

Our Political Position.

During the past political contest the position of the FREE PRESS will be—as we claim it always has been—Independent. No matter what our personal sympathies may be, the FREE PRESS will not favor either party. We want confidence that we have pronounced our opinions upon the questions now before the voters seeking solution, and would most cheerfully enter the contest, but as nearly an equal number of Conservatives and Reformers are subscribers to the FREE PRESS, justice, honor and good faith towards them demand that we refrain from offending or injuring either party, by advocating the principle held by the other. Against this course there is no cause for either party to demur, as each has its own subsidized organ to champion its cause.

Halton's Candidates.

Sheriff McKinstry the candidate of the Conservative party, is a gentleman who has been in public office in Halton for many years, and the people of the county are no doubt well acquainted with him personally, as well as in public life, and are consequently familiar with his abilities.

Mr. McCrawey, the Reform candidate, is a gentleman of considerable experience in public life, having served a term in the Dominion Parliament, to the entire satisfaction of his party, and would, no doubt, again ably represent the people, should he be their choice at the coming election.

The candidates will both visit Acton during the contest and each will then present his intended course of action, to the electors, when they will be able to form an opinion as to which would best represent their interests in parliament at Ottawa.

The Scott Act.

A few of our readers have found fault with the FREE PRESS for its strenuous advocacy of the Scott Act and Prohibition, and its continual and bitter attacks upon the liquor traffic. But we are conscientiously working for what we honestly consider is the right, and for the best interests of our city and its surrounding territory in general, and our position may be summed up in the following question:—Are the aggregate results of the drinking system, direct and indirect, in all their variety of effects, of greater benefit than injury to mankind? We hold that they are not. And hence, no matter what arguments may be presented on the other side, we believe it to be the duty of every patriotic citizen to assist in destroying that system. The moment we become convinced that the use of intoxicants is productive of more good than evil, that moment we will hand down the temperance banner and cease to advocate the cause it represents. But until then, we trust that while strength shall endure, we shall ever raise a voice to plead for human freedom.

Public Improvements.

The season is now advancing and the ratepayers generally are anxious to know what improvements are likely to be made on our streets and sidewalks, and what steps are to be taken this year for the advancement of our little town. The annual report of the committee on streets and sidewalks, recommending improvements and repairs will, we understand, be presented at the meeting of the council next Tuesday evening. The question will no doubt be carefully discussed, and we hope that whatever steps are to be taken, any improvements that may be decided upon will be made at once. There is no use of waiting until the season is so far advanced that winter will be upon us before we can have any of the benefits to be derived from the improvements made. Let the Council decide at once what is to be done and then set about to have the work completed.

The members of the council cannot expect to satisfy the ratepayers by being mere figure heads at the council board; and we do not for a moment imagine that this is their position, but feel confident that each member is anxious to further the interests of the people they represent, and we have no doubts they will prove this by their action in the matter of public improvements at the next or early subsequent meeting.

A Fine Assortment of Garden, Flower & Field Seeds, all Fresh at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton, Ont.

Election Notes.

The contest must be short, hot, and decisive; let it also be fair and square. Hon. Edward Blake addressed a very large audience at Milton yesterday afternoon. He was enthusiastically received.

Both parties have truth mingled with error. It requires the heat of the contest as well as time to consume the error and crystallize the truth.

The country is divided on a few great and really important questions greatly affecting the future destiny of the Dominion. Each person should decide as to which party he is willing to entrust with the future well being of the country and cast his ballot accordingly.

The time allowed for the election campaign is so short, that the great aims of the parties will hardly find leisure to appear on many platforms, beside local ones, to explain the situation. We are informed, however, that Hon. Alex. McKeusie will likely deliver an address in Acton during the campaign. The Conservatives will no doubt have some prominent politician here also, but no names are as yet announced.

Party Nominations.

