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The London Catastrophe

Later advices from the scene of the deplorable steamboat accident at London prove that the loss of life, large as it was stated to be, was at first greatly under-estimated. Over two hundred and twenty-five instead of one hundred and seventy lives have been lost, that number of bodies having been taken from the river. It will probably be found that fully one-third of the whole number of people who entrusted themselves on the ill-fated steamer have miserably perished. One of the saddest features of this loss is the great preponderance of young people, not a few of whom were too young to take care of themselves, and were under the charge of relatives or friends. As usual in such accidents the lists of names of the lost are found to be made up to a very large extent of those of the weaker sex.

The Ottawa Synod and the Scott Act

The following resolutions regarding temperance were passed by the Presbyterian Synod prior to their adjournment last week:

1. That the Synod reviews and reiterates its hitherto expressed conviction of the importance of the subject, and its readiness to lend its sympathy and support to any properly directed effort for the suppression of intemperance.
2. That this Synod, in full sympathy with all efforts put forth in Parliament with a view to the complete suppression of the liquor traffic, rejoices that the attempt made lately to lessen the stringency of the Scott Act proved a failure, and it would place on record its unqualified disapproval of all retrogressive legislation.
3. And recommended that the Synod do proceed in the direction as suggested in the circular letter from the Alliance, and recommends the General Assembly to do likewise.
4. That the Synod would also place on record its conviction that total abstinence from intoxicating liquor as a beverage is the duty of every follower of Christ.

Proscriptions

The Anti-Scott Act papers have been publishing the following item with considerable exultation:—
"Halton has one hotel keeper upon whom the Scott Act cannot act. The boundary line between Halton and Wentworth runs through the Brant House, overlooking Burlington bay, and the proprietor proposes erecting his bar in the Wentworth end of his building next year."

They must remember that it will all depend upon whether the License Commissioners of Wentworth will grant the place a license.

Several of our Acton hotel keepers have been telling people that as soon as the Scott Act passes they will go to the town line—about a mile and a half distant—and erect hotels. They will no doubt find that it will be about as big a job to get a license there as where the Scott Act is in force, as Wellington county at present contains all the hotels the Commissioners—and then have been liberal—will allow. To hear these men talk, though a person would almost conclude that all they have to do is to erect their bar outside of Halton and commence to tell liquor with impunity. It isn't well to be too presumptuous.

The Revised New Testament

From all quarters there comes to us news as to how the revised New Testament is received. Some looking upon it favorably, and others dealing out unsparing condemnation, even before they have had time to compare it. Now, in nearly all cases, judgment comes too soon, for very few have had time to give it more than a cursory survey. Ignorant people who have been in the habit of regarding their translation of the Holy Scriptures, as every single word Divinely breathed, will have their superstition shocked by any alteration or omission, though the change has been for the better.

The changes which have been made in the version may be grouped, for the sake of convenience, into three general classes:—First, those arising from the condition of the text and mainly from mistakes and omissions of copyists; secondly, those due to an amended text, the most ancient manuscripts not having been discovered when the King James version was published; and

thirdly, those required by amended translation owing to the advance in Biblical scholarship during two hundred years. These general classes are subdivided and copiously illustrated, so that all will recognize the magnitude of the labor performed. Intelligent persons will for the most part be grateful that they have more exactly the words and will of God.

School Separation

On Saturday last the council of the Township of Eveshaing, and the Village Council and a deputation of the rural portion of Acton School Division, in the Council Chamber here, to discuss the question of the separation of the rural portion of the School Division from the corporation of Acton. The meeting opened at ten o'clock, a. m., with Mr. C. S. Smith, reeve, in the chair.

The rural portion through Mr. Alex. Kennedy presented their grievances, which were that the rural portion consider that they are now paying more school taxes than they should, and that they should not be compelled to assist in building further school accommodation.

The question of separation was well ventilated by the members of both councils, and all seemed favorable to that means of settling the difficulty, and as the Eveshaing Council is the body who has the power to grant or refuse a separation, the matter was left entirely in their hands, to deal with as they think proper.

Nassagawera News

From our own correspondent:
After the hint in last issue I think "it is about time 'Ned' woke up." I am compelled to excuse myself with "scarcity of news."

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Y. Easterbrook left here on Thursday morning for S. F. Nebraska.

The Sunday School children of Ebenezer church intend having a picnic party at Pauline Lake on June 10th.

Prospect Division is preparing for a picnic and concert, day not yet determined upon.

Sacrament Sunday in Campbellville Presbyterian church on 5th June.

James, son of Mr. Archibald Bell, cut his foot rather severely on Monday last.

Nassagawera council met at Court of Revision on Monday, 30th ult.

