

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act is to be submitted to the electors of Ontario county.

It is expected the Ontario Legislature will be prorogued in a little over two weeks.

Ottawa, March 4.—The Methodist Union Bill passed the Private Bills Committee this morning without an amendment.

According to a parliamentary return just brought down there are 1,111 men in the penitentiaries of the country and only 81 women. Yet there are people who say women should not vote.

The Ministerial Association of Toronto have informally arrived at the conclusion that the costly extravagance at funerals that has grown up should be reformed.

The most important thing on record is the demand of an Iowa liquor-seller for a divorce from his wife on the ground of drunkenness, a habit, alleged in the bill of complaint, to have been acquired by the unhappy woman while dispensing drinks in her husband's saloon.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, states that it is his intention to take immediate action to introduce Bible readings in schools. A passage from the Scriptures will be read every day. This is a move in the right direction and one which parents generally will endorse.

There is every indication that popular opinion in Ontario is growing more and more in favor of temperance principles, and the vote in Toronto Monday is an evidence of this. So is the fact that the Scott Act is to be voted on in seventeen counties in Ontario next October.—Markham Economist.

The public accounts of the province for the year 1883 show that the total expenditure amounted to \$2,887,037, the outlay of the year previous being \$2,920,161. The expenditure in excess of appropriations was \$141,285, \$50,000 of which is covered by last year's vote under the head of "unforeseen and unprovided for."

Speaking of party voting, an exchange says:—There is no reason why waddy of the votes taken in the House should be party votes at all. Yet we find the Conservatives all voting one way and the Reformers all voting the other. It is surely a remarkable fact that Nature should have designed that all the representatives of the people who sit on the left of the Speaker should think precisely alike on every question, and that a similar unanimity of mind should exist on the Speaker's right.

The Brandon City Council seems to be made up of men with nerve and settled convictions. Last week the aldermen met and reduced the number of hotel licenses from twenty-five at \$110 each to twenty-one at \$100 each. Twelve grocers' and shop licenses at \$185 were cut down to five shop licenses at \$200; thus abolishing grocers' licenses entirely and raising the price of the permission to sell liquor in shops. It is hoped that the whiskey business will be entirely banished from this noble little city within very few years. Let other aldermen follow the worthy example given above.

From a tabular statement of the annual report of the Indian Department it appears that the Indian population of the Dominion is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province/Territory and Population. Includes Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Northwest Territories, Peace River District, Saskatchewan District, Yukon District, Eastern Prince Rupert's Landing, Labrador (Canadian Interior), Arctic Coast, and British Columbia.

Of these Indians 86,270 are resident upon reserves, and 4,394 of their children attend school during some part of the year.

Referring to the By-law separating the grocery and liquor business in Toronto the News of last Friday said:—"The Licensed Victuallers will make a mistake if they get this subject discussed too widely. The whiskey business won't stand discussion either from a moral or an economic point of view. The safety of the so-called 'vested rights' of the trade is in the silence, good conduct, and good judgement of those concerned. Now, if the fight becomes rancorous and unsatisfactory, discussion will arise, sides will be permanently formed, and the result will be something unexpected. The grocery-groceries must go, and it will be better for the other liquor dealers if they go quietly."

Six thousand people from various parts of Massachusetts met in Boston the other day to discuss measures for the advancement of the cause of prohibition. There is no doubt that the cause of temperance is advancing every year, and although this generation will not see it, the time may come when drunkenness will be almost a thing of the past. There is one argument of the prohibitionists that is rather hard to answer. The old toper may get his liquor in spite of the laws, but there is very little temptation to young men to begin the habit. The danger to young men lies in the sociability connected with the custom. There is nothing attractive to the young generation in the idea of a secret drink in a damp cellar or other out-of-the-way place.—Boston Herald.

The Bondan Trouble.

Unofficial despatches from Trinitat, Egypt, state that a battle raged all day last Friday. The rebels fought desperately, and immense numbers were shot down. Later advices from Trinitat give the following information: The rebels were found in force with two guns mounted at an old fort three miles from Fort Baker. Firing opened on both sides and lasted a long time. The rebels finally retreated after 1000 of their men had been killed. The British loss was twenty-four killed and 143 wounded. The British captured four Krupp guns, two howitzers and one machine gun.

