

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Anticipatory reports state that the Scott Act is being faithfully enforced in Leeds and Grenville, and very little if any liquor has been sold on the mainland since the last of May last.

In the Canadian machinery court of the Colonial Exhibition the lightness of the Canadian agricultural implements has been much commented upon, with the result that in nearly every case the duplicates of machines sent to London have been sold.

The President of the Province of West Prussia has issued an order imposing a fine on parents and guardians of school children for each day of the latter's unjustifiable absence from school. If the fine of ten pennies to one mark is not paid, imprisonment of from six hours to three days is the punishment. Employers of children of the school age during the hours of study are subject to heavier penalties.

A short time since the Guelph Herald started the silly story that Forepaugh's circus would not exhibit in any part of Acton. The object of this course was to discredit the Act by leaving the inference that there is no business done where it is in force. The Advertiser promptly pronounced the tale absurd, and ventured the assertion that it would prove unfounded. The show is now billed in Chatham, where the Act is in force.—London Advertiser.

The whiskey organs in town have never tired of howling about the terrible cruel treatment Mrs. Sanderson was said to have received while being arrested and taken to jail. Isn't it very strange that Mrs. S. was able to do the work assigned her in jail from the day she was imprisoned, and stranger still, that no doctor was called to examine her wounds? The truth is, not that they care a fig about Mrs. Sanderson, but wanted an opportunity to blackguard the Inspector, that's all.—Milton Reformer.

The cemetery question is looming up in Mitchell. There are about half a dozen different graveyards inside the corporation, which belong to the several churches, all of which are nearly full, and the people are beginning to agitate for a new and public cemetery. Let us hope that the good people of Mitchell will not have the same trouble in securing a burying ground that we of St. Marys had.—St. Marys Advertiser.

There are other places than Acton that which have trouble in securing a public cemetery. The question is indeed a "grave" one. The Canadian Pacific Railway, now that their train service to the Pacific Coast is fully established, in order to encourage travel to British Columbia and give their many well-wishers an opportunity of seeing the country and their line, have made a big reduction in rates. Second class passage is offered to Vancouver or Victoria, from any point on their line in Ontario and Quebec, for \$30.00. First-class for \$75.00, and first-class return tourist tickets, good to stop over at any point of interest on the route, for \$110. Passengers have the option of going by their lake route or rail route. Return tourists, going by one route and returning the other.

The rate of taxation in rural towns and villages is frequently complained about, if it approaches anything like 20 mills for local improvements, public schools, debentures, county rate, etc., all included, and Toronto's rate of 16 1/2 mills is quoted to show what a small amount of taxes city people are asked for. Toronto's rate of 16 1/2 mills does not, however, represent anything like the amount of taxes its citizens pay. The assessment this year is \$72,152,670, and the amount of civic expenditure for all purposes, according to the public estimate is \$2,815,550, or 3 3/4 mills on the dollar. It's the city people who know what it is to pay taxes.

A Direful Threat.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, the Democratic paper, which has become a dangerous menace on the annexation question, continues to threaten Great Britain with destruction, Canada with absorption, and the American States with less with annexation to the United States. When the Enquirer began the bloody war of conquest, to which it has ever since devoted a lot of space, the criminal folly of the stuff printed made its insults serious, but such ravings as the following would be amusing if the lack of reason shown by them was not painful:

Nothing in the future is more certain than that the United States will absorb Canada; and nothing more certain than that she will have to do some fighting in the process, though the fighting will be more against Great Britain than the Dominion. The crisis may come this year, next year, or within five years. But it is sure to come, and to come soon. Another decade will not have passed away before the Stars and Stripes wave over Vancouver's Island and the St. Lawrence, and float gaily in the breezes of Hudson's Bay.

Great Britain would be wise to lift no hand in the matter. We could ask nothing better than that she should. In six weeks there would be American privations enough on the high seas to drive their stolen commerce from them. Our people long for the opportunity. Now we want Canada, and we are going to have it. Very likely there will be a quarrel over it. The object of the Enquirer is to prepare and educate our people for that quarrel. Let us get ready. It is sure to come, and sure to come quickly.

