

# Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 10, 1884.

## THE NOTORIOUS PETITION.

The precious document known as the Anti Scott Act petition, was deposited in the Sheriff's office here last Friday, one day prior to the date advertised, as the 28th was a statutory holiday. There is said to be about 2,500 names on it, out of about 5,000 electors in the county. In ward No. 1, Trafalgar, thirteen names are on the petition twice; in Milton about forty are non-residents, repeated, died, removed, non-voters, and well-known Scott Act men. The petition is the clamorous thing ever exposed to public gaze; names are repeated over and over again; names are on it of men who have been dead nearly two years, or who have been that length of time away from the country; the same names are on the list of two or three different municipalities; names of municipal voters are also on it; and after the thing has been thoroughly revised and corrected there will be scarcely more than 2,000 good names left. Of that number there are many who will vote against the petition. And this is the precious petition the people of Canada have heard so much about that indicates a change of sentiment in this county upon the Scott Act. —Wilton News.

We had the privilege this week of examining this notorious petition. It brings to light some strange and amusing revelations. It is one of the most disgracefully prepared documents that have ever been circulated in this country. Taking Acton for instance—and it is if anything above the average in the matter of appearance and general make-up—we find it contains 118 signatures. Of this number 37 do not appear on the Voters' List at all; 16 have had a vote in the municipality; 4 have signed the petition twice; 3 are boys under 21 years of age; one has been dead nearly a year and a half, and another for nearly a year. Several names appear on the petition of men who removed from Acton over two years ago. The expressions were freely made in circulated parties, when the petition was being circulated, that the friends of the Act would be considerably amazed if they really knew how many of the foremost men from among their ranks were signing the petition for the repeal of the Act. An examination of the petition fails to reveal the truth of this statement. We do find, however, that among the genuine electors who did sign the petition when it was circulated, no less than 17 of them now express themselves as so thoroughly satisfied that the Act is accomplishing good results and that it is correct in principle, that if a repeal vote really takes place they are determined to vote against the said repeal.

A thorough scrutiny of the complete petition of the whole county reveals the fact that at least 900 or 1,000 of the signatures attached are illegal and consequently cannot be counted. There is certainly nothing very formidable in this much-talked-of instrument of warfare, and there is nothing in it to intimidate in the least the Scott Act supporters of this or any other county.

### Notes and Comments.

The Methodists and Presbyterians are fraternizing in Ireland as well as in Canada.

The C. P. R. has reduced the fare from Winnipeg to Toronto and return to \$19. This special rate will only continue for the summer months.

Scott Act Men, do you know what you are? The Ottawa Free Press says you are "a few narrow-headed scoundrels, backed by old maids and women without families." This is anti-Scott Act agreement!

In Halton, a petition has been got up for a repeal of the Scott Act; but it is well understood that this is done to effect the result in Peel and other counties where the Act is to be introduced. There is not the least chance of repealing the Act in Halton. —Orangeville Advertiser.

When a farmer finds wheat going down at this time of the year, he looks around the granary, and he has a few loads to dispose of, and runs it into the market and sells at 10 and 12 cents a bushel less than he could have got nine months before. This is a general average has been reached, is a bad policy. In nine cases out of ten wheat reaches a maximum price in October and November in this country. The hoarding of grain by farmers, besides running the risk of a depreciation in price, loses by storage and shrinkage; and when the interest on money is taken into consideration, ten cents a bushel would not cover the loss.

It has been decided to submit the Scott Act in Lambton in February next. Every possible precaution should be taken by the managers of the campaign in order to avoid the disastrous mistakes that have in this and other counties nullified the will of the people. The vote on the repeal of the Act in Halton County will be anxiously watched, and the result of the contest in that county will have a great influence on the campaign here. —Wainford Advocate-Advertiser.

This it is, Halton is really fighting the question for the whole Dominion, and during the past few years this little county has spent more money in testing the matter than all the other counties of the Dominion put together. But our people are still working and are in every way sanguine, and no county need have fears for the success of the Act in the coming contest. Halton will not take a "back seat" on this question.

