# Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 23, 1884.


## The Cemetery Question.

The average rural burying ground in the country shows but little of the good taste that marks those of the cities and larger towns. It is too often as desolate in appearance as it is solemn in its associations. It is frequently an example of the saddest kind of neglect. The fences enclosing it are often dilapidated and sometimes so low that cattle can walk over and graze on the graves. Thorns and thistles grow unmolested, while the dried stalks of last year's burdocks are monuments, not to the memory of the dead, but to the shiftlessness of the living. The wild grass waves and the weeds run in rank luxuriance where gleaming marble and fragrant flowers should record the virtues of the dead and testify to the tenderness of the living.

This appears to be a common thing, and is indeed a true picture of the premises known as "the cemetery,"—save the mark—in this municipality. Owing to this we must be discredited every day in the eyes of visitors, and they are no doubt almost led to conclude that Acton is inhabited by a class of heathens, judging from the evident neglect to pay proper care and respect for our dead.

And why is it that matters in this connection have been allowed to assume so neglected a state? Simply because it has been known for years that the present Cemetery, being about filled up, was soon to be abandoned, and from this consideration very little attention has been paid to the improvement or beautifying of it, and many who have buried their departed loved ones, postponed the erection of headstones and monuments until the new Cemetery was opened.

Four years ago a movement was set on foot for securing a new place of burial, but through the interference of certain parties interested in other property than that selected by the citizens committee, appointed by a citizens meeting to so select, the By-Law then submitted was defeated by a narrow majority. From that time to this the old burying place has remained uncared for, until now, from sanitary considerations, and the fact that the place is almost completely filled up, it has been considered absolutely necessary that steps be again taken to secure the most desirable and much needed end.

And again we find a number of people interesting themselves to secure a second defeat of the By-Law. And what are the reasons presented in opposition to this important matter? Are they reasonable? Are they charitable? Are they unselfish? Do they exhibit proper respect for the memory of those who have departed from our midst? Do those who oppose the matter offer a more feasible scheme than that at present advanced? No. The objections made are almost invariably from selfish, unfeeling, non-progressive or unreasonable standpoints. This should not be. The new Cemetery is urgently needed. The committee composed of competent citizens, considered the proposed site a suitable one. The purchase of a Cemetery will certainly cause no perceptible increase in taxation, and can, we feel confident, be made a source of revenue. It will improve and lend attraction to our little town, and will show to the world that we have some respect for the memory of our departed loved ones.

Let us all then, as property owners, qualified to vote on the By-Law, bury our differences and join in making this matter a present and permanent success. By so doing we will benefit the place in which we live, and assist very materially in making the scheme financially successful. If, however, this unreasonable opposition continues, and the By-Law is affected by it, there is trouble in store for this municipality. The old cemetery must be closed and a new one is consequently a necessity. The longer then the matter remains unsettled the more it will cost the place. If the By-Law is now defeated, it is only the question of a few months at furthest when it must be again submitted, and it must be known that the submission of a By-Law is a matter of no little expense. Again, the proposed property can be purchased now for a remarkably low price, and it cannot be presumed that it will remain at the figure named for any length of time. It will be economy from many points of view to carry the By-Law now. Work for it and serve the best interests of your town.

## The Powder Mill Explosion.

### The Coroner's Jury think the Company are to Blame.

CUMMINSVILLE, Oct. 20.—the enquiry into the explosion at the Cumminsville powder mill was concluded to-day. At the close of the inquest questions were submitted by the coroner to the jury, to which they returned the following answers:—

First—That the crackers was the first building to explode, causing the death of Wm. Heatherington, Harry Tibble and Wm. Murray.

Second—That the explosion was caused by friction of heated journals.

Third—We believe the machinery was not in a safe state of repair, considering the nature of the work.

Fourth—We believe they were manufacturing at too great a rate of speed to be consistent with safety.

Fifth—We believe that the press ignited from the crackers, and was the second building to explode, causing the death of George Matthews and Dan Dougherty, and seriously wounding Albert Culp, and believe that the machinery in the press was in a good state of repair.

Sixth—And in conclusion it is our opinion that the company is to blame in the matter.

## Notes and Comments.

Steps are to be taken at once for the submission of the Scott Act in Toronto.

The official returns place the majority for the Scott Act in Simcoe County at 1,188.

During twelve years the number of school teachers in England alone was increased from 12,000 to over 37,000. The government is obeying the Liberal statesman's suggestion and educating its future masters.

October 5th was Arbor day in the Province of New Brunswick, and on that day judges, lawyers, clergymen, editors merchants and others of St. John turned out in force and replanted a large number of trees which had failed from last year's setting out.

There is no desision given as yet in connection with the recent argument on the Dominion License Act, but it is hinted by the Toronto *World* that the judges are of the opinion that the power to prohibit and the right to deal with the manufacturer and wholesale trade rests with the Federal Government, but the regulating of the retail trade and licensing power with the several provinces.

Proclamations are issued in the *Canada Gazette*, appointing the following dates for voting on the Scott Act in the places mentioned:

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| Peel | Oct. 23 |
| Bruce | Oct. 30 |
| York N. B. (Repeal) | Oct. 30 |
| Prince Edward Co., | Oct. 30 |
| Huron | Oct. 30 |
| Dufferin | Oct. 30 |
| Renfrew | Nov. 7 |
| Lanark | Nov. 20 |

The Scott Act is to be submitted in Montreal and a series of Scott Act meetings will be begun at once. All the churches in the city are interesting themselves in the temperance movement and it is said that the Roman Catholic priesthood will use their great influence in the cause of prohibition. When the churches, Protestant and Roman Catholic, unite to secure prohibitory legislation in a country where the churches yield as much influence as in Canada, it looks as if it would not be advisable to spend much money in enlarging breweries and distilleries.