One good thing has resulted from the Enquirer's loss of reason. It has proved that Canadian newspapers, without distinction of party or language, all agree in opposing any attempt at buying on the part of the United States.—Witnes.

Don't Miss This Chance.

Owing to delay and inconvenience, caused parties in Acton sending their goods to Toronto to be dyed or cleaned. R. Parker & Co., dyers and cleaners, have decided on sending their handsome rig here every few weeks. Our readers cannot mistake them as their van is the handsomest on the road, and the driver is in livery. Parker & Co. is the name, don't forget it.

THAT BASE BALL MATCH.

A Lop-sided Picnic. The Much Talked of Street Sprinkling Cart.

AND SUNDRY OTHER TOPICS.

Well, the return match between the married and single men is over, the excitement somewhat abated, and the contestants settled down again as of yore.

—This time those young fellows beat us, or it would be more strictly correct to say the Clippers beat us, but not by much; the score being twenty-two to nine; and had it not been that one of our team was really ill and not up to his usual form, the Clippers would have had at least four runs—probably more—less.

—After all it was a blessing in disguise, for had us married men beaten the youngsters again the town wouldn't have been big enough to hold us, and we would have had to let out a roof in our hats.

—The first few innings were rather tame on both sides, but towards the last we braced up and there was more excitement.

—Every time a good hit was made by a married fellow the air was rent with a shout that jingled the glasses on the bar of the Zoo and made the Town Hall flag-staff tremble.

—Some of the Clippers made their usual characteristic muffs and strike-outs, and our "only Dick" distinguished himself almost as distinguishedly as himself. Why, some of the spectators were cruel enough to say that the Clippers have him on the field because his elegant form shows off their uniform to such advantage!

—It was the unanimous opinion that the jovial "like" makes a capital umpire.

—That picnic—that great social event that has been yearned for with a mighty yearn by some of our giddy maidens and thoughtless young men—has come and gone, and nobody is any the worse.

—It was really a most successful affair, there being over fifty of the dear creatures present and only about twelve of the sterner sex.

—The usual amusements were provided, croquet, singing, dancing, chit-chat, card, scandal and a little flirtation by way of seasoning. The girls tripped the light fantastic all by themselves a little, and then the boys had a turn at it; the latter found their chief amusement in looking by themselves under a tree.

—The lion of the day seemed to be one of those perambulating necessary evils, known as an Insurance Agent. He was in great demand—by one particular damsel.

—The affair terminated at an early hour, everybody was home by eight, and all said they enjoyed themselves.

—Great praise is due to the two versatile Johns, and the success is due in a great measure to their untiring exertions. Anybody or bodies who get up a picnic or similar undertaking should certainly avail themselves of their services.

—The following parting shot from "Enquirer" has just reached me. It may perhaps ease Mr. Smith's perturbed and troubled spirit to know that I am not open for any more letters on this watering biz. If what has been done don't bring out the cart nothing short of dynamite or do it myself will!

—Dear Robert—I am pleased to see that Mr. Smith has brought his light out from under a bushel. So I take it all back. But what's the car? Enquirer.

—It is quite amusing to see the persistence, with which two of our local simonists tramp over the surrounding country, gun in hand in search of game and gore.

—They are rather an incongruous pair as they stride along, one tall and thin, the other short and stout, and they invariably return empty handed. This, however, may be explained by the fact that what may be called legitimate game is not yet in season, or that they can't hit anything.

—Living in single-blessedness (?) is said to drive all gallantry, charity and so on out of a man. I had a striking example of the absurdity of this the other day.

—It happened on the farm of one of our well-known bachelor tillers of the soil. Two women of german extraction picking berries were invited in to tea! Here was a striking example of the right man in the right place. And he did the honors in capital style, too, and invited them to call again.

