# The Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, Jan. 25, 1883.


## A Scott Act Rush.

Under the above heading the *Toronto Weekly Review*, the organ of the Licensed Victuallers', contains the following warning and appeal to these engaged in the liquor traffic, in its last issue :—

"The advocates of prohibitive measures have one decided advantage over their opponents. They never tire in their exertions. Beat them in one place and they appear in another. This earnestness in work can easily be accounted for. The ranks of the prohibition army are composed of those filled with fanatical zeal, the muzzel toans of Christian society, who see in the wine cup the source of every evil, and of interested persons whose pecuniary existence depends upon keeping up the agitation. Opposed to this army of attack stands the army of occupation, who for the most part remain inactive and inert, and it is only through the indifference of those interested in the trade that the prohibitionists have won in the past and hope to win in the future. At the present time a grand rush is contemplated by the Scott Act party. It is proposed by them to submit the act simultaneously in the counties of Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford, and in the cities of London and St. Thomas. There is danger ahead for all the licensed victuallers in those places and for all the distillers and brewers who find in the positions of attack markets for their goods. There is no time to spare. It is not when the contest is raging that much good can be done, and a paid lecturer, skipping about from place to place, the sincerity of whose utterances is gauged by the amount of money paid for them, is not a strong force in the changing of votes. Now is the time to effect public opinion. By personal canvas, by convincing arguments whenever on opportunity offers, let the question of prohibition versus license be thoroughly discussed and understood and then when the day of polling comes the licensed victuallers may be confident that good sense will be on their side, and that this combined assault will be a very Bull's Run for the advocates of the Scott Act."

The above, then, is the present position of those interested in the whiskey business, and from the article—which no doubt reflects the true feelings of those engaged in the business—we must conclude that they are becoming very much alarmed at the evident favor with which the Scott Act is being received, and the progress it is making. We would judge, too, that their women are arguing with them about the propriety of keeping up the business, which is prohibited as formerly, is about played out and is being abandoned altogether. These people see the danger of losing their soul destroying, but profitable (to them) business, and for this reason their wail is heard throughout the land.

Temperance workers, you who are striving for the liberty and best interests—both temporarily and spiritually—of your fellow-men, continue in your good work, strengthen your zeal, and make your influence felt throughout the land. Your enemy—the liquor traffic—is trembling to its very foundation, and with a few more years of indomitable perseverance victory shall be yours, and our beloved country rid of one of the greatest curses which ever blighted its progress.

Friends in the above named municipalities, the people of this county have proved that the Scott Act is a success, that it is greatly lessening drunkenness and concomitant evils in our midst, and that it is doing all—and more—than its friends claimed for it. Go forward then in your good cause with a determination that success shall crown your efforts, and show the Ontario Trades Benevolent (!) Association that "the very Bull's Run," spoken of above, will be made by themselves.

## Esquesing Agricultural Society.

At the last annual meeting of the above society the following officers were elected :—President, Chas. Brown; Vice President, Abraham Stark; Directors, John Stewart, R. A. Reed, David Wiggins, William Wilson, Francis Riddell, James L. Warren, Paul Kennedy, James Marshall, J. F. Taylor; Honorary Directors, C. P. Preston, J. P. Elliot, W. Clay, Jos. Barber, Alex. Waddie, C. S. Smith, Wm. Moore, Wm. McEwing; Auditors, Wm. H. Cross and D. Reid; J. Murray, Sec.-Treas.

## The Opening Record.

The present year has opened with a terrible record of suffering, disaster and death. The first Sunday in the new year saw the splendid steamship City of Brussels go down in the Irish channel with a loss of ten lives. Then followed the Newhall house holocaust at Milwaukee, by which nearly a hundred persons lost their lives. Then a circus in Poland was burned, consuming more than three hundred men, women and children, while the Planters' hotel at St. Louis was scorched and several lives lost. And last Friday the sinking of the German emigrant steamer Cymbria, Four hundred persons losing their lives. The death roll has also been lengthened by many eminent names, while storms and floods have made this a month to be long remembered with sorrow.

