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Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 13, 1888.

The Scott Act.

At a recent meeting held at Cornwall, it was resolved that measures should immediately be taken to have the Scott Act submitted to the electors of the united Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glenelg. A convention of the friends of the cause throughout the above-named counties was held at the town of Cornwall on Tuesday, the 4th inst., with the view of organizing for the coming struggle. With the counties of Oxford, Norfolk, Lambton, and probably Elgin, engaged in the same work, there is likely to be a lively time on this question. The more the better. The education of the public upon this subject will ensure its ultimate success.

Notes and Comments.

There is every appearance of a hard, trying winter for very many. Not that frost means to forestall that the weather is going to be very severe or the frost very keen. On the contrary, weather prophets tell all whom it may concern that we are going to have a remarkably open winter. But business is dull, work is going to be very scarce, wages low and cost of living very high. Those who can occupy only what are called general callings are likely to be in a bad way. Salesmen in stores and so forth are crowded out of all measure. They earn even now but a miserable pittance, and before the winter is over many of them will be earning far less.

It is understood that the Postmaster-General will submit to Parliament at the coming session such amendments to postal laws as will prevent the circulation of lottery circulars and tickets through the mails.

Acton Municipal Council.

The council met on Tuesday evening. Members all present. Report in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications were received as follows:—From solicitor G. T. B. referring to local personal property of the Company and refusing to pay taxes thereon; from Mrs. Edward Moore respecting wrongful assessment of \$400 taxable income, and asking that taxes on same be refunded.

The Finance Committee presented their 20th report recommending payment of the following accounts:

Banks	2.88
Thomas Ebbage, repairs, &c.	2.50
Thomas Easton, wood.	2.75
J. C. Hill, repairs to street lamps.	2.54
	\$10.67

Report passed and adapted. A By-law was passed appointing J. E. McGarvin, returning officer for polling subdivision No. one, to be held at Town Hall, and J. C. Hill returning officer for polling subdivision No. two, to be held in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Forster. Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by C. S. Smith that the complaints made respecting wrongful assessments not corrected at Court of Revision, be referred to a committee of the whole council who shall report on same as well as any other complaints of a similar character that may be brought to the notice of the committee, with a view to having all such complaints agreeably and legally adjusted.—Carried.

The request of the Woman's Suffrage Association was laid before the council. After a short discussion it was passed almost unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or expressions of any correspondent.

Rockwood Depravity.

To the Editor of the Free Press.
Dear Sir.—In your issue of the 29th ult., appeared a letter from some one subscribing himself as "Citizen" setting forth the lamentable state of affairs in our village. Now Sir, I am glad to know somebody has moral courage to face this question, and whoever "Citizen" is he strikes the nail on the head. Somebody has the impudence to reply "contradicting the statements of 'Citizen'" and signs himself "A Rockwood Boy." He says he was "very much pained" on reading "Citizens" letter. Well, I don't wonder for you know it is an old saying, and true "if you step on the Devil's tail."

toes he is sure to equal." The truth comes home to "A Rockwood Boy," and he cannot stand it, and in his feeble defense of himself and his fraternity, and in his endeavor to make the best of a bad cause, the cloven foot appears. He does not pretend to deny the statements of "Citizen," nor does he attempt to cover his guilt, for he distinctly declares he will continue to "boot" at respectable people on the street. He takes up the cudgel in defence of the Chief Magistrate, which is out of place, for he is quite able to speak for himself.

He says "Citizen" runs whining to you, Mr. Editor, but the whining is altogether on his own side; and he misquotes, for "Citizen" asks the question "what is to be done?" and is answered by the "brave men" of Rockwood, "if you want to save your head you had better leave them alone." He next speaks of Sabbath observance and attributes all the desecration to the Guelph and Acton "roughs." He is quite correct when he says that Guelph and Acton "roughs" come to Rockwood. Of course they do, and why? On the principle that "birds of a feather flock together." These "roughs" are under restraint in the law, abiding corporations of Guelph and Acton, and come out on the Sunday for a breathing spell and find genial society in the "roughs" of Rockwood. "A Rockwood Boy" will have to put on his spectacles and read "Citizen's" letter again, for I have read it carefully and nowhere does he say that "no lady can walk our streets without being insulted."

"A Rockwood Boy" comes out in his true colors when he asks our village clergymen in the face by insinuating that one of them is the guilty party and by charging them with dodging "round the corners" to catch the boy. Shame, shame on "A Rockwood Boy," he plainly tells us the kind of home training he has received. Whether he means one or all of our clergy I don't know, but this I have to say, it is a vile and unwarrantable charge respecting a Christian minister and one which no thoughtful or well-behaved young man would make, and he does well to hide his meanness under cover of a fictitious name. I am acquainted, Mr. Editor, with the ministers of the village, and I know them to be men who mind their own business and to be above doing a shabby thing, and if "A Rockwood Boy" would stop and think for a moment, I think he would agree with me that there is none more interested in his welfare than these very clergymen.

