

A New Costume.

It is with considerable pleasure and satisfaction that we present the Free Press to its readers this morning in a new dress of type. The size of the Free Press is the same as before, but as the new type is considerably smaller than most of that heretofore used, we are enabled to give more matter than was possible prior to the introduction of the new type, and this is practically an enlargement of the paper; it shall be our earnest aim to make the best use of this enlargement of responsibility. The body type is now all briefer, similar in size to that in use by the Toronto dailies, and arrived last week direct from the celebrated foundry of Messrs. Stephenson, Blake & Co., Sheffield, England, through their agents Messrs. Gwatkin & Son, Toronto. We trust our subscribers, our advertisers, and the public generally will be pleased with the improvements apparent in this issue.

The reasons for this extra expense are few. Although the old dress of the Free Press was superior to that of very many of its contemporaries, and in every way qualified to do good service for years to come, we felt that having received very generous support in the past our patrons deserve an acknowledgment of that support, and we know that by placing the Free Press in the front rank of typographical excellence they will continue to stand by us. Although we have not yet reached the ideal present to our mind, we may be pardoned if we think the universal verdict will be that the Free Press is one of the prettiest country weeklies published in the Dominion. And it shall be our constant endeavor to perfect it in this as in every other department.

As in the past, our object in the future will be to benefit Acton by placing on record whatever improvements—material or religious—are effected within its borders. We have many in this land the pleasure of seeing their names coupled with the Free Press in papers published hundreds of miles away, kindly bringing our growth as a town under the notice of men who, but for the Free Press, would never have known their name to a town. We shall also, to the best of our ability, express opinions, irrespective of creed or party, and we shall not try to please everybody, but shall regard the course we think will tend to benefit the majority, though whenever we say anything unkindly, we will always give them a sufficient amount of space in which to rebut our remarks.

The circulation of the Free Press may, it is every reason to believe, be larger than that of any other paper in the country, and it is everywhere recognized as an exceptionally good advertising medium. The advertisements will be set with a due regard to beauty and the business of which they treat, and no labor will be spared to make them as interesting to readers as any other department of the paper. It may be generally said that the business announcements in the Free Press are those of reliable men, and that readers will find it to their advantage to purchase them weekly. The business of the office in every department is steadily, and very satisfactorily increasing.

With the splendid new power press introduced a few months ago, by which addition to our office we have been enabled to issue the Free Press in much better printed than formerly, with the improvements presented to-day, and with our constant endeavor to make the paper first class in every respect, we have no fears about receiving the undivided support of all in the county.

We hereby tender our hearty thanks to our subscribers and advertising patrons for their favors in the past, and respectfully solicit a continuance of their support.

Editorial Notes.

The Austrian Government have been somewhat discomfited by a threat to blow up the Parliament buildings in Vienna. Secret war against constituted authorities seems to be the order of the day.

The statistics of the collection show that there are now training for the military only 2000 young men, while Chicago alone is training 35,000 through her seasons and spending \$2,000,000 for the various fields of view.

The Algonquin election will not take place until some time in June, owing to the impossibility of travelling at this season of the year along the shores and around the islands where settlements are mainly situated.

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent. The wheat sown latest last fall has wintered best.

When the swallows come we will be more certain of warmer weather.

Clover has come through the winter well and was becoming quite green until the cold wind and frost came.

The rains of last week started growth very well and fine warm weather now would forward vegetation.

The fall wheat presents a very good appearance, and only requires a favorable season to carry it through successfully.

This season has not been favorable for the manufacture of maple sugar, consequently we doubt if there being any frost in the ground, and during the winter season an abstract of frost at night. Some parties, however, have been successful, especially along the lake shore. Last year was an exceptionally good one in this locality.

A RECAPITULATION.

The First Year's Experience With The Scott Act in Halton.

Its Advocates' Expectations Realized.

Before another issue of the Free Press reaches our readers, the Scott Act will have completed its first year of existence in this county, and a short review of its working during that period will no doubt prove interesting to the public.

During the year a great many points have been gained which tend to place the act in a much more favorable light than before it came into force. One of the principal arguments with many against the Act was the great loss of revenue which would be sustained consequent to the withdrawal of the license fees, but the past year has clearly demonstrated that the first twelve months under the Scott Act has been more profitable, financially, than the year previous to the Crooks Act in force. From the list below it will be found that the amount received for fines and costs during the year is \$2,333.54, while the whole amount received for licenses the previous year was only \$2,021.57.

