### The Acton Free Press. THURSDAY MORNING: DECEMBER 3, 1865

# NOTES AND COMMENTS.

King Alfonso of Spain is dead. Vice President Hendricks of the United States died suddenly last week.

Whispers of mnicipal | candidates are the air, and many names are being " men tioned" as prospective aspirants for civic honors. No cards have as yet been published, however.

In the line of office seeking many are called and few are chosen. The trouble about this is that so many men call thomselves, ad go for an office that it is not desirable they should have.

The entire adult population of St. Marthe village, Quebec, on Sonday voluntarily assembled in church and pledged themselves to abstain from alcoholic beverages for the pace of one year.

The Warden of the County of Dufferin gave his annual supper at one of the hotels in Orangeville last week. All the toasts of liquor being used.

The Liberal Temperance Union is simply the latest out of the many successive masks which the liquor trade and its friends have found it expedient to wear in public. The name is good, but that is the only good thing the society possesses, and it is not the first time Heaven's livery has been used for unworthy purposes .- Waterloo Chronicle.

week several missiles were thrown at Ma- | says : jor Daniels as he passed an hotel, and a active temperance workers, S. Gracey, has, in the latter case, been offered by the Council for the detection of the perpetrators of the outrage. The County Council are, at their next meeting, to be asked to appropriate the necessary sum for the appointment of a Police Magistrate.

# ACTON'S PARLIAMENT.

# A Lengthy Session And Not Very Much to

THE ELECTIONS IN VIEW.

The council met on Tuesday evening Members all present.

Minutes of last meeting read and con-

The finance committee presented their seventeenth report recommending payment of accounts as follows -W. E. Smith, rent of pound .....

Thos. Easton; hall sundries..... H. P. Moore, printing & adv'tg... James Brown, lumber & coal . . . . . Geo. Havill, repairs at hall..... J. E. McGarvin, Fees' Court of P. M. McCann, repairs to hall.... L. Lyman, work on streets......

C. T. Hill, nails....

T. Isman, night constable.....

Hart & Rawlinson, blanks.....

### Report adopted.

The sum of \$1.00 was refunded to Mr Jno. Hayes, for taxes paid for a dog he did not possess.

Mr. Thos. Speight asked for a refund of dog tax because his dog was killed soon after being assessed. Laid over.

Mrs. S. A. Secord appealed for a reducion of taxes on her store and garden, north of mill street, on the ground that the store was vacant nearly six months, and the garden comparatively valueless to her. The Council was about to expend money to ouncil allowed no reduction.

Mr. Wm. Hemstreet, was voted \$4.66 for a sheep killed by unknown dogs Mr. Ismond recommended the securing

of hook, ladder and pail apparatus for further fire protection. Messrs. Ismond, Pearson and Stephenson were appointed committee to secure estimates.

'A by-law to appoint polling places and deputy returning officers for the coming municipal election was passed, the polling places to be the Council Chamber and Matthew's Hall, and Mesars. J. E. McGarvin, and J. C. Hill, the deputy returning officers. Council adjourned.

## ANOTHER DEFEAT.

Scott Act Defeated in Prescott and Russely

The Scott Act was voted on last Thursday in Prescott and Russell countiesand defeated, the majority being over 1800 against it. There is a very large French Canadian element in these counties, and it is said the whiskey supporters worked upon their feelings, making the recent hanging of Riel as expedient in the case. As a consequence the French electors voted en masse against the Act because the majority of the English population were in favor of it.

In reviewing this matter the Toronto News says :- "The wave is receding. The Scott Act has swept the country for a time like a whirlwind. The wave rushed away up the face of the rock and shook it to its base Now the wave recedes, and the full height has not been reached; but it will come back again. Five years from now, or six, this country will be seething over a political fight on the subject of straight prohibition The wave comes, and the wave goes and comes back again, but each time it is stronger and higher and more vigorous

Next time it will be a wild wave." The News speaks sensibly in the above paragraph, but we imagine it will hardly realize that the wave recedes very far just now. It is a wave that will stay, and the Horld says "the whiskey head must go." This above defeat will only tend to stir the temperance people to more decide and energetic action.

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### THE CEMETERY BUSINESS.

To the Edstor of the Form Prints. Sie, - In my last communication I stated would not again ask permission to trespass upon your space. Well, sir, I shall send this without asking, relying upon your well-known spirit of fair play for its insertion, in reply to that very versatile, untruthful, and artful dodger, "Pro Bono

He leads off with a whopper :--"A syndicate, with J. B. Pearson as President, has endeavored to answer my letter of the 12th inst., by styling me an anonymous scribbler. Such language could only expect from the pen of so self-important and conceited obstructionists."

