

THE FREE PRESS.

Acton, Thursday, March 24, 1881.

About Eggs.

Says the Toronto Telegram:—The old custom of selling eggs by the dozen instead of by the pound still prevails. It is not a standard weight for eggs; some weigh fourteen ounces to the dozen and some weigh as high as twenty and twenty-four; but a dozen is a dozen all the same. Some of our legislators who are looking about for some great reform to undertake, might bring in a measure requiring all hens to lay eggs of a uniform weight for every dozen produced.

A Bivoted Society.

We learn that a number of persons representing various parties of the province and both political parties met in Toronto last week and perfected the organization of a new secret Protestant society. The name of the order and the names and titles of its officers are to be withheld from the public. The object of the new organization is said to be uncompromising hostility to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Every member is sworn to never vote for a Roman Catholic for office, either civil, provincial or Dominion; and all the energies of the order are to be devoted to the abolition of separate schools, convents and nunneries. The order disclaims all connection with Orangemen. An organizer was appointed at a salary of \$1200 per annum to visit the various cities and towns of the Dominion to open branches.

What is the Profit?

The profit and loss of the question should be kept in mind in discussing the drink traffic. It furnishes a good argument where others fail. A recent news item tells of an angry discussion in a London dramshop. A young man was killed by a blow on the head. The drunken man arrested, could remember nothing; he had not struck the blow; it was drunk that did it. A black man in slavery times was worth \$1,000. A white man in Canada is worth more. Ask the Emigration Office the total cost of bringing one man into the country, and then make up the profit and loss account; on the one side, "profit on the drink, twenty cents; on the other side, loss, one man \$1,000. A locomotive is standing with the steam up. A drunken man mounts and starts it. There is an upset and a crash, damage, \$5,000. This would pay the wages of two hundred men for one month in repairing the road. For want of the repairs a whole train may be smashed. How can we expect cheap freight or reduction in rates while drink selling makes the working of railways so costly?

Prohibition Advancing.

The liquor prohibition movement, which is growing so rapidly in the Southern States, is really remarkable, and though some pretend to trace the movement in the far Western States to New England influence, this cannot be claimed for the change in Southern opinion. No less than three Southern States are about to submit to the people a vote on a constitution to their respective State constitutions forbidding both the manufacture and sale of liquor. The people of the South are only now finding out what their friends in the North have done before them—that Roman Catholics are adding to the criminal and pauper population, necessitating more jails, poor houses, orphan and lunatic asylums, and in many other ways, impoverishing them, and that it is time to put a stop to its evil work. A striking feature of the Southern prohibitory laws is their radical nature—no beer, light liquors, other incentives to acquiring drinking habits, are excepted from the operation of the law. Certain Canadian legislators have taken a lesson from the Southern States with a view to themselves and their country.

The session of the Dominion Parliament which closed on Monday has been a long one, having lasted from the 9th of December, 1880, to the 21st of March, 1881.

The Amigo amendment to destroy the Scott Act is killed for the present, the Government not daring to defy the friends of total prohibition throughout the Dominion. The fight is once more transferred to the constituencies.

Prorogation of Parliament.

(Special to the Free Press.)

OTTAWA, MARCH 21st. At three o'clock this afternoon the Governor-General proceeded to the Senate, and the Commons being summoned to attend, His Excellency gave assent to the bills passed. He then prorogued Parliament concluding his speech as follows.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies you have so readily granted and heartily congratulate you on the improved condition of the revenue.

Non Gentlemen of the Senate:

I bid you now farewell, and trust that when Parliament re-assembles we shall be able to congratulate ourselves on Canada having meanwhile enjoyed a season of peace and prosperity.

Acton Village Council.

The village council met in the council chamber on Monday evening 21st inst., recess in the chair. Members all present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their monthly report and recommended payment of the following accounts:— J. E. McMartin, sundries, \$3.32 Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by W. H. Storey that the above report be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by M. Speight that the Council meet every alternate Tuesday evening during the current year at eight o'clock p. m. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. Henderson that a sum of ten dollars be paid to James Campbell for discharging the funeral expenses of the late John McPhee paying any surplus to Ellen McPhee. Carried.

W. H. Storey, gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would move seconded by M. Speight that in the opinion of the council the time has arrived when steps should be taken to secure a proper Town Hall with Lock-up.

The Cow nuisance.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by M. Speight that the council adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening 5th of April.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—For some time past it has been a matter of surprise to those citizens who take an active interest in sustaining the cow by law, why the newly appointed constable, of whom great things were expected, does not look more closely after the public interests in this particular. Possibly Mr. Hemstreet being a humane person dislikes to deal harshly with citizens having cows running at large, but may I ask what possible use can it be to owners of animals to have them roaming the streets at this particular season, unless for the express purpose of committing depredations on farmers' crops and getting horse-whipped in return.

The continual opposition to municipal improvements in this particular on the part of some persons causes very much of obstinacy and calls loudly for vigorous action on the part of the constable.

Observe.

Acton, March 22nd 1881.

To Farmers and Stock Breeders.

It will be gratifying to our numerous readers to learn that a work is soon to be circulated in Canada that must prove as valuable and indispensable to the farmer as his reaper, or any other labor-saving implement, and that will, by its careful study and following the instructions therein contained, place him in a position to greatly increase his profits. It is a well known fact that large profits have hitherto been made on stock raising, by men who understand their business, and that the department of stock breeding is now becoming more important than ever and yielding better returns than any other branch of husbandry. We do not say, however, that all have been successful who have embarked in this line, for in that as in all other walks of life, there have been failures. Hitherto the want of a first-class, reliable, practical work on Live Stock has been felt by every farmer as a reference book for breeding, breaking, training, smelting, buying, selling, use and care, as well as wherein to obtain the most recent, improved humane methods for the preservation and care of stock, the prevention of any disease and restoration of health of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry. This great want is now to be supplied by the World Publishing Co. of Guelph.

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Ontario Agricultural College and Experiment Station, Guelph, Feb. 1, 1881. To the World Publishing Co., Guelph, Ont. GENTLEMEN:—I have made a careful examination of your "Breeder and Live Stock Encyclopedia," and find it to be a most valuable work, and one that should be in the hands of every farmer.

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Stock Encyclopedia." One thousand pages in one volume containing 400 illustrations devoted entirely to information on horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, is certainly a new feature in Agricultural literature. There has long been a want, both in Europe and America, of a book of this kind, and it is a most valuable work, and one that should be in the hands of every farmer.

Yours, faithfully, W. Brown, Professor of Agriculture and Farm Superintendent.

Guelph, 15th Feb., 1881. World Publishing Company, Guelph: GENTLEMEN:—I think J. R. Manning's book, called "The Illustrated Stock Breeder and Live Stock Encyclopedia," is a most valuable work, and one that should be in the hands of every farmer.

Law, gentlemen, yours, &c. F. W. Brown, Professor of Agriculture and Farm Superintendent.

Esquimaux, March, 15th 1881. To the World Publishing Co., Guelph: GENTLEMEN:—After a careful perusal of "The Illustrated Stock Breeder and Live Stock Encyclopedia," published by your worthy firm, I have no hesitation in recommending it to our farmers as well up to the times, thoroughly practical, and what is more, it gives the greatest value, every class of animals is handled in detail, and is a most valuable work, and one that should be in the hands of every farmer.

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