

LOCAL MATTERS.

The best job printing in the County is done at the Free Press Office. Call and examine our specimens.

Messrs. B. & F. Nicklin announce that they will commence the baking business in Mrs. Hanna's premises, next week.

We notice that Messrs. Secord & Co. are making considerable alterations in the internal arrangement of their store, preparatory to receiving their extensive stock of spring goods.

Mr. Robert Dickie, who is about retiring from the hotel business in Acton, announces an auction sale of his furniture, implements, live stock, &c., at the Royal Exchange Hotel, on Friday, the 25th inst.

Messrs. Christie, Henderson & Co. state in their new advertisement that they have determined upon adopting the strictly cash system of doing business. Read what they have to say about it in another column.

Mr. D. Galloway has built a new oven in the premises adjoining Morrow's drug store, and he requests us to announce that he will remove his baking establishment there, on Monday or Tuesday next. His superior bread will be delivered daily at the houses in the village and vicinity.

The committee who had the management of the supper last Thursday evening, find that after disposing of the broken crockery and paying the net cost of the provisions, the receipts barely meet the actual outlay. There was therefore no surplus money to distribute among the poor. A few loaves and broken provisions were all that was distributed.

Geoff's Lectures.—John B. Geoff, the celebrated Temperance Lecturer, will appear in Geuph, this (Thursday) evening, and in Brantford on Monday evening next. Special tickets will be issued for Acton, starting on Monday, no return and return, for 10 cents, being one-third more than the single fare.

Social in Nassau Row.—A social entertainment will be held in Pine Grove School House, S. No. 2, Nassauway, on Friday evening, 18th inst. Programme to consist of musical readings, recitations, dialogues, &c. Several excellent amateur performers are expected to be present. The "Climax" will be in the program. Doors open at 7 p.m.; last served at 7:30. Admission 25 cents; children 10 cents. The committee will spare no pains to make this the entertainment of the season.

Yield-Gate Removed at East.—The toll-gate on the 7th line of Easington—the only one that has been in existence in Halton for many years—has at last been removed. People may now travel on the only few miles of gravel road in the county without being compelled to stop and fork over half a dime. This gate has been a source of annoyance and contention for a good many years, and it is pleasing to know that the stockholders have finally consented to its removal without resorting to litigation. We presume the County Council will hereafter see that the road is kept in a proper state of repair.

Missionary Meeting.—The missionary association in connection with the Presbyterian Church held their annual meeting in Knox Hall, Acton, on Monday evening. The church was well filled with an audience apparently deeply interested in the missionary cause. Rev. Mr. Cameron, who occupied the chair, opened the proceedings by reading a chapter from the Bible, a Prayer by Rev. Mr. McPherson, of Nassauway, and singing by the choir. Mr. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer, read a brief financial statement, showing the receipts from various sources during the past year to be \$146.57, with payments as follows: Foreign Missions, \$30; Knox College, \$14.30; Assembly Fund, \$18.75; W.L.C.W. Fund, \$22.49; French Canadian Mission, \$44; Home Mission, \$10.73. Mr. A. Campbell, in moving the adoption of the report, took occasion to make a few remarks in behalf of the missionary fund; hoped the people in connection with this church would not again allow the treasurer to report a falling off in the receipts of previous years. Rev. Mr. McPherson delivered an interesting address, giving a summary of the missionary work, and relating facts and incidents in connection therewith. The chairman then called upon Mr. A. McNab, who made a few very sensible remarks. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Burnfield, of Scarborough, in a lengthy address appropriate to the occasion. His chair did good service in furnishing a number of very choice selections of music. The collection amounted to \$12.

The Bonus Question.—To the Editor of the Free Press. Sir:—The bonus question is being freely ventilated in certain quarters, and the arguments seem to be very one-sided. I take the opportunity of offering a few remarks on the subject at the late meeting. Mr. Baker, as representative of his company, agreed to employ from thirty-five to fifty hands. The amount paid weekly in wages cannot be less than two hundred dollars, and the weekly increase of taxes caused by the bonus; then there is a large expenditure for material; and the increase of property will be machinery, &c. worth over twenty thousand dollars. The payment on which at present time will pay nearly one-third of the amount. I cannot see how the benefit will be greatly above the cost. Yet we find there are certain parties in town who are opposing it, although very nearly, in an underground hole-and-cove-

nor kind of way. If their arguments will bear daylight, let us have them, they will be worth anything; and if they are not worth anything, they will be duly appreciated; and will not go around button-holing people and have not given the scheme the least consideration, and trying to frighten them with the bugbear of increased taxation. The bonus is bound to carry, and the shortsighted people who oppose it, will live to be grateful to those whose better judgment carried it through. In any case, it shall not want the hearty support of yours,
F. K. HENDERSON.