At the Conservative convention held at Milton on Friday there was a full representation from all parts of the county. The candidates nominated were:—Mr. W. H. Storey, Acton; Sheriff McKinstry, Milton; Messrs. W. Kearns, Burlington, and D. B. Chisholm, Hamilton. The candidates were all present, with the exception of Mr. Chisholm, and addressed the meeting. At the close of the speaking the other candidates resigned in favor of Sheriff McKinstry.

The Reformers of the county met in convention at Milton on Tuesday to select a candidate to contest the coming election. The party in all parts of the county were represented. The nominations were:—Messrs. W. McCrawey, Oakville; John White, Milton, and John Waddie, Burlington, all of whom were present. The convention was almost unanimous in the selection of Mr. McCrawey as their candidate.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

The Reform convention at Guelph on Tuesday elected Mr. James Innes, of the Mercury, as their standard bearer in South Wellington at the ensuing elections.

At the Conservative convention at Guelph on Saturday, Mr. James Goldie was chosen as Conservative candidate for South Wellington.

Scott Act vs. License Law.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR:—As a former resident of the County of Halton, and a reader of your paper, I have watched with considerable interest the agitation in favor of, and the efforts now being made to put into practical working operation, the "Scott Act," in my old county, and here let me remind the friends of temperance that outsiders generally are watching with interest their efforts in this direction, and if the Act be faithfully enforced, and prove a blessing to the people generally—as all temperance people believe it will—the friends of Prohibition elsewhere will be stimulated to imitate their noble example in endeavoring to stamp out the cause of the liquor traffic.

I notice, however, that some of the secular papers are grasping at every little inconvenience or disadvantage that cannot at once be remedied, in order to belittle the act and disparage those who appear to be making most laudable efforts to put it into working shape. But these writers have evidently not stopped to compare the working of the Scott Act with that of the License Act in adjoining counties. Comparisons are said to be odious, which is no doubt the reason they avoid making them. But what those opposed to the principles of the Scott Act are endeavoring to write and talk it up to disprove, it will be the constant duty of the friends of the Act to show up the workings of the License Law where it is in force, and on comparing results it is found that the Scott Act reduces drunkenness, immorality and crime, then the friends of temperance will be stimulated to continue their efforts in its behalf. Living as I do where the License Law prevails, and being an ardent advocate of Prohibition, I will, as with your permission, from time to time, give you and your readers some of the practical results of the legalized sale of strong drinks, and in doing so I shall only refer to its doings in 1882.

Early in this year a farmer in this township came home at midnight in an

intoxicated state, and finding his family, consisting of a wife and ten children in bed, he became infuriated at their evident disregard of the wants of the house, and routing them out of bed, forced them all out of doors in their night clothes, then taking a hammer and nails he fastened up all the doors, and the family had to seek shelter from a neighbor on the adjoining farm. Shortly after, three of his children were seized with diphtheria—the result no doubt of this night's exposure—and two of them were carried to their graves, a third barely escaping with its life.

Another neighbor farmer recently went a few miles to attend a meeting of the municipal council, where he became intoxicated at the expense club of the members of the council and other friends whom he met there, and on the way returning home fell out of his buggy, broke his back, and died in a few days thereafter, and so far as I have learned there has been no indignation against the License Act—nor against those who supplied him with the liquor which was injurious, if not directly, the cause of this man's premature death.

This then is the practical working of the license system with us. Men and women of Halton, how does the working of the Scott Act compare with this?

Every Man For Himself.

To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR:—I quite agree with you, Mr. editor, that every thing connected with the franchise should be done openly and above board, and that it is a duty every voter owes to his country to learn as much as possible of a candidate for parliamentary honors before pronouncing his vote to any one, feeling that, as you say, the prosperity of his country may depend on his single vote. So the ballot box ought to be smashed and the conventions scattered, both having a tendency to cause simple straightforward people to "go it blind." If any being having a right to vote has no opinion of his own, and can only estimate the highest privilege of a freeman in dollars and cents, let him offer it for sale to the highest bidder in the open market, then the last dollar won, as General Grant would say, but let that be the last vote ever such a fellow will here to sell.

