The Free Press.

Thursday Morning, June 19, 1884.

The Scott Act and the Baptist Union.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Baptist Union at Brantford last week:—

Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest existing evils, attended by the worst of consequences to society, the church, and State, and a blot on the civilization of the 19th century; and whereas the Government have placed on the statue books of our country a local option prohibitory law known as the Canada Temperance Act, which if adopted and enforced, is calculated to mitigate this evil, therefore: Resolved, that we recognise with pleasure and satisfaction the temperance agitation now in progress throughout the Provinces for the suppression and destruction of the liquor traffic, and we hereby express our sympathy with, and our willingness to support any honorable movement which has for its object the total prohibition both of the making and selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

The Scott Act and the Presbyterian Assembly.

The Toronto *Globe* says:—"The most sanguine friends of Prohibition and the Scott Act were scarcely prepared for the enthusiastic unanimity displayed by the Presbyterian Assembly, just held in this city, on the subject of temperance. The report presented was a strongly-worded, out-spoken document, and yet was not so strong as to awaken the smallest amount of opposition, or to call forth the feeblest, most faint-hearted protest. Everyone seemed more anxious than another to endorse the report and the Scott Act, or even something still more vigorously aggressive. To all appearances there was not in that whole Assembly one individual who had a single word to urge in favor of "moderate drinking", or "licensed taverns." We should hope that there were none with so little backbone as to allow themselves to be cowed into silence about their genuine opinions on the question at issue, and still less that even one should afterwards have comforted himself for his loss or self-respect and for his culpable and cowardly silence with a glass of wine or a tumbler of whisky punch. On the contrary, we believe that all acquiesced in what was carried, because all approved of it, and were all anxious that the Assembly should appear to be a unit on the subject because it actually was so."

THE SCENE HAS CHANGED.

Three or four years ago, when this county was being agitated with a view to submitting the Scott Act to the electors, a great cry was raised by the supporters of the liquor traffic against the action of those interested in the banishment of the licensed curse from Halton, about putting the county to the expense of an election on the question. But lo, how the scene has changed! what do we find to-day? The men who champion the liquor traffic, and pretended to be so solicitous for the county's financial welfare, have apparently forgotten their former outcry, for they are now themselves engaged in opening up a contest with the intention of bringing on an election which will cost the county considerable money. And this, too, when they have not the slightest prospect of success. But then, consistency is not esteemed a virtue in the creed of those who are anxious for the perpetuation of the whiskey traffic, especially when selfish interests are at stake.

The Scott Act came to stay, and stay it will, until some more effective law is enacted, if every man in the county will vote honestly, according to the dictates of his conscience. Let every man do his duty before God and his fellow-men, and the unlimited supply of money, donated by interested liquor sellers outside the county to fight the Scott Act, will be of no avail whatever. From our observation of the progress of public sentiment in favor of the Scott Act in this county during the past two years, we feel confident that if the matter of appeal really comes to a vote the right thinking people of Halton will rise in their might and at the ballot box answer the question as to the desirability of a return to license law, in a voice so long and clear and unmistakable that the hydra-headed monster, whiskey, will be constrained to hide his ugly head forever from the gaze of the law-abiding residents of the county of Halton.

BRITISH FAIR PLAY (?)

The Scott Act agitation is now in full blast in Simcoe county, and friend Jewell, of the *Stayner Sun* gives the following rehearsal of the boycotting of *Sun* by the whiskey sellers of that town:

"On Friday afternoon of last week the Hotel Men of this village entered the sanctum of the *Sun* office in a body—minus their coats. After hanging around about five minutes one of the gang mustered up courage and demanded "his bill" and ordered the paper stopped, the others said "ditto". The proprietor of the Cameron House, who acted as spokesman, said:—"To be plain with you, Jewell, we have come to the conclusion that you are favoring the Scott Act movement, and have therefore decided to do everything in our power to run you out of town: and in fact we have already about completed arrangements for starting another paper."

"The shock was indeed too much for us. We turned pale behind the ears, our hair stood straight up, and we trembled and shook like a frightened colt. In a few minutes, however, we had sufficiently recovered to be able to inform them of the whereabouts of their accounts is *full* to date, and that those who are howling for "blood and gore," and protesting against the "muzzling of man's mouths," etc. Actions speak louder than words.

Although we are not a banking institution nor the son of a Rothschild, we wish to inform these mighty gentlemen (?) that we intend in the future, as in the past, to run the *Sun* independent of clique or faction, dealing justly by all and *fearing none*, and that we shall exercise our own judgment on all matters of public or local interest.

Having so far freely allowed correspondence on both sides of the Scott Act question to express their views—favoring neither—we, therefore, consider this action of the hotel men, to say the least, uncalled for, cowardly and unmanly."

