

Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 7, 1884.

Scott Act Repeal.

The Ottawa Free Press of Monday, contained the following interesting article respecting the repeal petition against the Scott Act in Halton recently laid before the government at Ottawa. "The battle over the repeal petition in connection with the enforcement of the Scott Act in Halton has not been closed yet; and a second petition from the Executive Committee of the Scott Act Association on behalf of the Scott Act supporters of the county, affecting the repeal movement in Halton, have already been explained at length in our columns and need no repetition. At present representatives for and against repeal are in the city. Senator McKinstry and D. McGibbon, barrister, of Milton, are here for repeal, and Mr. W. G. Fee, as the secretary of the Halton Scott Act Association, against. Mr. Jamieson M. P. for North Lanark was here on Saturday and used his influence with the government against the repeal petition. The documents which Mr. Fee presents to-day contain a number of new points against the repeal petition, and in this connection it may be added that the first petition he presented against repeal was duly received and referred to the Minister of Justice and two weeks time allowed to prepare evidence. A principal contention in the new petition is that the repeal petition was mutilated and added to, after it left the Sheriff's office in Halton, and that the Scott Act supporters refuse to recognize it as the petition which was exhibited in the Sheriff's office for ten days in compliance with the law. The voters' list which accompanied the petition when filed is not the last revised list as required by the Act. Clause five of the second petition against repeal sets forth that out of 2,162 signatures to the repeal petition, over 1,500 were secured during the year 1882, and that the anti-Scott Act advocates admit that more than 1,600 signatures were so obtained. Now, the present petitioners maintain, as every one is aware, that one of the great objections to the Dunken Act was that as soon as it passed a repeal movement could be commenced, without waiting to allow the new law time for operation. The framers of the Scott Act avowedly sought to obviate that difficulty in clause 97 of the Canada Temperance Act by providing that no repeal petition should be circulated within the first three years after the act was enforced in any locality. Now, the bulk of the signatures to the repeal petition were obtained in the summer of 1882, within three months, instead of three years, of the enforcement of the Scott Act in that locality. The government is standing upon dangerous ground, and if it accepts the petition for repeal it will set the dangerous precedent of ignoring a principal feature of the Scott Act, and declaring that immediately after the Scott Act is enforced the movement for repeal can commence. If this be so then the superiority of this Act over the Dunken Act which lies in its permanency will be destroyed. Another objection to the repeal petition lies in the fact that if the signatures were obtained in 1882, it could not contain the names of those who were certain in 1884, that to be qualified and competent to vote as the Scott Act provides, and that therefore taking signatures three years before they were required was contrary to the spirit of the Act. A number of affidavits supporting these points will be presented, and it is to be hoped that the government in determining the matter to-day or tomorrow will not set any dangerous precedent likely to minimize the usefulness of the Act."

Notes and Comments.

More than one thousand signatures over the required number have been secured for the submission of the Scott Act in Simcoe county. The petition against the return of the Hon. G. W. Ross as M. P. P. for West Middlesex was tried on Tuesday and dismissed with costs against the petitioner. There are at the present time 305 inmates in the Central Prison, against 247 at the same period last year; 112 in the Mercer Reformatory, 40 in the Refuge, and 704 in the Lunatic Asylum, all at Toronto. The farmers will be interested in knowing that they need fear no competition from India in the wheat markets of Europe, for a twelve month at least. The drought that has prevailed in India is likely to make this one of the famine years, when food must be imported rather than exported. Mr. John K. Appelbe, clerk of Trafalgar, was in town Tuesday. In conversation with a World reporter he said the contest over the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton was warm, and both parties are intent on winning. In view of the fact that since the Act came into force the county has returned two parliamentary representatives, both of whom are strong Scott Act men, but of different stripe, Mr. A. thinks that victory will once more perch upon the banner of the temperance party.—Toronto World.

THE GRAYE. Dismissed.—In Acton, on the 6th inst., Adam Dickson, Esq., aged 68 years, 9 months and 4 days. The funeral will leave the residence, Mill Street, on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock, and proceed to Acton Cemetery.