Very truly, J. H. NEWTON
Litchfield, May 29, '82.

[We do not coincide with Mr. N. W. too in "smashing the ballot box," because we believe it has been the means of doing away with the very unnecessary excitement and disorder at one time customary on polling days, and voters who before the introduction of the ballot box were forced to vote against their convictions by intimidation, now use their franchise as they desire, and no one is the wiser.—ED. FREE PRESS]

What People Say.

That Dominion Day will soon be here. That the last rain brightened the farmer's face. That plenty of rain at this season of the year means cheap butter. That neither political party can afford to despise any man's opinions or prejudices or underestimate his influence. That the well-informed Conservative who informed the Free Press last week that Hon. Wm. Macdougall would be the Conservative candidate for Halton, was mistaken.

THE CRADLE.

MILLEN—At Gravesend, on the 18th of May, the wife of Mr. R. G. Miller, single manufacturer.

THE ALTAR.

HALL—At the residence of the bride's father, Georgetown, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. James Conitt, Miss Minnie Austin to Mr. James C. Hall, of Georgetown.

"Do not grasp at the shadow and lose the substance." Kidney-Wort is used to convert you from a shadow of your former self into the substance of established health. Sold a sufferer from kidney trouble when asked to try Kidney-Wort for a remedy, "I'll try it, but it will be my last dose." It cured him, and now he recommends it to all. If you have diseased kidneys don't fail to try it.

A PRODIGIOUS SOURCE OF DRAINAGE.—A trifling indiscretion in diet may lay the foundation of confirmed dyspepsia, and there is no fact in medical science more positively ascertained or more authoritatively asserted than that dyspepsia is the parent of a host of bodily ills, not the least of which is contamination of the blood and the maladies of which that is the direct consequence. Their original cause is, however, thoroughly eradicated from the system by Nourisher & Lyman's Vegetarian Digestive and Draining Cure, a medicine which only requires regularity and persistence in its use to cure dyspepsia and the many ills that arise from it. No deleterious mineral ingredients is contained in it, and though its action is thorough in cases of constipation, it never produces gripping pains in the abdominal region, or weakens the bowels like a violent purgative; it invigorates the system through the medium of the increased digestive and assimilative activity which it promotes, and is also a most efficient remedy for kidney complaints, scrofulous and all diseases of the blood, female weakness, &c. Price, \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Nourisher & Lyman's Vegetarian Digestive and Draining Cure. The wrapper bears a picture of their signature. Sold by all medicine dealers.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

Some Facts about our Business Men and their various pursuits.

—Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

For Choice and Cheap Plumes go to Hughes & Griffin's, Acton.

—A Good Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's.

—If you want a noble, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

All kinds of Ladies Collars, Collar-stands and Ties, at Hughes & Griffin's, Acton.

Mr. Parnell H. Dean, Ottawa, says:—I was radically cured of piles, from which I had been suffering for over two months, by the use of Thomas' Electric Oil. I used it both internally and externally, taking it in small doses before meals and on retiring to bed. In one week I was cured, and have no trouble since. I believe I saved my life.

—Scotch, English and Canadian Suitings in great variety, at the East End Clothing Store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

Hughes & Griffin sell Men's Fine Straw Hats at 40c and upward. Fine Christy Stuffs at \$1.50—newest styles.

—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

The Husband of Mine is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

—McQuillan & Hamilton of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, Ont., are doing a splendid business in Marble, owing to the fact that they do the best work and sell the cheapest. The public are warned against dealing with second hand trade peddlers, but should go direct to the firm or buy from their agents. See that the name, McQuillan & Hamilton, is on the printed form before you sign or order.

Nothing so simple and perfect for coloring as the Diamond Dyes. For carpets, rugs, better and cheaper than any other dye-stuff.

