

OUR TWELFTH VOLUME.

Of Dominion Day, 1876, the first issue of the Free Press was presented to the public...

We can with considerable pleasure look back upon the past years as time well spent in connection with this journal.

In the first issue of the Free Press the following paragraph appeared in the introductory editorial:

"We propose that the Free Press shall be devoted to the interest of any political party or faction; that it shall at all times and under all circumstances be free to discuss matters of public policy on their merits, and upon this basis we are prepared to stand and let come what may."

From that day to the present the course there intimated has been faithfully and conscientiously followed.

The public has not been slow to remark the improvements in the mechanical appearance of the Free Press which have from year to year been effected.

The Acton people are still quarrelling about their cemetery. Hardly a meeting of Council takes place but there is some kind of row about it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Ontario Government must reconsider its opposition to manhood suffrage, and succumb to the pressure of the Liberal associations.

The statement that the firm of Goodrich & Worle are cutting down the wages of their employees, assigning as a reason the dullness of trade, if substantiated by the facts, is a point scored by the prohibitionists.

The County Gaol at Whitchy is empty for the first time since it was built. There is not a single prisoner confined within its gloomy walls nor has there been since last Friday.

As Dr. Kerzan's Surgeons have not visited Acton for some time, we expect their partners at the Dominion Hotel will be well filled during their short visit.

Having a short time on hand after the juvenile department was dismissed, I called in at the senior department of the stone school, where one of the classes was being put through its paces in grammatical analysis.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Of the Halton Temperance Association, Arranging for the Coming Elections.

The annual convention of Halton Temperance Association was held in Milton on Tuesday. Although the attendance was not so large as has frequently been present at former conventions, the county was well represented, about an equal number of delegates being present from each township.

A review of the working of the Boot Act throughout the County during the past year was made, and encouraging reports were presented from nearly every section, the exceptions being in connection with one or two of the townships, and here the sentiment of the community was growing more and more favorable to the total suppression of the liquor traffic.

In view of the coming elections it was arranged to hold a series of public meetings throughout the county, the local speakers to be assisted by one or more prominent outside speakers.

Among others the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That in considering the question of making our influence as prohibitionists felt at the coming elections of Parliamentary candidates, we are strongly of opinion that the electors of the county are prepared to sustain and elect the candidate who is decidedly pronounced in favor of prohibition, and we believe that no candidate will be elected unless he is prepared by a satisfactory record, and by giving satisfactory assurance that he is in favor of, and will labor to secure, prohibitory legislation.

2. Resolved, That this convention heartily endorses and commends the action of the Dominion Alliance in the introduction of the system of electoral unions for the Dominion, and we hereby recommend that electoral unions be formed in each polling subdivision in this county, upon the basis laid down by the Dominion Alliance, with a view to ensuring the election only of known prohibition candidates at the coming Municipal and Parliamentary elections.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President—Rev. M. C. Cameron; Vice-Presidents—Rev. A. E. Russ, ex-president Niagara Conference, Messrs. G. H. Kennedy, Johnson Harrison, Geo. Irving, D. Hartley and W. H. Lindsay; Secretary—Robt. Harrison; Treasurer—S. Dice; Executive Committee—A. Wilmott, J. Hollinrake, W. D. Brothers, James Harrison, Rev. D. M. McKenzie and S. Centre.

The meeting adjourned at five p.m., and the delegates returned to their homes more than ever determined to work to the best of their power and ability—looking to God continually for His Divine aid—to secure eventually the long promised total prohibition of the liquor traffic from the whole Dominion.

A Visit to the Public Schools. To the Editor of the Free Press. DEAR SIR,—Having learned through the columns of the Free Press that the public schools of this place were to have an examination of their pupils, I thought I would embrace the opportunity of seeing and hearing for myself.

As no particular invitation had been given, and consequently knowing nothing of the programme of proceedings, I went not in the capacity of critic but of a sympathizer. To no class of public servants is our sympathy so heartily due as to the teachers of our common schools, and yet to none is it so reluctantly tendered. The idea obtains that they are paid for the work they do, therefore they are receiving all that is due. This may be the conclusion of the contractor but not of the philanthropist.

The work in which they are engaged and the material on which they are operating should provoke an increase of thoughtful sympathy. It must not be inferred from this that the teachers of our dear little town do not receive their share. For their work's sake they should get it, and for the children's sake they should get an increase.

On Friday last I sallied forth in the direction of the school-rooms, where the young idea is taught to shoot, and the first place into which I stumbled was that of Principal Moore, whom I found busily engaged drilling the senior class of his department in a series of practical mathematical problems. While I listened to the drill in this exercise I was forcibly reminded of the incisive practical turn of the times in which we live, and saw at a glance the solid common sense of the principal in his method of imparting instruction.

The next point visited was the department presided over by Miss Mahaffy. I was impressed and pleased with the ease and grace with which she directed the movements of her brigade. The order was perfect, while the action of the pupils in the performance of their work and the results reached were highly gratifying.

