

Action Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1885.

LOYAL WELLINGTON

Asks for the Scott Act by an immense Majority.

A SIGNAL VICTORY.

The election on the Scott Act in Wellington County last Thursday resulted in an overwhelming majority for the Act. Only three municipalities in the whole county recorded majorities against the Act, and these two majorities aggregated only 184 votes.

The county was thoroughly organized in every section by the friends of the Act, and it must be a great satisfaction to them to see the result of their indefatigable efforts. Owing to the rebellion in the North West the excitement was not so great as it otherwise would have been, but the majority is so large that all should be satisfied that their county is anxious for the Scott Act to become law within its borders.

The full vote polled shows a majority of 1,08 for the Act, and it is made up as follows:—

	Majority For	Majority Against
Arthur Village	12	1
Arthur Township	118	1
Clifford	12	1
Erlton	21	1
Fergus	12	1
Glenelg Township	22	1
Harrison	21	1
Kensington Forest	20	1
Lethbridge	20	1
Minto	120	1
Parkdale	123	1
Nichol	60	1
Peel	24	1
Waterloo	24	1
Wilmot	115	1
Majority for	1,08	1
Total majority for	1,08	1

A perusal of the above list will show that all the municipalities adjoining Halton County gave large majorities for the Act, notably in the case of Erin and Brampton, where majorities of 175 and 203 were polled.

Throughout the contest the Amis made a quiet but persistent struggle, and as usual resorted to tactics unworthy of an honorable cause. Towards the last days of the contest a number of their agents made the tour of the townships, representing themselves as friends of the measure, or the reverse, as circumstances suited, and distributed small sums of money among the least intelligent of the electors for the purpose either of keeping them from going to the polls, or of being able afterwards to swear that these people accepted bribes to vote for the Act. This is of small moment now, however, for with a majority of over 1,400 it is not likely that any further attempt will be made to defeat the will of the people.

Wellington occupied a very peculiar position among the counties which had previously carried the Act, inasmuch as, in tracing a line from one to another across the western portion of the province it took a sharp bend between those east and west, and north and south of it. Now, however, almost direct lines can be drawn through the province, from Lake Ontario to Lake Huron; from Georgian Bay to Lake Erie, and from Lake Simcoe to Lake St. Clair over Scott territory. Thus the sunshines of the new and bright era which is beginning to dawn upon our land, is already visible clear through the province from shore to shore in several directions. We feel confident that in the course of a very few months this glorious sunlight will be shining brightly over the few counties in this section of Ontario which are yet hidden from the light by the clouds of the legalized whisky traffic.

MUNICIPAL PARLIAMENT.

A Lot of Important Business Transacted.

MR. STEPHENSON TAKES HIS SEAT.

The Council met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening.

Members present, The Reeve and Councillors, Henderson, Ismond, and Pearson.

Mr. Anthony Stephenson, the newly-elected councillor, after subscribing to the declarations of qualification and of office, took his seat at the Board.

THE CEMETERY BY-LAW.

The petition with reference to the submission of a By-Law to provide for a cemetery for Acton was filed, but not being complete was not considered. After a little cross-iring it was decided to present the petition at a special meeting in a few days.

TERENCE BY-LAW.

The Finance Committee presented their never-failing report, recommending the disbursement of the following sum:—

Gentlemen's Mutilated wreath, \$ 6.00

H. P. Moore, Stationer & Advertising, 5.25

Thos. C. Moore, wood, 5.25

Hart & Bowlinson, stationery, 3.64

John Matthews, carriage, 50

\$19.14

Council adjourned.

OFFICERS SALARIES.

A By-Law to fix the remuneration of officers of the Municipality, and to provide for the payment of the same, was introduced, read the first and second times, after which the council went into committee of the whole on the same, but adjourned before completing their work.

JAN. POLICE FORCE.

Councillor Henderson, with considerable eloquence and some necessary explanation introduced a By-Law to provide for the appointment of a Chief Constable and one or more subordinates for the Municipality. This By-Law passed its second reading, and the following names were inserted:—

Chief Constable, Wm. Hemstreet; Con-

stabiles, Thos. Easton and Christopher Massas.

Mr. Hemstreet declined to accept the appointment, and the By-Law was laid over until next meeting.

Upon motion Mr. Stephenson was ap-

pointed a member of the street and sidewalk committee.

Council adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

—Scotia, Kujah and Caribbean Sailing Yacht, variety, at the East End Clothing Store, J. Fyfe, Action.

OUR OWN WAR

Prince Albert Surrounded By The Rebels Who Are Liable To Attack It Any Time.

STORES AND FARM HOUSES PLUN-

DERED BY RIEL'S HORDE.

Riel Forms A Provisional Gov-

ernment, And Holds Many

Prisoners.

INDIANS ON THE WAR PATH,

STEALING SETTLERS'

GOODS.

Our Own Brave Boys Arrived At

Qu'Appelle Last Night.

ALARM AT SWIFT CURRENT.

The news from the seat of war in the North West during the past week has not been particularly exciting. The forces from Ontario and Quebec are now nearing the scene of action, and the coming week will no doubt bring important news.

The following despatches and gleanings will be found of general interest:—

WINNIPEG, April 3.—Telegraphic com-

munication with Battisford is cut off, and news from the north is obtainable except by messenger. William Howie, of High Bluff, has just arrived from Duck Lake. He says the first unlawful acts committed by the rebels were breaking into a settlement store kept by George Car, and the sacking of a store on the opposite side of the river kept by Walters & Baker. What goods they found were taken and the storekeepers made prisoners.

CUTTAWAY BY RIEL.

Q'APPÉLLE, N. W. T., April 2.—Chief Factor Macdonald, of the Fort, is in constant receipt of reports from the north, brought in by teamsters and fugitive settlers, regarding the prisoners taken by Riel's men, and they are said to have about 150 prisoners.

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