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THE SCOTT ACT.
That much abused body in the Senate carried by its action last week, the thanks of the friends of temperance and prohibition throughout Canada. An amendment to the Scott Act providing that the bill should not go into effect except where a majority of the electors in each municipality had voted in its favor, had been rushed through the Commons and sent to the Senate for approval. Those worthy and dignified gentlemen saw in the amendment an attempt at obstruction to the free working of the Scott Act, and therefore by a vote of 31 to 22 postponed the consideration of the amendment to Tuesday next. As Parliament will be prorogued on Friday, or Saturday at latest, the attempt at obstruction has been defeated for the present, and the temperance people have a whole year to wait to work the Scott Act without molestation. All honor to the gentlemen of the Senate this time!

Village Council.
The Municipal Council of the Village of Acton met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening 11th inst. Present: D. Henderson, Reeve, in the chair; Messrs. W. H. Storey, N. McGarvin, C. S. Smith. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Finance Committee examined the following account and recommended payment thereof:
H. P. Moore, printing 200 copies of Audit Report, \$12.85.
Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by N. McGarvin, that the account of H. P. Moore for printing be paid. Carried.
Moved by N. McGarvin, seconded by C. S. Smith, that the Council meet at Court of Revision on the first Tuesday in June, 1880. Carried.
Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by N. McGarvin, that in view of certain improvements all persons having fences on the public streets be requested to place them in proper position at once, otherwise proceedings will be taken to enforce removal. Carried.
Moved and seconded that this Council adjourn to meet again on Monday evening 17th inst. Carried.

Massagaweya Items.
From our own correspondents:
Seedling is almost over.
The first mosquito has appeared here.
The measles continue their ravages in this vicinity.
Mr. John Berdette and family left last week for Manitoba.
There was no meeting of Prospector Division, Sons of Temperance last Friday evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather.
The heavy rain of Friday debarrated the progress of reeding a day or two, however, the rain had the effect of making the grass and spring grain look fresh and healthy.

CORRESPONDENCE.
The Editor, while willing to open his columns for the free discussion of all matters of public interest, is not bound to accept of any correspondence. Correspondents are requested to be brief, to write plainly, and to enclose their paper with all letters. Names must be given, led by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

The Fishing Question.
To the Editor of the Free Press:
Sir:—I observed in your issue of May 6th, a communication signed "Fishes" asking information on certain points in regard to fishing on a certain man's property. It is just as need to press to fish on water situated on the D.R.'s, where he owns the lot on both sides of the stream or pond, it would be to go on any other private property. He has just as much claim to his fish pond as to his land, and the party that would claim the one would in all probability claim the other. Much for the question of "Fishes" now, Mr. Editor, you seem to be a little astray as to *mean and mean*, or other words, what you say and what you mean. Common law, and common justice, and I might say common sense would teach you that when a man holds his property in fee simple he has a perfect right to exclude all intruders, be they fishing fish or anything else from his premises. Of course a question might arise as to title; but I am told that Dr. Morrow has held undisturbed possession of his property for fifteen years, now, allow us to refer you to the Revised Statutes of Ontario Chap. 108, Sec. 3, and following section, and it will give you all the information you require on this subject, and may relieve you and your correspondent of this question. Hoping that this may clear up some of the difficulties of this question, I remain, yours truly,
J. E. McGarvin.

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HON. GEO. GE BROWN.
His Death on Sunday Morning.
CANADA'S GREATEST JOURNALIST
End of a Useful Life.

When Mr. Brown received the pistol wound on the 25th March, seven weeks ago, no one expected a fatal termination. The wound was apparently slight, and not in a dangerous situation. But slow and steady growth with time, and every noon troublesome symptoms appeared. The nervous system became very much deranged, inflammation set in, the thigh swelled, and abscesses were formed in the region surrounding the wound. Three incisions were made, but the discharge was copious, and continued till nearly the end of the illness. In the meantime the giving way of the nervous system became more marked, and the body, though carefully nursed and well sustained by food, constantly became weaker. Throughout, however, there were no symptoms which showed death to be inevitable. On the contrary, there was much to encourage. It was a question of strength. Unhappily his strength gave way under the trial for a considerable period he was delirious, but that is very common in elderly people under such circumstances. For a time also, he refused food, when delirious, but modern inventions enable food to be easily administered without the volition of the patient. Within forty-eight hours of his death there was still believed to be a possibility of recovery. All that medical skill could accomplish was done; and the result lay in other hands than those of man.

