

Acton Free Press.

Thursday Morning, April 30, 1885.

EXPLAINED.

We do not wonder that the Champion feels badly because of the resolution recently adopted and published by the Halton Temperance Alliance. We are not surprised that it is trying to make its readers imagine that the resolution was wholly unofficial, and consequently of no importance. In the issue of last week the editor states he will feel obliged to us if we will explain the matter to him. It is our custom to always attend to such courteous requests, hence we explain the whole matter. Three years ago to-morrow morning the Scott Act came in force in this county, and throughout that entire period the Champion has done its utmost to render that law ineffectual. No possible effort has been spared; fair and unfair means have been resorted to: the law has been willfully misconstrued—or else the Champion is grossly ignorant; the inspectors have been treated with despicable meanness; the Police Magistrate has been shamefully vilified and personally insulted, and altogether the Champion's course has been so far from upholding that which is law that it has made opportunities to give encouragement to lawlessness and general demoralization. Now all this from a private citizen would hardly be tolerated, and when it comes from those in the employ of the county itself it is unbearable. The publishers of the Champion are in official relation to this county, and the meaning of the resolution referred to is that the people of this county are determined that these persons' bread shall no longer be buttered with county pay, or else they must cease their unscrupulous opposition to a measure twice carried by the people's vote, and constantly growing in their favor. We hope this explanation will not be misunderstood.

Regarding the insinuation that the resolution was not the work of the Alliance we would like to ask the Champion if it has never learned that between the sessions of bodies similar to the Halton Temperance Alliance the business of such bodies is conducted by an executive committee, which has official authority, and whose action is regarded as such by the body they represent. Now this was the character of the resolution referred to, and it has the weight not only of the executive committee, but it is endorsed with the authority of the county organization. We know it is hard on the Champion, but it is an illustration of a principle taught in a good old book which we are afraid the Champion does not reverently study and which says that "the way of the transgressor is hard." But we will whisper a word of caution here to our content and trust that it will carefully consider its actions. Unless the Champion ceases its wholesale misrepresentation and insulting course of the past it has not heard the last of that resolution, and it may be that men who are just as capable, but also lavishing, will find their way into those official chairs now warmed by the editors of the Champion.

THE CHAMPION'S COURSE

It would seem that the Milton Champion has every week a certain amount of inventive to publish against the Scott Act, or any of the Act's supporters against whom the editors conceive a dislike. Its columns have been the usual medium through which the Anti-Scott misrepresentations and malicious utterances have been made public, and it has been ever ready to lend itself to any project calculated to hinder the effectiveness of that measure twice adopted by the people of this county, and declared constitutional by the highest court of the British Empire. This paper has been so determined to champion the liquor party that it has stooped to the most unfair comparisons and inconsistent course. We have seen the same issue declaring that more liquor is sold under the Scott Act than was under the Crooks Act, and also claiming for compensation for those liquor-men who by the Scott Act had their business taken from them. We have seen the same issue tell of accidental deaths, resulting from liquor in license counties, but saying nothing about the blame, while every such death or accident in this county was caused by the Scott Act. We have seen the same issue complaining of the hard times throughout the country and charging the National Policy as the cause, while in our county the same hard times are charged to the Scott Act. It has dealt with every phase of the liquor question in just this manner, giving to its readers an illustration of the old adage, "The glasses you wear, color everything you look at." And also constantly reminding them that "unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled 'tis nothing pure; but even their mind 'tis defiled." The Champion has been so long resorting to this unmanly method of argument that it now imagines it an upright method, while the straightforward and unadvertising course of this journal has been dubbed "snivelling" and "goody-goody." This kind of attack reminds us that among a certain class of moralists, or rather immoralists, there has ever been a disposition to belittle whoever or whatever has a purer object in view. If a person, whether an editor or otherwise, manfully declares himself a supporter of morality and an upholder of righteousness they are greeted by such persons with some such an expression as "goody-goody." If these defenders of right should present such arguments as the immoralists cannot refute they cry "snivelling," or "anything else that comes handy, so long as it meets the expressions presented, and vainly imagining they have made out a good case for themselves. Nor is that all. So far do these immoralists

carry their peculiar methods that they will go far to give vent to their spleen. This is precisely what the Champion has done, and last week when discussing some difference with its town cotem, it turned to give us what it thought a sharp blow. However, we would expect nothing better from the Champion, for that kind of attack has been persisted in by it since we commenced to know it. Now, whatever has been for the elevation of morals, the purifying of character, the strengthening of the tempted, the FINE PASS has not been slow to support, and, notwithstanding the meaningless insinuations and willful misrepresentations of the Champion, we will continue to advocate every measure calculated to overthrow wrong, reduce suffering, and bring happiness in place of misery. Before again referring to us, as a "snivelling, goody-goody, condescending," we advise the Champion to blow from its own nose the gathered mucus of just three years, and give us some sound and logical arguments in favor of its pet theory, "Anti-Scott Act."