ERRORS OF YOUTH A Gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Trembling, Headache, and all the effects of youthful indiscretions, writes for the sake of others' humanity, and free to all who may be afflicted with the same, the following simple and effective remedy for curing the same. It is a perfect cure, and is sold by all druggists.

John H. Cooper, of Cedar St., New York. All those painful and distressing diseases and irritations peculiar to the female sex may be promptly cured by Burdock Blood Purifiers. It regulates every organ to a healthy action.

It is commonly said that you cannot make an honest man believe that white is black and vice versa, but those who have grey hair, by using the "Crested Hair Restorer," will find that this apparent difficulty is easily overcome. For sale by J. E. McGarvin, 50 cents per bottle.

Don't Die in the House. "Rough on Rats." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, fleas, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, &c.

Erysipelas, Scrofula, Salt Rheum Eruptions, and all diseases of the skin and blood are promptly cured by Burdock Blood Purifiers. It purges all foul humors from the system, imparting strength and vigor to the same.

John Hayes, Credit P.O., says: "His shoulder ached some months (but he could not raise his hand to his head, but by the use of Thomas' Electric Oil the pain and lameness disappeared, and although three months has elapsed, he has not had an attack of it since."

Best Use of our Peculiarities. Scrofulous people would do well to consider before purchasing any medicine, that the same discrimination is not to be made in the case of respectable druggists when that would cause Extraneous matter to be mixed with the genuine. Putnam's Corn Extractor. Watch for these gentlemen, and take none other than Putnam's Corn Extractor. Sold by druggists everywhere.

Had Suffered many Physicians and grew no better but rather worse. Dr. D. B. Howard, of Geneva, N. Y., after dismissing his physicians, tried nearly half a gross of the various blood and liver remedies advertised, with no result, when one bottle of Burdock Blood Purifiers cured him of Parasitic and General Debility. At the advanced age of 60, he says he feels young again, and is overjoyed at his wonderful recovery.

Rest and Comfort to the Suffering. "Brown's Household Panacea" has no equal for relieving pain, both internal and external. It cures Pain in the Side, Back or Bowels, Sore Throat, Headache, Toothache, Lumbago and any kind of Pain or Ache. It will most surely quicken the Blood and Heal, as its acting power is wonderful.

"Brown's Household Panacea," being acknowledged by the great Pain Reliever, Dr. Chamberlain, to be the strongest of any kind of Liniment or Ointment in the world, should be in every family handy for use when wanted, "as it really is the best remedy in the world for Cramps in the Stomach, Cholera, and Aches of all kinds," and is for sale by all Druggists at 25 cent a bottle.

PIMPLES. I will mail (Free) the recipe for a simple Vegetable Balm that will remove Tan, Blackheads, Freckles and Blemishes, leaving the skin soft, clear and beautiful; also instructions for producing the hair to grow again on a bald head or on a thin face. Address, including St. stamp, Ben. Vandell & Co., St. Bernard, La.

Cure of the Bladder. Stricture, Irritation, Inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "Bulbopain." \$1.

Halloway's Pills.—Liver, Lungs & Kidneys.—Most diseases of these three active organs arise from indigestion, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercises the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargement, constipation of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and are neglected by the foundation of organic diseases. Halloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action, ranks them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, rheumatism, and all diseases of the bowels, they have achieved the greatest success. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigor.

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KIDNEY WORT HAS BEEN PROVED THE SUREST CURE FOR KIDNEY DISEASES. Ladies. This is a new and powerful medicine for the cure of all kidney diseases. It is sold by all druggists.

APPRENTICE WANTED. A smart, intelligent boy about 16 years of age, is wanted at the Free Press Office, to learn the art of printing. Apply at once to H. P. MOORE, Free Press Office, Acton.

