MERRY, JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

To-morrow, Christmas, the festive tim to which we look forward with such plos surable anticipations, and from which w date back in the majorify of cases, wit feelings of gratification, will have come an gone. Another notable land mark in life journey will have been passed before the FREE PRESS again greets its many readers.

There is no time in all the year like Christmas time; the children look forward to it for months, and the scattered memberof the family gather then under the father roof to enjoy together the happy season. Those who are far away are remembered with precious tokens from home. The regular routine of business is suspended Father gives up his time to the little folks and mother plans with them and becomes a willing partner in their secrets and surprises. The colleges and schools close their doors, and a season of pleasure and relaxstion takes the place of the busy school life. How the young people look forward to the won't swear he keeps a public house season a happy one for all, and steel themselves against celebrating this joyous occasion, miss from life one of its brightest

Christmas is, therefore, the most natural as it is the most holy and bosutiful of all the festivals of the year. Even the super stitions that have grown up about it are tender and loving. But its chief delight that it is the home festival, teaching at the same time that all mankind are one family and that each man owes a tribute of kindliness to all other men.

It is a good thing we have this festival because it gives a pause amid the toil, the struggles and the distractions of life. moral backbone, and enables as to renew the battle of life with nobler purposes and higher perceptions of duty. If we will but reflect on the meaning of the evangel. brought home to us at this happy season, we will feel there is something more in by far than feasting and glad tidings. we learn this lesson, and endeavor to act in our lives during the coming year, nex Christmas will find us merrier than this and each succeeding Christmas will crease our happiness to the end of ou days. Hoping it will be thus with all int whose hands this paper may fall, we wish

A MERRY CHRISTHAS

THE DOMINION LICENSE

Declared Unconstitutional by the Privi

THE PROVINCE TO REGULATE THE TRAFFIC.

The report of the Privy Council on the Dominion Government's appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada as to the constiwas made last Friday. It confirms the himself W. Allan. Now, Mr. Editor, judgment of the Supreme Court to the would like to know who is this W. Allan effect that the power to issue tavern and Has he ever taken any interest in the well shop licenses rests exclusively with the fare of our village? Has he ever given hi wholesale and vessel licenses. The Supreme Court had decided that the power over wholesale and vessel licenses resided in the Dominion. The Privy Council, however, decided the other way, and holds that this power also is vested in the Provinces.

realm decides that the law gives to the provincial authorities full and exclusive school master was away from home. control over the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The series of decisions given by the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council have now so far defined the powers and privileges of the Provinces, that questioning. The federal principle of government as against that of a legislation union seems to be destined to take the lead. The opponents of the Scott Act are al-

ready arguing that since the Dominion abolish their sale. Hence the Scott Act must be ultra vires. Against this contention rests the judgment of the Council in the case of Russell vs. the Queen, upheld the constitutionality of the Scott Act. The Privy Council does not reverse its own judgments, therefore it may be presumed that the Scott Act is safe from any further

Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.

Some persons, supposed to be tramps burglars, broke open the door of the Presby terian church the other evening and then broke into the library, expecting to find something valuable. Having built a fire in one of the stoves they then brought in a goose, picked it, scattering the feathers upon the floor. Then, lifting one of the covers of the stoye, laid the fowl over the flame and fired it. The caretaker had his time cleaning the grease bespattered store

and the smokey surroundings. Upon Sabbath two tramps were arrested by constable Carter, assisted by the chief police, of Goelph. They had a set of burular's tools, and each had loaded revolvers It appears they are part of the gang impli cat'd in the late burglary on Sheehan and Watson, Guelph. Papers in their possession gave the citie to three others in Hamil tou. One of them answered the advertised accription in a Buffalo paper for a man The committed marder there.

THE ROSSIN HOUSE PULLED To the extent of \$100 and Costs for Violat-

ing the Boott Act.

THE FIRST MONTH'S EXPERIENCE The first court of the Police Magistrate of the county over held in Acton took place yesterday afternoon in the town hall before

P. M. Young. The work before the court was a charge o second violation of the Scott Act against Geo. Robinson, one of the managers of the Rossin House, who took possession a few weeks ago. Mr. McGibbon, barrister, appeared for Robinson. The first witness in the case, Wm. Lec

sworn, said :- Know Robinson; keeps a public house; was in the house ou Thursday night, 3rd December; was a number present; had something to drink; was beer and intoxicating; had more than one glass; saw money paid for it by David Bell ; Robiuson took it; only saw money passed once Beatty was present; was in the back sitting room; Robinson brought it in in a pitcher; couldn't say who all drank with me; it was about midnight; I boarded there then; was there at least until half-past one.

To Mr. McGibbon-Saw money pass only once; Beatty was in the company; don't know if he has any interest in the business got beer; don't know what kind; know the difference between Cronk and beer; didn't pay any money myself; have no doubt about getting beer; had also "short," thought it was rye whiskey. David Bell, sworn :- Know Robinson

Christmas vacation! A visit home, keeps a bar; was there on the 3rd free from all the restraints which surround of December; had something to drink; it them through the year, is an event which was beer; drank more than once; I paid they have anticipated for weeks. Those Robinson for it; he brought it in; this who do nothing to make the Christmas | was about ten o'clock; don't know what time I left; wasn't able to tell; am well aware the liquor was intoxicating; paid Mr. McGibbon desired no cross examina

tion. He admitted the previous conviction of defendant as set forth in information. The evidence was of such a straightforward and corroborative character that the magistrate deemed it sufficient to convict,

and fined Robinson \$100 and costs, payable forthwith, failing this to spend two months in the county gail. It is rumored that the defendant has skipped the country. A distress warrant

was issued for the seizure of his goods. At the conclusion of the trial the magis awakens kindly memories, strengthens the trate, in a very neat address, complimented the Reeve and Council and citizens generally upon the possession of such an excellent town hall, and said it was one of the finest he had ever been in and a credit to

> He was glad to find the witnesses in the case breliable and straightforward, notwithstanding their undestrable position as witnesses against violators of the law of the

> He had formed a very favorable opinion of Acton and the people here, and hoped they would in their desire to have right prevail rise to a man and assist in ridding the community of such dives as the place concerned in this case was reported to be.