FIRST BATTLE

General Middleton Meets Riel's Forces and a Stubborn Fight Ensues.

THE REBELS ROUTED.

For a week or more interest had been lagging in matters pertaining to the Northwest rebellion. Everybody seemed to know that nothing would be done until the troops from the east joined Gen. Middleton's forces and they would proceed towards the rebel's position. On Friday, however, matters took a serious aspect, and because of a fight near Fish Creek, in which the rebels were defeated, everyone gave their attention again to the rebellion. The following despatch was received:

WINNIPEG, Man., April 24.—The rebels advancing from a camp near the river special fire upon the scouts, led by Major Boulton. The latter returned the fire, when the rebels retreated and retired to a place of ambush. Gen. Middleton at once deployed his troops in skirmishing order. A battery could not at first find the enemy with their guns, so good was their shelter. Eventually, however, the battery got into position and rained a raking fire among them. Two houses in which the rebel reserves were secluded were demolished. The rebels next made a dash and fought the 90th at close quarters, but they were forced to retire. The fight was in Indian style on the part of the rebels, who were always concealed behind the trees. The Indians were exceedingly combative and the war whoop yell could be heard distinctly some distance off. They rallied time and again, keeping up incessant fire for fully an hour. Subsequently the fire slackened on the part of the enemy, but was again resumed shortly after noon. The total casualties on the volunteers side in the engagement is put down at 12 killed and 50 wounded. The enemy's loss appears to have been severe, and includes Gabriel Dumont, the military man of the half-breeds. His death will prove a great discouragement to the outlaws. It is probable that all the fighting is not done yet, as reports received yesterday state that the rebellion is spreading, and there are many half-breeds and Indians hitherto peaceful, who are now becoming ugly. Gen. Middleton has made every preparation, and moves forward very cautiously, fearing a surprise, especially as it is reported that Riel has a much larger force with him than there was formerly reason to suppose. He is also very strongly fortified and extremely vigilant, as well as being better supplied with provisions than was first thought. Several shots were fired at the Q'Appelle station on Tuesday morning, but the rebels did not approach within rifle shot.

—Look! Boots, Boots, Boots & Shoes and ladies' slippers, immense selections from 50c up, at Howson's, next door to the post office, Acton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—Hats from 15 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

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

—You have a hard nut to crack when you purchase hardware or boots and shoes cheaper than at Howson's, Acton.

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

—Hardware, Hardware, Hardware, Howson's is the place to go for cheap hardware, no old stock, remember quality is the leading feature at Howson's.

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

—Important announcement to farmers, builders, contractors and all who need hardware, bear in mind Howson's is selling hardware at city prices.

—Sure to Conquer. The most troublesome cough is sure to yield if timely treated with Haggard's Pectoral Balm. Pleasant to take and safe for young or old.

—Remember Howson takes the lead in good teas. We defy competition in a 50c tea either in Green, Black or Japan. Try them and be convinced.

—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 Diaper and Dyspeptic Cure, which causes "good digestion to wait an appetite, and health on both."

—What to do. If troubled with an unhealthy, slow-healing sore use McGregor & Parkes' Carbolic Ointment. You will find it invaluable for healing, cleansing and completely removing your trouble. If the blood is cut off order, take with it a few doses of McGregor's Scurvy Cure from J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store.

By-Law No.---

A BY-LAW to raise by way of loan the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to pay the purchase money of land for a Public Cemetery, for the Village of Acton, and for the improvement of the same.

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton have been petitioned to secure land for the purpose of a Public Cemetery.

And whereas for the purpose of paying the purchase money of said land, and improving the same, it will be necessary for the said Municipal Council to raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

And whereas it will require the sum of Ninety-five Dollars to be raised annually by special rate on the whole rateable property of the Village of Acton for paying the said debt of One Thousand Dollars as hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the said Village of Acton, according to the last revised assessment roll of the said Village of Acton, is One Hundred and Eighty-seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars.

And whereas the amount of the debt of the said Village of Acton is Five Thousand and Twenty Dollars, for principal and the sum of nil for interest.

And whereas for paying the interest and creating a yearly sinking fund for paying the said sum of One Thousand Dollars it will require an annual special rate of one half of a mill in the dollar in addition to all rates to be levied in each year.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton.

1st. That it shall be lawful for the Reeve of the said Village of Acton to raise by way of loan from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole, the sum of One Thousand Dollars and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Village for the purposes and with the object above recited.

2nd. That it shall be lawful for the said Reeve to cause any number of Debentures to be made for such sum of money as may be required, not less than One Hundred Dollars each and not exceeding in the whole amount the said sum of One Thousand Dollars and that the said Debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Village of Acton and be signed by the said Reeve and countersigned by the Treasurer of the said Village.

3rd. That the said Debentures shall be made payable in twenty years at farthest from the day hereinafter mentioned by this By-law to take effect at the office of the Treasurer of the said Municipality and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest.

