

## Action Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1885.

### BY-LAW CARRIED.

It is a source of no little gratification for us to be able to state this week that the By-Law authorizing the council to raise One Thousand Dollars for the purchase of land for a Public Cemetery, has been carried by a handsome majority, after being debated on two former occasions. We are also pleased to state that the Steele property, recommended by the Free Press, was chosen by a good majority as the most eligible site for the New Cemetery, and ere long we will be in possession of a Cemetery of which any town might justly feel proud.

By the carrying of this By-Law the people have demonstrated the fact that they have some respect and consideration for the proper burials of their deceased friends, and that they intend to make their last resting place one of beauty and attraction, instead of one giving the appearance of bareness, gloom, and dilapidation.

### The Cemetery Plot.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir.—As the question of the cemetery has been finally settled permit me to say a few words regarding this very important question. Many of the electors are aware that I made the proposition to them some years ago, when I first negotiated for the purchase of the Steele property, "that I did not wish to make one dollar out of it." I purchased it solely in the interest of the village, and held it that they might some day have a cemetery without costing them much money. The offer I made them was this, viz.—That the corporation take the property at what it costs us; sell what they did not require; apply it to the purchase of money and by that means they could have what land they required, say, about six acres, which would be sufficient for a good many years to come, and by that means the property would cost them very little.

As the understanding now is that only six acres are to be secured for a cemetery, I am perfectly willing that a committee of citizens in conjunction with the council should select the six acres wherever they think will best suit them.

In regard to the vote on Monday I am glad to know the electors were not led astray by rumors which had no foundation, in fact, as they will see when the proper time comes. I might say that I took very little interest in the election—only asked two persons about their vote, one of whom was led astray by reports not true in any particular.

Being interested in the property, I did not feel at liberty to use any influence to induce persons to vote for the property. I thought it best to leave the whole matter in their hands, and if they chose any other property, I could make money out of this property by selling it to other parties, if I so desired, therefore, you see, in a pecuniary sense, I was not interested. I hope we will have a cemetery which will do credit to the municipality and that the electors in future will be uniting in any effort to further the interests of this municipality.

I remain,  
Respectfully yours,  
Acton, May 19th 1885. N. McGARVIN.

### A Park for Acton.

To the Editor of the Free Press.  
Dear Sir.—It was my lot to spend Arbor Day in your village and well pleased was I to do so. The general appearance of the place denotes cleanliness and thriftiness.

It interested me to learn that your citizens availed themselves of the day and planted a large number of trees. This should be, for trees not only add beauty to a place but make it more healthful. During my stay with you there was one thing I wondered Acton had not, and that was a park or pleasure resort. I took a stroll along the west end of your main street and was surprised to see open up to my view a beautiful stretch of water. Love for the beauty of nature led me to cross over to what I presume is your driving park and down to the west end of the peninsula. As I stood there and gazed round I felt it was too bad the town did not own this property, and that the people were not busily engaged beautifying the spot. Why, sir, if many a place no larger than Acton had such a site, so convenient, it would not be long before they would have one of the most beautiful little parks to be found. If you have not "taken in the situation" exactly, do so. Get some of your leading men, take a walk out some fine day, and, standing at the west end of the peninsula look around, and you will be delighted, or you have no right to fill the position you do. On either side of the land is a nice stretch of water, for boating, etc.; to the south is the road running round the hill; to the north is the railroad; on the west are attractive farm scenes, and to the east is the village, a fine view of which is here obtained—the splendid town hall showing up well. Then you have a fine level section for the course, and lacrosse, baseball, cricket, etc. From the west end of the track there is a beautiful slope to the water's edge. This should be planted with shade trees, shrubs and flowers, and seats, etc., furnished. With very little trouble, Mr. Editor, this could be made an exceedingly nice spot; a place that would attract many from the surrounding country. Perhaps you have before suggested this; if so, don't let it drop until it is accomplished; if not "sail in" at once and work it up.

Your, etc.,  
H. C. STOVEL.  
Toronto, May 8th 1885.

The 13th of June has been fixed as the date of voting on the Scott Act in the counties of Lincoln, Middlesex, and Perth.

The bravery of our citizen soldiers is beyond praise and it makes one's heart thrill with joy and praise to know we have still within us the pluck and daring of the old Canadian Loyalists.

## RIEL TAKEN!

And the Backbone of the Rebellion Broken in Consequence.

Hastily had the news of the taking of Riel and the complete demoralization of the rebel forces reached us, when the welcome news of the capture of Riel, the unpriincipled leader of the insurrection, as explained in the following despatch, came to hand.

N. W. T., May 16.—It was ascertained that Riel and some of his followers, after leaving Batoche, made towards the river intending to join those who had previously crossed over to the other side. The Northcote, with C<sup>o</sup> Infantry and some of the 90th, went down, intending to head them off. A number of Major Boulton's scouts meantime patrolled the river's banks. This afternoon they heard a whistle from the steamer and some shots. A party immediately went in the direction of the sound, and a couple of miles below Fisher's Crossing captured a party of rebels. They challenged them and in reply were fired at. The scouts answered and then made a dash.

The rebel party quickly scattered, but Riel was recognized and at once became the object of attention. He was mounted on a stalwart pony and set off at a hard gallop.

The scouts gave chase and finally overhauled the rebel leader, who surrendered without firing a shot, but not without threats. He was brought into camp last evening and taken directly to General Middleton's tent. There was no demonstration, the General having ordered the men to their tents, fearing violence to Riel.

