

## The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1886.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sam Jones, in a Chicago discourse recently, referred deprecatingly to a communistic picnic, where one of the flags bore the inscription, "Our Children Cry for Bread," and the picnickers drank 1,400 pugs of beer.

It is expected that the members of the United States Senate Committee appointed to investigate the fisheries question will leave Washington for Canada on the 28th inst., and have their report ready for the opening of Congress.

A Halifax whiskey paper rejoiced loudly in the failure of the License Inspector to collect a fine imposed for violation of the Scott Act, and the same paper blames the Scott Act for the demoralization of the public morals.—*Perel Boker.*

Since the 27th of March there have been thirty cases of Scott Act violation in the North Riding of Renfrew. Of these twenty-four have resulted in convictions, four have been dismissed, two cases are pending, defendants having left the country, and the amount of fine collected is \$1,200.

The *Mail*, in a leading editorial on Monday morning announced a new and remarkable platform for its future course, which, as stated, is independent of party claims and surprising alike to the politicians of all creeds and color. Its future policy is promised to be protestantism and prohibition. If this is a political move, it is one hard to understand; but on the other hand if the *Mail* conscientiously adheres to the principles so clearly laid down in its editorial referred to, the prestige it will gain in return for the courage exercised will be incalculable.

Provincial Secretary Hardy, has issued a circular on Scott Act enforcement, in which he says, referring to inspectors, that the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act is the single object for which they have been appointed, and that if duty is neglected, then the ground for their appointment ceases to exist. In another paragraph, the following is found: "It is the duty of police and constables to aid in the enforcement of the law, not only by rendering necessary assistance to the officers charged with enforcing a particular law, but also by themselves prosecuting where an offence is brought to their knowledge."

The Canadians expect to travel from Montreal to the Pacific Ocean in nicely hours. They have paid heavily for their railroad across the continent, the total expenditure being \$150,000,000, of which a little less than half came from the Dominion government. The capital of the complete road amounts to \$29,000 per mile. The company is building a bridge across the St Lawrence at Montreal and complete connections for a line to Halifax. When these are finished the Canadian Pacific company will be able to run a train 3,550 miles—from Halifax, on the Atlantic, to Vancouver, on the Pacific. Ocean steamers from Liverpool to Halifax and similar connections from Vancouver to Japan, China and Australia will make a line 2,000 miles shorter than by any other route.—*American Exchange.*

China and Japan annually import goods to the value of about twenty-four million pounds sterling. Cottons, woollens, sugar and metals all manufactured are the principal imports. It will be many years before either of these countries are able to supply themselves with any of these manufactured articles to any great extent. Meanwhile the demand will increase as civilization progresses. A great and profitable market here opens for Canadian manufacturers. While there is steady trade from Japan and China by way of the Canadian Pacific route freight ought to be low, and the Canadian factories ought to be able to compete with the whole world on very favorable terms for these markets. All that is needed is for our manufacturers to acquaint themselves with the needs of the markets. This offers a fine opening for Canadian enterprise.

### PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs respecting people with whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mr. Robt. Bremner is at Bracebridge, his old home.

Mr. J. T. Easton, of Sarnia, visited Acton friends this week.

Mr. N. F. Moore left last week on a visit to London and Florence.

Mrs. John Holt, of Port Hope, is the guest of Mrs. John Speight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Storey visited friends in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. R. Ramsay, of Milton, looked upon some of his old friends here on Tuesday.

Mr. Alex. Watson, of Ridgewood, a former Acton boy, visited his boyhood's friends during the week.

Mr. Geo. Hemstreet, of Otersville, was the guest of his brother, Mr. Wm. Hemstreet, Baillif, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. LaPage, of Charlotteville, P.E.I., were the guests of the Editor of the *Fax Faz* this week.

Rev. A. T. Sowerby, pastor of the Baptist Church, has been granted a month's vacation by his congregation.