On Saturday the telegraph brought the intelligence that Mr. Brown had another relapse, and that he lay at another death's door. With the incoming dawn of Sunday his life's stream ebbed away, and at 2 o'clock all was over. Unconscious and free from pain, surrounded by those he had so dearly loved, the great statesman and journalist passed away to his eternal rest.
No words can describe the pain and restraint through which the beloved patient passed during these six and forty days. At intervals the woe which hung over his mind was lifted, and he conversed intelligently with his family and friends. He experienced the consolation which faith in Christ's sacrifice affords in such hours, and while to the last he never lost hope of life, he expressed his submission to the will of God.
A great death had been expected for many hours, public excitement over the event was intense. Universal regret and indignation were expressed that a man who had done so much for his country should have met his death at the hands of an assassin, who had not even the excuse of a legitimate grievance as an incentive to the dastardly act. A heavy gloom overspread the city, and kindly sympathizing hearts throbs went out for the afflicted and sorrowing relatives. Flags were hoisted at half-mast from all the public buildings, out of respect to the memory of the honored dead. Mention was made of the sad event from the pulpits of the city churches, and prayers were offered up for those who claimed him as a husband and a father. During the day the streets leading to Mr. Brown's house were densely thronged by pedestrians. Those who called were principally clergymen and intimate friends of the deceased. The sorrow expressed is universal. The relatives were in hourly receipt of sympathizing messages from those high in office, both in Canada and the old country.
We can only add here that the grief which men of all classes and parties exhibit in regard to his sufferings and untimely death forms the best tribute to his memory. He loved his country, and labored for her good; the object he set before him were high, the plans he formed vast, and when he failed it was from no lack of courage or self-sacrifice on his part. The bed of death calls for other considerations than the praise of men, but it may be that his passing spirit was cheered by the thought that in the estimation of his fellow-countrymen he had not lived all together in vain.

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payees, was laid before the council, praying for aid on behalf of William Ritchie, a poor and indigent person, who had died, and whose estate was valued and sold, and ordered that the sum of \$15 be paid to Mr. Allan Ramsey, in aid of said person. Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Wheelahan, that the clerk be instructed to notify the municipal council of Esqueving—through the clerk—requesting them to appoint a committee to meet a committee of this council, to examine the town map between Nassau and Esqueving, commencing at lots 17, with a view for general repairs from lots 17 to 21 inclusive; also from lots 13 to 16 inclusive. Carried. On motion the committees of roads and bridges were appointed to examine the several places where applications for grants of money had been applied for by Messrs. Menzies, Wheelahan and Hutcheon, from lots 1 to 15, inclusive, across the township and Messrs. Ramsey and Watson, from lots 16 to 32 inclusive, across the township. Moved by Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that Alex. McPherson be appointed overseer for road division No. 27, in place of John Leuchman, resigned, also, that lot 5 be taken from division No. 10, and placed to division 27. Carried. Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that the sum of \$9.34 be paid to W. Whitley as damages for five sheep killed by dogs being two-thirds of their value, said claim having been duly certified. Carried. On motion, the Council adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, the 26th day of May next, at a Court of Revision and Appeal, and for other township business.
J. EASTBROOK, Clerk.

A GOOD THING.—It is policy to keep a good thing constantly before the public. Never allow it to be forgotten. New things are always advertised. It is their means of introduction to success. They should not be allowed to supplant well established rivals. What pays in one case, must, as a mathematical fact, pay in the other. The profits of a long and successful well sustained small price of advertising. Indeed, every article sold ought to be allotted a certain percentage for advertising, and keeping it thoroughly before the trade.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.
A great deal has been written upon this very delicate subject, and still in the diversity of opinion as to what the "have" and "have not" rights are, and what there is not the slightest doubt, however, that the more we know of the rights of women, the more we shall value them. It is a duty to us, as well as to the world, to know what our rights are, and to know what our duties are. It is a duty to us, as well as to the world, to know what our rights are, and to know what our duties are. It is a duty to us, as well as to the world, to know what our rights are, and to know what our duties are.

THE ALYAT.
REX—CLERK—At Killbuck, by the Rev. J. T. Smith, on the 6th inst., Mr. A. W. Green, Gr. Cr., Acton, to Miss Margaret Calder, of Killbuck.

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NEBRASKA EXCURSION.
Another party of Land Explorers, under my care, will leave different points of Ontario, for Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday, May the 26th. The object of these people is to visit the beautiful and fertile district in South-Eastern Nebraska, where so many choice Canadian families are settling, and to please, will lay and settle in Nebraska. Letting to join this party should write to James Matthews, Acton, Ont., or to me, at Elora, for full information concerning cheap rates, the full extent of starting, &c.
F. W. WARE, General Agent, Elora, Ont.

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