total investments have increased over $93,000.00 during the year, and the total earnings have been greater, enabling the Board to declare the usual dividends and add a very handsome sum to the reserve fund.

I am very glad to state that repayments of principal and interest continue to be satisfactorily made, and I have also to state that the Society have no real estate on their hands, nor have they sustained any loss during the year by the sale of property in arrears.

I am glad to call the attention of the Stockholders to the change effected in our office accommodation. This change had become an actual necessity, and the Board felt that they were fully justified in making it. I have much pleasure also in bearing testimony to the very efficient manner in which the Manager and the Clerks have discharged their duties.

Mr. A. B. Petrie, Vice-President, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond expressed his entire satisfaction with the result of the year's business. He had full confidence in the efficiency of the Board of Directors and the management and highly approved of the cautious policy which had hitherto characterised the operations of the Society. In such institutions safety should always be, as he felt it had been with this society, the first consideration, and to such institutions alone should the care of trust funds be committed.

Mr. Melvin explained in detail how carefully and economically the business was conducted, and how closely each investment was scrutinized before being accepted by the Board. The net result of the past year's business he considered second to that of no other similar institution in the Province.

Mr. Myers congratulated the management upon the excellent report presented to the meeting. He thought perhaps a saving might be effected by reducing the number of members of the Board, but in view of the successful business which had been done in the past he would not press the matter. If, however, this suggestion commended itself to the Board he would be glad to see it acted upon.

Mr. James P. Phin thought it would be a mistake to reduce the number of Directors, as a large Board afforded a guarantee for honest and efficient supervision of the Society's affairs, and justly gave the public increased confidence in the safety and stability of the institution.

Messrs. Wm. Hunter and J. W. Kilgour were appointed scrutineers, and reported that the ballot had resulted in the unanimous re-election of the former Directors.

The Board now consists of:—D. Stirton, President; A. B. Petrie, Vice-Presieent; R. Melvin, B. Forbes, J. B. Armstrong, T. A. Keating M D, James P. Phin, John Phin, George Hadden, Chas. McMillan, James Innes, M P.

Acton Free Press.

Thursday Morning March. 20, 1884.

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act is to be submitted in the united counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Sir John states that if temperance sentiment continues to grow as rapidly as it has done lately, we will have prohibition in three years.

Since our last issue another great battle has been fought between Osman's forces and the British. The result was even more decisive than on the previous occasion.

The Brewers of Ontario have asked to have the Scott Act annulled by making an exception in favor of beer. Sir John Macdonald is going to consider the matter. He will not, we think, grant their request.

We wish the people of Oxford abundant success in their struggle for the right in the Scott Act election to-day. The whiskey business must go sooner or later, and we trust Oxford will drive a nail into its coffin at the polls to-day.

Lord Lorne continues to manifest interest in Canada by publicly making known the resources of our country and advising farmers to emigrate hither. The rumor is revived that the nobleman will succeed Lord Ripon as Viceroy of India.

The American whiskey men, who have been trying in every possible way to avoid immediate payment of duty upon whiskey in bond, have been again defeated in the House of Representatives. Victory everywhere rests with the temperance cause.

The Agricultural and Arts Association asks the Dominion Government that further importations of cattle, sheep and pigs into the Dominion be prohibited until such time as the foot and mouth disease is abated in Great Britain and the United States.

In committee of the Local Legislature last week, an amendment was passed without opposition, prohibiting the sale of liquor at agricultural fairs, the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, and other fairs at London, Kingston and Hamilton. The liquor business is getting sicker every day.

It is said that the Commissioner of Crown Lands has christened three of the newly surveyed townships in the Nippissing country Vennor, Wiggins, and Oates. Thus the illustrated names of a trio of the champion prevaricators of modern times will be handed down to an unoffending posterity.

A bill is before the Local House giving municipal authorities power to appoint an inspector to see that all noxious weeds, &c., are destroyed. One provision contains some strict regulations as to black knot. As this will soon be on our statute book, municipal officers should look up its provisions and see that they are properly enforced. It is an advance step in the right direction and should be fully carried out.

It has long been a credited assertion that people now-a-days do not live so long as people did in other ages. But do they not? The Detroit *Free Press* tells of a gentleman in that city who was born on St. Patrick's day, 1779, and was consequently 105 years old on Monday. The other day the oldest Mason died in Michigan at the age of 106, and this week an Indian man passed away in his 116th year. But it remained for Canada to cap the climax. At Niagara, Ontario, Henry Brown died on Monday at the age of 121 years.

At a Scott Act meeting in Oxford last week there were two speakers in favor of the Act and the same number against it, one of whom was president of the Licensed Victuallers association. They all claimed to be temperance men and all in favor of total prohibition. The chairman made a happy hit at the close. He suggested that the Licensed Victuallers Association should frame a petition to the Dominion Government for entire prohibition and gave the assurance that in this the Scott Act party would go with them hand in hand. We are afraid the Victs. would forget their prohibition speeches in that event.