4th. That the said Debentures shall bear interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date thereof which interest shall be payable annually on the first day of December in each year at the office of the said Treasurer of the said Village of Acton.

5th. That for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of the said Debentures and the interest at the rate aforesaid to become due thereon a special rate of one half of a mill in the dollar shall in addition to all other rates be assessed, raised, levied and collected in each year upon all the rateable property in the said Village of Acton during the continuance of the said Debentures or any of them.

6th. That this By-law shall take effect and come into operation on the twentieth day of May, A. D. 1885.

And be it further enacted by the said Municipal Council that the votes of the electors of the said Village of Acton on the above By-law shall be taken between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five in the afternoon on Monday the twentieth day of May, A. D. 1885, at the Town Hall in the said Village of Acton, in Matthews' Hall in the said Village of Acton, and that John C. Hill, of the said Village of Acton in the County of Halton, shall be Deputy Returning Officer at the polling place at Matthews' Hall, and that J. E. McGarvin shall be Deputy Returning Officer at the polling place in the Town Hall in the said Village of Acton, and that the Clerk of the Council shall sum up the number of the votes given for and against the said By-law at the Hall in the said Village of Acton, on the same day at the hour of six o'clock after the polling of the votes.

And further, that the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the various polling places on behalf of the respective parties promoting and opposing said By-law, and at the said summing up of the votes by the Clerk shall be at the Council Chamber in said Village of Acton at eight o'clock p. m. of the sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1885.

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New Advertisements.

COOK AND HOUSEMAID. WANTED by Mrs. May, cook and housemaid. Apply to Mrs. JOHN HOGG, Guelph.

LOST. On Saturday 11th inst. between Bury's Hotel and the G.T.C. depot, a lady's watch and chain, valued at \$10.00. Will be given if the finder will leave them at the FREE PRESS OFFICE.

SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNT. A bill indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that their accounts must be settled with Mr. A. E. Nicklin immediately, otherwise they will be placed in other hands for collection. F. NICKLIN & SON.

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE. THE undersigned offers for sale his home and lot of Main street. It is a large house, contains nine rooms, also kitchen and woodshed, is well adapted for a tenement or boarding house. Good stable on the premises. Liberal terms. Apply D. W. CAMPBELL.

SHINGLES AND WOOD. THE undersigned has for sale a splendid stock of First-Class Shingles, No. 1 Cedar, \$1.75 per square. No. 1 Pine, \$1.50 per square. No. 3 Cedar, \$1.25 per square. Also a large quantity of wood of all kinds, from \$1.25 a load up to \$4.00 a cord, prime short. Shaves and Heading to the Trade at bottom prices. THOS. C. MOORE, FACTORY—Main St., west Acton.

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ARBOR DAY. PROCLAMATION. IN compliance with a resolution passed at last meeting of the Municipal Council, I hereby appoint and proclaim Friday, 8th May, a PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

For this municipality, and request every loyal citizen to spend part of the day, at least, in planting trees on the public streets. Trees for above purpose will be supplied, free of charge, by the Council, at the town hall, on above day.

W. H. STOREY, Reeve. Reeve's Office, April 24th, 1885.

Real Estate Sale. VALUABLE PROPERTY IN ACTON.

The undersigned has received instructions from EDWARD NICKLIN To offer for sale by public auction on the premises on FRIDAY, 8th MAY, 1885, COMMENCING AT TWO P.M.

The following real estate situate in the thriving and enterprising village of Acton: 1. Residence on Main street with four acres of land, stone stable, sheds, &c. This is a very comfortable two story frame dwelling of ten rooms and is now occupied by the owner. Hard and soft water. Ample accommodation for both horses and cattle in the stable.

2. Five acre park lot on Main street, beautifully situated for a private residence. 3. Market parlot foot of Mill street, 15 acres of the best choice garden soil. About three hundred fruit trees on the premises, as well as small fruits. Two sides of this property are bordered by the mill pond which is fertile spring water.

4. Farm land, 25 acres, all in good state of cultivation. Fourteen acres of fall wheat in the ground. This property will be offered for sale both separately and in bulk, giving purchasers the privilege of buying part or whole. Terms made known on application to Edward Nicklin, Guelph, to A. E. Nicklin, Acton, or to WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer April 21st, 1885.

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CARPETS. New Brussels Carpet, New Tapestry Carpet, New Brussels Border, New Tapestry Border, New Felt and Linen Crumb Cloths, New Axminster and Uhlans Rugs, New Madras Lace Curtains, New Black Gros Grain Silks, New Black Satin Merveilleux, New Colored Duchesse Satin, New Colored Grain Silks, New Tussore Silks, (Plain and Broche), French Dress Materials. D. N. H. & CO.

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NOTICE

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And further take notice that at the time of the voting for said By-law, each voter entitled to vote therefor shall be handed a ballot on which he or she shall mark the piece of plot of land he or she desires for the Council to select as the property for a Cemetery, and the property containing the largest number of votes shall be the one selected by this Council.