

## The Action Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11, 1860.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mrs. Blake, widow of the late William Hume Blake, and mother of Hon. Edward Blake, died last week of injuries received by a fall in her room last week. Deceased was in her 88th year.

The Western Fair Association, at its meeting in London on Saturday, agreed to ask the Ontario Government to withdraw their grant of \$10,000 from the Provincial, and distribute it equally amongst the Western, Central and Eastern Fairs.

Toronto is entirely free from smallpox, and Montreal, where the disease took deep root, has not a single case, but from the other side of the world come accounts of the ravages of the terrible plague. At Marquette and Genes, it is said, smallpox is rapidly spreading, and threatens to work as much woe as the cholera.

The prospect of this year's lumber trade in the Ottawa district are reported to be better than for many years past. This year's cut will, it is stated, be unusually large, the output being estimated at 6,000,000 feet. Sales have already been made to the value of \$4,000,000, the prices obtained being better than ever previously recorded.

The weather of the cold three days last week was the coldest of the season. It covered over two-thirds of the continent extending from the lakes to the Atlantic and away down to the Southern States, the only sections of America spared by King Frost being in the Northwest territories and the extreme Southwestern States, an anomaly that has yet to be accounted for.

The publishers of General Grant's book have presented Mrs. Grant with \$250,000, her share of the proceeds from the sale. This is the largest sum ever paid by a publisher to an author or his representative. Macaulay received for his history of England \$100,000, and the largest sum Sir Walter Scott ever received from his publisher was \$200,000. Altogether Mrs. Grant will get, from \$500,000 to \$700,000 from her husband's labors.

In his address before the Ontario manufacturers, President Elliott delivered his scroll of the very pretty but not novel statement that "capital and labour should be forced working together quietly and harmoniously." Of course they should, but as long as capital acts on the assumption that it has a right to all the profits over and above what is sufficient to keep the labourer in existence, it is not likely that this quiet and harmony will be secured. Capitalists are generally very but handled philanthropists.—*Timberly Library*.

How the party organ do kick, about the independent papers. It is a good sign. A hornet can buzz around a jack-ass and he will do nothing but flip his ears, and perhaps squirt his eye a little. When the jack-ass begins to kick, you can risk your spare wealth on it, that the hornet has got into his works. The Independent press, which twelve or thirteen years ago, was almost solely represented by this journal, is becoming a power in the land, and the party machines feel it.

A number of places across the border have hit upon an idea which we think might be advantageously copied by Acton's Municipal Council. It is this.—In the clerk's office a public complaint book has been opened to the general public, where complaints can be entered by any person regarding any laws which may be broken, neglect of duty of Municipal officials, or any other matters of which ratepayers may have cause to complain. The cost would be nothing, and we hope that our local authorities will place a public complaint book in the clerk's office. We have no doubt that many of our citizens would avail themselves of such a means of bringing infractions of the by-laws and other matters of public interest before the authorities, and as every complaint would have to be signed by a responsible party, the council could be satisfied that there was ground for pursuing an investigation.

### A BY-LAW MEETING.

The Session of the Municipal Council Last Tuesday Evening Devoted to By-laws.

### THE OLD CEMETERY CLOSED.

Council met in the Council Chamber last Tuesday evening.

Members present, the Reeve and Councillors Henderson, Fyle and Cameron.

Councillor Pearson made a short call but left for another meeting before any business was transacted.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by J. Fyle, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law to provide for the management of the Public Cemetery of the village of Acton, and to make regulations therefor, and that said by-law be now read a first time.—Carried.

The by-law passed the first, and second readings, the council went into committee of the whole, with D. Henderson, chairman. The committee did not complete the by-law, however, but rose and reported progress, asking permission to sit in committee again on the same at next meeting.

Moved by J. Fyle, seconded by D. Henderson, that by-law, No.—to provide for the public health, and to prevent further interments of the dead taking place in the village of Acton, save and except in Fairview Cemetery, be now read a first time.—Carried.

The by-law was read the required number of times, and passed.