After recess I passed into the department over which Miss Jelley presides. Here, as well as in the other school-rooms visited, I met with a number of lady friends, each one manifesting an intense interest in certain classes and lessons. Very natural, you will say. Miss Jelley, with a matronly dignity, seemed to have no trouble in securing attention, and bringing into full play the entire mental energies of her pupils. Her tone of voice is soft but firm, and as soon as she speaks her instructions are obeyed, proving the immense value in this department of the work of good government.

In the afternoon I called at the town hall, and spent there about three-quarters of an hour with the inmates. Here I was struck with the fact of inadequate accommodation, a great injustice to teacher and pupils. The place was crowded. The little ones here did well. One thing was quite clear, that the pupil most regular in attendance, other things being equal, had the advantage; a hint, by the way, which I hope we will all take. Here I found Miss Dorland had to combat a difficulty not so prominent in the other departments. From what I saw and heard while present Miss Dorland is both loved and respected.

gent masterly handling of the principles and an easy reduction of them to practice. This was my first visit to the public schools of Acton, and with the results I have been very much pleased.

Acton, June 28th, 1886. A. L. C.

Limchouse News. From our own Correspondent. Business is very brisk around Limchouse now.

It is said one of our local belles will be married on July 2nd.

Mr. A. Durso has left the Toronto Lime Co. to take a position as foreman with Mr. W. Scott.

The lime business has been quite brisk so far, and is expected to continue so the rest of the season.

Stafford & Robinson are doing a big business in rubble and block stone, as are also J. Parson and William Scott.

Messrs. Robt. Garvin and D. Edmondson have much improved the appearance of their houses by a coat of paint.

We are glad to announce that Mr. D. McKenzie is once more able to be at work, after his severe accident last March.

Mr. John Marshall visited Toronto last week, and purchased a good stock of dry goods and groceries, which he is prepared to sell cheap.

Linehouse, June 28th, 1886. ANON.

THE CRADLE. PLANK—In Hamilton, on the 14th June, the wife of Mr. John Plank of a daughter.

THE GRAVE. PLANK—In Hamilton, on the 16th June, Anna Maria, beloved wife of Mr. John Plank, aged 33 years.

T. EATON & CO., 190 to 196 Yonge Street.

Early Closing on Saturday. Ladies visiting the city on Saturday, during the months of July and August, will greatly facilitate the movement by making their purchases before 2 o'clock p.m.

Boots and Shoe Department. The prices are astonishingly low—40c. will buy a Child's Wine Foxed Button Boot worth 75c.

50c. will buy a Child's Peb. Button or B. Lace Boots—sizes 6 to 10.

75c. will buy a Misses' Button or Lace Boot, regular price \$1.

We are selling a Misses' Kid Button Boot with worked button holes, in sizes and half sizes, \$1.

Ladies' Turned Opera Kid Slippers, in half sizes and sizes, 75c.

We have received another lot of those Button, Lace and Tie Shoes. Still selling them at 98c.

Ladies' Button Boots, with worked button holes, for \$1. This is extra value.

\$1.25 will buy an India Kid Button Boot, worked holes, in all sizes.

\$1.50. At this price we have 12 different lines to choose from.

For \$1.75 is to be had a perfect-fitting Buttoned Boot made on an American last in different widths, worked button holes and in half sizes.

Parasol Department. Prepare for a rainy day, and in accordance with our busy rush, come and see our excellent stock of Parasols and Umbrellas, ranging in price from 20c. up to \$3.50.

We are selling an "all silk parasol" this week for \$1, it is good value for \$1.25, and will repay the public to pay us a visit before our choice lots are away.

Big Sale of Dress Goods. Still continues, and has met so far with great success, and no wonder—our lady patrons are not slow to take advantage of this grand opportunity to buy their summer dress materials, from a stock wholesale in its dimensions, and at prices which cannot be equalled in the city.

The stock is fresh, this season's importation, no self-worn or bankrupt stock goods, and the shades are most complete. Colored Dress Lawns in a great variety of patterns, from 44c up; Victoria Lawns from 74c up; our 12c Lawn is a decided bargain, and is worth 20c a yard; Swiss Muslin, in checks or stripes, 8c a yard; Muslins 10c a yard up; White Spotted Muslins 10 to 40c.

Mourning Goods. The prices in this department are "Away Down." Courtauld's all-silk, rain-proof capes are one of the finest makes we carry, selling from 45c up to \$3 per yard. Everyone should see our 50c. Black Cashmere, 46 inches wide, all-work, regular price elsewhere, 75c.

Mail Order Department. This department is now in first-class working order. If you want goods and cannot come to town, send for samples of anything you may require. You will get them the same as if personally selected. All orders receive the utmost attention from a special and thoroughly competent staff. Address, The Mail Order Department.

