly injured.

J. C. Broddy, of Toronto, traveller for W. H. Storey & Son, Acton; seriously bruised.

The cause of the accident was the spreading of a rail, and the most peculiar feature was that the rail broke and pierced the bottom of a first-class coach, coming right up within a foot of where Broddy was seated. Coaches and everything except the engine were thrown off the track and lying on their sides.

### SOME OBSERVATIONS

The letter of Mrs. Little, from California in last week's issue, will find a responsive chord in all those who cherish the memory of an old home, and learn of its destruction by fire or otherwise. To the present working-a-day population of Acton the house in question was simply the big Beardmore residence; to Mrs. Little and possibly a few of the old-timers intimately acquainted, it was "Banffield Hall," and the pathos in its the greater as the name was reproduced from old country associations. There is a tradition here, not altogether authenticated, that Mr. Little, who was an enthusiastic educationist, had erected the building with a view to conducting a residential boys' school, but that the inauguration of the High School branch of our Ontario Educational System about 1871, made such an undertaking, not likely to be a success. And as he himself was for the first fourteen years Inspector under the revised system, in any case, we suppose, the project would be dismissed.

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Frequent reference is heard in these years to this old-time schoolmaster by those who sat under his tuition. Stern and almost severe, his work and influence seems to be abiding and cherished. The remarkable demonstrations in 1904 and 1909 when his old pupils assembled from far and near, not only renewing their own friendship, but reviving memories of the departed master, were times of great interest. On the latter occasion, a tangible expression was the erection of the handsome monument now to be found in the wooded heights at the rear of Fairview Cemetery. The name of Robert Little is a centre around which many old associations revolve.

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The time will be when there will be due and likely exercised similar sentiments regarding another of Acton's departed domiciles. Teacher Moore's twenty-five years' work in Acton has also left its impress on a later generation. The time for the perspective of his work is fast nearing the same as in the case of Mr. Little. The latter was some nine years going when the first gathering took place. Mr. Moore has already been departed six years. The earlier pupils of Mr. Little looked back twenty-seven years; the earlier pupils of Mr. Moore already look back thirty-five. And Acton was singularly fortunate in having for a quarter of a century a principal of the character of Thos. T. Moore, and when the time for the celebration comes, the wider numbers and the increased number of years will certainly ensure a magnificent demonstration.

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And it is not too much to add that the present incumbent of the Principal's Chair, Mr. Stewart, has already a niche in the temple of friendship of hosts who have gone out during the past ten years, judging from remarks coming from those whose for his instructions. So may the bright succession run.

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People in Acton should not forget that although leading preachers of high position have come and preached grand and thoughtful sermons on anniversary occasions now over, that there are still left here good preachers, who would appreciate much the good attendance, and expectant attention accorded the visitors. The faithful every day men are the men to be encouraged.

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The first trial of a postal car service, in which mail matter is assorted while in transit, was made in 1864 on the Chicago and Northwestern railway. The scheme was a thorough success, and railway mail service was inaugurated that year on several of the important railway lines and was gradually extended all over the United States and adopted by other countries.

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This service was among the first to adopt a modern classified civil service, appointment of railway mail clerks having always been made for a probationary period, permanent employment being conditioned on satisfactory service and conduct and removal based on good cause only. The service has been gradually increased and new divisions organized and is now operated on practically every railway.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch


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## PERSONAL AND TRAVEL NOTES

**Social and Personal Items of Interest to Free Press Readers**

**GLEANED DURING THE WEEK**

Miss Margaret Russell was here from Toronto last week.

Miss Mabel F. Howie spent Sunday with friends in Toronto.

Harry Campbell, of West Toronto, visited his mother last week.

Miss De Lona Hayward is home from Toronto for a week or two.

Miss Margaret Bennett was home from Toronto for a week-end visit.

Mr. George Blair, of Rochester, N. Y., was here this week visiting his mother.

Mr. Gordon Lauder, of Edgar, visited at the home of Mr. B. F. Caldwell last week.

Mr. I. Clavel went to Brantford to attend the marriage of his daughter on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Stephenson and Miss Josie spent several days in Toronto during the week.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin was in Toronto on Monday attending the funeral of Mis Nellie Selwood.

Mrs. Howie, of Walkerton, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Mabel F. Howie, last Saturday.

Mrs. Ramshaw, Pool St., attended the funeral of the late Mr. Peter Beattie, of Guelph, on Tuesday.

Miss Donalda Hamlin, of Kincardine, visited at the home of her uncle, Mr. W. E. Hamlin this week.

Miss Janet Watson has arrived home after spending four weeks visiting friends in Brantford and Guelph.

Mr. Harry Thomas, of Holmfield, Man., has returned home after spending a few days visiting Mrs. Geo. Campbell.

Miss Rose Clark, of Berlin, and Mr. Charles Clark, of Toronto, were home from Toronto this week for a short visit.

Rev. S. Howarth and W. Coles are attending the Dominion Alliance Convention as delegates from the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roper, who have been spending a couple of months with Ontario friends, left for their return trip to Boissevain, Man., this week.

### THE FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL

**On Tuesday Evening Attracted a Large Crowd of Skaters**

The first Carnival of the season on Acton rink, on Tuesday evening, was quite a success. The attendance of skaters was large and a considerable number of costumed contestants entered for the various prizes.

Manager Holmes had the ice in good condition and the event was thoroughly enjoyed.

Acton Citizens' Band contributed a generous programme of music. Their presence was much appreciated.

Prizes in the various contests were awarded as follows:

Boys Race 12 years and under—1st, Jack Kennedy; 2nd, Stewart Morton.

Boys Race 16 and under—1st, Lloyd Cooper; 2nd, Harold Kennedy.

Best Lady's Costume—1st, Miss Annie Collier; 2nd, Mrs. Martin.

Best Couple Skaters in Costume—Dan. Ritchie, Mabel Workman.

Girl Skater 16 years and under in Costume—1st, Clara Workman; 2nd, Lucy Edwards.

Obstacle Race—1st, Melford Collier; 2nd, Ross Brackhamer.

Best Lady Skater in Costume—1st, Lottie Mason; 2nd, Mabel Workman.

Best Hobo—Casey Gibbons.

Best Clown—Geo. Evans.

Best Couple Skaters—Lottie Mason and Sammy Edmonds.

Fastest Gent Skater—1st, Lorne Workman; 2nd, Harold Ruddick.

Oldest Gent Skater—Wm. Williams.

Best Lady Skater—Miss Hazel Mason, Miss D. Hamlin, of Kincardine.

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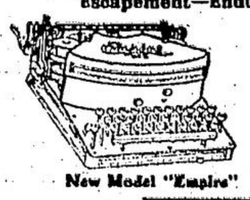

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