—The latest popular craze among the denizens of lower Mill Street is foot ball, and at odd times they exercise themselves on the side streets to the imminent danger of the neighboring windows.

—One of our aldermen, he of a financial turn of mind, was bantered that he couldn't kick the ball across the street.

—He said "Poo! I'll show you" and forthwith delivered a prodigious kick at the ball, which careered madly down the street at right angles and nearly decapitated a lady who was coming up, in fact she only dodged just in time, but it didn't go across the street.

—It's safe to say he won't be on the married team if they get up a match.

—Our local illustrious descendant of the noble red chieftain of the forest, and own cousin to the great chief "Bully-boy" with a glass eye—"Old Bearty" to wit, has lately got scalped—on the chin.

ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Senator Blair, from the Committee on Education and Labor, yesterday submitted a favorable report from the majority of the committee on a joint resolution proposing that an amendment to the constitution in relation to alcoholic liquors be submitted to the States for ratification. The amendment provides that after the year 1900 the manufacture and sale and importation of distilled alcoholic intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, and scientific purposes, and for use in the arts, shall cease. The report which accompanies the proposed amendment says the committee does not deem it necessary to discuss the evils of the use of alcohol, but believe the people have a right to decide what measures shall be taken for the regulation or extirpation of this traffic.

DROWNED IN A TUB.

Harry Osmond Takes His Own Life During a Fit of Mental Aberration.

On Monday afternoon a death occurred at the Dominion Mills of the Toronto Lumber Company, about a mile below Acton, on the G.T.R., under very peculiar circumstances. About four o'clock in the afternoon Harry Osmond, one of the workmen at the mill, left his work and went towards a spring which flows out of the rock a few hundred yards from the works, ostensibly for a drink. About ten minutes afterwards a fellow-workman went to the spring, and to his horror and amazement found Osmond with his head submerged in the tub which is sunk there for watering horses, and upon investigation found him to be dead. The alarm was at once given, and all was done to resuscitate life that could be, but to no avail.

For some months deceased had been subject to fits of melancholy, and it was said that he had been heard to say "he wouldn't wonder if he did away with himself sometime." But he was a strong and fairly healthy man, and nothing serious was apprehended by his friends. It seems that some time ago he purchased a house and lot at Limehouse, intending to secure a comfortable home for his little family, and got it into his head that he had given too much for the property, and wouldn't be able to pay it all off. This troubled him a good deal, and it is thought the constant worry about the matter affected his mind, and was the principal reason for his strange act on Monday afternoon.

He leaves a devoted wife and one child, who have the hearty sympathy of the entire community in their sad and sudden affliction.

Harry Osmond was an honest and industrious workman, an obliging neighbor, and a kind-hearted husband and father. He was respected by all with whom he came in contact, and has been a resident of Limehouse for probably ten years. He was in his younger days an English soldier and belonged to the regulars at the time of the Crimean war, in which campaign he took an active part. He was forty-seven years of age. The funeral yesterday was largely attended.

Saturday Night Trading.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS. Dear Sir,—Do you not think that the Christian business men of Acton, to whom the moral and social well-being of the community are matters of the highest importance, could do a great amount of good to the community by closing their places of business on Saturday evenings no later at least than the usual hour on other evenings?

I know it may be said that persons who are earning money generally receive their wages on Saturday evenings, and cannot conveniently trade earlier in the week. But is it not a fact that because of the late hours of business on Saturday evenings business men are worried and anxious on the Sabbath day over business cares and unfinished matters of business, being rendered unfit to partake of the healthy exercises (both to body and mind as well as soul) of Divine worship? Also, are not those in their employ similarly prevented from preparing in a proper manner for the Lord's Day? Besides there is the bustle and turmoil which customers must have over their purchases "for Sunday," the cares in connection with which must trench upon the holy day. Add to this the fact that country people, knowing there is more time at their disposal, as well as the probability of meeting friends and acquaintances on this than on other evenings, go "to the village" on Saturday evenings, and frequently do not finally reach home until it is a close question whether it is Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Now, sir, I confess I am looking at the matter from the Sabbath day standpoint. The command is, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The most glowing promises of prosperity are given to those who do so keep it. The experience of society has been that those who so keep it are most prosperous and happy. Therefore, should not anything which tends to lessen in any degree the observance of this day in the community be avoided, for how can the day be kept sacred if business cares are allowed to come right up to the consecration hour? But in the present case how is it to be done?