Canadian Press Association.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association at Toronto last Friday, the President, Mr. C. Blackett Robinson delivered the following address, which will be found interesting to our readers: "It seems to me that at this, our annual meeting, there are several topics which may fairly claim consideration. To a few of these I shall now briefly refer. A hopeful sign for the Canadian press and the welfare of the country, is the growing importance of provincial journalism. In making this reference, I will not be understood as underrating the vast importance and usefulness of the great metropolitan dailies. Their facilities and resources enable them to maintain the enviable position they have attained; and as the population of the great centres increases with proper enterprise, ability, and adaptation, they will continue to a large extent, to mould and guide public opinion. The provincial press has no less an important share to fill, and a public mission to accomplish. It has to supply the news of the day, advocate local interests, protect and defend the popular rights, and advance the social and moral well-being of the community. However humble the sphere of our individual activity, we are engaged in a good and patriotic work."

"After dealing at length with the question of the competition between the city and provincial weeklies, and the low rates of advertising, especially with reference to patent advertisements, Mr. Robinson concluded with the following sensible remarks: "The question might also be fairly asked could there not be in the newspaper press of the country a general deterioration in tone? This does not mean that we are to adopt a rigid uniformity of soulless 'respectability.' There is ample room for the play of wit and humor, and the varied flights of fancy; but why should there be pandering to dull-witted coarseness, and no special care devoted to the elevation and the refinement of readers? The aim of the newspaper ought to be to instruct, amuse and benefit its readers." It is not time that the bitterness of personality and the modifying distaste born of local jealousies, should be sought for in vain in the columns of Canadian journals? It is not high time that the unscrupulous warfare, begotten of party exigency, should give place to a healthier, more chivalrous and manlier style of political discussion? The great sinners in this respect may be readily recognized without more specific allusion."

A pleasing indication-deserving notice, is the growing spirit of independence manifested by the provincial press. The free and fair discussion of all public questions tends to raise the local newspaper in the esteem and confidence of the people, and increases its usefulness, making it a power for good in the community among whom it circulates. It is not absolutely necessary that half the journals should in chorus answer to the song sung by the other half. Loyalty to conviction will inspire every journalist worthy of the name with the desire to advance the best interests of the people, to champion the cause of truth and vindicate the claim of the press to be one of the mightiest instruments in the cause of civilization and freedom, by exercising an outspoken and manly independence. In conclusion, let it be our aim, as Canadian journalists, to endeavor to serve our country by giving it the best. May our labors tend to procure for this Canada of ours "gentler manners, purer laws." It affords a share of usefulness of which any journalist may be justly proud. May we so disagree on outside that our fair and free country may be proud of its press!"

Temperance Facts and Principles.

To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir,—Will you kindly give the following facts and principles, which I have selected from here and there, to your readers. They are in place at this time in the history of our country: Drunkenness and its consequent evils constitute the darkest stain upon our Christian civilization. The use of alcoholic intoxicants is the ally of every other vice; a deadly foe to religion, education, good government; hence a serious hindrance to all true progress. It thrusts its poisoned darts through both body and soul. Drunkenness is a crime; enticing others to drink is criminal.—so the Bible teaches, and so human statutes should declare. The business of manufacturing and vending intoxicating beverages produces no wealth, but is an utter waste of labor, capital and material; a most prolific source of poverty, crime, and misery to the nation,—everywhere scattering moral and physical diseases among the people. If alcoholic drinks do no good, but much positive harm, why should the state legalize the manufacture and sale of them? Why even attempt to regulate a business that is wholly bad? Surely no citizen can claim a right to do wrong! And if the moral position of the better classes of citizens be right on this subject, then undeniably the statutes are wrong. Should not the magistrate and the law be more of a "terror to evil doers" than they now are? No civil rights will be invaded by completely interdicting the traffic in liquors for drinking purposes. Then and only then will government cease to oppose the law of God and the moral intentions of the people. And may not temperance people speedily accomplish this by praying, pleading, working and voting all to that end? Is there a more desirable object to be accomplished in this country than the entire overthrow of the legalized traffic in intoxicating drinks? Do you, as a voter, so cast your ballot as to wisely aid that result? Remember, God holds both nations and individuals for their conduct in this world. Is there not, therefore, occasion to "tremble for our country when we remember that God is just?"

