ACTON IN THE COURTS. On Thursday last All-Fool's Day-the nunicipal clerk, as representative of the corporation, was served by Dep. Sheriff Clements with the long-threatened writ re the new cemetery. To make the matter more interesting perhaps for lecal gossipers, three of the councillors were also served with copies of the writ, while the other councillor, who is perchance a friend of the unknown plaintiffs in the case, was convaniently passed over. The attention paid the three councillors was, however, unnecessary, and, to say the least, absurd, for the corporation was just as effectually served through the clerk as if every citizen had been individually summoned, and all the councillors occupy one position with reference to the action and their responsibility as public servants, whether served or not

Who the real plaintiffs are the writ fails to. disclose. Possibly the public will see them brought out from the back-ground before the case closes. Neither is the reason for the action given, or the nature of the grounds upon which the court is requested to "restrain the corporation from establishing a public cemetery on the property named" recited. This particular part of the unreasonable affair is shrouded in darkness; but that the corporation of the has been inquiring into the expense Village of Acton is the defendant in the case, maintaining Rideau Hall, the residence and that the taxpayers of the municipality | the Governor-General. It seems that for will be obliged to bear the whole of the repairs and farniture, the people of Canada village's share of all expense incurred, is very clearly and unmistakably set forth.

Rumor gives currency to the presumption that the action arises from the claim that the County Council illegally excluded that portion of land, now known as Fairview Cemetery, from the village of Acton; but we have it upon the highest legal authority that all the proceedings connected with the ernor General's department; his personal styles, all colors, 45c., regular separation, on the part of both Acton and the County Councils, were perfectly legal and in strict harmony with the statute. There seems no other reasonable ground for action. At any rate, we fail to see where any citizen's rights have been infringed by the opening of the new cemetery, or how little more radical sentiment respecting any injustice or injury could possibly occur the dhief executive office of our country at any time in the future through its loca- than has hitherto found parliamentary ex- up, chemille and ribbon trim med; tion. The public will be much inclined to pression, is uttered. conclude that the whole trouble is the result of uncalled-for jealousy and perhaps personal dislikes. The matter is very much to be regretted, for in any event the corporation will be put to considerable expense in defending itself, and the property belonging to it, and we believe the authorities are taking a course in which they are fully justified, by facing the matter boldly with counsel of eminent standing at its back. By this action the authorities are putting themselves in a position to intelligently defend

by marauders of public peace and order. It is really deplorable that this matter should be brought into confusion again. It was made an issue at the polls at the recent, municipal election, and on that occasion the ratepayers spoke in the most decisive terms in favor of the new cemetery and the committee who had superintended the work connected therewith. In consideration of this it was generally, and very naturally, concluded that there would be no further meddling with the question. Then, too, a considerable sum has been expended in putting the cemetery in proper condition for public use, and when a revenue of some moment is about to be derived in favor of plaintiffs—only one of whose names are village finances, the matter is again stir up. Verily, it appears as though the mal contents would delight to see the whole expenditure thus far incurred thrown to the winds. There is this satisfaction in the matter, however-if it can be called a satisfaction,-that in addition to their heavy expense for entering and conducting the case, the plaintiffs, whoever they may be, will be called upon to bear a share proportionate to the value of their respective properties, of all expenditures that may be incurred by the corporation in defending the suit. They have nothing whatever to gain, and they run a great big chance of becoming interest of the municipality your comresponsible for the costs of a case in the High Court of Justice, and afterwards paying their share, as ratepayers, of the whole cost of defence, and the necessary expenses connected therewith. The whole matter of agitating objections to the opening of a new cemetery during the past four or five years, has been an exceedingly silly and pality, be placed to the credit of a comunreasonable piece of business-it has al ready cost the corporation some hundreds of dollars-and this last action is the most shortsighted of them all. The malcontents who are interesting themselves will eventually learn that their whistle was very dearly paid for.

A YEAR IN ABEYANCE. The Scott Act Cannot be Enforced in Fron-

Though an order-in-council has been issued declaring the Scott Act in force in Frontenac, yet it cannot be enforced until May, 1887. It was voted upon and carried, May, 1885. The neglect in not publishing the enforcement of the Act lies in the state department. The Scott Act people say there can be no excuse for an omission was at a large expenditure of time and money they accomplished what they did, and they feel like having redress if it is systleble. Some members have been Cameron, that the council reconsider the spoken to about a special act of parliament motion passed at the last meeting of this to cover this peculiar case, "but," writes a council with reference to purchasing gentleman from Ottaws, a member of the Dominion Alliance," it is very doubtful if

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it passed the Commons."

it could be got through the Senate even if

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is said that arrangements have been nade by which the Canadian Pacific Railway agree to pay the government back the \$20,000,000 loan before July 1st.

