

# The Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 27, 1882.

## Encouraging.

The temperance cause is making wonderful progress in the United States at present. Whole states are adopting prohibition amendments to their constitutions, and the good work is marching steadily forward, meeting with success in every contest.

## A Singular Fact.

It is a singular fact that every case for violation of the Scott Act in this country, which has come before the Courts, has been against men who were engaged in the hotel business long before the Scott Act came into force in the county, and not against the proprietors of low shebeen shops "which would spring up in every part of the country as soon as the Scott Act became law," as King Dodds endeavored to lead the people of our noble County to believe, during his gushing lectures in the recent Scott Act campaign.

## The Dominion Parliament.

The result of the recent elections to the Dominion Parliament now stands as follows:—

Conservative, Reform	
Ontario, .....	55
Quebec, .....	51
Nova Scotia, .....	13
N.-W. Brunswick, .....	8
P.E. Island, .....	1
Manitoba, .....	2
B.C. Columbia, .....	6
	136
Conservative Majority	63.

## Agricultural Shows—Their Abuses

An experienced stock man, Col. Weld, writes in the August American agricultural as follows:

Influence is brought to bear upon the Judge at agricultural exhibitions in various ways. One man will openly address a judge in praise of his competitor's exhibit, and loudly call attention to the best points, but quietly regret certain defects, or express doubts about the age, breeding of the animals, or other points affecting the competing exhibits. It is very hard to guard a jury against such influence. I have known the principal officers of Agricultural Societies take judges to one side and indicate how in their judgment the awards should go, by calling special attention to certain entries of those who were known to be on terms of personal friendship with them; and disparaging others—or discounting them with suspicion. There are many men appointed as judges who are unfit to serve and who know it themselves. These are wide awake to watch and listen and find out what practical men think, and it is very easy, if it is known that they are not strong, to influence them. An exhibitor who goes to the show to get prizes by fair means or foul, will measure such a man at the first glance, and "go for him," as the saying is. A weak judge is of no account in any way. A jury of two judges works better than one of three, and a single good judge better than either; but he must be sure to be depended upon.

The system, especially prevalent in small societies, of distributing the prizes about so as to "encourage" all exhibitors, and make everybody happy, is most pernicious. At such shows it matters very little who the judges are. The prizes are worth nothing anyway as bonuses, and very little in money, and so long as such a system is in vogue, they will be worth no more.

## The War in Egypt.

Very little has been done in Egypt since our last issue compared with the extreme gravity of the situation. The British troops had their first skirmish with Arabi's on the 23rd when two hundred of a crew brought against a Brapton clergyman by a member of his congregation. The charges were apparently the outcome of some personal spite against the minister in question, but it in the trial were proved false. The charges are the following:

1. With having been guilty of improper conduct toward Georgina Graham, by kissing her on several occasions against her will.

2. With having been guilty of lying in denying the improper conduct on diverse occasions.

The committee, having carefully weighed the evidence in the case, are unanimously of opinion that the charge of "improper conduct towards Georgina Graham, by kissing her on several occasions against her will," is not sustained.

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## Nassagaweya News.

From our sole correspondent.

Mr. W. A. McMurtry passed through here on his way home from Winnipeg last week. He looks brittle, and reports times good in Winnipeg.

The members of Prospect Division purpose holding an Open Division on Friday evening, 4th August.

Messrs. H. J. Stingle, J. Stingle, and R. H. Wren, passed a successful examination at the Guelph High School, lately.

A meeting of the show directors was held in the Union Hall on Saturday, 22nd inst., to receive the subscription lists and to make arrangements for the Prize List. The prospects for a good show with regard to the prize list is better than usual.

## Success of the Scott Act.

Those who are thoroughly acquainted with what Georgetown was one year ago must be struck with the wonderful improvement in the morality of the people since the Scott Act became law.

There is an air of solicitude and respectability pervading the entire community. Men who heretofore were seldom sober are now seldom drunk. The sight of a drunken man is now quite a novelty, and people stop up to gaze at him and draw comparisons between the present and the past. This state of affairs is one to be thankful for and we believe it is just the beginning of our moral, golden period.—*Georgetown Herald*.