"In one day death deposes Intemperance to do the work of ages; And, hanging up the quiver nature gave him, As slow of execution, he discharges."

Sends forth his licensed butchers, bids them slay.

Their sheep—the silly sheep they flocked below— And toss him twice ten thousand at a meal. "Oh! what a heap of slain Cry out for vengeance on us!"

Will the voters in Halton become partners with whiskey in this dreadful work of ruin, death and hell? Vote no license to sell the drunkard-makers drink. Vote, that no man can say "I have your permission to make men drunkards!" Give no man a right to say "I pay your municipality a price to allow me to do this work."

Yours, etc., D. L. BARTHOLOMEW, Milton, Aug. 2nd, 1884.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening. Members all present. The Sanitary Inspector gave a synopsis of his inspections made to date. He was instructed by the Board to enforce the provisions of the Act in every case. Moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by Dr. Lowry, that the Secretary of this Board be and is hereby instructed to procure from the Government Printers fifty copies of the Act respecting Public Health, for distribution in the municipality, with a view to giving general information respecting the provisions of said Act.—Carried.

Business Brevities.

Some Facts about our Business Men and How to benefit our general readers. Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's. If you want a nobby, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go. The largest and cheapest stock of Boots & Shoes to select from is at Nelson & McRae's.

Scotch, English and Canadian Suiting a great variety, at the East End Clothing Store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

FLINT'S MANDRAKE PILLS do not produce sickness at the stomach, nausea or griping. They act directly on the liver. Sold in Acton by J. E. McGarrin Druggist, price 25 cents.

To be permanently esteemed any article must have virtues so marked as to be plainly apparent. The good name of the Triangle Dyes is evidence of merit. They prove themselves always reliable. In. At J. E. McGarrin's Drug Store. 45

There are lots of people going around grumbling, 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. 45

The Triangle Dyes have attained a popularity which is well marked as to be plainly apparent. No wonder for they are perfect in all their shades. 10c. At J. E. McGarrin's Drug Store. 45

THE BEST TOOTH POWDER is Flint's Saponaceous Tooth Powder. The Peerless Dentifrice, for cleansing and whitening the teeth. It has no equal. Sold by J. E. McGarrin Druggist. Large size 25 cts.

If a few grains of common sense could be infused into the thick nodules of those who perpetually and alternately irritate and weaken their stomachs and bowels with drastic purgatives, they would use the highly accredited and healthful laxative and tonic, Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Digestive and Dyspeptic Cure, which cause "good digestion to wait an appetite, and health on both." 23

Field Lightning. There are but few that have never suffered almost intolerable pain from Toothache, Neuralgia, or like acute pains. To them such an instant relief as Field Lightning is an untold blessing in time of trouble. No disgusting offensive medicines to be taken for days. One application of Field Lightning cures. Sold at J. E. McGarrin's Drug Store. 23