The work of rebuilding Mr. Jno. Canute's house is progressing very rapidly. He has the structure roofed and enclosed, and almost ready for plastering.

The 24th of May was not celebrated publicly here. Everything passed off very quietly.

Well, Mr. Editor, this is really all I can do for you this time, and hope you will excuse my neglect in the past.

Beckwith News

From our own correspondent:
The gloom, which hangs over the city of London, occasioned by the late disaster, has extended its shadow even to our quiet little village. A number of our citizens had friends and relatives who were drowned on the ill-fated "Victoria."

Mention was made of the disaster in the various churches on Sunday.

Rev. D. Strachan and wife have gone to make a short visit with their friends in Dundalk, where Mr. Strachan is to assist in the Communion services. Mr. Greig, of Eden Mills, will supply his pulpit during his absence.

We understand that Rev. J. W. Freeman, of this place, will be absent a couple of Sundays. He goes to attend Conference, which is to be held in Brantford. Dr. Curry is to occupy his pulpit.

The Scott Act in Halton

RECOUNT OF BALLOTS—BY-LAW SUSTAINED.
The recount of the Ballots took place before Judge Miller on Thursday last. Messrs. Laidlaw, Matheson, and Tizard appeared on behalf of the Anti-Scott Act party, and Mr. McGillibon for the Scott Act Association. It was found that the irregularities in the ballots, numbered by the deputy returning officers, occurred in Anti-Scott Act localities, and that consequently the by-law was sustained by a largely increased majority.

The Scott Act is to be submitted to the ratepayers of Middlesex. The campaign will open shortly.

TOWN HALL MEETING.

The People Show by a Unanimous vote that they are in favor of the erection of a Town Hall.

The meeting called for Monday evening moved by the following resolutions:—Resolved, that every property owner will see that it is to the interests of our enterprising village to sign the petition, at the same time we trust that those who hold petty differences in the matter will give their prejudices and go with the majority.

We fully expect to see, a year hence, a town hall in Acton which will compare favorably with that of any village in the Province.

Acton Village Council.
The Village Council met in the council chamber on Tuesday evening. Members present, Mr. C. S. Smith, reeve, in the chair, Messrs. D. Henderson, M. Speight, D. W. Campbell and W. H. Storey.

Tenders for lighting, cleaning, etc., the street lamps were opened as follows:—W. Hemstreet, 50 cents per night, W. Kelly, 40 cents, and W. Gurney 30 cents.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by M. Speight, that the tender of W. Gurney, of thirty cents per night, for lighting and cleaning street lamps, be accepted, and that his appointment continue during the pleasure of the council. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their sixth report and recommended that the following accounts be paid:

J. C. Hill, erecting lamps, oil, lighting, \$22.52
H. Cameron, guards for shade trees, 24.50
W. Gurney, work on streets, 2.50
Geo. Ryer, do 1.00
W. Hamshaw, do 1.00

The report was adopted.
Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that this council adjourn, to meet forthwith as Court of Revision.

COURT OF REVISION.
Only one appeal was presented, being that of Mr. Alex. Secord, who appealed against his agreement on stock, having disposed of same, also accused for a dog wrongfully.

Stock transferred to J. B. Pearson. Dog withdrawn.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by M. Speight, that the clerk arrange the assessment roll alphabetically. Carried.

Court adjourned to meet on Friday, 3rd inst.

The Old Reliable

Wilson's Wild Cherry has been nicknamed "The Old Reliable Cough Remedy," by a gentleman who has used it for many years, and he truly deserves the name, because its success in curing Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, and Loss of Voice has been almost universal. For children and adults, in old standing cases and in new, it always gives immediate relief and effects a speedy cure, and is now the standard cure for these diseases. He sure to get the genuine in White Whispers, as there are many imitations sold by Druggists and Medicine Dealers.

Cracked Hands, Cracked Lips and Roughness of the Skin can be cured by a few applications of Gullbourn's Parisian Balm, which only costs 25 cents, and is sold by all leading Druggists in Western Ontario. Try it.

Thousands perish before the meridian of life is reached, in consequence of disregarding lung disease in its earlier stages. Consumption fastens its relentless grasp upon them while they do not even suspect its advent. Trifling or tampering with a cough will not answer. Delay, and untimely chosen medicines, both encourage its progress. The proper course is to select a well-known and sterling remedy, and use it systematically at the outset. The best is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. The value of cod liver oil as a pulmonary is too well known to require comment. The hypophosphites are especially useful for their invigorating properties, contributing to the development of muscular and fibrous tissue, both of which are greatly depleted and weakened in cases of pulmonary decline. The bones are also strengthened by their use. This time-honored specific and tonic also possesses properties as a blood purifier, which render it valuable in cases of scrofula. Persons of weakly constitution derive from it a degree of vigor obtainable from no other source, and it has even proved itself a most efficient protection to those troubled with a hereditary tendency to the malady. As before intimated, its prompt use is particularly recommended, in a climate like our own, and when the summer is so fleeting, persons with weak chest and lungs are specially in need of a reliable medicinal safeguard. They will find none so well adapted to their wants as this thoroughly tested and highly approved article. Prepared by Northrop & Lyman, Toronto, and sold by all druggists.