In one particular the Act has accomplished much, in most effectively breaking up the open treating system, at least so far as the bar is concerned. By the removal of this alluring system the great temptation to our young men in taking the first social glass is very much lessened.

As far as business is concerned, the most of our merchants are free to say that there is no falling off in their business on account of the enforcement of the Act, while many of them assure us that wages which were previously spent in liquor, now find their way into the merchant's tills for the necessities of life. Business has not left the county because of the banishment of whiskey, misstatements and false reports notwithstanding.

The following is a list of the convictions for violation of the Act, made by Mr. W. H. Young, Police Magistrate for the county, during the year just expiring:—

- James Moore, convicted May 22nd, fined \$50, costs \$10. Imprisoned for two months for non-payment.
John Alexander, convicted June 9th, fined \$20, costs \$12.50. Paid.
Henry McKillop, convicted June 9th, fined \$50, costs \$12.50. Paid.
Henry McKillop, convicted June 16th, fined \$50, costs \$10.65. Paid. This second case was treated as a first offence.
John Doherty, convicted July 1st, fined \$50, costs \$7.15. Paid.
William Walsh, convicted July 6th, fined \$50, costs \$5.20. This case was quashed on appeal.
James Campbell, convicted July 15th, fined \$20, costs \$12.15. Paid.
Robert Bennett, convicted July 20th, fined \$50, costs \$8.50. This case was also quashed on appeal.
William Walsh, convicted July 21st, fined \$100, costs \$27.10. Second offence.
David Dewar, convicted Oct. 16th, fined \$50, costs \$7.50. Paid.
Robert Bennett, convicted Oct. 16th, fined \$50, costs \$9.20. Paid.
Thomas Clark, convicted Oct. 16th, fined \$50, costs \$27.70. Paid.
Michael Williams, convicted Oct. 16th, fined \$50, costs \$21. Paid.
John Wallace, convicted Oct. 20th, fined \$50, costs \$27.70. This case was also treated as a first offence.
John H. Burch, convicted Oct. 20th, fined \$100, costs \$7.20. Paid. Three charges were withdrawn, two treated as first offences.
Peter M. Zimmerman, convicted Nov. 2nd, fined \$50, costs \$14.15. Paid.
Edward Hill, convicted Dec. 2nd, fined \$50, costs \$10. Paid.
Robert Bennett, convicted Jan. 10th, fined \$100, costs \$12.25. Second offence. Has appealed. No decision yet given.
Thomas Clark, convicted Jan. 10th, fined \$100, costs \$14.25. Paid. Second offence.
John H. Burch, convicted Jan. 10th, fined \$100, costs \$11.55. Paid. Second offence.
David Dewar, convicted Feb. 2nd, fined \$50, costs \$8.10. Paid. Second offence, treated as a first.
John Lindsay, convicted March 6th, fined \$50, costs \$10.65. Paid.
Robert Bennett, convicted March 6th, fined \$50, costs \$11.50. Paid. Third offence, treated as a first.
Arthur Goering, convicted March 21st, fined \$50, costs \$18.25. Paid.
James McKillop, convicted March 21st, fined \$50, costs \$18.15. Paid.
James McKillop, convicted March 21st, fined \$50, costs \$12.60. Paid.
William McKillop, convicted March 21st, fined \$50, costs \$2.70. Paid.
Peter M. Zimmerman, convicted March 22nd, fined \$100, costs \$11.50. Second offence, payable 1st May.
Peter M. Zimmerman, convicted Aug. 12th, fined \$50, costs \$10.34. Paid.
John Lindsay, convicted March 6th, fined \$50, costs \$10.30. Paid.
It is a remarkable fact that, instead of the convicted parties named above being keepers of low groceries and shebeens, which was claimed would spring into existence all over the county as soon as the Scott Act came into force, they are, with a single exception, men who were engaged in the hotel business under the Crooks Act. During the year seventy-two charges were laid for violation of the Scott Act, and as shown above thirty-four convictions have taken place. The Police Magistrate has always given the defendants the benefit of any doubts arising in the cases, and a second and third charges have been treated as a first offence, and fines imposed accordingly, which power the Act allows the convicting justice.

