

## Action Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 28, 1885.

### STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

The committee of the municipal council superintending the streets and sidewalks made a tour of inspection last week. They no doubt found a good deal to occupy their attention, and we suppose the improvements contemplated will pull pretty heavily upon the treasurer's purse strings. The estimates of the committee for the year have not as yet been brought down by council, but will probably be presented at the meeting next Tuesday.

A few words of advice to the committee from the Free Press, for consideration before the report and estimates are finally completed might not be amiss. There is no denying the fact that if the committee go to work to renew all the sidewalks which are not in first-class condition—with the work which is absolutely necessary—the expenditure for this year will be more than is warrantable. Now, the streets and sidewalks generally, in the eastern portion of the municipality are in a very good condition, having received the bulk of attention from the committee for several years, and we think it is due to the residents of the west end to be treated with special consideration this season. Main Street roadway requires a good deal of careful repairing, and the sidewalks, for the most part, is in a rather indifferent condition. Here then—after the personal wants of the members of the council themselves, have, of course, been attended to—the majority of work should, in our opinion, be performed, and the other sections allowed to remain for one season with some requisite repairs.

The Free Press does not advocate that miserly economy which would withhold the money necessary to make our little town a place attractive to the public and equipped with those conveniences which render it a pleasure to live in an enterprising town, but we think the street and sidewalk committee, with a little careful economy, should be able to put Acton's streets and sidewalks into very good shape this year for not a cent more than five hundred dollars.

### Notes and Comments.

Dolos R. Davis—"the colored orator of Essex," who has passed a successful examination at Toronto for admission to the bar, is the first colored lawyer in Canada.

The British are withdrawing from the Soudan, and the old Mahdi and the new Mahdi are fighting it out between them selves, with the chances in favor of the new.

Last year about 2,700 self-binders were sold to the farmers of the Province, and a material drop in wages was the result. This year the manufacturers are preparing to supply 8,000 self-binders.

There is talk of the coming of cholera this season to the continent of America. Be this as it may, every community should make sure of the purity of its water supply, of the removal of decomposing animal and vegetable substances, of the absolute cleanliness of back yards and vacant lots, and of the integrity of house drainage. Wherever organic matter, animal or vegetable, is undergoing decomposition, wherever there is stagnant water, the several varieties of bacteria are found, and the specific germ of disease may be easily fostered and developed in the air, the water, the soil, and in food and excreta.

Riel is to be defended by the two lawyers who recently moved heaven and earth to excite racial sympathy for a murderer of the most heartless type. He is to be made out insane. His sanity may be an interesting question for psychologists. A lunatic who can undertake and engineer two rebellions against the Canadian Government and against the British Empire, is a kind of a lunatic that must be held accountable for his deeds. It is for others to show how a man can be; by the same advocates, paraded as the champion of his race and of his church and an irresponsible lunatic. If he is insane, his election as president by his own kindred declares them insane also.—Witness.

At last, after a long-protracted struggle, the scheme for reclaiming and preserving from desecration the land in the immediate vicinity of Niagara Falls, on the American side has been accomplished. On the 13th of July next it will be thrown open to the public as a free public park for all time. The Americans have been sometimes reproached with a too exclusive devotion to material interests and a disregard of aesthetic considerations, but in this instance they have shown a worthy desire to preserve the great international wonder from being vulgarized by its surroundings. In the meantime Canada has done nothing, or rather has permitted the work of defacement to go on unchecked.

**THE SCOTT ACT.**  
Carried in Frontenac—Rejected in Kingston.

KINGSTON, May 21.—The total vote polled in the city was 786 for the Act, and 839 against it. At many polling places ladies were in the vicinity distributing Scott Act literature.

The result of the voting in Frontenac was the passage of the Act by a majority of 400. There are twenty places to report yet, but as the vote in them is small, the majority cannot be materially changed. Every subdivision recorded, with the exception of one Wolfe Island, has given a majority for the Act.