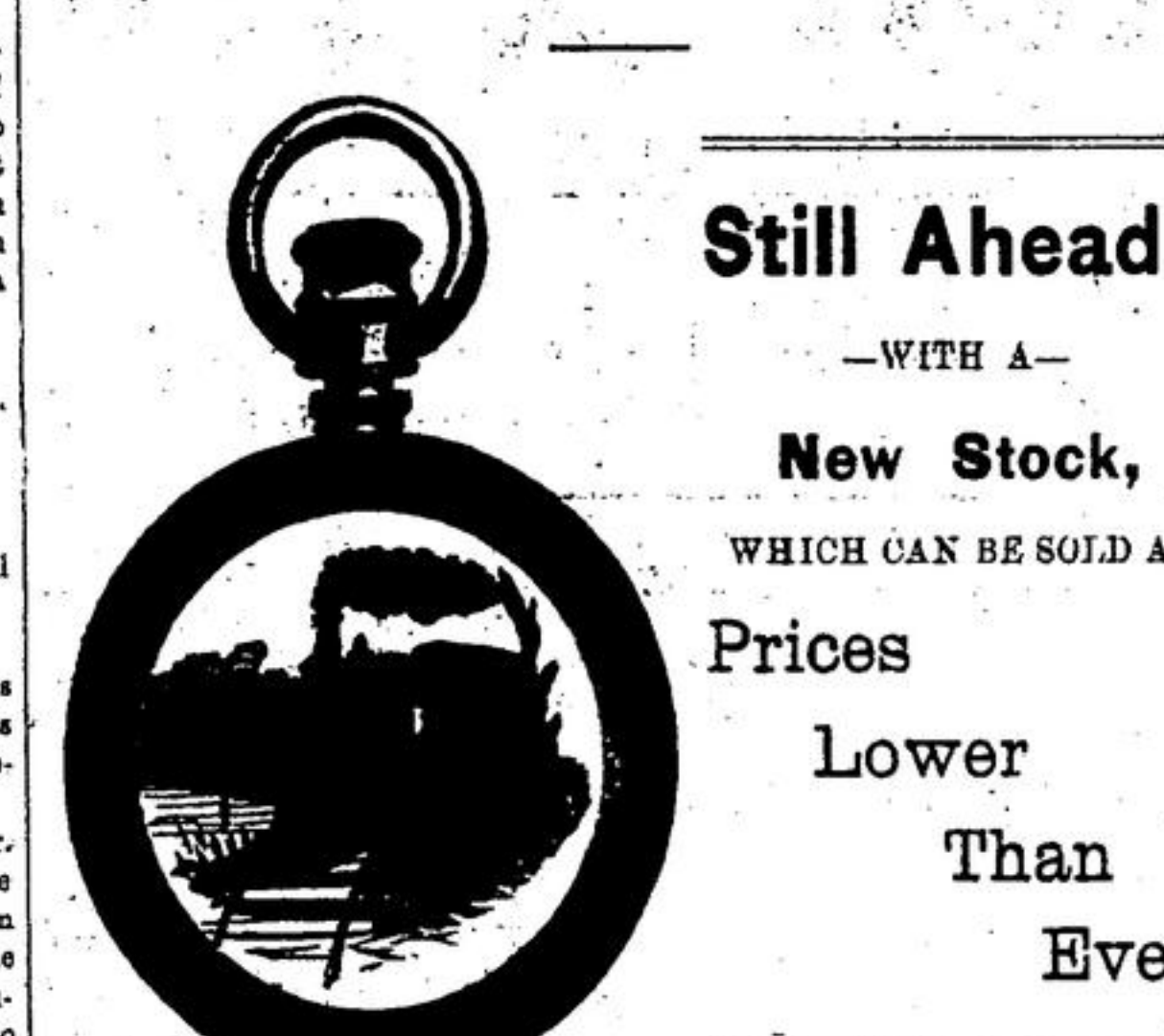
The success with which the Triangle Dyes have met proves them the most remarkable Dyes of the past or present. They are attracting attention from all classes of society. 10c. at J. E. McGarrin's. 49

Beckler's Arsenic Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. McGarrin 71

At this season of the year there should be a bottle of Pectoria in every house. It is unequalled for Coughs, Colds and Hoarseness, is pleasant, equally safe for children. Price 25 cents at all Druggists. 80

Found At Last! An article that will give satisfaction. Howard's Pure Concentrated Alkali, for cleaning and scrubbing purposes, printers' use, sheep washing before shearing, and also for making lard and soft soap. A single trial is but necessary to convince the most skeptical of its great value. It will make the flooring as bright as snow. Does not crack the hands. Everybody who has used it likes it. It is put up in tin boxes with full directions and sold by our special agents only through the Dominion. Standard Chemical Co., sole proprietors, Toronto, Ont. J. E. McGarrin Sole Agent for Acton and vicinity. 45

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HAVING LEASED BETTER ROOMS FOR MY REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, I CAN GIVE YOU Better Satisfaction THAN EVER.

WM. S. SMITH, GUELPH.