Keep a stiff front to the foe, brother. The position of the *Sun* will be respected by every right thinking person in your community, while the action of the dispensers of the soul-destroying beverage above referred to, will only have the effect of bringing upon themselves the contempt they so richly deserve. Never fear the boycotting, whiskey will be boycotted from Simcoe before the year is over, if every man does his duty.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

These are the twenty-four counties and cities in Ontario that are getting ready to submit the Scott Act: Stormont, Glengarry and Dundas, Ontario, Norfolk, Russell and Prescott, York, Perth, Carleton, Peel, Lambton, Leeds and Grenville, Simcoe, Huron, Lennox and Addington, Grey, Bruce, Prince Edward, Brant, Kent, Northumberland and Durham, Elgin, Dufferin, Brantford, St. Thomas, Middlesex. There are also agitations in several counties in Quebec.

The Canadian Government is said to have under consideration a proposition to be forwarded to the Washington authorities tending to closer commercial relationship with the United States. Indications point in the direction of the Liberals adopting reciprocity with the United States as a prominent plank in their platform at the next general election, and the Government proposes taking the step as an offset to the unusual activity displayed by Liberal leaders during the past few months. There are rumors that a general election will be precipitated in 1885 so that the sense of the people can be taken on this important question, which has the warm support of the thinking men of Canada irrespective of politics.—*Detroit Commercial Advertiser.*

SAD FATAL ACCIDENT.

Sudden Death of One of Esquesing's Oldest and Most Respected Residents.

Last Saturday evening, one of the most sudden and melancholy accidents that have ever taken place in this county, occurred in Esquesing, near Hornby, R. S. Hall, Esq., being the victim. Mr. Hall and his son-in-law, Mr. John Howson, were engaged in conveying straw from the barn to the stable, and while driving down an incline in the barn yard the horses started into a smart trot, which caused the load to be displaced, and in the confusion Mr. Hall was thrown off the load, and falling upon his head his neck was fractured. Death was instantaneous. The occurrence has shrouded the community in the deepest gloom.

Mr. Hall was one of the first settlers of the township of Esquesing, having been a resident for over fifty years. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his acquaintance extended very generally throughout the county. There is left behind him a life-long christian experience of the most practical and consistent character,—one blameless and unapproachable in every respect. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and his home always extended a hearty welcome to ministers of the gospel: not alone of his own denomination, but of all religious bodies. His worthy example did much for the elevation of the morals of the community. He gave considerable attention to the education of his children, all of whom are occupying good positions in society, and each is endeavoring humbly and consistently to serve the God of their sainted father.

Deceased was one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and has repeatedly occupied a seat at the Council Board of the township, as well as various other offices of importance. In the death of Mr. Hall the Temperance cause loses one of its staunchest supporters, for through his whole life he has been actively engaged in advocating—both by theory and practice—the abolition of the whisky curse. Taken all in all, R. S. Hall, Esq., was one of the few men whose departure from the scene of action is felt to be an irreparable loss to the whole neighborhood wherein he has resided.

The mortal remains were followed to the Ashgrove cemetery, on Tuesday, by one of the largest processions of friends, neighbors and acquaintances, that has ever been seen in the county. Rev. James Coutts, of Glammis, formerly pastor of the Georgetown circuit of the Baptist Church, improved the occasion by the delivery of a very appropriate and impressive discourse. The sorrowing friends and relatives have the warmest sympathy of all, in their very solemn and heavy affliction.

New School Buildings.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School, with the committee of citizens appointed, visited the school buildings last Friday, to examine into the practicability of erecting an additional story on the present buildings. The deputation concluded that this plan would be more feasable than that of putting up a building separate and distinct from the present one, in that it would be more economical in the matter of cost of erection, as well as of heating the various school rooms. The appearance of the school buildings will also be considerably improved by an additional story. It was considered advisable, before proceeding with the work, to have the opinion of an experienced architect, in the matter, and for this purpose Mr. Mallory, architect, of Toronto, was conferred with. He gave it as his opinion—after visiting the premises—that a new story could be added without in any way detracting from the safety of the buildings. Instructions were consequently given for the preparation of plans for a second story, to be built on the junior and senior departments. The plans will be completed in the course of a week or so, and the work will in all probability be commenced with the close of the school for summer vacation.

Court of Revision.

Acton Municipal Council met at a Court of Revision and Appeal on Tuesday evening. Members all present. Reeve in the chair.

The work of the Court was considerably lighter than usual. The following is the list of appeals:—

1. Donald Ferguson—1, Assessed too high; 2, To have income assessment struck off. Court confirmed assessment.

2. N. McGarvin.—Assessed too high. Court confirmed assessment.

3. C. B. Griffin.—Personal assessment too high by $1,000. Upon affidavit by Mr. Griffin, respecting ownership of stock, the Court reduced assessment $500.

4. John Wedge.—Assessment should be changed to Joseph Millart. Dismissed for want of evidence.

5. W. D. Beardmore.—To be assessed as tenant for Blk 5, lots 28, 44 and 45, instead of H. B. Sherman. Allowed.

6. Henry Jenner, Sr., and Henry Jenner, Jr.—To be assessed for "E," lot 28, con. 3, as tenants to George Walter. Allowed.

7. P. McArthur.—To be assessed for $400 income. Allowed.

8. Cyrus V. Stafford.—To be assessed as tenant to Mrs. Emma Stafford. Dismissed.

Upon motion the assessment as revised was confirmed.

Any further appeals must be made to the County Judge.

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