Mow does Your Business Etand ?

With the generality of business men in this country the present is about as alick a season as they experience dur ing the whole year, and for this reason it is a most fitting time in which to take an inventory of stock and other assets, balance their books, and lay plans for future trade.

With many dealers stock taking is regarded as a nuisance, to be done only when they cannot help it, but to the well informed merchant it is one the most important factors in his bustness and no small element in adding to his success. We will venture to say, that if all our dealers took stock, and properly balanced their books every year, that not only would there seem determined to work with a wil be fewer failures than at present, but to roll up a gratifying majority on the that the amount of the dividends would be much larger. In such a case, when showed a small surplus on hand, after a dealer found that his business was falling behind and he was losing in stead of making money, he would in all probability try and make some ar rangement with his creditors before his affairs became so hepelessly involv ed as to realize little to les creditors and nothing to himself. We know the convention. The Central Com that many dealers in this country never take stock or balance their apology for books until it is done for them by the of the county by local speakers, Prof. o'clock, a stranger who was coming up assigned or some obliging creditor. Ask such a merchant a few week before he fails how he stands, and he will assure you that he is "all right" it is true that he is hard up, but then business is dull and when times got good again he will pay all he owes without any trouble. When his estate passes into the hands of the assignee and his accounts are reduced to figures, he is astonished to find that he is not a feeling with which we are in deep only bankrupt, but that he is hopelessly so, and has been for some time mast be upon a thorough house to house

The present is a good time to take stock, and every merchant ought to see that he does it thoroughly and carefully.

THE SCOTT ACT PETITIONS

Notwithstanding the fact that the Boott Act petitions for this county have been passed, after the severe test to which they were put by the lawyers employed by the Licensed Victuallers, the Champion has the effrontery to say that "the fact of their being passed says nothing for the genuineness of the signatures." That kind of argument is too thin. These men are too much alive to the interests of their business to have allowed the petitions to pass if the signatures were not genuine, especi- Prof. Arnold, president of the Amer heralded with so much exultation a N.Y.; Messra. B. H. Burrell, Utica, few months ago) that the petitions con thou art a jewel." The Champion also said in last issue that " No one knows better than the FREE PRESS that a large percentage of the names on the petitions were written by the-canvas sers, the Acton petition being particularly defective in that way." No one knows, better than the FREE PRESS to make cows profitable." He believed that the petitions, so far as Acton is in feeding cows well, and found that concerned, were correct and honest in if the quantity of milk produced by one every particular, and es in a previous cow could be doubled by feeding, that issue, we again challenge the Champion the increase would reduce the price of to give a list of the names of persons the milk by one half, as all exten feed whose names were written on the Acton petition by any other than themselves. or whose names appear on the petition who never saw it, and " whose ostensitle signatures are nothing better than forgeries." We are determined to keep dry stables. He illustrated his system and see it libel the citizens of the town he recommended as a material for selling liquor contrary to law. we represent.

In its article the Champion wanders from the subject and says, the FREE giving them plenty of shade. Hay for Pages " has not sufficient back-bone to give an opinion on a political question. We would respectfully remind our advise any person to go wholly into dollars, from the Travelers Insurance esteemed contemporary that the Fazz dairy farming, but go into it moderately Company, of Hartford, in payment of Parss never pretended to be a political until they become acquainted with it. paper. We don't deal in politics, but if we did, we would occasionally exert in cheese making. He said cheese ourselves to present an original opinion factories are a good thing for the had against the Company since taking on the political question at issue, and country, and where they exist a better my policy in Feb'y, 1880, baving pound of flip of Wild Oderry sives immediate not wholly rely on the leading dailies class of cows are always introduced, received \$10 in August for an injury for our editorials, as some of the weekly He considered there was more money to my arm, and I take pleasure in

the honesty, either to specify wherein Recommended the farmers to go into the Acton petition is fraudulent, by the dairy business and open a cheese ous statements before the polling day,

giving the names, or retract its malici- factory as soon as possible.

their influence upon the final issue Surely a good cause (such as our contemporary advocates) doesn't require to be promoted by mintatements.

SCOTT ACT. CONVENTION.

The convention of which we gave our readers notice last week was duly held in the Town Hall, Milton, on Monday of this week. An unusually large number of representatives were present from all parts of the ownty The reports from the various municipalities in the county were of the most encouraging nature, affording the as surance that in almost every part of the county a majority will be given for the Act on the 19th of April. leading clergyman from Georgetown said he never listened to more encoun aging reports. Every legitimate step was very interesting to the farmers. that was considered essential to the perfecting of the organization in the county was taken, and the Scottites polling day. The treasurar's report resisting the opposition of the Anti-Scottites at Ottawa, and paying the expouses of the agitation last Fill. In fact nothing could be a better guarantee as to the efficiency of the Central Committee, or the determination and liberality of the friends of prohibition. Woman Frozen to Death. than the state of things reported at mittee were instructed to provide for the holding of meetings in every part sympathy was, that our chief reliance canvass. Many can be reached and influenced in this way that will not go to the public meetings. It is to be hoped that the temperance people will not be lalled into indifference or in activity by an over-weening confidence of success, but that every effort will be made until the hour for closing the

DAIRY MEETING. In Goorgetown.

poll on the 19th of April, to make the

majority as large as possible.