In these cases each party convicted, promised to obey the law in future, but the value of these promises may be calculated by perusing the list given above. During the year only two convictions

have been quashed, the reason for this being that at the time of conviction no evidence was given that the Canada Temperance Act was in force in the county, the proof of this fact having been overlooked. Open hostility against prosecution has ceased and this is a genuine point carried. Several of the most unscrupulous violators of the Act have in a number of cases undertaken to pass off bogus licenses, by placing the responsibility of the doings in the bar upon some other person, but the magistrate has always held this action fraudulent. The greatest drawback to the success of the Act is the abuse of the privileges granted to the physicians, those in several towns in the county making a practice—for a small consideration—of granting orders to druggists, for liquor, to any and all who would ask for such, irrespectively of the uses to which the liquor thus obtained was put. But we are happy to be able to say that Acton is free from this stumbling block.

The opponents of the Scott Act say that it cannot be enforced. They affirm that wherever this or any other prohibitory law is passed, more liquor is sure to be sold than under a license system. But is it not these same men who are most industrious in violation of the law? It is our honest conviction that if the Scott Act were more efficiently enforced, it would be less opposed by the liquor dealers. That the Scott Act is perfect in its provisions will prove to us as we are to be expected, reformations of this kind do not spring at once into full maturity. Slavery was not abolished without years of hard, patient, faithful work. The supporters of the Act must be patient, willing to labor and to wait. But that the Scott Act, once enforced so as to greatly decrease, if not entirely abolish drinking, is very evident from the first year's experience of its working in our county, and the following testimony respecting the Act, given by fourteen clergymen, residing in various parts of the county, who met in convention some time ago, should certainly be satisfactory evidence that its accomplishing considerable towards the end desired by those interested in the public good:—

We hereby give it as our unqualified judgment derived from personal observation that the Scott Act has largely decreased the sale of strong drinks, as evidenced by the sobriety of the people at all the public gatherings in the county. We are also further convinced that drunkenness has vastly decreased, being principally to the almost entire suppression of the treating system.

We trust the Act will prove as satisfactory and successful as much good in each succeeding year, as in that just expiring.

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

Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyle's. A good felt hat at 75 cents at J. Fyle's.

If you want a noble, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyle's is the place to go. Scotch, English and Canadian Suits in great variety, at the Last End Clothing Store, J. Fyle, Acton.

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

Preservers of Health.—A blood purifying compound of herbs, roots, barks and berries, all finely ground and ready for use. Price 25 cents per package.

No household should be considered complete without a bottle of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure in the closet. It is the only remedy that will positively, permanently and promptly cure all forms of kidney disease. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

Rheumatisms and Scald Head.—People do not know what to do for these troubles. For a speedy cure use Chirebill's Chlorax Ointment. Price 25 cents.

McQuillan & Hamilton of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, Ont., are doing the largest retail marble trade in Ont., 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.

Barker's Itch.—This is one of the most difficult ones to cure known to medical science. One box of Chirebill's Chlorax Ointment will cure it. Price 25 cents.

We have a speedy and positive cure, for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth and Head Ache, in Chirebill's Catarrh Remedy. A natural lemon-tree with each bottle. Use it if you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

A STEADY STREAM.—Since its introduction there has been a steady stream of the Fountain of Health flowing. It is the greatest Dyspepsia remedy of the age. Price 25 cents.

In the history of medicine no preparation has received such universal commendation for the alleviation it affords, and the permanent cure it effects in kidney diseases, as Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure. Its action to these distressing complaints is simply wonderful. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

Now that there is a reliable remedy for kidney troubles, half the terrors attached to these complaints have been removed. For this let all be thankful, and to Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure award all praise for having thus removed a bane which considered fatal disease from our path. It is never known to fail. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, heart decay, loss of memory, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. Joseph T. Heman, Station D, New York City.

J. S. Webster, writing from Waukegan, says: "I can say about PROBABLY now than when I saw you last in Toronto. My health is much improved, and I am free from headaches or any other aches, having only used two and a half bottles of your Phosphatic. For sale by all druggists."

That Husband of Mine is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." Dr. Druggist.

CHURCHILL'S Ocular Eye Salvo and Ointment, Fountain of Health and Hope Regulating Pills, for sale by J. E. McGarvie, Acton, and general stores throughout the country.

Why should a man whose blood is warm within, Sit on a grandeur out in alabaster? Or let his hair grow rusty, scant and thin, When "Chainless Renewer" will make it grow the faster. For sale by J. E. McGarvie.

A NEW IDEA.—A Toronto firm are putting up a purely vegetable cathartic pill, in ten cent boxes to suit the convenience of persons desiring small quantities; consequently Hope's Regulating pills are selling like hot cakes everywhere.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Head Ache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the most successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

Chirebill's Catarrh Remedy. The sweet healing compound under the sun. There is no sore but will succumb to its wonderful healing properties. It is an invaluable dressing for cuts, Burns, Bruises, Pimples, Sores, Boils, Festerings, etc. Price twenty-five cents at J. E. McGarvie's Drug Store.