## Sunday Parades, &c.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—The paragraph in the editorial columns of the Free Press of yesterday, entitled "Sunday Parades, Drums, &c.," contains the following statements: "Everybody in Acton apparently sanctioned and appreciated the military church parade and service on Sunday morning last. Even the drums and band failed to disturb the conscientious scruples and tender religious feelings of those citizens who a few weeks since interested themselves so actively in endeavoring to bring municipal authority to bear upon the officers of the Lord's Army for the suppression of their parades, drums, &c." There is "apparently" some ill-concealed sarcasm in these sentences, and perhaps it would not be altogether uncharitable to conclude that the writer derived considerable satisfaction from his unfounded fancy that certain "citizens" of "conscientious scruples and tender religious feelings" felt and acted, on the occasion, contrary to their professed principles and previous opposition to the self-styled "Lord's Army." Though I do not undertake to vindicate the sincerity of every one who condemns the noisy conduct of that strange organization, yet I can assure you that those "who a few weeks since interested themselves so actively in endeavoring to bring municipal authority to bear upon the officers of the Lord's Army" for the suppression of their parades, drums, &c., do not now admire them any more than they did then, and if the said Army, because again as boisterous on the streets as they were a few weeks ago, it is quite likely that the petition then drafted, and signed by a good many, will be presented to the council with double the number of signatures attached to it. Besides this, there is good reason to believe that not a few who regarded them once with favor, have little or no confidence in them now. I doubt not that some, who look with disfavor on the obnoxious proceedings of the so-called "Lord's Army," appreciate the military church parade, and the music of the band, last Sabbath; but it does not require much intelligence to distinguish between these and the unmelodious din of drums, cymbals, and tinkling tambourines, whereby the inhabitants of this village have been disturbed for two months or so. Savages enjoy loud sounds and shouting, but I could hardly expect any of the people of our village to be such barbarians, if some of them did not make it manifest by their approval of the obnoxious proceedings, that they were in earnest. It is a pity, that your progress who profess to worship God by these noisy and fantastic antics. You are aware that Christ the King and Head of the Church, alone has the right to prescribe the manner in which he is to be served, so all religious rites and practices, which he has not authorized, are will-worship, and cannot therefore meet with his approval. You seem to think that a change affecting in favor of your friends and their grotesque proceedings, has taken place, because the Volunteers, headed by Acton Cornet Band, marched last Sabbath to Knox Church, to take a reverent part as hearers in the public service of God; but if you believe this, which I rather doubt, you are altogether mistaken. (Though you so jauntily maintain that "the conscientious scruples and tender religious feelings" were not disturbed by the music of the band on that occasion, I am able to inform you that I heard it denounced, after I got out of the church, as a profanation of the Lord's day. Whether this complaint was reasonable or otherwise is not now the matter in question, but the fact that the religious sensibilities of some were hurt, though you assert the contrary. Considering your position, it is not too much to suppose you to possess intelligence enough to know, that, whether the minister, elders and members of Knox Church approved of the cornet music or not, as the volunteers marched to and from the place of worship, they were not in the least responsible for it, because they had no power in the matter, seeing the law allows commanding officers to order or procure military music on a march, even on the Sabbath, on special occasions, and Colonel Allan, as he had a legal right to do, exercised his discretionary power on that day. I also say, in conclusion, that, were the people calling themselves the "Lord's Army," with their paraphernalia and ostentatious pomp, to march through the streets to Knox Church, room would be made for them, provided they behaved decorously in God's house, and did nothing that appeared as a burlesque on divine worship.

Fearing that this communication is already too long, I close it, and remain, Yours truly,

D. B. CAMEBON.

THE MAILER, Acton, July 4, 1884.

Very little comment upon the above column of statistics is necessary on our part. Rev. Mr. Cameron shows that in one instance at least the apparent sanction of the Sunday parade of the volunteers was not real. This, of course, proves, that we were wrong in concluding that every citizen was sufficiently charitable to accede to the volunteers and officers in charge pure motives for their parade and attendance at divine service. We are indeed sorry that there are people in our midst so disloyal to the noble defender of our country.

A perusal of our friend's letter must cause the reader to conclude that the manifest intention of the writer was not so much to correct the wrong impression, respecting the unanimous sanction of the church parade as to direct a covert thrust at the Lord's Army. Mr. Cameron calls this organization par "proteges," but, although we are no way ashamed to befriend any body of christians that has for its object the amelioration of the human race, still we are at a loss to know by what authority he calls them "our proteges." We have never championed their cause, and we do not coincide with some of their proceedings, but since their arrival here we have endeavored to treat them with at least christian charity. This Army have the right, and certainly should be allowed to quietly enjoy the privilege—allowed other religious organizations—of conducting their services in the manner they deem best calculated to advance the interest of the Master; they profess to serve, so long as they conduct themselves as decently as has thus far characterized them.—Ex-Free Press.

## Suffocated in a Paper Mill.

On Tuesday afternoon an accident occurred at Heaters, Barber Bros' paper mill, Ospreytown, by which a man named Patrick McGraw lost his life. It became necessary for some purpose for a man to go down into the rotary boiler. An employe named Alexander went in, and was almost immediately suffocated or overpowered with poisonous gas. McGraw went in to get him out, and soon succumbed to the same influences. Martin, the superintendent of the mills, then went in, but was also overpowered. Other men were left down with ropes, who succeeded in getting the three men out. Dr. Webster and Todd, being telephoned for, were soon on the spot, and succeeded in resuscitating first Alexander and then Martin, but McGraw was too far gone. He leaves a wife and two children and a widowed mother.

## Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent.

The following record of the domestic efforts of a goose belonging to Mr. John Wright, baker, is deemed sufficiently interesting to merit a place in the columns of the Free Press.—This remarkable goose commenced laying on the 13th March and was set on ten eggs on the 2nd April. All of these eggs she brought out on April 30th. Of this brood 8 are still living and are now as large as the goose herself. On May 23rd she commenced laying again and was set the second time on the 6th of June, on 9 eggs all of which she brought out on the 4th July, the goslings are all living now. She has thus hatched out two broods of 19 goslings within a little over 3 months. Mr. Wright thinks he is sound on the goose question and would like to know if any one can beat the above record.

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—If you want a sobby, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

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There are lots of people going around grubbing, and half sick at the stomach all the time; who might be well and happy, if they only used Dr. Carson's Stomach Bitters occasionally. It is a splendid Blood Purifier. All Druggists 50 cents.

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EARLY CLOSING. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, MERCHANTS and business men of Acton, hereby agree to close our respective places of business at the hour of eight o'clock in the evening—Saturday's excepted—and after Monday, the 9th day of June, 1884—

J. B. McCarthy, Nelson & Malins, Geo. Havill, J. E. Pearson, Henry Brock, J. J. Morrison, C. B. Griffin.

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Mr. Wm. Gripps, Agent for the County of Halton, will call upon you, with a copy of this valuable work, in the course of a week or two.

Below will be found testimonials from resident clergymen—

THE PARSONAGE, Acton, Thursday, June 27, '84. I have cursorily looked at the work, "Testimony of the Ages," by Rev. W. Morris, D.D., and find it all that it recommends itself to be, both as a classical and historical compendium of very useful information, and take pleasure in commending the same to the patronage of the public generally. W. J. PIGOTT, B.A., Incumbent St. Alban's Church.

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