### THE CROP PROSPECTS

Fall Wheat Generally Reported in Good Condition.

Following is a summary of the report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries for May. The report is based on information furnished by 650 correspondents, under date of the 10th inst:

The drought at seed time last fall made it difficult to get wheat laid into a good state of till, especially in a clayey soil, and growth at first was slow and uneven; but with a steady temperature, and warm showers throughout part of September and the whole of October, the young plants pushed forward rapidly, and the reports made by correspondents of the Bureau at the beginning of November showed that the crop had had a most promising appearance in every part of the Province. Snow fell early and laid late, and the winter was of the longest, deepest, and coldest on record, yet the reports received, now show that the wheat was almost in as good condition on the first of April as on the first of November. Fortunately the rain fall during the winter was very slight, so that the snow did not pack on the ground as often as usual, and excepting in hollows and under heavy banks alongside fences no smothering effects were to be seen. The greatest apparent damage, however, has been caused by the hard frost and northwest winds of April, and the low temperature of the first ten days of May; but the plants remain firmly rooted in all soils, and the opinion is generally expressed that with favorable growing weather a pretty recovery will be made. Excepting in some localities of Waterloo county, where the wheat was killed by winter exposure, and of Durham and Northumberland, where it was drowned out by April frosts, no wheat land has been plowed up, nor is likely to be. The only insect pests of the wheat that are even mentioned by correspondents are the Hessian fly and the wire worm, and these have done very little harm.

The reports on clover are generally favorable. Spring frosts have hurt it in some localities. The clover of last year's seeding has been very slightly injured either by winter or spring weather.

Fruit trees are generally in a healthy condition.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

From Lord Lansdowne to the Brave Soldier Boys.

### THROUGH GEN. MIDDLETON.

Ottawa, May 20.—The following correspondence between his excellency the Governor-General, Lord Lansdowne, and Major-General Middleton will be read with much interest:

To General Middleton, via Qu'Appelle, N. W. T.—Accept my hearty congratulations on your success. You have had a task of exceptional difficulty. Please tell your gallant officers that as the Queen's representative here I congratulate them on their behavior, not only in this action, but during the toils and hardships of the advanced. The first of casualties is, I fear, heavy. My sincere sympathy is with the wounded. Shall be glad of any information with regard to their condition.

May 21.—LANSDOWNE.

To his excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne.—On the part of my troops and myself I beg to thank you for your kind congratulations on our success and the appreciation of the difficulties we have labored under and coming, as they do, from the Queen's representative, heighthened if possible the pleasure with which they are received by all of us, and I trust I may be permitted to add that as regards the officers and soldiers they richly deserve your approbation. Ere this your Excellency will have heard that our success has been crowned by the surrender of Mr. Riel. I hear the wounded are being well, all at Saskatoon. Fred. Minto, Gardiner's Crossing, N. W. T., May 15.

### DROWNED, BOATING.

Three Persons Lose Their Lives in the Bay at Toronto.

Toronto, May 25.—The Queen's Birth-day celebration here was "marred" by two drowning accidents on the bay, both occurring about 4:30. During a sudden squall which sprang up two young lads named Jas. Welsh, plumber, and Wm. Horack, while rowing home had their boat capsized, and before assistance arrived Welsh was borne well, all at Saskatoon. Fred. Minto, Gardiner's Crossing, N. W. T., May 15.

### INTERESTING ITEMS.

T. H. Harding, grocer, has secured control of the sale in Action of the celebrated roller flour of Nicklin's Speedwell Mills, Guelph, and is prepared to supply all customers.

Fluid Lightning does not take a day or hour to remove Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Lumbar or Rheumatism, but will do it instantly, and without carrying your head in a poultice for a day or using greasy liniments. Try a 25c. bottle from J. E. McGarvin, Druggist.

