

Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, 1884.

Municipal Amendments.

A very important series of amendments empowers a municipal council to pass by-law, establishing, regulating, or closing public and private wells, reservoirs; for procuring analysis of water, for setting and destroying tainted or unwholesome food; preventing the closing up of wells, water closets, privies, which may be considered dangerous to health; regulating or preventing the erection or continuance of slaughter-houses or other manufactories or business places which may prove to be nuisances; prohibiting or regulating the keeping of cows and other animals; the construction of cellars, stinks, water-closets, etc.; the compelling or regulating of the filling up, clearing, altering of yards, vacant lots, and private drains, and generally the making of such other regulations as may be necessary for sanitary purposes.

The Great Conspiracy.

During the past week numerous developments and disclosures have taken place in the great conspiracy case, but it will be some considerable time before the matter is ultimately settled. A Royal Commission has been appointed which will no doubt probe the matter to the bottom in a most thorough investigation, and this will probably occupy several months.

Notes and Comments.

Ontario parliament prorogued on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Whitewashing legislation seems to be the order of the day in both Provincial and Dominion Parliament this session.

Sixty Conservatives and eight Reformers voted for the Orange Bill, and fifty-three Reformers and fifty-two Conservatives voted against it.

There seems to be a boom in temperance just now, showing that the people are becoming more alive in the evils of drink. The Scott Act will shortly be put forward for adoption in this city—Toronto News.

As is always customary at the prorogation of Parliament, the Opposition papers appeared as usual yesterday morning telling their readers of the utter uselessness of the session, and how nothing of any importance whatever was enacted.

Should the Scott Act be carried in Oxford, it is rumored that the temperance advocates in this county will circulate a petition asking the Government to have it submitted to the people of Great Britain. Well, Oxford's done it. Get your forces in order friend Revue.

Although a number of important measures have been adopted we feel safe in concluding the session of the Local Legislature which has just concluded will be more memorable for the conspiracy which was carried on than for the legislation which has been placed upon the statute books.

"Prohibition doesn't prohibit," but the liquor dealers report the falling off of 90,000 barrels Kansas seals last year from what they sold two years before. They also report an increase of 4,000 barrels in Nebraska where high license law is in force. Which prohibits, high license or prohibition?

Yarmouth, the old no-license county of Nova Scotia, took the lead in the Scott Act campaign. Now Oxford follows. Other counties should fall into line rapidly. Not a day passes now-a-days without some important temperance event. Public opinion is at last awake on the subject, and not in Canada alone, but in all Anglo-Saxondom—Witness.

General Luard has gone to England, on a "leave of absence," and it is pretty well understood that he will not return again. His furniture at Ottawa has been sold, and no doubt the "leave of absence" is but an easy way of letting him down. He has certainly proved a white elephant on the Government for a long time past, and the only wonder is that he was not pressed to accept a leave of absence a year or more before he died.

The Oshawa Plant (conservative) says that Professor Foster, as the avowed champion of temperance in the House of Commons, has made a bold step. His advocacy of total prohibition marks an era in the advance of temperance sentiment. A few years ago prohibition was declared an impossibility, but now it looks as though the sale of liquor had but a short life in Canada. Temperance cannot after this be a party question in Canada, because neither party dare come out against it; while the support of temperance men is courted by both parties.

THE GRADLE.

DARBY.—In Nantawaga, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Edward Darby, of a son.

THE GRAYE.

HARDING.—At Buffalo, N.Y., on the 18th inst., Mr. Henry Harding, aged 29 years.

STEELE.—At Salmon City, Idaho, on March 19th, Mr. John Steele, son of Mr. George Steele, Acton, aged 40 years.

BERRY.—At his residence, lot 14, con. 6, Esopus, on Thursday, March 20th, 1884, John Reed Berry, in his 8th year.

MORROW.—Near Brampton, on Friday, 21st inst., very suddenly, Mr. Hugh Morrow, father of Dr. B. Morrow, formerly of Acton, aged 46 years.

OXFORD'S VICTORY.

The Scott Act Carried by an Overwhelming Majority.

WHISKEY MUST GO.

The second battle of the Scott Act campaign in Ontario has been fought in Oxford County and resulted in a victory of the pronounced character, a majority of about 800 votes having been polled in favor of the Act. In the above result the people of Oxford have given no uncertain sound as to their wishes respecting a continuance of the whiskey curse in their county. The vote polled was one of the largest ever known in the constituency. Only two or three municipalities in the whole county gave majorities against the act, while the majorities for the Act were as high as 217.

The people of Oxford deserve credit for their untiring zeal and continued energy in the struggle, but we have no doubt, they feel that the victory achieved is ample encouragement for their arduous efforts. Halton extends to Oxford its warmest congratulations.

Referring to the campaign and subsequent victory the *Tilbury Liberal* says:—Every possible effort was made by the Anti-Scott Act party to work upon the cupidity and the fears of the electors, but all to no avail. All such appeals were rejected by the intelligent electors of Oxford.

We are not inclined to boast over a vanquished opponent, but we rejoice in the victory of to-day. It is important not only for Oxford, but it will give an impulse to the cause of temperance throughout the Province. The temperance cause is gaining ground every day and before many months have gone we may confidently expect to see many other counties following in the wake of glorious old Oxford.

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent. Another of the early settlers in Eramosa has passed away, in the person of Mrs. Dryden. Of late years she has resided in Guelph.

We are glad to see that Mr. John Cummins has so far recovered that he is able to drive to this village again.

The roads on Sunday were not suitable for either wheels or runners consequently few were present at church.