THOROUGHLY BUILT. The undersigned has for service on his premises, Lot 11, Concession 4, Equestrian, near Acton, a Thoroughbred Bull, with Pedigree, "Second Duke of Kent." Terms, \$4.00 for Thoroughbred Cows, and \$1.00 for Grade. Strictly Cash. April 18th, 1882.—W. L. AT EX. H. BROWN.

PUBLIC MEETING. A meeting of the ratepayers of the Village of Acton will be held in MATTHEWS' HALL.

Thursday Even'g, June 1st, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

to take into consideration the propriety of giving Mr. George Tolson a loan to erect a flour mill in Acton. C. S. SMITH, Secy.

ACTON—HARNES & TRUNK DEPOT.

—PARTIES REQUIRING ASSISTED IN—Harness or Trunks.

To save money should go to R. GRECH, Acton.

COURT OF REVISION. The Court of Revision for the Municipality of the VILLAGE OF ACTON.

Will hold its first sitting for hearing and determining appeals against the assessment of 1882, at Matthews' Hall, Acton.

Thursday, 22nd June, 1882, At Eight O'clock, P. M.

J. E. MCGARVIN, Village Clerk. Clerk's Office, May 22nd, 1882.

AN IMMENSE SPRING STOCK

—AT THE—Dominion Boot & Shoe Store, ACTON.

We are now receiving, opening, and placing on sale a big stock of

Slippers & Ties

Boots & Shoes,

FOR THE SPRING TRADE.

LOW PRICES WILL BE ONE OF THE chief features of our establishment.

Our aim is to furnish customers with good, stylish, well-made goods, cheap for cash. Our custom work department is as usual in good running order. First-class material always used. Repairing promptly attended to.

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25000 Dollars worth of the Cheapest and Newest Goods ever shown in this County. We have great pleasure in announcing to our customers and the public generally that we have a first-class stock, that we bought the goods right, that we will sell them cheap, that through our long experience and our undoubted credit and our ability to pay cash for all the goods we buy, that we can offer you independent of this City, Town or Village, or any other place can offer the shape of a Large Stock to choose from. Suitable goods for this market and cheap above all.

Very few places in Ontario have a larger or better adapted place to do business in than we have, or a larger stock; and our expenses are not near as large as city houses; and we will not allow city or country places to undersell us, as this is the place we have pitched our tent and invested our money. Dress Goods in all the Latest Fabrics, Dress Silks, Black and Colored; a Beautiful Line of Dress Silks, for 40c per yard, worth 75c; Prints, Immense Variety from 5c per yard upwards; Cottons of all kinds, including Ducks, Denims, Shirtings and Tickings at wholesale prices. The above goods were purchased last October; they have advanced since. Likewise large stock of small wares, Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, Laces, Ties, Umbrellas, Parasols, Dress Trimmings of all kinds, including Fringes, Ords and Tassels; Gent's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, ready-made Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Valises, Trunks. We are paying special attention to Carpets; a beautiful Union Carpet for 25c per yard; a tapestry for 45c, worth 65c; and all kinds of house furnishings. Our Millinery is simply superb, second to none in the Dominion, and is superintended by talent and ability that cannot be surpassed.

Ladies need not hesitate to patronize this department; Mantles made to order in the most approved style. Ordered Clothing Department—Immense Stock—buy as usualers through the Dull Season; this season why? Obsolete Stock, Cheap Goods, Perfect Fitting Garments, and the Workmanship, Unsurpassed. We have an Immense Stock to choose from, and we shall be making almost daily additions to our stock in all the Latest, Obsolete, and Cheapest Goods, suitable to this market. Further we will sell the goods at one price, and for cash or produce—such as butter and eggs. Competition is so keen now that goods have to be sold for cash, and there is no reason that cash cannot be paid, as all Farmers, Artisans, Mechanics and Laborers of all kinds are paid cash for their produce or their labor. The time has come for a new wardrobe. Bring us your money and you will get Cheap Goods.

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