On Friday lest a meeting was hel in the Town Hall, Georgetown, for the purpose of elicting facts and information day. in reference to the manufacture of batter and cheese, and the erection of factories for the manufacture of the same. About 200 farmers and business men from various parts of the county were present. On the platform were on time. ally if it was a fact, (as the Champion ican Dairymen's Association, Rochester, Brampton. N.Y. ; L.R. Richardson, Strathroy ; J. tained only eight names above the T. Brill, Guelph; J. Campbell, Nelson; number required. "O, consistency, Col.Clay, Norval; Jno. Ramsey, Eden Mills ; J. Murray, Stewarttown ; Rev. J. Coutts, Georgetown, and others. The meeting was opened at 2:30 p. m., Mr. W. C. Beatty, Omagh, in the chair. The first speaker called upon

Prof. Arnold, who gave a very interesting and practical address on "How is converted into milk. He said always paid to have good stock, and as the stock improved the profit on the rame would increase. The great burden is in wintering cows, and the secret of success is by giving them warm and building stables. Should also protect the cows from the sun in summer by milk cows should be cut green, and To the Editor of the Free Press. farmers should give particular attention to scientific feeding. He would not

Mr. Richardson gave his experience supply him with milk make on an which its business is done, I having average \$30 per cow during the season, received my cheque in both cases in-

Mr. J. T. Brill spoke in reference to Acton, January 27th, 1881.

and not allow such fabrications to exert | the manufacture of butter, and explained the manner of working a butter factory. Thought the farmers should lessen the work of their wives and daughtors by having the milk manufactured in to choese and butter in a factory. Mr. Brill said that Ontario is destined to produce the finest cheese, butter and

> cattle in the Dominion, Mr. Burrell said be was asked address those present on the subject of ensilage, which substance has lately bécomb very popular among atook raisers as food for stock during winter. He described his method of growing corn, how to convert it into enallage, and gave a plan for building the aile or pit into which the ensilage is stored. showed how that stock could be ke during winter on ensilage and a litt straw, for less than balf the cost ordinary food, Mr. Burrell's speech

Mr. Oampbell gave his cheese making experience, stating that, so far as he could learn, he was the first man to start a cheese factory in Canada. He knew there was money in the busi

Numerous questions were put to the gentlemen on the platform, all o which were astisfactorily answered.

The meeting closed about rix o'clock, all present feeling that a profitable afternoon had been spent.

Supposed to have been dead sereral days before she was found.

On Wednesday night, about seven Foster, of New Brunswick, to speak the third line, Esquesing, to Acton at leading points the week before the found a woman lying on the side of the vote is taken. He will be in Actou road, near the farm of Mr. Alex. Mc on Thursday the 14th of April, and Donald, frozen to death. He immedi we anticipate a full house to listen to ately informed Mr. McDonald of the one of Canada's most able and eloquent fact, and he, accompanied by a neigh temperance advocates. We rejoice in bor, went and examined the corpse and the fact that such thorough provision thought they recognized it as a daugh is thus being made for supplying this ter of Mr. Neil Keith, a farmer living department of work in this campaign, on the 2nd line, about three miles from but the feeling of the convention, and here. They at once proceeded to Mr.

Keith's and told him about the matter, and as soon as he arrived he found it was his daughter Catherine, aged 18 years. Mr. Keith immediately took her home and sent for the coroner. The young woman had been working for Mr. McCollute, in the Scotch Block, and as her time was up about a week ago, it is supposed the left for home, and instead of coming up the 2nd line, she came up the Ord, which was more sheltered. The snow was very deep on this road, and struggling through it, it is probable that she became over

come with the cold and was frozen to death. She was found about three quarters of a mile from her own home. A coroners' inquest will be held to-

NEIGHBIRHOOD NEWS.

Sneak thieres infest Oakville. Moses Oatea' cold snap arrived abarp

Gleaned from our Exchanges.

They have a White Ribbon Club in

Mr. James Hamilton, of Oakville, eaves next month for Manitoba

Mr. Joseph Brethorn, Oakville, has purchased a farm in Burfor-l

It is said that the assessor's return shows that the population of Galt exi ceeds 5,000. F. W. Sparling, of Guelph, has re-

moved, with his family, to Grand The special services in the C. M church, Brampton, are being continued

with much good. Rev. W. Meikle and wife, of Oak. rille, left last Tuesday morning on a

trip to Mobile, Ala. A Champion correspondent wants the accounts of the County Agriculural Society audited.

Fined for Selling Liquor

On information laid by Inspector Moore, Geo. Atkinson, of Clifford, was the Champion to the truth in this of building stables, and instructed those adjudged by Esquires Allan and Taylor matter, and we will not stand idly by present how to make concrete, which to pay a fine of twenty dollars, for en the weak

Promptness.

DEAR SIR.—Permit me to acknow edge through your paper the receipt of for loss of time, caused by having my leg broken on the 23rd of September sise \$1 00. ast. This is the second claim I have side of ten days from the time my claim was made out.

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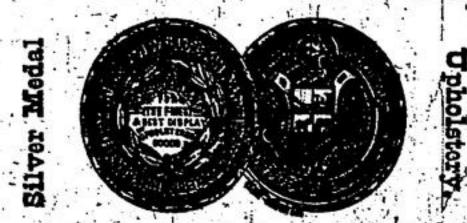
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