The Quickest Thing on Record. It Kram's Fluid Lightning for Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, etc. It does not blister or discolor the skin; requires but one application to banish all pain magically without using any greasy liniment or carrying your head in a pillow for weeks. Try a twenty-five cent bottle from J. E. McGarvie, Druggist.

Answer This Question. Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of the Food, yellow skin, when for 15 cts. we will sell them Shiloh's Viaticur guaranteed to cure them. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

Robert Menroe, engine-driver between Kincaidville and Hamilton, says: "It was impossible for any person to be so severe a subject of Dyspepsia and a greater sufferer than I was. I often had to lie down in the caboose, and actually thought I would die before I reached my destination. I purchased a bottle of McGarvie's Speedy Cure, and it cured me." Free trial bottles at J. E. McGarvie's Drug Store. Regular size, fifty cents and one dollar.

Free of Cost. All persons wishing to test the merits of a great remedy—one that will positively cure Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, or any affection of the throat and Lungs, are requested to call at J. E. McGarvie's Drug Store and get a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, or Croup, which will show you what a regular dollar-size bottle will do.

Oh, What A Cough! Will you need the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that most terrible disease Consumption. Ask your doctor if you can afford for the sake of saving time, to use the best and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your Cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves Croup, and Whooping Cough, at once. Mothers do not be without it. For Lambs, Hives, or Chert, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by J. E. McGarvie.

Kram's Fluid Lightning. Needs no advertising when once introduced. Every bottle sold sends hundreds of others by doing all and more than represented for Neuralgia, Toothache, Headache, etc. It removes any pain instantly, quick as lightning. Try it and you will see it is well named Fluid Lightning. Get a twenty-five cent bottle at J. E. McGarvie's Drug Store, Acton.

DESIKABLE HOUSES TO LET. Three of these conveniently arranged tenement houses of the Acton Building Association may be rented by applying to W. H. STOREY, President. Acton, Dec. 21st, 1882.

CAMERON'S DAIRY. The undersigned has just opened a dairy and is prepared to supply the people of Acton and vicinity with pure milk every morning, (Sundays excepted) commencing Monday morning, 9th April. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Any parties requiring extra milk on Saturday evening, for Sunday, can be supplied. CHAS. CAMERON, JR.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George Tolton and Edward Tolton, of Erie, millers and farmers, has been dissolved by mutual consent. George Tolton is authorized to settle all debts and collect all accounts due and by the said firm. (GEORGE TOLTON, EDWARD TOLTON. Dated at Acton this 7th day of April, 1883.)

GARDEN SEEDS. At 3 Cents Per Packet. One pkt. each of the following, in all 17 pkts, value 90c, sent by mail on receipt of 50c: Carrot, Beet, Parsnip, Squash, Garden Pars, Sweet Corn, Beans, Melon, Cucumber, Tomato, Onion, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery. How to get the collection for 10 cents.—If you will get two others to order the collection and send \$1.00, we will pay postage, &c., I will throw in one collection free for your trouble. Address, W. J. FLAYLER, Nassauway, Ont.

SALESMEN WANTED. To begin work at once on sales for Fall, 1883, for the Pontifil Nurseries. The largest in Canada. MORRIS, STONE & WELLSINGTON, Proprietors. We can start in addition to our already large force, 100 ADDITIONAL SALESMEN and want men who can give full time to the business. Steady employment and good salaries in proportion to their success. If you are willing to work your success is almost certain. The best of references required. Apply (enclosing photo if possible) to STONE & WELLSINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto, Ont.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The July examination of candidates, for the year 1883, will be held as follows:— For First Class (Grade C, Non-Professional)—At the Normal School, Toronto, on Monday, July 9th, at 2 p.m. For Intermediate, Third, and Second Class Non-Professional Examinations.—At the Model School, Milton, and the Oakville High School, on Tuesday, July 3rd, at 9 a.m. The Professional Examination for First Class Certificate will begin after the conclusion of the Non-Professional Examination. The examination for First Class Certificate, Grades A and B, will begin after the conclusion of the Professional Examination.

Forms of the notice to be given by each candidate can be obtained on application to any County Inspector. It is indispensable that candidates should notify the undersigned not later than the 1st of June of their intention to present themselves for examination. R. LITTLE, P. S. L. C. of Halton. Acton, 23rd April, 1883.

