

# The Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 18, 1882.

## Another Industry For Acton.

Since the destruction by fire of G. & E. Tolton's flour mill, about a mile east of this village, there has been considerable conversation among our citizens about raising the Means. To some inducement to rebuild their mill in Acton. Feeling that a first class merchant mill in Acton would greatly increase and improve business here, we spoke to Mr. G. Tolton about the matter, and thereby learned that the firm will erect a flour mill at the G. T. R. depot, with a daily capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels of new process flour, and a grain warehouse provided the corporation of Acton will loan them a reasonable sum, at a fair rate of interest, and exempt the property from taxation for a period of years. The offer of Means, Tolton is certainly out of interest to those of our citizens who wish to see their town prosper, and the consideration asked is most reasonable, and would entail no outlay whatever, by the corporation. We would therefore recommend our civic authorities to take the matter into consideration at once, and make the necessary arrangement with the above firm, and thus elevate our little town another step in prosperity.

## The Sale of Liquor Under The Scott Act.

Since the adoption of the Scott Act in this country the sale of liquors has been confined to the licensed druggists in each municipality, and is sold only for sacramental, medicinal, and mechanical purposes. As a large number of people seem uninformed of the proceedings necessary to enable them to procure liquor for above purposes, we publish the following from the Canada Temperance Act of 1878:

"The sale of wine for exclusively sacramental purposes shall be made by licensed druggists, only on the certificate of Clergyman affirming that the wine is required for sacramental purposes."

"The sale of intoxicating liquor for exclusively medicinal purposes, or for mechanical purposes, shall be in quantities of not less than one pint, to be removed from the premises, and to be made, when for medicinal purposes, or the certificate of a medical man having no interest in the sale by the druggist, affirming that such liquor has been prescribed for the person named in certificate; and when such sale is for mechanical purposes, the same be made only on a certificate by two justices of the peace, accompanied by the affirmation of the apothecary, that the liquor is to be used for mechanical purposes."

## Nassagawaya News.

From our own correspondent.

So far the Scott Act has been a great success in this township. I believe I am safe in saying that the good it has done already has made a very favorable impression upon quite a number of persons who voted against the Act. Of course the hotel keepers closed their premises, refusing accommodation to travellers; but that way of doing business has hurt themselves more than it has the Act. A good hotel has been opened at Brookville, and the proprietor does not charge 50 cents for meals, as has been reported, but 25 cents as usual.

Mr. Turner has given up his situation as teacher in S. S. No. 4, and Mr. Curran of Rockwood has been engaged to take his place.

Prospect Division is still prospering. New members are being initiated every month.

Mr. David Walde of Knobhill, left for Manitoba, accompanied by his newly-wedded wife, on Tuesday.

## The Scott Act Appeal.

Mr. J. McLaren, Q.C., of Montreal, has returned from London, England, where he was engaged in arguing before the Privy Council the legality of the Scott Act. He says the points raised by the appellants are, that under sec. 92 of the British North America Act exclusive rights are given to Local Legislatures regarding 1st, Municipal institutions; 2nd, shop, saloon, and tavern licenses; 3rd, property and civil rights, and 4th, all matters of a local or private nature. Mr. McLaren, Q.C., and Mr. Fullerton, of the English bar, were only asked to answer the last point raised, and argued that the Act was not a merely local or private nature, but that it was a public and general matter, introduced by the Dominion Government, which has special power granted it for such legislation under sections 1 and 2 of the British North America Act. From the above we could conclude that the case is virtually settled in favor of the Scott Act, and we feel confident that the decision of the Privy Council will confirm this conclusion.

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