Now, sir, there is no such syndicate. N person ever suggested, dictated, or saw sai letter until after completion. Such as i was I produced over my signature, which you "P. B. P.," dare not do. Why? Because it would expose your whole hypocritical game. I am solf-important enough to tell the truth, and conceited enough to stick to it. You are probably better up in syndicate

done at the next meeting of Council.

"Whether he subscribed to their fund

am not prepared to say, but evidently Mr.

hearing tell, of course you did not get one

following from your first effusion :-

which they certainly know is untrue."

of consistency, "P. B. P." It would be

Was the selection of the property submitted

Now, Mr. Editor, he's got me, I believe

for the first time in his column and a half

of vituperation and personality. How am I

going to get out of it? It's a fact. I can't

hedge as " P. B. P." does. I'm dealing in

of it. I did sell about nine kegs, at \$2.90

per keg, that cost me laid down in my store

\$2.76 per keg; or at a net profit of 14 cents

per 100 pounds. Now, "P. B. P.," you are

well up in statute and municipal matters,

I presume you are also a mathematician

Please tell us the rate per cent. of profit.

per cent.? (I might say I am sorry for it,

I won't do it again. I hope, Mr. Editor.

"In No. 10, Mr. P. states that he did

he not remember when the cemetery com-

not tell the council that they had discovered

citizens, did you possess it.

this accord with his profession?"

endeavoring to defeat it."

business than I. "Now as to some facts: They state first that he, J.B.P., never opposed the cemetery of six acres. Will Mr. J. B. P. please te were drunk in clear cold water; not a drop | the people of Acton how it came about that he and his colleague, Mr. Ismond, insulted Mr. Wells when that gentlemen presented the petition of 82 ratepayers, asking for the submission of a By-law to purchase six acres? Did he tell him to take the petition back and get more signatures to it, and was he not also told by Messrs. Pearson and Ismond to go out into the country to get

Mr. Wells never presented a petition to the Council-there was no meeting that night. I never insulted Mr. Wells, or had Since the passing of the Scott Act in the | the slightest intention of doing so. The county of Bruce three Magistrates, who | whole thing is false from beginning to end, | The first question I will answer for you, | mittee the majority of the Council have have imposed fines on liquor-sellers, have so far as it refers to me. I did not do one "P. B. P." I know your modesty. I did certified to its correctness. Now, sir, what had their barns burned. They are J. Bur- of the above accusations—a whole batch of not subscribe to the funds. Now for the is my duty? You are up in municipal law. ker, whose office also was burned; Mai. | whoppers. As evidence of the correctness Daniels, and Thomas Laurence. Only last of my statements, here is what Mr. Wells

few nights ago the store windows of two quest, I beg to state that 'P. B. P.' is incorrect in his statements. It was Mr. Ismond and not you, insulted me. I thought at the furniture manufacturer, and H. Park, time you had, but upon hearing your exjeweller, were smashed. A reward of \$100 planation I am satisfied no insult was

Messrs. Pearson and Ismond again op time, saying it did not show the expression of the people of Acton. That was a nice insult to the petitioners, and one which they will find resented in the long run, if they

"P. B. P. admits that petition was ser back for more signatures. Who sent back? The Council! Why? Because they thought there was not a sufficient number of signatures to give an expression of the majority of the people of Acton. For a fact, there never was a petition with 82 bona fide signatures of owners. Now, " F B.P.," did that petition contain one more name on its return? No. Then why should it be accepted any more than at first? Be cause it was the last chance of getting that property on the public. The majority did

not sign it. It must be taken as it was, or rejected. It was taken. Will you, Mr. of a cemetery carried by the ratepayers? " P. B. P.," tell me when that petition was carried by the people? If so, why as a representative of the people he so persistently opposes their wishes?" presented to the Council? I say positively 4 45 it never was, and I defy you to show mit any record of its presentation in the minutes 44 of the Council. No evidence that it was ever recognized by the Council. Now, who has "insulted the petitioners"? The only their interests. I wanted six acres, what 1 25 time that the petition was ever presented was at a special meeting, called by the Reeve. when the By-law was introduced previous to the petition. The By-law was carried

