Acton Free Bress.

TRUBBUT MORNING, APRIL 0, 183 4.

TREE PLANTING.

The question of planting trees on the various streets and lanes of this municipality is one which has repeatedly been brought prominently before our readers though these columns, and, we are pleased to say, with faost satisfactory results. A walk through the streets of our little town will prove that the people of Acton have from time to time responded nobly to the invitations of the FREE PRESS to put forth extra exertions in planting suitable trees on the streets. As a result of these periodical efforts. Acton is supplied with a larger number of fine, healthy, cheerful looking trees on her streets than any town of its size with which we are acquainted. The effect produced is at the same time pleasing to our citizens, attractive to strangers visiting the place, and profitable to the property holders of the municipality. We feel confident that all who have interestad themselves in this good work feel that they are now amply repaid for their trouble by the results already attained.

Much of the success attending the planting of trees on the streets in Acton is due to the excellent com By-law, passed a few years ago by our Municipal Council and the admirable manner in which it has been enforced. Before the Council passed this stringent By-law referring to animals running at large, it was found impossible to grow trees successfully on the streets, as they were almost invariably destroyed by cows or other animals before they attained sufficient growth to resist the attacks of these animals. With the By-law referred to this evil has been very effectually remedied.

Considering what satisfactory results have been accomplished in former years by a little individual effort, we feel satisfied that much more can be done by some organized method of going into the matter. To this end we would suggest that the council be asked to set apart some day about the end of the present month, proclaim it a public holiday, and request the citizens to unite in planting trees on the streets. If every ratepayer would on this day plant, or cause to be planted, one tree for each member of his family, the result would be most surprising, and the effort cost him comparatively little labor or ex-

In some of the Western States " Arbor Day " is now a great institution. It is as anniversary devoted to tree-planting, and of late years the practice of setting apart a day for that purpose by proclamation has been widely observed. It would be a good deal more sensible and useful way of spending time and money than either a winter carnival, a Queen's Birthday celebration or a twelfth of July procession.

Will the Council and citizens fall in with us in this scheme and assist in making Acton a place of beauty forever, and by so doing leave mementos for which they will receive the praise and gratitude of generations yet unborn?

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

FOR LIQUOR. A return showing the quantity of spiritu ous liquors sold by druggists in this county, under the Scott Act, during the past year which was brought down in the Senate last week, is being used in every conceivable way by opponents of the Act to show that the Act is a failure. The return, which is as yet incomplete, shows that the druggists of Acton, Georgetown and Oakville, sold during the year, 5,270 bottles-the great majority of which were pints-of liquors on doctors' certificates. This quantity would in the aggregate amount to about eight or ten barrels. Even this quantity would seem to indicate considerable ill-health in the county. But when it is considered that the amount named supplied 10,000 or 15,000 people for a year we think our county has great and just cause for congratulation. Notwithstanding the fact of the disgraceful abuse of their prerogatives by a number of the physicians of the county, in granting orders for liquor where liquor was in many cases unnecessary under any pretence, the above is a very satisfactory showing. Eight or ten barrels of liquir supply 10,000 or 15,000 people for a year! Less than a barrel a thousand! What a reversed order of things since license law reigned in Halton! We venture the opinion that twenty times the above amount would fail to represent the consumption before the Scott Act came into force, and of course the whole of it was used for the health, for under what other pretext is liquor drank at any time, or under any Act.

The return, as presented by the Ottawa | Carried. correspondent of the Toronto News, is very misleading, and scandalizes Acton in shameful manner. It represents "C. W Pierce & Co., of Acton," as selling threefourths of the whole amount sold in the three places named. However, the following letter from our local druggist, which appeared in Saturday's News, will tend to correct this erroneous statement :-

EDITOR NEWS: Sir .- Permit me to con rect some mis-statements appearing in your Ottawa correspondence in to-day's issue of The News. Your correspondent states that in the returns made to the Government by the druggists of Acton, Georgetown, and Oakville, regarding sales of liquor under the Scott Act, the return of C.W. Pearce & Co., of Acton, is stated as covering 62 out of the 80 pages of the report. This is incorrect, as there is no such firm here. have the license for the current year for this village, and I venture to assert that my return will take up less space in the Government report than any other return from this county. Our physician will not ing a charge for every liquor order they which action overturned the rig. Several give. You Ottown this source by mak, which action overturned the rig. Several of the ottowness sustained strain injuries.

evidently got things somewhat mixed, and has credited Acton with that which has becurred in the lower portion of the county. J. E. McGARTIN.

Acton, April 2nd, 1884. The following from the Bramoton Banner commends itself to our notice :-

"The fact that whisky can be got so easily at drug stores in Halton County should not be charged against the Scott Act Because there are doctors so degraded that they will prostitute their calling by giving certificates for liquor under any pretense does not prove that the Scott Act is a fail-The late legislature has done something to stop this as far as legislation can, by imposing a fine of \$20 on any physician who signs a certificate on bogus pretexts. One thing at least regarding the working of the Scott Act in Halton cannot be de nied, that the amount of liquor consumed in Halton to-day is nothing compared to that disposed of under the old system." The Globe, in an editorial on this subject.

"Those doctors in Halton who are said to have been so lost to decency as to write systematically lies under their names and seals in the shape of prescriptions, ought to have their medical diplomas taken from them on account of their thus acting in a manner unworthy of their standing as gentlemen and physicians."

