

Alexandria.

Alexandria, of which we read so much in the papers these days, is a celebrated city and seaport in Egypt, on the Mediterranean coast. It was founded by Alexander the Great 332 years B.C., and before the exodus of the last few weeks, had nearly 300,000 inhabitants. Its population is mixed, consisting for the most part of Arabs and Turks, with many Europeans and Jews. Alexandria is the site of Pompey's Pillar, and it was here that the obelisks presented to England and America (formerly stood.

Railway Tickets.

"The Act relating to the sale of rail way passenger tickets in Canada" is now in force throughout the Dominion. Under the new law no person, unless he be authorized by the railway company, can sell a railway ticket without being liable to fine or imprisonment. This, if carried out, puts an end to all second hand ticket-selling. Those who travel only a portion of the journey on a ticket can demand the return of that portion of his money within thirty days, less the ordinary fare between the two points for which the ticket was issued.

The War in Egypt.

Since last issue nearly the whole of the City of Alexandria has been destroyed. The Egyptian troops evacuated the forts, and after their removal from the city, Bedouin, hostile Arabs and escaped convicts pillaged the city, massacred large numbers of resident Europeans and endeavored to destroy the city by fire. The British took possession and excluded the rioters. They still hold the place and are doing all in their power to restore order. At the Bay, has retreated toward Cairo, and there is great anxiety for the safety of Europeans in that city. There is evident discontent in the Arab's troops and the cowardice shown by him at Alexandria has destroyed his authority over the Egyptian soldiers. England is sending about 40,000 soldiers to Egypt and intends to hold her own. A peculiarity of the Egyptian war is that it is not a war with Egypt, but with a section of the Egyptian army that is in a state of revolt. The war is not with the Khedive, but with his Minister of War, who endeavors to hold himself in his position by his former influence with the army.

The Scott Act.

HOW THE LAW CONTINUES TO TREAT ITS VIOLATORS. In every issue of the FREE PRESS during the past three or four weeks there have been reports of trials for violations of the Scott Act in Halton, and this week shows another list, with prospects of further trials and convictions.

On Monday, 10th inst., Mr. Doherty of Toronto, formerly of Oakville, was tried at Oakville and fined \$50 and costs.

On Saturday last the following persons were summoned to appear before the Police Magistrate at Milton, to answer to charges preferred against them for violations of the Scott Act: James Campbell, Acton; Robert Bennett, Georgetown, and John Wallace, Milton.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of an important witness for the defence the hearing in the Wallace case was adjourned till Thursday, 20th inst.

The hearing in the Bennett case, owing to the exhaustive arguments of the legal gentlemen present, occupied the attention of the court the greater part of the day. Mr. Bennett was the principal witness, and after a good deal of hesitation acknowledged that during the past two months he had violated the law, but denied doing so on the 16th June, the day specified in the information. The prosecuting Attorney—Mr. Fenton of Toronto—claims that failing to establish by evidence the particular day, was of no importance, and that Mr. Bennett was liable to punishment as if the precise day had been proved. Judgment was reserved until Thursday.

At the close of this case a second charge was preferred against Mr. Bennett for selling on the 20th June. The trial will take place to day. James Campbell, Acton, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs, in all about \$65.

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

The Crops of Ontario.

The July Report of the Bureau of Industries gives a summary of the condition of grain, hay, and fruit crops in Ontario, together with statistics of acreage of grain crops and estimates of produce, and of the year's clip of fine and coarse wools. The condition of the crops is compiled from the reports of five hundred correspondents, made on the 1st of July and covering nearly every township in the Province.

It will be noticed in the summary of averages given below that the area under fall wheat in this county is much greater than the area under spring wheat. This is a great relative change since 1870 when the crops were of nearly equal area.

The fall wheat is reported very good throughout the western half of the Province. It has flourished admirably from the effects of spring frosts, and if the weather continues favorable until the harvesting the yield will be better than an average. In the eastern half the reports are less favorable.

Oats promises to be an excellent crop in all sections of the Province, and both early and late crops. The heavy rains of May and June were favorable to the former grain, were somewhat injurious to the latter; but the warm days of the last two weeks of June caused all crops to thrive wonderfully. It is a season of slow maturity for cereals and harvest time will be fully two weeks later than usual. Corn seems destined to be a failure; the temperature has been too low for it.

The clover will be short in consequence of the plant having been leaved by spring frosts. Timothy meadows had a late start as the result of a cold May, but they picked up nicely through out June and the crop will not be far short of an average.

The fruit crop has suffered severely throughout the western counties the cold weather and east winds which followed the blossoming season having blighted it. In the eastern counties trees came later into bloom, and apples especially promise to be a large crop. There will be a scarcity of peaches and plums, but small fruit is abundant. The following table gives the returns of acreage and produce for the County of Halton:

Table with columns: CEREALS, Acres in Crop, Estimated Produce, Bush. Rows include Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Barley, Peas, Corn, and Wools (Coarse and Fine).

Acton Village Council.

A meeting of the village council was held on Friday evening 7th inst. Present Messrs. D. D. Christie, M. Speight and D. W. Campbell.