Although Acton never had the reputation possessed by Georgetown for drunkenness, general carousing and wretchedness, still it is an undoubted fact that the condition of affairs have greatly improved since the advent of the Scott Act, and a drunken man is now very rarely seen on our streets.

Our people are realizing that whisky is not a necessary adjunct to a social unitary, and that they can get along better without it; also, that business will improve rather than be injured, by its absence.

## The Scott Act in Halton.

A Globe Special Correspondent Finds It Working Successfully and Producing a Beneficial Influence on the Morals of the People.

The following report of the working of the Scott Act in our country appears in the *Globe* of Saturday, from the pen of a special correspondent:—

"During my peregrinations through the county I have taken pains to elicit the opinions of all sorts of people on the subject of the Scott Act, and to observe its effects. Almost everywhere I have found the prevailing sentiment among disinterested parties either strong in its favour or lukewarm against it, and there seems to be a decided disposition to give it a fair trial. Men accustomed to drinking before the inauguration of the Act, and who opposed its adoption strongly, have confessed to me their joy at its working and their hope for its success. So far, of course, there has been little opportunity for a comparison of its effects upon the crime records of the country, but what there is, is in its favor. Drunkenness has, however, been greatly diminished. It has almost entirely done away with the treating system, for no hotel keeper in the county has had the hardihood to sell openly. The temptation to the young has also been removed. From personal investigation I am aware that intoxicating liquors are still sold in considerable quantities in this county. But this will, there can not be the slightest doubt, be greatly lessened by the strict surveillance of the temperance detective, and moreover it is not to be expected that absolute prevention of any crime will result from the enforcement of any law. I believe that the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act in Halton will be found to have a clarifying effect on the morals of the community, and nowhere does there seem to be a brighter prospect for its ultimate success."

## The Brampton Kissing Case.

Rev. Mr. Willoughby Proved Innocent, and Acquitted.

For several weeks past the papers have been working considerable capital out of a case brought against a Brampton clergyman by a member of his congregation.

The charges were apparently the outcome of some personal spite held against the minister in question, but it in the trial were proved false. The charges are the following:

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etc., and their finding is, that Mr. Wilby stands acquitted on the first count in the indictment.

And insomuch as the second charge depends entirely upon the first, and the first has not been sustained, the Court further find that the second count in the indictment, namely, "been guilty of lying in denying the improper conduct on several occasions," necessarily falls to the ground.

(Signed,) JOHN D. LEEDS, JOSEPH V. MCALUM, GEORGE COCHRANE, JOHN S. CLARK, JOHN BURT.

Dated July 19th, 1882.  
I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the findings of the Committee in the case.

A. SUTHERLAND, Chairman.

There is a certain class of persons in the community who seem to be in their glory if they can by hook or crook manage to impugn the character of a minister of the Gospel. It is not infrequent however, that "their own chickens come home to roost," as in the case in question.

## PERSONALS.

—Miss Jeannie L. Grant is visiting friends in Milton.

—Mr. Fred. Secord left for Johnstown, N.Y.

—Misses Augusta and Maggie Nicklin visited friends in Bolton this week.

—Miss Jessie Anderson, of Guelph, paid her Acton friends a visit this week.

—Miss Martha Wilson has returned from her visit with friends in Bracebridge.

—Misses Maria Elledge and Charlotte Lawson left for Johnstown on Saturday, N.Y.

—Mr. L. P. Snyder, of Belmont, spent several days this week with his friends in Acton.

—Misses Eleanor and Ella Brown, of Brampton, are visiting their Acton friends this week.

—Mrs. (Rev.) C. Crookman, of Dresden, is in town visiting the home and friends of her youth.

—Misses Lizzie and Nettie Snyder, of Guelph, spent a few days during the week with Acton friends.

—Miss Minnie Forster, who has been visiting friends in Glen Williams for several months, has returned home.

—Mr. H. P. Moore and family left for Michigan on Tuesday morning, to spend a week with friends in Sault Ste. Marie.

—We had a pleasant call last week from Mr. W. A. McMurtry, Principal of Winnip. Public School. Mr. McMurtry looks as if the North West agreed with him pretty well.

—Mr. Alex. Secord and wife, and Mr. A. E. Secord, Jr., left on Monday for St. Catharines, where Mr. Secord intends taking a number of mineral baths, to endeavor to get rid of his rheumatic troubles.

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

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