Mr. John Cameron acted as chairman in committee of the whole.

This by-law provides for the immediate closing of the old cemetery, and for continuation of its provisions so far as will be liable to a fine of penalty not less than \$10 nor more than \$20 and costs.

The council adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

### SCOTT ACT ENFORCEMENT.

The Opinion of the Ontario Alliance With Reference to the Scott Act.

### THE MACHINERY NECESSARY.

The annual convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance was held at the Temperance Hall in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. There was present a good representation from Halton.

The most important matter which came before the Alliance for consideration was that relating to the proper enforcement of the Scott Act in those counties and cities in which it has or will become law.

The report of the committee on Scott Act enforcement was presented as follows:

"Whereas, great confusion has prevailed and great difficulties have been experienced in enforcing the Scott Act by reason of the recent conflict of laws, and whereas there is now no machinery for the proper enforcement of the Scott Act;

"Whereas in our opinion, it is the duty of the Ontario government to provide such machinery—

"Be it resolved that we respectfully request the Ontario government to enforce section 181 of the revised statutes of Ontario, sections 104, 105 and 106, and as amended in 44 Victoria, cap. 27, sec. 15, in addition to which we would make the following recommendations which we would urge the Ontario government to adopt:

"1. No police magistrate or other provincial officer in Scott Act counties to be appointed who is not in thorough sympathy with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act.

"2. All police and constables to be required to assist in enforcing the Scott Act.

"3. Police magistrates and inspectors to be appointed in all Scott Act counties with or without the request of county councils.

"4. All inspectors to be required to do detective duty.

"5. All fine to go to form a fund to defray the necessary expenses of police magistrates and of prosecutions, except in case of prosecution by private persons, in which case one half of the fine goes to the party prosecuting, the other half to the above mentioned fund.

"6. That after paying all necessary expenses out of this fund the balance, if any, be paid to the county or, in case of a deficiency, the balance to be paid by the county.

"Further, that we respectfully memorize the Dominion government to so amend the Scott Act as to compel the drinker to give evidence as to where he procures his liquor, and in case of refusal to be committed for contempt of court.

"We would also call the attention of the convention to a decision of the Queen's bench in the case of Regna v. Wallace, Oct. report, vol. xv., page 27. Queen's bench division, that 30 days was a sufficiently certain statement of time in which to lay an information for the breach of the act.

The various sessions of the Convention were full of interest to those present.

### Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.

The Presbyterians are laying down material for shed building.

Weather-wise ones are predicting mud.

We hope they are wrong.

Rev. Mr. Spencer of Elora, gave an interesting lecture on "Travels in Palestine and Egypt," with views en route. Those who attended were well satisfied with both lecture and views.

Last Sabbath the quarterly meeting and love feast was held in the Methodist Church, and the Lord's Supper in the Presbyterian Church. At each service were large and attentive congregations.

The rink was well attended last week. The managers wisely gave up their second carnival on the 3rd inst., so as not to interfere with the Bible Society's meeting, held on the 4th. We understand they had a good time.

The annual meeting of the Bible Society was held in the Canada Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Strachan, President, presided. Rev. Mr. Murpy moved the adoption of the report in an excellent address. Rev. Mr. Swan seconded it in a short address.

Mr. David Stevenson, who has been ill for some time, died last Saturday, and many of his neighbors and friends turned out to pay their last respects to an old resident. He was amongst the few in this vicinity attaining such years. One by one, and fast succeeding each other, have the pioneers who early settled in this part passed away. Very few now remain. They, by hard toil, cleared away the forests, and now the generation following are reaping the results of their labors on fields upon which the latest and most approved machinery can be worked.

If our correspondent would be a little more precise as to dates, his weekly communications would be even more interesting to readers generally.—Ed. Fazza Fazza.

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### PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Kindly Desirous of Being Personally Acquainted.

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R. E. NELSON,  
Acton, February 9th, 1860.

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THOS. COKE.

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Acton, January 23rd, 1860.

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THOS. C. MOORE

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THOS. C. MOORE.

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