This month has been unusually mild for March, many are at a loss to know whether March comes in Hoolike. Latterly she has certainly been inimitable.

About twelve years ago this date we had a snow blockade. Such an event does not at present seem probable.

The fall wheat that is uncovered presents a healthy appearance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Tolton vs. Arthurs.

To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir,—I see by the last issue of your paper that the Plaintiff is not content with having himself before the public, as an exponent of "non-suits," but he must make matters worse by again writing to you about matters that have nothing whatever to do with the suit of Tolton vs. Arthurs.

In Plaintiff's letter he seems to have forgotten all about the merits of the case, but pursuing the same course as was done at the trial, he thinks all he has to do is to abuse every one that is in any way connected with it; but he will find that his attempts in the newspapers will be quite as unsuccessful as they were at the trial.

What the public are interested in, and what Mr. Tolton at one time was also, it may be well to remind him. He brought an action against Mr. Arthurs to recover \$50 for an agreement on the sale of a span of horses, but he failed to recover anything, and had to pay the costs of the court. Plaintiff's memory in writing letters seems to be of a very treacherous kind, and a good deal at par with the way in which he got matters mixed and out of place at the trial, but perhaps this is pardonable on account of his extensive experience in litigation. Plaintiff says if Defendant did not appear in the newspapers he never would have thought of such a thing. The readers of the Free Press will remember that Plaintiff was anxious to show to the public his great knowledge of non-suits, Acton science, and other matters, when he penned the first letter on this matter, and now he labors to make himself believe that the Defendant wrote it.

Mr. Tolton's lame attempt to make any one in this neighborhood believe he was such an "innocent abroad," that he purchased a span of horses and gave \$500 for them with the risk of having to bring an action to recover part of what he had paid over on account of lameness, is "too thin," as Mr. Tolton himself at any other time would blurt to you.

I have no doubt Mr. Tolton feels somewhat sore over his venture at law, and if he had thought that a farmer like myself would have dared to presume to dispute his claim, this case would never have seen the inside of a court room; but it may be well for Mr. Tolton to know, as a guide to him for the future, that letters from such good men as "the potentate of Jumbo Mills," and other legal authorities, will not frighten me into giving up my rights, nor compel me to settle suits at his pleasure and for his benefit. There is an old saying which it would have been well if the Plaintiff and Mr. Tolton had remembered, "Never holler until you are out of the woods." If they had waited until judgment was given, and not proclaimed "that it was all right, the Plaintiff had won," they would not now need to be writing to newspapers about non-suits, and abusing people who have been connected with the case, and endeavoring by all means in their power to convert a defeat into a victory.

The Defendant. Esopus, March 19th, 1884.

[We consider this matter has now been sufficiently ventilated in these columns, and as the Plaintiff was the first to enter the discussion the correspondence above must end the matter, as far as the Free Press is concerned.—Ed.]

THE SCOTT ACT.

Annual meeting of the Ontario Prohibitory Alliance.

RIGHT WILL PREVAIL.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic held in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of temperance workers ever held in the Dominion. Representatives were present from nearly every county in Ontario, notably among which were large delegations from Halton and Oxford, the two Scott Act counties. The question of submitting the Scott Act in all the counties of the province was the one most largely considered.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that organizations be established in each county where the Scott Act is not in force with the object of having the Act submitted to the electors at as early a date as possible, and the executive committee of the alliance to aid them by every means to attain that end.

The report of the Scott Act committee stated that the time had arrived for concerted agitation on the line of prohibition, and recommendation that immediate action be taken by the alliance to secure the passage of the Scott Act and simultaneously voting in the following groups of counties:—

- No. 1.—Peel, Simcoe, York, Ontario, Northumberland, and Durham.
No. 2.—Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Stormont, Dundas, Glenora, Leunox, and Prince Edward.
No. 3.—Middlesex, Lambton, Norfolk, Elgin, Kent, Brant, and Essex.
No. 4.—Grey, Bruce, Huron, and Perth.

The report said that the counties mentioned in their report were ready for the Act, and he felt sure they would be able to carry it in all of them.

It was also understood that the counties not mentioned in the above groups would fall into line as soon as practicable. Addresses were delivered at the convention by a number of the most prominent speakers in the country. They were exceptionally fine and treated of practical subjects. On Tuesday evening. A reception and banquet was tendered the delegates—between two or three hundred—by the people of Toronto. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Acton Municipal Council.

Council met on Tuesday evening. Reeve in the chair. Members present, Messrs. Wm. Ismond, D. M. Cameron and D. Henderson. Minutes read and confirmed.

Mr. Donald Mann, poundkeeper, tendered his resignation of that office. The auditors' report was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee presented their fifth report recommending payment of the following accounts:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. H.P. Moore, Printing, \$3.98; J.C. Hill, repairing lamps, 1.50; Wm. Hemstreet, shovelling snow, 1.50.

Report adopted. Council adjourned.

The Pen. We have just received from the Esterbrook Steel Pen Co., New York, a book of poems on steel pens. The poems have been selected from over six hundred, written by many authors, on the Esterbrook Steel Pen. They present the subject in a variety of interesting forms, and their literary merit renders them a source of interest to the general reader.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. John Kelly left for Springfield, Ohio, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilcox, of Orangeville, visited Acton friends during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarvis were hastily summoned last week to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) H. Currie, of Thedford, who was lying in a very precarious condition—the effects of malarial fever.

For several days her life was despaired of but it is gratifying to learn that a change for the better has taken place, and she is now in a fair way for recovery.

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