The springlike weather has brought on a large number of spring hats and bonnets and it was mainful to observe how many of them were surmounted by stuffed birds. The taste for such decorations is worthy of a savage race. It is estimated that five | wide known retail stores. millions of songsters are destroyed annually in North America alone to gratify the barbario vanity of such women as delight in this sort of thing. The pulpit and the press should unite their influences in a crusade against a fashion so ornelly destructive and so spandalously vulgar.

The Council of the Agriculture and Art Association has petitioned the Dominio Parliament to pass a law making the sal or importation of oleo butters and cheese permissible only when the packages are stamped as such. It appears that consid. the pleasure of the trip costs them ported and sold in this countr for the greater the styles are later the genuine article, and, being put up in speci- prices ure cash prices - home ous packages, it commands a ready sale vide for the proper labelling of these articles, but to impose a heavy tariff upon them both of customs and of inland revenue -Rural Camalian.

Mr. McCraney, M. P. for this county, paid \$35,507 in 1884, and \$31,206 in 1885. Goods Prices. We look upon This in addition to other charges, make millinery as a necessity, not as a the Governor-General a very expensive luxury. It cost \$495 to remove the snow from the grounds in one year, and \$8,000 for coal to heat the Hall. There is un deniably considerable dissatisfaction in general way at the enormous cost of the Governor-Generalship of Canada; the Govand departmental travelling expenses; and price 85c.; porcupine straw hats, the maintenance and repairing of Rideau | 371e., regular price 85c., and so on Hall . It is not surprising, therefore, that ad infinitum. Mr. McCraney has given notice of a series of motions covering this whole matter and it will also not be surprising if thes motions prevoke a discussion, in which

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was requested to summon a special meeting, to be held on Friday, April 2nd, at the rights of citizens against the tampering | 8:30 p.m., to reconsider, or further consider, the matter of fire protection, also to provide for answer to a writ against the corcemetery. A special meeting was held halves do duty for dollars. Make

that evening.

the object of the meeting.

son, Fyfe and Cameron. Upon motion Mr. Henderson took

Mr. J. E. McGarvin, clerk, explained that he, as representative of the corporation, had been served with a writ from the High Court of Justice, Common Pleas Division. The instrument recited that the given-would take action to restrain the open-meshed cloth, at unapproachestablishing a public cemetery upon that all the newest shades, from 36 in. part of the Township of Esquesing describ- to 42 in. wide, at from 43c. and ed in a deed dated 7th July, 1885-the first | intermediate prices up. All-wool six acres-from Nelson McGarvin to the cashmeres from 25c. up, all widths corporation of the village of Acton.

After some remarks upon the matter the Finance Committee presented the follow-To the Munteipal Council of the Village of in Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—Your standing Committee on Finance have been advised by the clerk that a writ against the corporation of the 'illage of Acton has been served on him,

as representing the corporation. In the mittee deem it prudent that prompt steps be taken to answer the writ and thereby save the ratepayers from unnecessary los

in the matter complained of.

To enter and maintain a proper defence may, however, incur considerable outlay on

Your committe therefore recommend hat the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). o be paid out of the funds of the municinittee to be appointed by the Council to defend such action on behalf of the corporation, and that a further sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to be paid in like manner, be placed to the credit of such committee to defray their personal expenses in the prosecution of such defence; such sums to be paid from time to time, as required, by the treasurer to the chairman of such com-

All of which is respectfully submitted. D. HENDERSON, Com

Committee Rooms, April 2nd, 1886. Moved by J. Fyfe, seconded by John Cameron, that the report of the finance committee just read be adopted, and that the seal of the corporation be attached to this motion.-Carried.

Moved by John Cameron, seconded by J Fyfe, and resolved, that D. Henderson, J. Fyfe and J. Cameron be a special committee, on behalf of the corporation, to enter an appearance in the action now that practically neutralizes the labors of pending in the High Court of Justice the temperance men. They claim that it against the corporation of Acton, and to maintain a proper defence against such Acton P.O to action.-Carried.

Moved by J. Fyfe, seconded by John extinguishing apparatus.—Carried, Moved by J. Cameron, seconded by J. Pyle, that the motion passed at the last

meeting of this Council authorizing the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus be and is hereby resoinded .- Carried, Upon motion the Council saljourned,

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