Mr. W. H. Riddell, Secretary Ontario Life Assurance Co., Waterloo, was a caller at the *Fax Faz* office last Friday.

Mr. W. L. P. Eager, Esq., Clerk of the Crown, Milton, was the guest of his niece, Mrs. S. A. Secord, one day last week.

Dr. Hamilton McIke, surgeon H. M. S. *Bellerophon*, arrived at his home, Oakville, on Monday last, after an absence of four years.

Mr. James L. Warren, and his brother, Mr. Robt. D. Warren, editor of the *George Town Herald*, left on Monday on a trip to St Louis. We wish them a pleasant visit.

### THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

An Organized Effort to be Made to Have Prohibition Candidates Elected Generally.

### LABOR AND TEMPERANCE.

Reference was made in our last issue to the meeting of the Dominion Alliance at Toronto last week. The convention was one of the finest ever held and was in every respect representative.

One of the most important resolutions carried was the following:

Moved by Rev. Mr. Chow, and seconded by W. H. Howland: "Whereas, neither existing party is pledged to the cause of prohibition of the liquor traffic, and whereas, the time has come when temperance work must be done, we therefore call upon all political partisans to secure the election of parliamentary representatives who will work for progressive legislation in reference to every moral reform: Therefore, resolved, that this convention affirm its continued adherence to the decision of the alliance convention of September, 1885, and recommends the formation of a practical organization of temperance electors based upon the basis then adopted, and further recommends that we call upon temperance electors everywhere to withhold all pledges of political support to candidates until official declaration has been made upon the question, given by the respective party caucuses or conventions of the riding. And we further strongly advise the temperance electorate to take steps to secure the nomination and election of a known and avowed prohibitionist for the house of commons and provincial legislature.

The following deputation was appointed to urge on the Provincial Government the necessity of the legislation recommended by the Committee on Law Enforcement: W. H. Howland, Hon. S. H. Blake, J. J. McLaren, J. K. Stewart, F. S. Tapscott (of Aylmer), Alex Beaton, Rev. Dr. Parkes of St. Thomas, Rev. B. D. Brethour, Rev. W. Burgess, Rev. B. D. Keefer, Rev. W. Kettlewell, T. W. Bengough, G. M. Rose, and Ald. McMullan.

Among the resolutions passed were the following:

That inasmuch as the Scott Act, on the acknowledgment of the brewers themselves,

has borne especially heavy on the sale of beer, we deem this a matter of special congratulation, inasmuch as we believe it indicates a checking of the volume of intemperance, and a spirit of inception notwithstanding the plausible theory that the use of beer is less pernicious than that of ardent spirits.

That, though not in sympathy with the license law, yet believing that by special effort in the direction of enforcement of the provisions of the law not under the Scott Act, we may be able to foster a general law enforcement sentiment that would ultimately be of immeasurable value, we recommend our friends generally to put forth special efforts in this direction.

A deputation from the Trades and Labor Congress, then in session, consisting of Messrs. D. J. O'Donoghue and Bryan Lynch, of Toronto, and Messrs. Brown of Oshawa and Kilray, of Sandwich, were introduced and fraternal courtesies were exchanged.

From the report of the Trades and Labor Congress, in session simultaneously with the Alliance Convention, we glean the following:

Mr. Henigan, Hamilton, moved, seconded by Mr. Kilroy.

That a delegation from this body be appointed to wait upon the Executive Committee of the Dominion Alliance with a view to securing closer relations between both bodies on all matters looking to the welfare of working classes and adequate representation of their interests in our legislatures.

After a lively debate, in the course of which Mr. Lynch declared that the temperance and labor vote united would be invincible, and that this was the greatest opportunity organized labor in Canada had for a generation, the resolution was carried and the committee appointed.

Mr. O'Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Hayes, moved:

That in the opinion of this Congress the evils of intemperance are so clearly manifested in their effects in all phases of society, it is resolved that any practical effort

tending to reduce the consumption of intoxicating liquors will meet the hearty support of organized labor, as represented in this Congress.