Board of Education.

The Trustees of Acton Public School met in the Council chamber, on Monday evening, 3rd inst.

Members present, Messrs. James Moore chairman, W. H. Storey, Dr. Lowry, J. E. McGarrin and W. P. Brown.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee, presented their third report, recommending payment of the following accounts:— Thomas T. Moore, Salary Feb. \$45.83, do \$30.81, do \$30.83, W. H. Grant, do \$10.00, Mrs. Adams, do \$6.25, Benj. Wallace, wood acct. \$104.35, James Brown, do \$3.00, Wm. Gurney, splitting wood, \$5.00. Total \$214.57.

Moved by Dr. Lowry, seconded by J. E. McGarrin, that the report of the committee on Finance be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by W. P. Brown, that the secretary be instructed to take the school census of the municipality as required by law.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by W. P. Brown, that the noon hour be extended fifteen minutes at the Public School, until further notice.—Carried.

Board then adjourned.

Nassagaweya's Township Officers.

At the last meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council the following persons were appointed to the respective offices names:—

FORWARDERS.—James Kinsley, William Arney (not 18) and William Burrows.

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OVERSEERS OF HIGHWAYS.—Thomas Syme, John Lakin, John A. Peacock, Joseph Little, Edward Calvert, James Henderson, Walter Murray, Robert Anderson, James Watson, Alex. McPhail, John Taylor, John Taylor, John H. Donaven, James Elliott, Duncan Gillies, George Kitching, Joseph Hagan, and T. Burton, James McMillan, William McPhail, W. J. McCurdy, and Robert Lovrie, Joseph Holmes, Nicholas Korman, Thomas Bole, Fyfe Sommerville and Samuel Scott, Joseph Smith, John Mason and Robert Shortreed, Charles Kennedy, John Leachman, George Simpson, Andrew McAlpine, William H. Barrow, Ephraim Chapman, Samuel McDowell, Peter Chisholm, Malcolm McMillan, Wm. Anderson, Thomas Wilson, George L. Watson, Peter Bodpath, James Mahon, and Archibald Bell, William Bell, Joseph Anderson, Archibald McTavish, William Kitching, John Scott, Adam Alexander, Peter Campbell, John Hill, Thomas Storey jr., Donald McTavish, Duncan McGregor, Oliver Lasby, David Peadie, John Marry, B. Wallace, and S. Cox, John Ritchey, James McDonald, William Leishman.

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The Upper Peninsula is becoming so filled with foreigners that one not a linguist may sometimes find it difficult to get along satisfactorily. In a lumber camp, for instance, one may hear simultaneously a multiplicity of tongues; in one corner Finns making harsh, guttural sounds, in another Swedes droning after the manner of a Puritan Scot reciting the Lord's prayer, the ten commandments, or the forty-fifth Psalm, and in another, Frenchmen gesticulating and emphasizing after the manner of a boy who, having gone through the elements of elocution, is preparing a Fourth of July oration. And in Bill Young's camp one may hear nightly the asseverations and protestations of Pat McNally while contending for his rights and tobacco over a game of "Seven-up." Pat has a glib tongue, and taken altogether is not a bad fellow. He wears long hair, with Bygon curls, and has the air of a desperado. He declares himself a native of the Green Isle. Perhaps he is; every man has a country which he calls his own—tastes and predilections which he cannot counteract. It was so in the beginning, it is so now, and ever shall be.

MOONSHOOT. Young's Camp, Baraga County, Michigan. Feb. 25th, 1884.

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NOTICE. I hereby notify all concerned that from this date forward I will not hold myself responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mary Elizabeth Thurston, at the late left my bed and bound without just cause or provocation. HIRAM L. THURSTON. Acton, Feb. 27th, 1884.

COAL FOR SALE. The undersigned intends keeping constantly on hand a stock of hard and soft stove Coal of all kinds, which will be delivered to any part of the village. Parties desiring coal should give him a call. C. S. SMITH.

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