So prominently has this matter of physicians' certificates for liquor been brought forward, that we feel satisfied no time will be lost by the authorities in making all necessary provision for the discontinuance of this evil.

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act advocates are about entering upon a vigorous campaign in Elgin

The Ottawa Free Press was sued for libel by the Beaver line of steamships. The Brantford Telegram was sued for libel by one J. Mackenzie. Both newspapers have come out victorious. It evidently doesn't pay to sue a newspaper.

Appropriate resolutions of condolence to her Majesty, on the death of Prince Leopold, were moved in the Dominion Parlia ment last Friday by Sir John MacDonald and seconded by Hon. Edward Blake. The resolutions were adopted and ordered to be engrossed and presented to the Marquis Lansdowne, to be forwarded to her Majesty.

THE STREAMS BILL. The Privy Council Decides in Favor of Fyfe's. Caldwell with Costs.

The case between Messrs, McLaren and Caldwell, concerning the Ontario Rivers and Streams Bill, the ments and demerits of which have been presented before the electors at every public political meeting held during the past two or three years, has at last been decided by the Privy Council in favor of Mr. Caldwell with costs. The costs are said to exceed \$30,000.

This makes four constitutional questions during the past year in which the position taken by the Outario Government has been sustained by the Privy Cruncil, viz., the Insurance case, the Mercer Escheat case, the Hodge License case, and now on the Rivers and Streams Bill.

THE CONSPIRACY CASE The Toronto Police Magistrate Commits Those Accused for Trial

The police magistrate gave his decision in the conspiracy case on Tuesday. The court room was crowded, intense interest being manifested in the result. The magistrate delivered a long and elaborate judgment, and said that owing to the unique nature of the case he had been careful to give it the most anxious consideration. He concluded by holding that there was suffi- It gives instant relief. cient evidence to commit all four defendants Wilkinson, Bunting, Meek and Kirkland, to stand their trirl on a charge of

The defendants were then admitted bail: On the second charge againts the of conspiracy, it was agreed the charge should remain in the magistrate's books till the other charge was disposed of.

Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met in the Council chamber on Monday evening 7th inst. Present Mr. James Moore, chairman, and

Messrs. J. E. McGarvin, W. P. Brown, Dr. Lowry and Thos. C. Moore. Minutes of last meeting read and cor

The secretary presented the school census which was taken as instructed by the Board. A circular was received from the Minister of Education respecting authorized text

fourth report recommending payment of Drug Store, Acton. the following accounts :-

Thomas Moore, salary Murch, Mrs. Adams, H. P. Moore, taking census,

Moved by J. E. McGarvin seconded by W. P. Brown, that the report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted .-

Moved by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by Thomas Moore, that the secretary be and is hereby instructed to publish in Acrox FEEZ PEESS an abstract of the financial statement for the year 1883, as required by law .- Carried. Board then adjourned.

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent. On the evening of the day of the marriage of Mr. Stephenson, senior, who lives between here and Crewson's Corners, the youth of the community manifested their | 327 Acres. disapproval of the signal event by serenading the newly-wedded pair. The firing of guns and pistols, and the ringing of cow bells and tin pans was continued until mid

On Sunday while on the way to Everton to attend church the team attached to a to work. MEN AND WOMEN can have vehicle containing Rev. James Black, Rev. | pleasant give an order for liquor unless he believes Mr. Fowler and wife, and Mr. Hugh Black it to be needed. There are other physicians and wife, in some way became frightened Good agents are earning from \$40 to \$75 tionisr in this respect, and who derive con-

THE CRADLE. Curistis - At Walkerton, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Christie, mor-

chant, of a daughter. THE ALTAR

STEWART-BOTD-On the 2nd inst., by Rev Wm. Bryers, at the residence of the bride's brother, Bower Avenue, Acton, Adam Stewart, of Georgetown, to Mrs. Ellen Poyd, of Acton.

THE GRAVE. ROBERTSON.-At Georgetown on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. James Robertson. aged 61 years.

Of the Annual Report -OF THE BOARD OF-

ACTON SCHOOL DIVISION

FOR THE YEAR 1883. Balance from 1882, Error in transcribing cheque ... Government Grant ..

School Tax, per Village Treas. \$1.730.51 Teachers' Salaries, Caretaker and Sec'ty-Treas. Repairs 11 50 School Apparatus, 149 94 Fuel, Interest, &c. ... 149 93 Balance on hand ... 81,730.51

Paid Thomas T. Moore, Principal, \$550 00 B. A. Gordon, 1st asst., 234 61 25 00 75 00 Mrs. J. Adams, Caretaker, 30 W H. P. Moore, Sec'ty-Treas.,

H. P. MOORE. Secretary. JAMES MOORE, Lcton, April 7th, 1884.

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Wife-Why don't you go to J. E. Mc-Garvin's Drug Store and get a bottle of Fluid Lightning ? You know it cures all such things as Toothache, Neuralgia, Head ache. Lumbago, Earache, Sore Throat, etc.

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A three Cornered Wespon. The triangular shape of the Triangle Dye Package added to their undoubted superiority have won the day and driven all others from the The Finance Committee presented their | field. 30 colors, 10c. at J. E. McGarvin's

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MRS. R. CREECH

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