ASTOUNDING CONSPIRACY.

To Purchase the Ontario Government's Majority. Two Bribers Arrested.

A scene unparalled in the history of the Dominion occurred in the Local House last Monday night. Shortly after the House opened, by order of the Government, Detective Murray arrested F. T. Kertland in the lobby of the House and took him to the police station. About the same time John A. Wilkinson, of Cobourg, was arrested in the Walker House, and taken to the same place. The charge against them is attempting to bribe supporters of the Government.

It is stated that Mr. McKim had been approached by the notorious J. A. Wilkinson, and had been paid no less a sum than $1,000 to influence his vote, and this money in ten $100 bills Mr. McKim enclosed to the Speaker. A second letter to a similar effect from Mr. Balfour, of South Essex, who had received $800 from one Kertland, for a similar purpose was also sent to the speaker.

Members of the Opposition disclaim all knowledge of the conspiracy, and Mr. Meredith states they will be glad to assist the Government with the fullest investigation. Lynch, another of the alleged would-be bribers, has not been arrested as yet. Summonses were served upon Mr. Bunting of the *Mail* and Mr. Meek to attend the Police Court next morning as witness against Wilkinson and Kertland. The standing committee on Privilages and Elections, to whom the matter was referred, met Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. After hearing several witnesses the committee adjourned to meet on Friday. $100,000 bail was offered for the liberty of the prisoners but was refused.

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent.

To meet the growing demand of the stone trade in this village, it is expected that a new switch will be put in on the north side of the station at once. The stone is principally for the harbor improvements in Toronto, and a large quantity will be required.

Messrs. Harris Brothers are getting in a large supply of logs.

Mr. Hortop, of Everton, has now the new roller process machines at work, and is turning out a good flour. All who have tried it are well satisfied. He has now a large staff of workmen to meet the growing demands of the trade. Great improvements have been made in his mill, both outside and inside.

We had an early thunder storm last week, and the present indications are that spring is not far distant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Tolton vs. Arthurs Case.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Dear Sir.—With your permission I should like these few remarks made public:—In your last issue, under the above heading, a savage attack was made upon me. It would have been more consistent to have titled the article 'Tolton vs. Lawson, &c." But as inconsistency is a most prominent feature in the writer's actions as well as statements, I will merely give it a passing notice, considering it the outgrowth of ignorance. Why does Mr. Tolton completely abandon solid facts for fancies, as an analysis of his statements will prove. His first remark concerning myself is a deliberate untruth. He says I claim science to be better in Acton than in Guelph. The readers of your paper can judge. In his second remark he says the animal is four times as lame now as before operated upon. I will as brief as possible state the facts of the case. When asked to treat the animal she showed lameness when walking, which increased when trotted, and the lameness did not disappear with exercise. As Mr. Tolton said, she was lame all the way from Acton to Guelph. After she had been three weeks under treatment she had so improved that she showed no lameness when walking, and only slight lameness when first started to trot, and this disappeared with a short drive; also the enlargement had been considerably reduced. When on my third visit, Mr. Tolton acknowledged to me that he was well satisfied with the result of the treatment so far. He also said, when upon oath here in Acton about ten weeks after operation, that she was only lame for a short distance, when first started to trot. I advised that the animal be carefully used for some time after. I am informed by reliable authority (not Mr. Tolton) that she has not so been used, as she has been recklessly driven around the city, and allowed to stand for hours tied to a post—no difference how warm the animal was nor how cold the day. It would be just as reasonable, if the animal had since died, to attribute her collapse to me. Now, Mr. Editor, in the face of these facts, which of his statements are we to accept,—the one he made on oath, or this malicious statement, which has no other object in view than to injure my reputation. I will here say that whatever reputation I may have to lose, has not been acquired in a Police Court. He says if my treatment had been done for nothing it would have been too dear. It is not as dear as it may be, as, if the amount is not soon remitted the costs of collection will be added. I was rather surprised that he said it was too dear, and that he did not use the old plaintive whine that "barley has gone down." In future I shall notice no more of his epistles concerning Acton science, but will consider where it comes from.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space, I remain, sincerely,

John Lawson, V.S.

Acton, March 18th, 1884.

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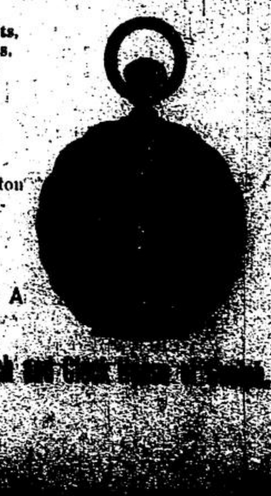

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