## FURTHER VICTORIES.

### Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Fall into Line.

### Charlottetown Sustains her Honor.

The Scott Act elections last Thursday all resulted victoriously. The combined counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry gave a majority of 1749. It was carried in Dundas by a majority of 733. In not a single municipality was there a majority against it.

In Stormont the majority in favor of the Act is 572. There was a small majority of six against it in Cornwall Township, and in Finch of 15. In Cornwall town there was 46 majority in its favor, and in the Township of Osnabruck the very large majority of 423.

In Glengarry the majority in favor of the Act is 444. In Lancaster the majority against it is 40, and in Lochiel 4, while in Charlottenbury the majority in favor is 254 and in Kenyon 26.

THE REPEAL DEFEATED.

In Charlottetown N. B. the election for the repeal of the Act proved that the people are satisfied with its working, notwithstanding the fact that the whole liquor interest of the province was centered in this contest, the repeal was defeated by 45 of a majority.

## Acton Municipal Council.

Council met on Tuesday evening.

Members present, Mr. W. H. Storey, Reeve, and Messrs. D. Henderson, W. Ismond and D. Cameron.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their 14th report recommending payment of the following sums:—

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| Thomas Cook, on account | $24 00 |
| H. P. Moore, adv. and Board of Health acct. | 11 08 |
| P. M. McCann, ladder for hall | 2 00 |
| H. B. McCarthy, horse hire | 1 50 |
| | $38 58 |

Report adopted.

The Committee on Finance also presented their estimate of revenue and expenditure for the current year as follows:—

ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

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| Building sidewalks and repairing streets and walks | | $ 410 00 |
| Salaries of municipal officers:— | | |
| Clerk and Treasurer | $ 80 00 | |
| Assessor and Collector | 57 00 | |
| Constable | 50 00 | |
| Caretaker of Town Hall | 105 00 | |
| Lamplighter | 115 00 | |
| Returning officer | 10 00 | |
| | | 417 00 |
| Printing | | 70 00 |
| Charities | | 15 00 |
| Refund account | | 43 42 |
| Town Hall improvement | | 60 00 |
| Interest on borrowed money | | 92 44 |
| Board of Health | | 25 00 |
| Contingencies | | 40 74 |
| Uncollectable Taxes | | 30 00 |
| County Rate | | 148 08 |
| | | $1598 68 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

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| Rents from Town Hall | $120 00 |
| Statute Labor Tax | 20 00 |
| Dog Tax | 40 00 |
| Fines and Fees | 10 00 |
| 7 3.12 mills on assessment of $187,239 | 1368 68 |
| | $1598 68 |

The amount required for Town Hall Debentures matured is $431.40, requiring a levy of 2 1/12 mills, and for school purposes $1200, requiring seven mills, making in all a rate of 17 mills, or two mills less than last year.

Your Committee in the early part of the year had anticipated that by a careful management of the controllable expenditure, sufficient revenue for all purposes could have been obtained from an assessment of 15 mills; but the Street and Sidewalk Committee—to meet the wishes of ratepayers—deemed it advisable to expend on public improvements a larger sum than at first contemplated.

Your Committee in view of the passage of the By-Law, providing for a Public Cemetery, which will no doubt prove another source of revenue for some years, are hopeful that next year will witness a still further reduction in rate of taxation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. HENDERSON,
Chairman Finance Committee

The By-Law to provide for the expenses of the Village of Acton and the support of Acton Public School for the current year was introduced, read the required number of times and passed, the rate having been struck and fixed at seventeen mills on the Dollar.

By-Law for appointment of collector will be introduced at next meeting.

Council adjourned to meet again next Tuesday evening.


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| | Former Price. | Present Price |
|---|---|---|
| ALL WOOL GREY FLANNELS | $0 30 | $0 25 |
| " " | 0 35 | 0 30 |
| " " | 0 40 | 0 35 |
| CANTON FLANNELS, | 0 45 | 0 38 |
| " " | 0 12½ | 0 10 |
| " " | 0 15 | 0 12 |
| " " | 0 18 | 0 15 |
| " " | 0 20 | 0 17 |
| " " | 0 25 | 0 20 |
| ALL-WOOL CANADIAN BLANKETS, | 3 60 | 3 00 |
| " " | 4 20 | 3 50 |
| " " | 4 80 | 4 00 |
| " " | 5 40 | 4 50 |
| " " | 6 00 | 5 00 |
| " " | 7 20 | 6 00 |
| BEST CANADIAN COTTON SHIRTINGS, | 0 18 | 0 14 |
| MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, | 0 50 | 0 37½ |
| " " | 1 00 | 0 75 |
| " " | 1 25 | 0 80 |
| MEN'S FELT HATS, NEWEST STYLES, | 1 00 | 0 80 |
| " " | 1 50 | 1 00 |
| " " | 1 75 | 1 30 |
| " " | 2 00 | 1 60 |
| " " | 2 25 | 1 90 |
| " " | 3 00 | 2 40 |
| LADIES' ULSTER CLOTHS, | 0 60 | 0 50 |
| " " | 0 75 | 0 60 |
| " " | 0 85 | 0 65 |
| " " | 1 00 | 0 80 |
| " " | 1 25 | 1 00 |

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