Mrs. Robert Hooper, of Kincardine, county of Bruce, in a letter, says: "I have been troubled with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaints for a number of years, and am glad to say to the public as well as friends that McGregor's Speedy Cure brought me around and I am now all right, thanks to McGregor's Speedy Cure. Hundreds of like testimonials are frequently received, and are daily proving that this is truly a wonderful remedy, curing sluggish Liver Bilious Headache and Constipation, where all else fails. Sold at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. Trial bottles given free."

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Sold by all Druggists.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Try T. H. Harding, grocer, for flour and feed.

Hats from 75 cents to \$2.00 at J. Fyfe's.

House plants. J. M. Fernley has constantly on hand a nice selection of all varieties of house plants. About the end of the week will show the largest and finest assortment of the season. Orders for bedding plants promptly filled. J. M. Fernley.

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

Ice Cream, Ice Cream, and Cool Drinks. I have opened my ice cream parlor for the season and am now prepared to supply every body with fine flavored and delicious ice cream at all hours. Picnic parties, or families supplied at reasonable rates. J. M. Fernley.

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

An Ex-Alderman Tried H.

Ex-Alderman Taylor, of Toronto, tried "Hayward's Yellow Oil" for Rheumatism. It cured him after all other remedies had failed.

If you want a nobly, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe is the place to go.

Rev. V. F. Bolton, of Melrose, N. Y., writes:—"I am glad to state that when my daughter was severely afflicted with catarrh in the head, she obtained complete relief by using the Pillow Inhaler during a few weeks. Let the afflicted secure one.

Stone & Wellings, of Guelph, tried

"Pillows" for Rheumatism.

Over 1,000 pillows sold.

Over 400 ACRES LARGEST IN THE DOMINION (ACRES).

### New Advertisements.

#### HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale his house and lot on 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. All terms liberal.

Apply to D. W. CAMPBELL,

#### UPRIGHT PIANO FOR SALE.

The UNDERSIGNED has for sale a German Upright Piano, rosewood case, with octagonal top, No. 1 Price, \$100 per square. No. 2 Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of second-hand pianos, from \$125 to \$400 each. Price, \$125 per square. Staves and Heddle to the trade at bottom prices.

Apply to P. J. SMITH.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

The UNDERSIGNED desires to hereby express his thanks to the people of Guelph who came to his aid in his misfortune and assisted him in rebuilding his blacksmith shop and getting established in business again.

P. J. SMITH.

#### SHINGLES AND WOOD.

The UNDERSIGNED has for sale asphalt shingles, No. 1, 25c. per square. No. 2 Cedar, \$1.50 per square. No. 3 Pine, \$1.00 per square. No. 3 Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of second-hand shingles, from \$125 to \$400 each. Price, \$125 per square. Staves and Heddle to the trade at bottom prices.

THOS. C. MOORE, Factory—Main St., west, Acton.

#### DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION.

JULY 1885.

In ACCORDANCE with the Statute and the General Regulations of the Education Department, the July Examinations for the County of Halton will be held as follows:—

For Elementary to 8th Standard, at the High School, Guelph, on the 15th July, and at the Public School, Milton, on the 22d, 23d, and 24th July, and at the Normal School, Guelph, on the 25th July.

For Third Class non-professional Teachers, on the same dates as the Monday off.

For Second Class non-professional certificates, on the same dates, on Wednesday, 28th July.

For First Class Grade 4 non-professional certificates, at the Normal School, Toronto, and Ottawa, on Wednesday, 1st August, at 1:30 p.m.

It is indispensable that candidates for these examinations should be present at the Inspector's Office, Brampton, P.O., not later than 1st June, of their intention to present themselves, and exhibit their application to the County Inspector.

Every application for admission to the Testimonials will be accepted for payment of fees for TWO DOLLARS, or, if the candidates wish to write at the Second, as well as the Third Class, for ONE DOLLAR.

For Second Class Grade 4 non-professional certificates, at the Normal School, Toronto, and Ottawa, on Wednesday, 1st August, at 1:30 p.m.

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