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At Almost Wholesale Prices.

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Highest price paid for Fresh Eggs.
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GREEN SELLS CHEAP.

13 lbs. GOOD SUGAR for \$1.
11 lbs. RAISINS for \$1.
12 lbs. CURRANTS for \$1.

3 lbs. GOOD TEA for \$1.
5 lbs TEA for \$1.
8 bars SOAP for 25 cents.

Glassware of every variety, cheap.
Glass Tea sets for 65 cents.

Crockery and China of every description.
Chamber Sets from \$1 up to \$5.

Sugar-Cured Hams & Dried Bacon
CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Farmers Produce Taken in Exchange for Goods.
A. W. Green.

R. E. NELSON,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
MAIN STREET, ACTON, ONT.

Wishes to announce to the people of Acton and vicinity that he has removed his Tailoring Establishment to the premises lately occupied by Mrs. McNair.

At the same time, I would thank those who have so liberally patronized me since commencing business in Acton, and solicit a continuance of their favors.

MY STOCK OF SPRING GOODS
IS NOW COMPLETE, AND COMPRISES THE LATEST STYLES IN
Irish, English, Scotch and Canadian
TWEEDS, WORSTEDS & C.,

Which were purchased for Cash and will consequently be made up at as reasonable prices, for cash, as any house in the trade. Examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. A perfect fit guaranteed.

Large stock of Spring Hats in latest styles.
R. E. NELSON.

FARMERS & STOCK-BREEDERS ATTENTION.
HENRY E. GRIDLINTON,
Practical House Painter, Orainer, Paper Hanger, and Decorator,

is prepared to take contracts for Painting, Paper Hanging, and Kalsomining.

Orders promptly attended to in town or country. Terms Reasonable.

Having an experience of thirty years, I can guarantee satisfaction to all.

H. E. GRIDLINTON,
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The subscriber offers for sale that beautifully situated piece of property lying north of the G.T.R. depot, in the corporation of the Village of Acton. The property contains 12 acres more or less, 4 of which are in a high state of cultivation and nearly all planted with fruit trees of every description, and all of the best varieties. The balance is good pasture land, with a never-failing stream running through it, on which is situated a fish pond. On the premises there is a two-story brick dwelling, nearly completed, consisting of 8 rooms, also back kitchen with three rooms, good stable and shed, and first-class hard and soft water, etc.

The above would be a very desirable place for a retired gentleman or for a market gardener.

Terms liberal and made known on application to
E. L. SNYDER, Acton, P.O.

C. W. HILL,
Acton, June 2nd, 1881.

Seeds, at J. E. McGARVIN'S

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Coal Oil, Glass & Putty,
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All purchased for PROMPT CASH at a Liberal Discount, and will be sold at

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To those building we offer Special Rates in Nails, Hinges, Locks, &c.

I have greatly reduced former prices, and parties need not leave Acton for Cheap Goods, as I am bound not to be undersold.

I have a splendid lot of HARVEST TOOLS, Cheap. A Car Load of FINE SALT just to hand.

In Teas, Sugars, & General Groceries;

I HAVE A LARGE STOCK AT EXTRA VALUE

PURE COFFEE, (ground on the premises) Cheap.

In fact everything away down in price. Give me a call and I will endeavor to satisfy you that "I am advertising what I intend to perform."

My Motto is:—"The nimble sixpence rather than the slow shilling."

—Come and see us and get Right Prices, Just Weight, and Plump Measure.

Acton, June 1st, 1881. J. B. PEARSON.

THE WONDERFUL MAN

Our stock has been replenished during this week with large lots of new and desirable goods, including styles that at present are difficult to procure.

We call the attention of the ladies to an immense shipment, just received, of goods for our

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT,

Representing the Newest Shapes in
Hats and Bonnets,
New Beaded Laces,
New Ombre Ribbons,
New Lace Fichus and Scarfs,

New Satin Parasols,
New Silk Sunshades,
New Silk Lace Mitts and Gloves,
New Bunting and Muslins,

and in every department of our business an assortment as complete as at the beginning of the season.

THE PRICES

We quote for Grosley's and Frith's Tapestry Carpets are the lowest ever known in Guelph, and the sales in this department have been very large. Every person looking for Carpets should see our stock.

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