

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Guelph Scott Act trials were concluded on Monday. Mr. Macdonald, for the prosecution, said he did not propose to offer any evidence in the cases of eleven of the defendants, as he did not think convictions could be secured.

Robert Bennett and Elias Clark, hotel-keepers of Georgetown, were charged before W. H. Young, J. M., on Friday, at Georgetown, with contravention of the Canada Temperance Act, Inspector Brothers being the prosecutor. The sale of liquor in both cases was proven by witnesses, but judgment was reserved. Bennett, who was wanted on a charge of perjury, was out of town. A conviction last month, which would mean two months' imprisonment, is hanging over him.

A grand temperance convention will be held in Toronto Sept. 14th and 15th. The convention will meet for organization in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, at 1 p.m. sharp. Some of the most widely known and effective temperance workers of the day have promised to be present. It is expected that the proceedings will be eminently practical, and the desire of the promoters of this Convention is that the gathering shall be made to tell on the future policy of this country. This will probably be one of the largest as well as most interesting ever held in Canada in connection with the prohibition movement.

The Hamilton Spectator in its report of the Prohibition Camp on Wednesday has the following: Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Guelph, who was president of the Guelph Scott Act Association, said they were in trouble and tribulation in Guelph. The enemy was defeating the Scott Actors by means of hard, consistent and perfect false swearing. Last week every hotel-keeper in Guelph was denounced, tried and gloriously acquitted. The witnesses, no matter whether they had lager, beer, brandy, whiskey, wine, or what, all swore with perfect consistency that they had nothing but pop. It is the hardest fight and meanest kind of foe, and among the whole lot of them there are none meaner than the men who ran this country to-day. They want their beer and their toddy, and they're unwilling to give it up. But if they think the Scott Act isn't going to be enforced, they'll know the people of this country. A few years ago we couldn't get enough votes to carry the Scott Act anywhere, but we raised 'em. (Laughter.) And we'll raise more. I believe the day is rapidly coming when you will attain the measure you now seek for, when the great wave of temperance will roll over the length and breadth of the land.

In his valedictory to the readers of the Waterloo Chronicle last week, Mr. Thos. Hilliard gives his reasons for retiring from that paper. Two years ago he was appointed one of the leaders and organizers of the temperance movement in this county. The liquor men took alarm at his fearless course in this matter, and started a quiet and systematic boycott against him. He says:—

"The liquor interest which is particularly powerful in this town, took alarm and used their only weapon. They have two weapons, personal violence and boycott. The former they were too wise to use. The latter alone was left. They used it thoroughly, quietly and effectually. While the editor was organizing temperance work in the County the enemy was quietly destroying his means of living. They reckoned correctly that if you cannot fight a pitched battle in the field you may win by cutting off the enemy's supplies. Their calculation might have failed, if temperance men generally had understood it, but they did not. Some generously exerted themselves in the matter, but the majority did not perceive the manoeuvre. So that at the end of two years' siege, our best supporters here advised the change which has taken place, and we accepted their advice. The net result of our experience amounts to this:—The public will approve of and sustain a local paper which deals faithfully and squarely with all public questions, except the drink traffic. Where that traffic is strong enough to rule public sentiment, of course it will kill off any opposition, and it happens to be strong enough in this town to shut off any man's living who dares to interfere between it and its victims. But the war is not over. The business of drunkard making has scored a momentary advantage, but there is neither truce nor peace while the business lasts. The people of Canada will soon destroy it root and branch. If our neighbors who are engaged in it are wise, they will get their money out of it as soon as possible."

Halton Still Ahead.

A correspondent of the Canada Citizen writes as follows:—

"The temperance men of the little county of Halton are men of pluck; they have backbone in them. The decided action they have taken in prosecuting for perjury the men who, neither fearing God nor regarding man, to screen from deserved punishment violators of the Scott Act, unblushingly went to what they know is the reverse of truth, merits the warmest approval of all friends of law and order, and should be copied by temperance men in each and every place where the Act is in force. Let these gentlemen be made to feel that they will not be allowed to be witty impudently when they occupy the witness stand; that alone will greatly aid in the enforcement of the Act. As long as these wretched perjurers are allowed to escape punishment, liquor sellers feel comparatively safe; it is therefore of the greatest moment that these unprincipled men be made to feel that it does not pay to perjure themselves. Temperance men everywhere, follow Halton's noble example in this matter! It will be a heavy blow and a great discouragement to the evil traffic."

Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

Scotch, English and Canadian suitings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

ACTON'S YOUNG MEN.

Some of Them Catch on and Some Almost Caught in the Matrimonial Maelstrom.

JOHN L. HILL.

Perhaps no other young man occupies so prominent a part among our citizens as the subject of this sketch, and richly deserves first mention in this column. A musician by taste and a musician by inheritance, John is always found among the foremost in the promotion of anything musical. He is the leader in the Methodist Church Choir and in the Cornet Band, and in the latter capacity has been the mainstay for years. Indeed Acton would long since have had no Cornet Band were it not for the dogged perseverance with which he stuck to it, through years of hard struggling to keep the members together. A young man in whose word is as good as gold. Strictly upright and honest in his dealings with his fellow men; slow perhaps to form his opinions but clings to them with the greatest pertinacity when those opinions are once formed. Thus John clings tenaciously to the opinion that there is but one mission for him in this life and that is to peregrinate bi-weekly to a certain lounge on Main street. John has long since been considered out of the matrimonial market.

CONCERNING JOHN CAMERON.

Is another of our steady old-timers, a carpenter by trade, at which he has been fairly successful; has a full stock of Scotch stick-to-itiveness, is a strong admirer of Oliver Mowat, Esq., and consequently down on John A. Not a word can be said against friend John's character. He is a strong advocate of temperance, morality and grit. John's love for his aged mother has doubtless long kept a wife out of his home. The lady who yet captures him will get a good man, who will spare no pains to make life comfortable for her.

JOHN'S MOTHER.

Is another of our John's, and considerably more of a lady's man than either of the foregoing. Happy, light-hearted John, no one can help feeling better after hearing his hearty laugh and pleasant voice. Our subject is the junior member of the firm of Henderson, McEae & Co., a good salesman and well liked by customers. He is careful and attentive to his business and keeps adding steadily to his financial store. Two or three years and John will be one of the best "catches" in town.

JOHN A. SPEIGHT.

Partner and manager of the firm of Speight & Son, wagon makers and undertakers, is probably about the most well-to-do of Acton's young men. Happy, careless, eccentric Joe. Full of quaint sayings and love of wealth; very careful in his selections of a partner for life, so much so that we are becoming somewhat afraid of his ultimate success in this line. Dame Nature hath it that Joe has already been crossed once or twice in his love affairs—which, however, will never affect his appetite.

HARRY S. WHITE.

This young man is an American by birth and a thorough Yankee in his principles. It is believed by some that he is the veritable Sam Slick. He can smoke more cigars and tell bigger yarns than any of our natives. Some say that they can scarcely believe all his tells, but then these people have never treated like our friend. They cannot expect to be able to grasp, mentally of course, at once all that he has seen in the great New York and Ballinacree. Our subject is of uncertain age, scarcely 21, so the tax collector tells us; fair complexion; usually well dressed; good company at a wake, and a generally useful man at base ball. Harry is personally acquainted with every prominent personage in the United States and Nassagaways, and has a great knack of making what is vulgarly called muck with the pretty girls he meets on the cars—frequently even strikes up a whimsical correspondence with some of them. So many of these little episodes have occurred that we are inclined to call him fickle. We, therefore, warn our fair friends to be on their guard against this handsome and gay Yankee.

CHARLES YOUNG, ESQ.

Some of our esteemed Police Magistrate, W. H. Young, Esq., of Oakville. Handsome as well, his own prototype; dashing, brilliant and, perhaps, witty; always topped up regardless. Some are unkind enough to call him a dandy. Well, if dandy means something above the common run, Charlie is perfectly satisfied with the name. No one who ever sees his majestic stride as he marches to the boarding house he patronizes and graces, cannot but stop and think of the greatness embodied there. Charlie is a good fellow, however. We believe that he is not for sale, matrimonially, as a certain young lady on Bow's avenue claims to hold a first "lean" on him. We expect Charlie to accept the Reevesship next year.