This resolution was carried.

All this shows conclusively the bend of public opinion, and the convictions of powerful organizations after deliberate observation.

### Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.

Daniel Strachan preached very acceptably in Knox Church Guelph, on Sabbath last.

A cow belonging to John Dyer, and running at large, was killed at Dunbar's crossing last week.

Wm. McCarthy has quit farming and resumed his old business of storekeeping. Rockwood is bound to boom.

I hear that the bachelors of Rockwood

have a ball in the town hall, Acton, on Thursday evening, 30th inst.

Nell Strachan has returned much improved from the Mineral Springs, Preston, where he has been recuperating his health for the last month.

Half or three-quarters of our citizens were at Toronto exhibition—the same number as at Guelph this week. The remainder was taking the trains going through.

Mr. John Carter, our policeman, while getting out of the way of John Gibbons' horse, "Jumbo," stumbled and broke both bones in his leg on Monday afternoon.

Our base ball team drove to Campbellville on Saturday last, and after a well played game were defeated by a score of eleven to seven. They complain bitterly of the partisan conduct of the umpire, who made more than the usual number of runs allowed an umpire—for the home team.

Rev. F. Swan has been elected honorary President of our Literary Society. At last regular meeting, Mr. Brough gave a very full and excellent essay on Scott's poem, Burns. The subject for debate next meeting and sure to fill the hall, "Resolved, that the mental capacity of woman is equal to that of man."

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### Limehouse News.

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Matters generally are a little dull hereabouts just now.

Limehouse fall show will be held on the 23rd September.

Mr. John Marshall spent five days at the exhibition in Toronto.

Quite a number of our villagers attended Toronto exhibition last week.

Mr. Daniel Sutherland has left Limehouse and returned home to Galt.

Four cans of stone day are being shipped from here by Mr. Parsons.

Last week the Toronto Lime Company shipped 28 cans of lime from their kilns here.

Last issue of the Georgetown *Herald*

contained an article from the base ball club of that place stating that Georgetown team would not take any notice of a challenge from a club of such little importance as Limehouse. This is easy to account for, Georgetown club never could win a game unless they had an umpire of their own choosing, who would give them the game.

Limehouse team did not get a chance to play Georgetown alone, for that team had two or three players from Glenwilliams and one from Michigan—their first base man, who played in the National League for years.

Then again, when Georgetown goes to Acton or any other place to play, they are always treated courteously, and when a team goes to their ground to play, then they must have all their own way or no play.

If they had played Limehouse the return

match, our club would have given them their supper, and wouldn't have taken a collection at the gate, asking all who entered to drop in a dime or a quarter, and then tell our visitors that if they drove home pretty smart they would be there in time for their tea. This latter is according to the Georgetown plan, and illustrates very aptly the kind of men there are in that club.

They only won one match this season and that was won by their umpire. They have evidently forgotten that on both occasions when they played with Acton they got more goose eggs than runs.

Now if Georgetown team has any con-

cit in its make-up it will accept this challenge.

The Odd-tailors of Limehouse will play them a match on their own grounds any time inside of two weeks, for \$100 a side; game to start at 3 o'clock, and nine innings to be played; Harry S. White, Captain of the Clippins of Acton, to umpire the game, and the money to be deposited with J. T. Ellis, of the G.T.R., by the 28th September. If this challenge is not accepted we will claim the game.

N.Y.Z.

Limehouse, Sept. 21st, 1886.

If you want a nobby durable and cheap suit, go to J. Fyfe's, Acton.

The gate receipts at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition amounted to \$40,914, an increase of \$6,788 over last year's receipts.

Work on the foundation of the new Parliament buildings in Queen's Park, Toronto, will probably commence within the next ten days.

Two by-laws granting bonuses of \$40,000 and \$25,000 respectively to the West Ontario Pacific and Canadian Pacific railways, were passed in London on Wednesday by large majorities.

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