I endorse all that "Citizen" has said, indeed one of the most worthy and prominent citizens said the other day "the statements of 'Citizen' were not strong enough." The congregations worshipping in the various churches are continually amazed by "A Rockwood Boy" and his vile fraternity. What is the testimony of your own correspondent in this village, Mr. Editor? I quote from the Rockwood News of Nov. 29th: "Some miscreant wrenched off the Presbyterian Church door lock during the past week. This village is becoming noted for misconduct of this kind." And I am informed the conduct of the boys at the Methodist Church is such that unless the law is enforced the authorities will have to close the Church. And yet "A Rockwood Boy," in the face of this state of affairs will run to you, Sir, with a letter in defence of his vile conduct. In all fairness to the boys that are well behaved (for there are those in this village), he ought to give his real name, and not have innocent boys blamed for the trashy production of Dec. 3rd.

Rockwood, Dec. 10th, 1888.

Scott Act Meeting.

Owing to the exceedingly inclement weather, the meeting in the Methodist Church last Friday evening was but fairly attended. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. W. Byers, after which Mr. D. Henderson was unanimously called to the chair. After a few remarks the chairman invited Rev. D. L. Brethour to address the audience. The Rev. gentleman, in a most interesting speech of an hour or more, presented arguments of a very forcible and convincing character against licensing the whiskey traffic, and in favor of the Canada Temperance Act, the existing liquor law in our county. The address revealed the fact that the speaker has devoted much time to the study of the question and is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the subject. Rev. C. H. Morrow, of Otterville, followed in a short address. He referred to the work in which he was engaged in preparing to submit the Act to the electors in Oxford and Norfolk, where he felt confident success would reward the efforts of those engaged in this work of right. He complimented the people of Halton on the existing state of affairs here, and urged the electors to use all possible effort to thwart the designs of the liquor sellers in their endeavors to have the Act repealed. That the arguments presented by the speakers were clear, satisfactory, and well received, was very evidently apparent by the marked and earnest attention of the audience throughout the evening. An invitation was extended to any person desiring to speak in favor of the whiskey business, but no response was given. Rev. Mr. Brethour has been invited to address another meeting here at some convenient date, and we trust life will comply.

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restores, with the gloss and freshness of youth, faded or gray hair to a natural, rich brown color, or deep black, as may be desired. It is a sure cure for dandruff, and restores the hair to its natural growth, and keeps it from falling out. It is a sure cure for itching scalp, and restores the hair to its natural growth, and keeps it from falling out. It is a sure cure for itching scalp, and restores the hair to its natural growth, and keeps it from falling out.

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W. H. STOKELY & SON,
Acton, 13th Dec., 1888.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The undersigned takes great pleasure in thanking the public for their kind patronage during the past year, and in soliciting a continuance of the same. That her stock of Christmas Confectionery, Christmas Fruits, Christmas Nuts, Christmas Toys, Christmas Cards, is equal to any in town. Give her a call. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MRS. W. C. KING,
Acton, Dec 11, 88.

SINGING CLASSES.

On Monday evening, Dec 11, 1888, a meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, Acton, for the purpose of forming an adult singing class. All who cannot sing by note, and have a desire to learn, are respectfully requested to attend. Doors will be open at seven p.m. Exercise to commence at eight o'clock sharp. If a sufficient number of pupils can be obtained, a juvenile singing class will also be formed. Any person or persons having children and wishing to secure vocal instructions for them, will do well to confer with the undersigned. Fees for children, 50c for twelve lessons. E. A. Robbins' American Method taught. The following are a few references received as teachers of vocal music:—Wm. McCraney, Esq., Oakville, M.P. for Halton; Dr. Landecker, Hanover, M.P. for Grey; T. S. Gibson, F.S.L., Willowdale; J. W. Sims, Copyrighted, Toronto; Erin Downship; Henry Robinson, Queen; Rev. Dr. Tristram; L. S. Hall, Esq., Chumville; W. J. Oliver, Esq., Derry West; J. H. Ellis, Esq., Fort Erie; Rev. C. F. Fyfe, Hamilton; Rev. T. O. Ames, (late of Oakville); Rev. Eldon Sanderson, (late of Brantford); M. E. Minister; Rev. T. C. Large, Masford, and others.

H. L. THURSTON,
Acton, Dec. 11, '88.

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Same Colors as above, with three or four shades of a color.

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