"Bad Roads" Again.—To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir:—I hope you will bear with me in replying to "Ratepayers," who has made a few remarks on a small article that I forwarded to you. I will attempt to classify them. Remark No. 1—He admits that the road I speak of is in a disgraceful state. Remark No. 2—Acton should not be called to assist.

Remark No. 3—That memorable event of Acton separating itself from the township, (how thoughtful of him to remind me!) Remark No. 4—Improvements incredible since the above date; and that of no further use to Acton. (Thinkers out for a kick up.) Remark No. 5—Acton has great her share of municipal loan fund; Esquimaux's share still on hand. No. 6—Remark as to expenses kindly noticed. Now, Mr. Editor, as the sugar-making season is close at hand I will cease off by hitting "Ratepayer" know that the interests of the town of Acton and the surrounding townships are indissoluble, and in the position of the business twin. What kills the one is death to the other. I united we stand; divided we fall. He must know that unity is the keystone of the arch that holds nations, churches, townships, and families together. Pull out that keystone, and your structure will crumble into pieces. As "Ratepayer" suggests, I have examined all my elevations in regard to the assistance of some of our neighboring Councils, and they inform me (the truth of which I can assert) that they are always ready to assist, any case worthy of assistance.

One word to "Ratepayer," in a friendly spirit, and I am done. Don't let the uneducated selfishness of nature creep out so strong. Make a big and determined push to study the golden rule, and I will be one who will assist you. The things I wish you to remember: A town without good roads is like a jump without a handle; good tea at \$200's but can't get at it. End—The Editor. Help—Leave your neighbor as you wish to be treated. Have the towns any interest in our roads? S. HENDERSON.

To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir:—I must say with your consent, "Inauspicious," from what I observed within our corporation on the last Fair day. That there is something of the barometer about some of our inhabitants, and I must say about some of our own people. On that day horse-traders and tinkers might have been seen racing their horses on the public street of our village, endangering the lives of those who were on the street, all to the ruin of the quality of their horses, in order to be able to effect a trade. If this is the law in Canada to put a stop to such horse treatment, I think our Council ought to take in hand to make a law to prohibit the racing of such animals within the Corporation. We will not come under the Act "Cruelty to animals." If so, I would like to see our town authorities put it in force. I expected to have seen an article in the columns of your valuable paper, (last week) relating to this subject, from the able pen of Mr. "H." but as nothing had been said about it, I thought that it should not be passed over unobserved. Pardon me for occupying so much of your valuable space. Yours truly, A. RAYBURN.
Acton, Feb. 1876.

For the Free Press. THE ICE ON THE TREES. BY ADRIAN CHENSON. Oh! how beautiful the forest, Which may save the forest; Every tree seems clothed in muslin, Or in freaced robes of satin. But there is a deathlike stillness, And an insidious sound of illness; I think the birds are bent with weeping, With the death-chill of their own weeping. Then the icy terrors fall, And the drapery seems a pall; While the evening closes round, And we scarcely hear a sound. But the silvery wreaths are scattered, And the jewelled bands are shattered; By the morning breezes taken, And the crystal tresses shaken. Tinkle, tinkle, in the breeze, Tinkle, tinkle, on the trees; Tinkle, tinkle, far and near, Tinkle, tinkle, everywhere. But a change is brought about, And the morning sun shines out; They are sparkling and alluring, On the branches interlacing. Sparkling, sparkling, in the breeze, Sparkling, sparkling, on the trees; Sparkling, sparkling, near and far, Sparkling, here and everywhere. And when the sun has run his race, And the night comes down apace, They are sparkling clear and bright, In the moonbeams clear and bright. Epit. Feb. 14, 1876.

EPH'S COCOA.—GREATFUL AND COMFORTING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Eph's has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack when we are least on our guard. We may see a man many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame. Sold only in packets labeled "EPH'S COCOA," Homoeopathic Chemist, 48, Thrusdale Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London.

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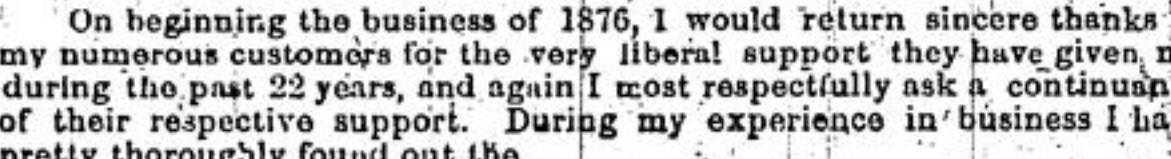
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Acton, January 18, 1876.

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