Would not this do a great deal of good and do nobody any harm? viz.: Let manufacturers and other employers of labor agree to pay their workers, say, on Thursday evenings, and let the merchants, if they need, keep open later than usual that evening, but close early on Saturday evening. Who would be injured, but who would not be benefited? What do you think, sir? What do the merchants think? What do the people think?

Yours truly, C.

—Teeth, \$8 per set, perfect in appearance and use. Written guarantee. See card. Jas. Storton, Dentist, Guelph.

THE CRADLE: BEALS.—In Acton, on the 26th inst., the wife of Mr. Stephen Beals of a son.

THE GRAVE: HILSON.—In Acton, on the 25th inst., the infant daughter of Mr. Conrad Hilson, formerly of Acton section G.T.R., aged eight months.

New Advertisements.

MONEY FOUND. FOUND, a sum of money, the owner may recover it by presenting this certificate, and paying for this advertisement. MRS. S. A. RECORD.

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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. We trust that in the future we shall merit a continuance of past favors. We shall still show the newest, the nicest, and the cheapest goods in the market.

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THURSDAY MORNING

CRUMBS FOR

Provided by the Evening Press

—Sunday will be the best day to visit in this vicinity.

—\$11,000 has been taken in the sale of Presbyterial church property.

—The farmers generally are harvesting their crops. It was a delightful Monday afternoon.

—The population of Acton is about 10,000.

—The regular meeting of the Western Branch of Joseph's Church were held here for the Western Branch.

—Some fine stock is here for the Western Branch.

—A cricket match is on the tapis for a short time.

—C's letter in Saturday Night Transfiguration.

—Mrs. S. A. Secord is copies of late newspapers.

—Raspberries have sold last week for four seasons is about over.

—Eramosa Fall School Rockwood on Tuesday 12th and 13th October.

—Messrs. W. H. Stone Glove Works, have commenced business in Acton.

—Mr. Anthony Stebbins a store-house and stable his blacksmith shop on

—Mr. Wm. Brush, time ago for violating his fine Tuesday last.

—A movement is on foot at the corner of Church and

—There are large quantities growing on the lot. The Inspector should

—As we go to press a progress between the Acton, and a credit to

—The merchants of Acton formed a compact to take butter will be taken on October 1st.

—Messrs. Speight & Co. new-fane and other their wagon and repair Willow street.

—The editorial table this week with a very bouquet of flowers from Lotie Speight.

—Our Rockwood correspondent weekly epistles in vain, the past two weeks he is taking his holidays.

—The Waterloo change hands. Mr. Fraser Hilliard does not upon its twelfth volume paper, and is a credit to and to Acton.—Drawings

—It was very ungalant when told the other lady in town bid "no" to ask "if there was any more?"

—The streets are now watered just now with social appliances. It is however, to have the case of emergency.

—Mr. Benjamin Tolson sold three 3-year-old ponies. One of the 1910 pounds. They are the British market.

—So far as known number of singers for the Berlin musical festival Toronto 15th, Hamilton Rockwood 16th, Buffalo Guelph 20, Waterloo 11th.

—No sensible man because a newspaper for his money; a decision of a subscription simply an outcrop necessities. Be kind your address label and give.

—Arrangements for a circus haven't been made. Each of these glads pleasure ground increases and base has there is favored.

—Last week Mr. V. for sixty years a died and was buried an uncle to Mr. T. of this place. He was which he died in 1885, most wealthy and dignified.

—With the assistance who was passing, a covering dragged in and supposed to be her laid him out in bringing in a light discovery that it was together. Her husband that evening.