JOHN KELLY.

Dude No. 2—although he makes a hard run for first place in this line—is senior partner and manager of the firm of Kelly Bros. There is no jollier fellow, no heartier laughter (barring Tom Smyth) in town than Jack. He is ardently fond of cigars and Tom and Jerry—what the latter is we cannot state. John's chief excellence lies in his base ball pitching; and some great stories are told of his achievements in this line. "We believe that John is heart whole at present, but the young lady who catches him will have to get up and hump herself. His virtues are many and his vices are few, but, oh, my! He has a good figure and is rather pretty at a distance, but John's forte is the bewitching style of his conversation."

JOHN LAWSON, V.S.

Constable—sometimes called Jack, Captain or Yet, but will answer promptly to any call day or night, charges moderate. The subject of our sketch was first brought prominently before us as chief clerk in the store kept some years ago on Main street by Mr. John McKee. Here he labored as hard as most lads usually do at his age in trying to see how much work he could shove on the other fellow. John's forte at this time was in mixing liquor and big poison, at which he proved so successful that he shortly retired to the seclusion of the farm. (Here John worked harder than ever at his old occupation of shoving work out of his way, until about six years ago, when his father, doubtless to get rid of a nuisance, sent him to a veterinary college, from which he in due time graduated with honors, and his shingle now hangs at or near the exact place

where he made his debut some years ago. John has improved wonderfully in appearance since settling down on a V.S., so much so that he is seriously considering the advisability of hiring a small boy to assist in carrying around his ever-enlarging corporation. He shows up by great style as a footballist, and can beat the world in being out when his services as constable are required. Indeed, it is said that he has retired from above capacity ever since a certain affair which took place some time ago in Lincoln house, but this is not so. John still has his commission and draws his pay. Matrimonially he appears all indications held out to him towards that end have failed. Yet in the opinion of more than one of our village "bells" there is no one like John.

DR. STACEY.

The subject of this sketch has resided with us for so short a time that we are afraid we cannot do him justice. Here we have a real lady's man, perhaps the most formidable rival any young man could possibly have should the Dr. feel so inclined. As he is fairly good-looking, fearless in attire, it is no wonder that he is the cynosure of all the fair ones in town, and truly envious were many when they beheld 'the Dr. taken easily in love by a fair west end damsel. The girl however gave the credit not to the lady but to the horse and photon. In his profession we believe the Doctor is fairly successful and being a graduate of not many years' standing, what he doesn't know about the many ills that flesh is heir to you may be sure is not worth the diagnosis. Being so much a lady's man the Dr. is somewhat changeable, sometimes going almost to extremes. Transferring his attention from the west end to the east end—from stone to brick. The Doctor is fond of a good horse and a good meal. Any of our fair friends who wish to catch the Doctor take our advice and get him quickly else you may wake up some fine morn and find yourself left.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mrs. R. R. Rae is visiting friends near Newcastle.

Mr. C. B. Griffin, of Dunville, was in town this week.

Miss Jessie Nicklin, of Guelph, is visiting Acton; her native town.

Mrs. D. Ditchcraft, of Milton, is spending a few days with Acton friends.

Mr. M. Brown, of Toronto, was a guest of Mrs. D. Cameron on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brown, of Toronto, visited friends in Acton this week.

Mrs. M. Speight, of Markham, is the guest of her son, Mr. C. C. Speight.

Masters James E. Smith and James McKean returned to Hamilton yesterday.

Mr. Fred Smyth, of South office, Toronto, spent a couple of days in town this week.

Mrs. S. A. Secord left here to-day to spend a short visit with friends in Orillia.

Mr. Jas. Finlayson and sister, Kittie, were the guests of W. H. Storey, Esq., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Havill spent several days during the past week with friends in Galt.

Mr. E. T. McNally, dentist, of Philadelphia, is now visiting our town for a few days.

Miss Maggie McElbreen, of Sarata, is spending her holidays with friends in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bewick, of Orangeville, were the guests of Mr. J. E. McGarvin on Sunday.

