Acton Free Press.

Thursday Morning, Jan. 15, 1885.

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act will be submitted to the electors of Northumberland and Durham on the 27th of February.

In the counties and cities under the Scott Act, and in the North-west under the prohibitory law, at least 1,250,000 of the inhabitants of Canada have their homes.

The Press Association of Quebec is arranging a trip for its members to visit the Exposition at New Orleans. They must be a wealthy lot of newspaper men down east, or else a very extravagant party.

A plebiscite on the proposed abolition of tax exemptions was taken in Toronto and Kingston at the time of the Municipal Elections, and carried by votes of eight to one. It is apparent that the gross evils under which all the municipalities labor must be abolished before long in obedience to the force of public opinion.

Wheat on the Rise.

There is joy in Mark Lane, so we learn from the New York *Herald* of Wednesday, received in Toronto about noon yesterday. During the past week American wheat advanced nearly 10 cents per bushel in London, and the large operators are as happy as if they were going to be hung, and a good deal more so. Harris Brothers, who do a large grain business in both Liverpool and London, say: "Yes, there is little doubt of a further considerable rise in wheat very shortly. Dealings have been very large." Won't the honest Canadian farmer feel "cocky" over the news.—*Toronto World.*

Some Good Accomplished

The following extracts are from a leading article in the Hamilton *Evening Times*, which journal declares itself averse to the Scott Act, but speaks as if it were rather undecided:

"The passage of the Scott Act in Brant the other day is a reminder that the whole of the country surrounding Hamilton is gradually passing under the prohibitory law. Halton, Brant, Oxford and Norfolk have adopted the Act, and it is not unlikely that Wellington, Haldimand, Lincoln and Welland may follow the example. We are not among those who think well of prohibitory legislation as a means of reforming drunkards, or keeping men who are accustomed to drink liquor from getting their horn, but the young men, who have not learned to taste intoxicating drink, will doubtless be preserved from some of the temptation which the open bar throws in their way. Thus, in the course of a long time, a more temperate population would be created by the Scott Act, supposing it to be continued in force long enough to complete the experiment. Undoubtedly the national drink bill is a tax which reduces the average of comfort in the country."

The Dominion License Act.

The Supreme Court Declares it "Ultra Vires."

Judgment was delivered in the Supreme Court on Monday in the Dominion liquor license case.

Chief Justice Ritchie said that Justices Strong, Fournier, Gwynne and himself all are of the opinion that the Act is *ultra vires* of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, except so far as licensing of vessels and wholesale licenses.

Justice Henry was of opinion that it is *ultra vires*, in the whole, and in accordance with the practice of this Court, they will transmit their opinion to the Crown without any reasons.

A Wife Disappears.

Was it Foul Play or was it Flight?

A startling rumor is current that Gilbert Thomas of Salmonville, formerly a resident of Acton, has murdered his wife, and secreted the body in a swamp near that village. Until lately Thomas lived at Cheltenham, with his wife and four children, the eldest of them about 8 years. By reputation he was a bad character. He worked but little and had been in gaol at least once. He treated his wife badly when they were living here, being violent sometimes when intoxicated, and his inhuman conduct has been continued. On the 3rd of October last Thomas and his wife started for Georgetown to attend the fair there. The people of Salmonville have not seen her since. As the unpleasant relations between husband and wife were well known, little was thought of the matter. After a time however, people began to speak to Thomas about his wife, and his replies to different persons were so contradictory that suspicion was aroused. At last the case became known to the people and so great was the suspicion aroused that complaint was made to the Attorney-General that the matter might be inquired into. Government Detective Murray made enquiries, and, finding that there were grounds for suspicion, put Thomas in charge of a constable, pending further investigation. Thomas' latest explanation of the case is that he left his wife on the street in Georgetown expecting to see her again and to return home with her, and that as he could not find her he had gone home alone. He says he does not know what has become of her. It is said that the eldest child, a boy about 8 years, on one occasion said to another boy that his father made a box out of boards taken from the pig sty and took her away. When spoken to on the subject, the boy refused to tell anything. He said that if he told where his mother was his father would "give him Old Harry." So the matter stands awaiting further investigation.

LATER

It is now reported that Mrs. Thomas has been found alive and well at the home of her parents.

Five Years for Arson.

One of the Georgetown Incendiaries sent to Penitentiary.

Early last summer the people of Georgetown and vicinity were considerably alarmed at the frequent incendiary fires occurring there at that time. All of those who suffered were, curiously enough, strong supporters of the Scott Act. The authorities were communicated with, and the case was placed in the hands of Government Detective Murray, who worked it up so successfully that he not only arrested Francis Sidey, but hunted up evidence sufficient to ensure his conviction.

Prisoner was tried at Milton last week before County Judge Miller, and when confronted with the evidence pleaded guilty and made a full confession. He states that he was hired to commit the arson by two brothers named Gibbs, who had decided to revenge themselves in this way on prominent supporters of the Scott Act. He alleged that he was promised $80 for the job by the young men, but got only $13 from them. Prisoner was sentenced to five years in the Kingston penitentiary. The Gibbs' have skipped the country. The people of Halton are very grateful to Detective Murray for his energy in ridding them of three such characters.

Limehouse Sparks.

Frozen mud the order of the day.

During the winter seasons our churches do not support even one Sunday School. Who is to blame?

We are much pleased to see Mr. Chas. Moore slipping around as usual.

Business is quite dull here, now.

Sleighing is conspicuous by its absence—so are sidewalks.

New teacher has arrived, settled, and got to work.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has moved into his new house and appears to be comfortably settled.

Dry hard wood is scarce in the village and not a few are burning coal.

Wonder when the Methodist tea party is coming off, eh?

Mr. Longman our respected teacher has left us and gone to Collingwood to prepare for a higher grade of certificate. We wish him well. By the way, it is rumoured that he may return occasionally to——well never mind—peek-a-boo.

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