for their \$600, and the balance to the Dr. through its several stages, and laid upon for a carriage drive for cows, &c. the table ready for publication, and so stated "I have carefully looked up this matter Now, Mr. Editor, there is not a record in and cannot come to any other conclusion the minutes of the Council that such a meet from the wording of the statute, which is ing ever took place. Of this more anon. very plain." Why did you not use your influence with PRESS. "The reference to the acceptance of the

thirteen acres, presented by Dr. McGarvin, the Committee, give them the benefit of sneeringly called "the presentation humyour great municipal and statutory knowbug," does not come with a good grace. ledge, and otherwise encourage them to carry Here was six acres of laud, surveyed, or out the wishes of the people, and give them about to be surveyed, immediately in front of said thirteen acres and on which the what they have already paid dearly for? I Now the conditions of the pu or legally, to refuse to sell lots to citizens chase of the said six acres was that the owner of the thirteen acres immediately when demanded, on the six acres. It's behind should have right of way through theirs, not the Committee's. No matter the cemetery for all time to come.' who opposes or what the consequences, they

Why should the Dr. have the right of way have gone too far to recede now. through the cemetery? Who gave him that "I would advise Mr. P. to drive up Main privilege? Did the citizens? Did the citistreet as far as Mr. Hall's." zens expect he would be granted such What for?, I am not on the streets and privilege? I say, no, emphatically. What sidewalks committee. Have no authority was the width of this privilege? . Only sixty in that matter. Why do you not advise

feet wide across the whole six acres. Why some energetic member of that committee, did not the Dr. reserve his road out of his a very intimate friend of yours, Mr. Henown ground, according to the diagram that derson, for instance. He has authority, and accompanied the petition, instead of being besides he controls the funds. granted a road through, and thereby making the cemetery in two plots, sixty feet apart missioner to purchase nails, &c., from another conneillor, for the use of the corpor-"Feeling that the constant travel through

the comptery grounds to it, from time t time, would be a disagreeable feature, Dr McGarvin very magnanimously saw fit to present the property to the council."

Why did this sudden affliction of liberality strike the Dr. ? What was the consideration? Let's look into it, " P. B. P." The consideration was that he gets \$390, or "only \$30 per acre," for land that I think he could not dispose of for more than \$10 per scre, if he could sell it at all. And you call it, " P. B. P.," a " magnanimous present." I call it a " magnanimous humbug," and I think the citizens will find it a very expensive one

before they are through with it. "It would have been an unbusiness-like transaction if they, like Messrs. Pearson and Ismoud, had refused to accept, because if there are no lots sold in the thirteen acres then Dr. McGarvin gets nothing, and you won't use this against me at the next cannot enforce one cent.

election.) That, Mr. Editor, is all for politi-Let us see how this Committee purposed cal capital. It is said, "drowning men assisting the Dr. I have an extract from grasp at straws." I fear, "P. B. P.," you the Cemetery Committee's first report, taken from the minutes verbatim, dated the 8th Sept:, 1885 :-

"It being the purpose of your Committee to survey two acres of the rear portion on hill, they have at presents person employed Dr.'s magnanimity and present you with cutting underbrush and superfluous growth. preparatory to a new survey.'

This magnificent present was not to cost the corporation one cent, yet there is a man fore the piece the citizens purchased was completed. Now, who asked for this ex-This self-appointed Cemetery Committee, no a valuable gravel pit, and pointed it out as one else. It cost to survey the three acres of great advantage to the ceinetery and also over \$150; the levelest and sasiest on the for the roads and streets in the village ?" whole ground. What will it cost to survey Now, Mr. "P. B. P.," draw it mild; you the two acres on the hill and make it corres. have evidently been out of the county; you pond with the front? Where is the necessity | "took it mixed." Upon referring to the min for it, and where is the money to come from? utes of Council I find I was at that meeting, Every lot sold on the hill the Dr. pockets the | but I don't find a word was said about that

seres purchased. There is not a footofney and I atruck a syndicate, composed of a fence on the whole atherem acres, except "face and a comedy:" I took a few conthe gateway, and for which there is a bill densed notes, which read as follows:-

The Committee has spent within a fraction . The Recoo, Messys. Stevenson and Henof \$1,100, and what have the citizens to lerson. The Cemetery Committee present show for it? Nothing The so-called ob- Municipal Council of the Village of Actonstructionists could not prevent that expendi. Gentlemen. '-- here follows the report, one ture. They could dot prevent their selling extract from that report I will give verbatim—" Your Cemetery Committee was for-tunate enough to discover a gravel pit in the rear end of the last acquired thirteen acres, from which they will be enabled to of lots. I have no inclination to stop them. In regard to the second paragraph Mr. with the majority of the property owners to assist in procuring it. Did he do so ?" properly gravel the roadway