The hall was full of spectators and those present left with the impression that P. M. Young is neither the tyrant nor the ignoramus he has been pictured by the enemies of the law, but that he is a fair-minded gentleman, fully capable of honorably sustaining the responsible position he occu

Who is W. Allan?

Sm:-1 see a person has undertaken tutionality of the Dominion License Act answer my letter of the 10th inst. and sign Provinces. It reverses the decision of the aid in assisting those who would like to make Acton one of the gems of this county! If so I do not know him. I have lived here some years and I never heard of him as a public benefactor. I know a gentleman by the name of Wm. Allan a Justice of the Peace, and the Coloucl of the 20th Batt. It certainly cannot be him. Therefore . The highest judicial authority in the fancy the party who has undertaken to write this letter has done so when the

I shall correct some misleading points he tries to make, so as to put it right before of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it the electors. He says he was one of the persons appointed to get signatures to the petition. Then there was a petition. So in the future their right will require no he and Mr. Pearson do not agree altogether. Then he says it was distinctly ordered, &c. Now I would like to know who did the ordering. It certainly was not the council, therefore it must have been Messrs. Pearson and Ismond that were bossing the job. Government has no power to permit the Then he makes a very broad assertion when sale of intoxicants neither has it power to he says Mr. Wells and he failed to get that majority. How does he know they failed Did he count the names of those entitled to vote? If so, why does he not give it? He ought to be careful when he makes statement to ascertain if it be true or not. Now, I showed in my last, and which is evidence beyond doubt, that they did get a majority of those entitled to vote, as shown by the vote polled. I extend the same lect a cold, and it is folly not to have some challenge to him to produce the petition good remedy available for this frequent and count the names. He evidently tries | complaint. One of the most efficacious to hide himself behind the word "ratepayer," so as to mislead the people. Now, lungs, is Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. all ratepayers are not entitled to vote on This medicine is composed of several medithat by-law, and I suppose he was so in- cinal herbs, which exert a most wonderful go around, will he tell how many signatures motes a free and easy expectoration,

> law? He keeps that part hidden. He poses as the champion of the laborers | Family Reunions and poor men. I wonder when that fact struck him. I am satisfied that if the laborers and poor men of this village had of course a fine photograph of the group to depend on him for assistance to maintain will be desired by each member of the their families they would I fear, have to go | family. The Metropolitan Studio can give

> to bed hungry every night in the week. He further says if common sense and sec. If any member of the family is too prudence ruled &c., we would not have 22 | feeble or unable to visit the gallery let me mills to pay. The council sometimes do know and I will arrange to take the picture illegal things. They did it this year, and I will mention one. They voted \$15 out of the treasury to provide some extras for the volunteers, which is quite contrary to law. Why did he not complain of that? He says that the council did not act ut to the letter and spirit of the by-law, do. Is that true? Did they boy six nores? Did Back Co...

they got it surveyed, the roadways mude and gravelled, and were they about to offer lots for sale on the surveyed portion? You can answer yes to all of these. You can also tell us who prevented them from carrying out the wishes of the people. As

you do not desire to give that information I will do it for you. They were councillors Pearson and Ismond, and no one clsc, as shown by the proceedings of the council. Had these two gentlemen given their assistance, instead of opposition, lots would have been sold and the cemetery would now be a credit to the municipality.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Acton, Dec. 19th, 1885. We have allowed a full discussion of thi matter in these columns for the past twe months. With the close of 1885 it must cease. If anything is to be said upon the subject in our next issue it will be necessar; for the correspondence to reach this office not later than Saturday next .- ED. FREE

Limehouse Sparks.

From our own Correspondent. Merry Xmas to all. The brunetto is here again Lovely sleighing.

sixth line quarry.

Quite a number of men are busy at the

Our machinist has left us, to the joy of some and sorrow of others. Mrs. Lake has a London orphan,

smart little boy, whom she intends raising Mr. Proctor had a "stone bee "last Friday in the spring. We hear that a supper and a dance is

being gotten up for a loved one's return a Mr. Geo. Kennedy, of Georgetown, preached a very acceptable sermin hero-last

Sunday afternoon. A child of Mrs. Osborne, from Alton, was buried Bere last week. We hear they

intend moving here in the spring, if no The school examination last Friday afternoon was a success. Between 50 and 60 persons attended. The children did credit

to all concerned. Thanking you all for your patience in reading my scribble during this year, and as this is my last one, I-wish you a loving farewell, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New

Dec. 22nd, 1885. We beg to express our thanks to excellent correspondent, "Rock," for h very interesting letters relative to Lime house and surroundings during the past year, and we are certain the citizens of that enterprising burg will join us in this pression. We will be pleased to arrange with some responsible resident for future correspondence. - En FREE PRESS.

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