On motion Mr. Speight took the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

The Finance Committee presented their ninth report recommending payment of the following accounts:—

On motion the report was adopted. Street and Sidewalk Committee presented their report recommending repairs wherever necessary on the sidewalks and a new sidewalk on Frederick street from Church to Agnes street, asking that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the above work.

Moved by D. W. Campbell and seconded by D. D. Christie that the report of the street and sidewalks be adopted—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned until next regular meeting.

The council met again on Tuesday evening 15th inst. Members all present except Mr. Speight. Minutes read and confirmed. The tenth finance report presented and adopted as follows:

Moved by D. D. Christie seconded by D. W. Campbell that Mr. Malloy, Architect, be paid the sum of one hundred dollars—Carried.

Board of Education.

The board of Trustees of Acton School Division met in the school house on Tuesday evening 11th inst. Present Messrs. J. Matthews, chairman, D. Henderson, W. H. Storey and Jas. Moore. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Commission on Finance

presented their sixth report recommending payment of the following accounts:—

Moved by D. Henderson seconded by W. H. Storey that the Finance Report be adopted—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey seconded by D. Henderson that then Board through its chairman respectfully request the corporation of the village of Acton to issue Debentures for the sum of three hundred dollars to assist the Board to pay off the debt due School Section No. 12, E. queuing, and that said Debentures be made payable three years from date of issue.

Moved by W. H. Storey seconded by Jas. Moore that the chairman employ some person to clean up the school house grounds—Carried.

Nassagaweya News.

From our own correspondents. Some person or persons broke into Mr. W. Bell's house lately and helped themselves to his clothing to the amount of about \$15.00.

Mr. David Little was also visited by some hungry fellows who broke into his barn relieving him of a quantity of pork. It is to be hoped that this kind of work will not continue much longer.

The pickney used its appearance in this township and the farmers had better keep a sharp look out for their horses.

Mr. Milne has a planer in his mill. It has worked well and will be a great accommodation to those needing planed lumber.

Mr. John Ramsey met with a sad loss in the death of his wife on the 15th inst. She had been low for a long while, and her death was not unexpected. A large number of neighbors followed her to the last resting place.

Court of Revision.

(Continued from last week.) 54. Max Seabird—Name returned to roll as entered by Assessor, joint tenant lot 18, block 12.

55. Mrs. Mary Morton—Assessed for lot 8, Young's Survey, as owner. 56. W. Ramsey—Assessment on lot 2, block 10, raised to \$250.

57. Wm. Swackhammer—Assessed for W. pt lot 17, Young's Survey, \$25. 58. Mr. Samuel Speight—Assessment raised to \$1000.

59. Mr. John Speight—Assessment on pt 17, block 15, struck off. 60. Joseph Speight—Assessed for pt 17, block 15, \$300, owner.

61. Geo. Steel—Assessment amended by changing from lot 32, block 11 to lot 29, block 6. 62. Morris Travis—Assessment increased by addition of lot 11, Dickson's Survey, and raised to \$200.

63. Non-resident—Assessment on lot 11, Dickson's Survey, struck off. 64. W. J. Kelly—Assessed for lot 11, block 13, as tenant, instead of J. P. Worden, \$200.

65. E. K. Cook—Assessed for W. pt 27, con 8, \$270, as tenant, instead of lot 12, block 13. 66. R. H. Wansborough—Assessed for No. 44, E. pt 42 and 43, S. W. pt 42, 43, Young's Survey.

67. Joseph Swackhammer—Name struck off roll. 68. Thos. Smyth—Assessed for income, \$400.

69. Edward Lucas—Assessed for income, \$400. 70. Samuel Clark—Assessed for income, \$400.

71. Alva Stafford—Assessed for income, \$400. 72. Lewis B. Fox—Assessed for income, \$400.

73. G. C. Clark—Assessed for income, \$400. 74. Joseph C. Warden—Assessed for income, \$400.

75. John Lawson, jr.—Assessed as tenant for pt 10, block 2, \$200. 76. Wm. Kenney—Assessment reduced \$200.

77. James Hyde—Assessed for income, \$400. 78. James Morton—Assessed as occupant lot 15, block 7.

79. James E. Foster—Assessed as tenant pt 8, block 14, \$200. 80. Angus Lawson—Assessed as joint tenant pt 28, block 11.

81. W. E. Adams—Assessment on lot 80, block 6, fixed at \$500. 82. John Matthews—Assessment on lot 82, block 6, raised to \$500.

83. John Perkins—Assessment on lot 10, block 10, struck off (error). 84. Peter Lyden—Assessed for income, \$400.

85. Wm. Edwards—Assessed for income, \$400. 86. Trust & Loan Co.—Assessed for lot 2, block 17, \$2,500, Congressional Church property.

Upon motion the Court adjourned, after five lengthy sessions.

What People Say.

—That the boys all seem anxious to vote at next election. —That it is something to violate the Scott Act now. —That the sidewalks are now in a better condition than they have been for some time. —That Mr. Chas. Kneeb has so changed his appearance that it is "Johnnie I hardly know you."

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