Now, Mr. "P. B P.," to wiem was this Yes, sir. The citizens never asked me to voluminous report addressed? To the support a motion giving the Dr. sixty feet Conneil, of course, composed of the Cemeof a roadway out of their six acres, nor do I tory Committee on y-not another Councilthink it was ever intended by the promoters lor in the room. Can it be possible, "P.B. of that scheme to give it to him. If so, why P.," you were at both moetings and got was it not carried out? A By-law to that them mixed? I don't notice many straneffect was passed. I think it was simply a gers at our meetings. Just imagine the scheme, which they knew I, or any other comical expression on the Cark's gemal disinterested party, would not support, to phiz when they were all expatiating on the get a sort of plausible excuse to introduce merits of that gravel pit, to themselves only this "magnatimous present," which was (as none have a keener appreciation of the ridiculous and enjoys a good joke better "All I have to say on that point is that

his votes do not bear out his statements. How did he act when the By-Law was sub-mitted to the people? Whether he voted meeting an account of \$10 was, presented for it or not is only known to himself. But for work on the thirteen acres and you and this is known, he took a lively interest in Mr. Ismond voted "may," and immediately afterwards as a member of the finance com I did not vote. I did not influence or mittee you voted to pay the sange \$10. Consistency is a jewel. On another occasion attempt to influence one vote. I did not when the committee brought is their report take a lively or other interest to defeat it. Messrs. J. B. Pearson and Ismond voted I was out of Acton nearly all day. Now, is "nay" and immediately after voted "yea" that explicit enough. I've lost track of the to pay \$150 for the same work in the ceme-

I think I can show where I am consistent in doing that. When I vote in the Council P. is in possession of the secrets. How does I vote as an independent member, but when an account is referred to the finance comsecond. Let's see how much of a secret I think it is clearly my duty as a member there has been. Do you remember, "P. B. of the finance committee to go in with the P.," being in the Council about the middle |majority and recommend payment of that " Mr. Peurson, -According to your re- of June last, I shall take it for granted you account. I have always done so. Had I was, when the letter was read to the Council | done otherwise your pet word, bobstruction by the Reeve, notifying them that if that list," would apply, but as the case stands property was selected proceedings would be that word should be taken to hurse by the instituted against them, or to that effect, Cemetery Committee. It projerly belongs signed by two ratepayers, Messrs. Burns to them.

and McDonald? Do you also recollect And lastly he says : --"I have no desire to enter the council for of a letter being received by each member like himself, do not posses the above of the Council from Messrs. Mowat, McLel-I'll take that, Mr. " P. B.

lan & Co., dated 7th Sept., stating that they take a lot of salt with it. had been instructed to take proceedings Now, Mr. Editor, I am doul with that &c.? You must certainly remember the thing, " Pro Bono Publico," be it man, woman, or child. It sayors strongly of Mrs. "I notice that one or two Councillors are Caudle, or the production of some other persistently circulating a report that legal proceedings have been lustituted against the garrulous old woman, rather than a straightcorporation to quash the By-Laws, &c., forward, manly letter on the matter at issue. But, sir, we are taught to be cliaritable; let Now, sir, you state that it would have exercise that virtue to its fallest extent been more manly to have told the Council this case. It's coming mear the full -they had no notice, I presume. You talk noon, perhaps he's not quite responsible. I have avoided personalities, sir, as much gem of inestimable value to you, and the as possible, and based my argunents, such as they are, on the grand fundamental our customers "I would ask Mr. P. was the By-Law for principle of truth, and I intend to stick to it raising the funds necessary for the purchase

Thanking you, sir, for the limited (?) space (recollect I warned you in my last). I remain, yours, &c.,

J. B. PEARSON,

answer to first two questions, Yes. Acton, Dec. 1st, 1885. Third question, I did not oppose their wishes. I stuck up like a little man for Any further correspondence in this natter must be confined to one column for they had to pay for. You, sir, (I beg your each letter. We have given the writers pardon, the Cemetery Committee,) only pro and con full liberty of space up to the wanted to give the citizens about of acres esent issue, but as their letters are now ssuming unreasonably volumnous proportions we are obliged to interfere. If more than a column is desired by ather correspondent he must pay for the extra space

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