## The Scott Act.

Reflecting on the above subject the *Georgetown Herald* says:—"Since the enforcement of the Scott Act our Magistrates' Court has had scarcely anything to do, and the falling off in fines is so great that our council calculated for the shrinkage in making an estimate of the available revenue at their disposal. Our town has certainly improved morally. Business has not suffered. Drunkenness has been decreased to a minimum and the benefit to our homes and churches cannot be properly estimated."

Similar statements to the above are made in every part of the county. The temperance people of Halton are more determined than ever to enforce the Scott Act, and the success which has attended their efforts during the past few weeks, is certainly satisfactory.

## Halton Agricultural Society.

At the annual meeting of this society held at Milton last Wednesday, the following officers were elected :—John McDougall, President; D. W. Campbell, First Vice-President; John Fothergill, Second Vice-President; Directors—Trafalgar, Jos. Fisher, T. Boyd; Nelson, S. Elliot, W. B. Douglass; Nassagaweya, Hugh Aikins, D. Hutcheon, D. Wheelihan: Esquesing, T. C. Chisholm, Wm. Wilson; Oakville, Wm. Chisholm; Burlington, Jacob Peart; Acton, A. Waddie; Georgetown, Joseph Barber: Milton, Joseph Brothers. Auditors—John White and Johnson Harrison.

## Acton Village Council

The second meeting of the Village Council was held in the Reeve's office on Tuesday evening.

All the members present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented its first report, recommending payment of the following accounts:

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| [illegible] | $14.38 |
| Registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths, | 3.50 |
| H. P. Moore, Election Ballots, | 2.25 |
| | $20.13 |

Moved by Wm. Ismond, seconded by John Kenney, that the Standing Committee on Town Hall be and is hereby instructed to procure suitable chandeliers and other lights for town hall.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

## Reform Convention.

A convention was held in the town hall, Milton, last Saturday for the purpose of choosing a candidate to represent the Reform interests in this county at the coming Provincial elections. Delegates were present from all parts of the county, and the utmost good feeling prevailed throughout the convention.

A number of the prominent men of the party in the county addressed the convention after which the ballot for candidates took place and it was found that Dr. Robertson, the present member, was the almost unanimous choice of the convention, Dr. Buck standing next highest on the list.

The convention closed at four o'clock, and the delegates returned to their homes apparently determined that the man of their choice would continue to represent the county.

## Rockwood News.

*From our own Correspondent.*

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Rockwood and Everton Branch Bible society was held at Rockwood on Friday evening. The agent, Rev. J. Manley, of Toronto, was present and gave an excellent resume of the work. He showed very forcibly the necessity of a more active interest by christians in the spread of the word, and that it was incompatible with the character of all true christians to feel an interest in those who do not enjoy so many privileges as we.

Rev Mr. Sparling followed, and pointed out the necessity of self-denial that others might have what we enjoy. He thought that the man who could spend $10 on tobacco and unwillingly give twenty five cents to this great work, had not much of the spirit of the Master. He also dwelt upon the unity of all denominations in this work, of what had already been accomplished, and the bright prospects for future advancement. He thought all should willingly aid in this cause.

Rev. Elder Black, who is subject to infirmities of old age, had great pleasure in being present to meet his fellow workers in this good work. He spoke with fervor upon a subject which was near and dear to his heart, contrasting past and present, and showing that the influence of the Word had ever been extending and will increase more and more notwithstanding the efforts of the friends of Satan to overthrow it.

Rev. D. Strachan, president of the Branch, presided with his usual able manner. He reverted to the death of A. McNab, Esq, stating that the committee had lost an active member and one who esteemed it a privilege to assist in the work, and thought that a short memorial should be added to the minutes relative to his connection with the board of management.

The following were elected office bearers for the current year :—Rev. D. Strachan, President; Rev. W. W. Sparling 1st Vice.-Pres; J. W. Burns, 2nd Vice.-Pres; J. R. Harris, Secty-Treas; R. Pasmore, sr., Depositor, Rockwood; W. McKinnon, Depositor, Everton; H. Black, D. McCaig, E. Tolton, T. Harris, J. Harris, J. Grey, R. Dredge, Dr. Curry, and J. Croft constitute the board of management.

CITIZEN.

## BUSINESS BREVITIES

**Some Facts about our Business Men and Houses, of benefit to our general readers.**

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Acton, Jan. 17th, 1883.


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