No one is allowed to see him.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Fifteen miles below Batoche's, May 15—2:30 p.m.—via CLARE'S—Riel was captured at noon to-day by three scouts named Armstrong, Diehl and Howie four miles north of Batoche's. Scouts had been out in the morning to scour the country, but these spread from the main body, and just as they were coming out of some brush on an unfigured trail leading to Batoche's, they spied Riel with three companions.

RESULT OF THE CAPTURE.

FROM THE CAMP VIA CLARE'S CROSSING, May 16, 11 a.m.—The capture of Riel will end the rebellion, so far as the half-breeds are concerned. A band of Indians coming in from the West to-day to help Riel out were scouted by the half-breeds who told them the war was over. Some of the prisoners were placed on board the boat to-day. In the parting from their families there were many painful scenes, the women crying and holding up the babies for the fathers to kiss. The papers of the rebel government were searched to-day. The minutes show that the rebels were thoroughly cognizant of Gen. Middleton's movements from the time he left Qu'Appelle.

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### OUR HOME RULERS.

The Cemetery By-Law Finally

Attested and the Seal Attached. WHO'S Chairman of Street and Sidewalk Committee?

THE GOLDEN RULE EXEMPLIFIED.

Council met on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., Members present, the Reeve and Councillors Henderson, Isond and Stephenson.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by A. Stephenson, that the report of the committee of the whole on By-Law No.—to raise by way of loan the sum of One Thousand and Dollars to purchase land for a Public Cemetery for the village of Acton and for the improvement of the same be concurred in and that said By-Law be now read a third time and passed, the seal of the corporation attached thereto, and that it be duly attested as required by law.—Carried.

By-Law was read, attested and sealed. Councillor Pearson entered and took his seat.

The Finance Committee presented their seven reports as follows—

To the Reeve and Council.

Your committee on Finance have had referred to them the underwritten accounts, which, on examination, they find correct and recommend payment thereof—

H. P. Moore, advertising By-Law and printing—\$44 26

Nelson, Cram & Co., carp. and builder—\$2 53

Hard & Co., masonic blanks—\$2 68

James Grant, 207 trees at 7c each—14 42

Thos. Easton, globes &c.—\$2 00

865 89

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. HENDERSON, Committee.

J. B. Pearson, Committee.

Committee rooms, May 19th, 1885.

Report adopted.

Here followed considerable wrangling as to who really was the chairman of the streets and sidewalks Committee; Mr. Henderson claiming that Mr. Isond was appointed chairman after death of Mr. Smith; Mr. Isond asserting that Mr. Stephenson was chairman, and that Mr. Isond would not accept the office, as he considered he was wrongly dealt with by not being given the office at beginning of the year.

Councillor Isond finally agreed to accept the position—not because he wanted the office, but to assist the council out of a difficulty.

Chairmanship confirmed.

A little heavy cross-firing took place between councillors Isond and Stephenson with reference to sundry little matters. Explanations followed. Good nature reigned itself.

Mr. J. E. McGarvin, sanitary Inspector, tendered his resignation.

Council adjourned.

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

## ABSTRACT

OF THE

ACCOUNTS

OF THE

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON

For the year ending 31st Dec., 1884.

DR. RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand from 1883 \$ 411 48

" Taxes Collected (rate 17 mills) 318 00

" Statute Labor Tax 21 00

" Clergy Reserve Fund 7 11

" Fines, Fees &c. 5 50

" Taxes Town Hall 115 15

" Legislative Grant 177 00

" Cash, Lumber sold V. McCom 4 00

Total 9884 24

EXPENDITURES.

By Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges \$ 709 48

" Salaries 481 13

" Debenture No. 3, redeemed 1417 00

" Charities 21 00

" Debenture Refunded 75 07

" Printing, H. P. Moore 141 11

" Interest 68 00

" Repairs 92 95

" Contingencies 141 11

" County Rate 226 06

" Balance on hand 222 06

Total 9884 24

ASSETS.

Cash balance 31st Dec., 1884 \$ 202 06

Buildings and Real Estate 7010 45

Debentures, Public School 1300 00

Arrears of Taxes 511 71

Uncollected Taxes for 1884 70 56

Total 9812 78

LIABILITIES.

County Rate unpaid \$ 48 08

" Debentures 5020 00

" Interest accrued 50 20

" Balance 360 50

Total 9824 78

RESULTS OF THE EXPENSES.

WE the undersigned Auditors, certify that we have examined the Treasurer's books for

1884, of the Municipality of the Village of

Acton, and found them correct and in accordance with vouchers produced. Balance on hand 31st December, 1884 \$ 202 06

G. C. CLARK, THOS. T. MOORE, Auditors.

Dated Action, 31st January, 1885.

Detailed Statement

OF THE

Expenditures of the Municipality

of the Village of Acton for the

year ending Dec. 31st, 1884.

SALARIES.

Paid J. Miller \$ 8 00

" J. Grant 2 27

" Henry Ryder 2 25

" Hugh Ryder 15 75

" J. C. Hill 55 87

" Albert Gibbons 3 63

" Wm. Wiswell 15 75

" Thos. Spright 11 25

" Jacob Warden 5 62

" J. E. Cobban 2 75

" Duncan Taylor 29 75

" Thos. Easton 15 40