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STRAYED FROM LOT 14, CON. 5. 2 Etc. and head cattle—two steers 8-year-old, red, white spot on face and on right shoulder; four yearlings, one roan steer, one white heifer, one cow heifer and one red heifer, with white faces. Any person giving information which will lead to the recovery of the same will be suitably rewarded. HUGH McMillan, Hulseville P.O.

FARM FOR SALE.

A GOOD STOCK & GRAIN FARM FOR SALE.—East half of Lot 26, Con. 1, 20 acres cleared, 20 acres good bush (uncleared). There is a good frame house and frame barn on stone foundation, 2 wells and 2 orchards. A never failing spring creek crosses it. Well fenced and good soil. 1 1/2 miles from Milton, where there are churches, schools, stores, post office, etc. 3 miles from Grand Rapids. Station on C. W. R. R. good market for all farm produce. Apply to the farm or to JOHN ANDERSON, or address Milton P. O.

Poundkeeper's Notice.

AUCTION SALE. HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I have previously named and charged paid. Will offer for sale at the pound on my premises, By lot, on 2nd August, 1884. 2 White Pigs, being 2 hogs, and 1 sow supposed to be in pig. JAMES GIBBONS, Poundkeeper. Requesting July 28th, 84.

COAL and WOOD.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS JUST got in a large quantity of first-class EGG, STOVE, AND CHESTNUT COAL, which he is prepared to dispose of by the car load. Parties using Coal will profit by laying in their winter's stock now. I have also on hand a stock of dry hardwood in store and cordwood lengths. C. S. SMITH, Acton, July 28th, 1884.

Board of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all owners or occupants of premises in this municipality are strictly required to examine the latrine condition thereof, and to take immediate steps to remove any and all substances and nuisances dangerous to public health. Persons having complaints to prefer, will direct them to the Sanitary Inspector, or the Chairman of the Board of Health. Acton, July 28th, 1884. W. H. STORIE, Chairman.

1884. VOTERS' LIST. 1884.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE Village of Acton, IN THE COUNTY OF HALTON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have transmitted or delivered to the persons mentioned in the third and fourth sections of "The Voters' List Act," the copies required by said sections to be so transmitted or delivered, of the list made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the said Municipality to be entitled to vote in said Municipality at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections, and that the said List was first posted up at my office at Acton on the 28th day of July, 1884, and remains there for inspection.

Elections are called upon to examine the said List, and if any omissions or any other errors are found therein, to take immediate proceedings to have the said errors corrected according to law. Clerk of the said Municipality. Dated at Acton on the 28th day of July, 1884. J. E. MCGARRIN.

Wellington Marble Work.

John H. Hamilton, PROPRIETOR. (Formerly McQuillan & Hamilton) Dealer in Marble, Granite and everything pertaining to cemetery work. Received first prizes at Provincial Exhibition Guelph, the Western Fair, and all local exhibitions for excellence of material and superiority of workmanship. Your orders are solicited.

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White and Grey Cottons, Dundas Shirtings, Cottonades, Brown Ducks, Etc.

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FILES OF White and Grey Cottons, Dundas Shirtings, Cottonades, Brown Ducks, Etc.

At Less Than Manufacturers Prices.

Job Lines of Tweeds and Suitings. Suits Made to Order from \$10.

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Herbert W. Morris, D.D., Author of "Science and the Bible, or the work days of God, &c."

This work contains over 1,000 pages, has 112 illustrations, a number of which are excellently executed steel plates; has 5,000 Scriptural quotations, and also from 436 authors. It is printed on first class paper, and is bound in the best style.

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 carefully 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.

Mr. Wm. Gripps, an agent of Messrs. Bradley, Garrison & Co., Publishers, Bradford, called to-day with a specimen of the "Testimony of the Ages," in confirmation of the Scriptures, and it seems, from numerous testimonials by ministers of various denominations, that the work is very valuable, and well deserves the patronage of the public. D. B. CAMERON, Knox Church, Acton.

As we intend taking stock in about fifteen days, we are determined to reduce our stock, and intend offering Big Bargains in all lines. Do not fail to secure some of our Big Bargains.

REMEMBER Our Famous 50 Cent Tea.

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