T. EATON & CO., 190 to 196 YONGE STREET, TORONTO, ONT.

EAST END STORE. WE SELL DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES AS CHEAP AS THE CHEAPEST. GENTLEMEN DESIRING PERFECT-FITTING SUITS CAN NOT DO BETTER THAN LEAVE THEIR ORDERS WITH JOHN NELSON, ACTON.

Cemetery Question. Is not settled yet, but the fact that W. WILLIAMS Has the best stock of Boots and Shoes in the County is settled beyond dispute.

I have just received my Spring Stock, and am prepared to suit all old customers and as many new ones as see fit to give me a call, in all lines of footwear. Boots for the babies, Boots for the men; Boots I do make, Boots I do mend.

WEAVING. MR. T. MITCHELL. Desires to inform the people of Acton and surrounding that he is prepared to take orders for weaving all kinds of Fancy Rag Carpets, Flannel Sheetings, Shirting and Dress Goods, striped or plain, twill or plain, also Bed Blankets and Horse Blankets, two yards wide and over.

1886. SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT. M'LEOD, ANDERSON & CO., In making their announcement for the Spring, would say that owing to unforeseen circumstances and the hard times prevalent in the community, they have been unable to carry out their announcement of dissolution of partnership.

Our Ordered Clothing Department—We can speak with pride about it. We have the finest and most extensive stock of TWEEDS, TROUSERS, JACKETS, &c., in the Province, and our Cutter is A. No. 1. Try our hobby fits and cheap prices. GENTS' FURNISHINGS in grand style and large assortment. READY-MADE CLOTHING, very cheap, big stock to select from.

Our Staple Department is very full—COTTONS, 3c. per yard up; WHITE COTTONS 5c., TOWELS 8c., TABLES 20c., COTTONS, DUCKS, and DENIMS from 12c. up. Men, Women, and Children, you cannot fail to save money by buying your goods from us. Try and see—we are in earnest. We will RELIEVE CASH ON CASH ONLY—no more bad debts, and our customers will receive the benefit. Don't delay, but come and see our cheap goods and you will surely buy.

SPRING IS HERE WITH ALL ITS ATTRACTIONS, AND KENNEY BROS., Main Street, Acton, Have now on the shelves of the Dominion Boot and Shoe Store a full stock of Spring Footwear of all kinds, and we are now offering our customers superior value in all lines of BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, &c.

1886 HENDERSON, McRAE & Co., ACTON, Thank their many friends for the more than liberal share of trade extended to them since their opening, and cordially solicit a continuance, assuring them that no effort will be spared to make transactions mutually beneficial.

DRESS GOODS, MILLINERY, ETC. Our Dress Goods Trade this season has been far in excess of any previous season's business. In this line we have made special efforts to meet the wishes and wants of our customers, and feel flattered that our efforts have not been in vain.

Dress Goods, Mantle Silks, Prints, Ginghams, Carpets, Cretonnes, Muslins, Table Linens, Lace Curtains, Corsets, Parasols, All-over Embroideries, All-over Laces, Etc. Etc. GRAY & WHITE COTTONS AT BED ROCK PRICES

Boots and Shoes. Boots and Shoes. Great variety in MEN'S, WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S WEAR—Cheap. Job lots of odd lines at less than half price. Remember our Famous 50-cent Tea. HENDERSON, McRAE & CO., Glasgow House, Acton.

1886. HARDWARE. The cheapest place in the County to buy your Hardware is at J. E. HOWSON'S. Scythes, Snathes, Scythe Stones, Forks, Rakes, Cradles etc., etc., in endless variety. PURE PARIS GREEN CHEAP. GROCERIES. Myrtle Navy Tobacco, per plug, 18c.; 25 lbs. choice Rice for \$1; 20 lbs Pearl Tapioca for \$1; 20 lbs. Currants for \$1; 2 cans Tomatoes for 25c.; 2 cans Pumpkins for 25c.; 2 cans Peas for 25c.; 2 cans Corn for 25c.; 2 cans Haddie for 25c.; 2 cans Salmon for 25c.; 1 25c. bottle of Pickles, 20c.; 4 bars Dugman's Electric Soap for 25c.; 1 lb. of our 50c. Tea for 45c. PURE PARIS GREEN CHEAP.

BOOTS AND SHOES. We are going out of Boots and Shoes, and will offer the entire stock at less than wholesale cost. PURE PARIS GREEN, CHEAP. At J. E. HOWSON'S. LOOK AT THIS Money saved by purchasing your clothing at the EAST END CLOTHING STORE. SPRING HATS, SPRING TWEEDS, SPRING WORSTEDS, SPRING OVERCOATINGS, SPRING TROWSERINGS, SPRING UNDERWEAR. Full lines of Shirts, Ties, Collars, Braces, etc., at lowest prices. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. J. FYFE, ACTON. J. FYFE, ACTON. J. FYFE, ACTON.

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