Mr. Chas. and Miss Aggie Hynds, of Toronto, visited their brother George during the past week.

Miss Maggie Royce, of Walkerton, and Miss Alice Royce, of Eramosa, are visiting Acton friends.

Mrs. Dr. McGarvin left on Saturday for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Brickner, in Larkwood.

Mrs. Alex Secord, Mrs. P. H. Storey and Miss Emma Aherm, visited friends in Carlyle over Sunday.

Mrs. Ball, of Hanover, Ont., and Miss Annie Campbell, of Wainipice, Man., are the guests of Mr. A. C. Ruby.

We notice the name of Mr. T. J. Moore, Acton, among the successful candidates for non-professional second-class certificates.

Miss Jennie Hynds, who has been visiting at Anglenquille Farm during the past few weeks, returned to her home in Toronto on Tuesday.

Mr. John McEae, of Henderson, McEae & Co., left on Monday evening for a trip down the St. Lawrence, and return by way of the G.P.R.

Mr. W. J. Nicklin, formerly of Acton, now located in New York City, is home for his holidays. Will look as if New York life agrees with him.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE. MY WIFE, MELINDA SMITH, having discontinued to live with me, without proper reason, I hereby warn all parties concerned that I will not be held responsible for any debts contracted by her in my name. DONALD MANN. Acton, August 17th, 1888.

5000 ACRES. OF LAND for sale in the County of Dufferin. A quantity of land for sale at from \$16 per acre to \$50 per acre. Also village property in Shelburne, Huronia, and other places in Huronia and Melancthon. Apply to J. H. HASTBERRY, Auctioneer, Land Agent, &c. Shelburne.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. THE UNDERSIGNED has received instructions to sell on very easy terms the house and lot on Church street, now occupied by Mrs. James Bell, adjoining the dwelling of Charles Speight, and immediately behind Geo. Hinde's Jewellery Shop. This is a desirable property. The lot is first-class, has a good well, and is well situated for a business. Terms and particulars made known upon application to J. H. MOORE, Free Press Office.

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I am offering for the June trade SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS. Housekeepers and others requiring anything in the lines mentioned below can rest assured that they can buy from me at more reasonable prices than any other store in Acton, and as cheap as any outside of Toronto. I have given the staff particular instructions not to represent goods, and customers will find goods exactly as we represent them to be. I buy for Cash, saving thereby large discounts. I sell for Cash or Trade, and consequently have no bad debts, so an intelligent public can see at a glance that it is not necessary for Cash stores to pile on big profits in order to live (as Credit Stores have to do), or, in other words, make the prompt-paying customer pay for the one that never intends to pay.

The following lines I have reduced fully TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT., and over in some cases, with the exception of Groceries, which I will sell as cheap as the cheapest.

DRESS GOODS, in Nun's Cloth, Jersey Cloth, Canvas Cloth, black and colored all-wool Cashmere, black and colored Lustrés, Silk Grenadines, Pongee Silks, black and colored Gros Grain Silks, black and colored Satin, black Satin Merveilleux, black and colored Velvets, Velvetines, and Crêpe Cloths.

Hosiery, all makes and prices. Gloves to suit everybody; don't fail to see our Misses' Lisle Gloves at 15c. Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Bustles, and Ladies' Underwear.

PRINTS.—No house in Canada has ever shown a nicer range than we have now on our counters. Beautiful designs in Canvas Prints, a good cloth, fast colors, splendid pattern, for 10c., well worth 12c. Gingham and Muslins to please everybody. Gray Cottons, White Cottons, Shirtings, Ducks, Denims, Towels, Towelling (great value), Brown Holland, Table Damask, etc., etc.

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Boots and Shoes, Wall Papers and Groceries, all at prices to suit the times.

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GROCERIES. Myrtle Navy Tobacco, per plug, 18c.; 35 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 Haddock for 25c.; 2 cans Salmon for 25c.; 1 25c. bottle of Pickles, 20c.; 4 bars Dingman's Electric Soap for 25c.; 1 lb. of our 50c. Tea for 45c.

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