HILL'S Tin & Stove Depot. GOOD ASSORTMENT ON STOVES CHEAP FOR CASH. TINWARE OF ALL KINDS AT BOTTOM PRICES.

Eavetroughing a Specialty, AND PUT UP ON SHORTEST NOTICE. FIRST CLASS MATERIAL ONLY USED. A CALL SOLICITED. J. O. HILL, Mill St.

Where do You Buy YOUR FOOTWEAR? In asking the above question we simply desire you to examine closely three main points:— 1st—Quality, Material. 2nd—Style, Fit and Work. 3rd—Price, Size of Bill.

And when you are satisfied with conclusions, pay us a visit, and we will guarantee Quality of Material, Style of Fit and work, and an appreciable saving on your order. Splendid stock of Spring Goods for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children, just opened.

If these are sufficient considerations please call on KENNEY & SON, Main Street, Acton.

FLOUR & FEED STORE. The undersigned has purchased the Flour and Feed business from Mr. Robert Elliott, and will carry on the business in the building formerly used as a Barber Shop, opposite the old Feed Store. I will keep in stock and sell for cash:— Flour, Chopped Peas, Roller Flour, Chicken Feed, Bran, Flax Seed, Shorts, Potatoes, Chopped Oats, Turnips, Chopped Barley, Beans, &c., &c.

Your Patronage respectfully solicited. Cash for all kinds of Grain. L. G. Matthews.

Dr. Felix Le Brun's GRAND CURE. A guaranteed Cure for Venereal Diseases. Safe, pleasant and reliable. No bad effects from its use. Does not interfere with business. Write for particulars and send for free trial. Write for particulars and send for free trial. Write for particulars and send for free trial.

Remember the Old Standard THE GLASGOW HOUSE NELSON & M'RAE, Successors of Galt, Houshopp & Co.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ACTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY. We take much pleasure in announcing that our stock of General Goods is very complete in every department, and has been bought Closer than ever, and shall be sold CLOSER THAN EVER.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT. We would announce that we have an extra choice selection of all goods that pertain to this department, in Flowers, Feathers, and everything kept in a first class house, and all at the Very Closest Prices. All goods trimmed in the very latest style, by experienced milliners. All we ask is an inspection. Our Millinery Opening will be on SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1883.

MANTLE GOODS DEPARTMENT. We have this season bought a stock of Black Silks, Silk Brocades and Satins, which we know are bought right, and shall be sold right.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT. In this line we have some extra good value, in Check and Plain, Nans, Neiling, which are attracting great attention, and a line of Colored Cashmeres at 25 cents, and a job line at 12 1/2 and 15 cents per yard. Everyone that wants a cheap Spring Dress should see our Black Cashmere stock, which is now complete. It is needless for us to mention anything about these goods, as every person who has seen our Blue Black Cashmeres at 50 cents knows that it beats anything ever shown at the price. Big Stock of Prints, at lower prices than last season, which we would like you to see—in all, over 200 pieces—from 6 cents per yard upward.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT. We have now to hand and are showing an excellent stock of Gents White and Colored shirts, and also a fine stock of Felt and Straw Hats. Collars, Cuffs, Braces, Ties, in endless variety.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT. We have this season a heavy stock of Cottonades better value than show before, and also the Famous Dundas Shirting, for quality cannot be beat, and also very full lines of Factory, Hollands, Towellings, at very low prices. See them.

ORDERED CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Stock now full and choice. This department will have the very best attention, and all orders entrusted to us will have our best patron supervision. All goods made right, and made to fit in the latest fashions. Come and be STRIPPED at once, as the rush has already commenced.

BOOT & SHOE DEPARTMENT. We would like all parties who are wanting a good durable Boot or Shoe, to call on us and we will be able to show them goods in this line at low prices, as we buy all our goods from the manufacturers direct, saving the wholesale and middlemen's profit, which we give our patrons the benefit of. We give 5 per cent, off to any person who buys 5 pairs and upwards. We have a few Job Lines which we are rushing off at an immense reduction.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT. We have a stock of Groceries which are all fresh and cheap. See our Bright Sugar, 13 1/2 lbs. for \$1.00, and also another lot of that Famous Fifty Cent Tea just to hand, better than ever. We shall this season pay the very highest market price for Good Fresh Butter and Eggs. Come and leave us your money and produce, and we shall give you better value than ever.