"The Mail has determined to cast in its lot with the advocates of prohibition. contemporary is pleased to hint that our conversion is probably due to the circumstance that prohibition is now the winning side-that, in fact, we are fair weather pilots and nothing more. But it must be evident to everyone that a long and severe contest still lies between prohibition and victory. The successes it has achieved up to the present are at best only isolated and partial; the real struggle is yet to come; and we do not think, therefore, that the tried friends of the cause need suspect the dona

his fortunes with them at this stage.
"Many old friends have been kind enough to advise the Mail on this question, some prefer moral sussion; but the world has been trying that agency for a long time, and though it has saved many it is not an adequateremedy by itself. On the other hand, whilst no one pretends that prohibition removes drunkenness absolutely, no reasonable person can deny that it strikes directly at its very fount and origin, for it is plain that if there were no liquor there would be no abuse of it. If any opponent of prohibition can point us to a better temperanse measure or to one so good, we will gladly embrace it; but at present, as Mr. Glad-stone would say, prohibition holds the field, and we intend to do what little we can for it—drumming up recruits, guarding the camp, keeping the weapons bright, and even carrying a banner in the fight, if the leaders think fit to entrust us with one.

"As to the failure of prohibition in the Scott Act, it is necessary to remind our anti-Scott Act friends that that measure was not sought by prohibitionists. It is a the enforcement of any law will be lame.—compromise, and, like most compromises, a weakling. Its failure, therefore, would be no argument against a general measure of prohibition. But has it failed? We are well aware that it has not stopped drinking outright -a miracle would be required to make men cease to do evil '-but beyond question in those localities where an honest attempt has been made to enforce it, the Scott Act has greatly diminished drunkenness; and that is something well worth striving for. Prohibitionists, let us say again, do not swear by the Scott Act, they simply contend that it is better than nothing; and that, by the way, is a proposition which the liquor men themselves do not dispute, otherwise we should not find them opposing the Act. The real goal towards which prohibitionists are moving is the suppression of manufacture as well as of sale throughout the whole Dominion, which is a very different thing from a local option measure, beset wherever it is in operation by breweries, distilleries and taverus, and by the innumerable influences radiating from them. So vast and momentons a change is not to be accomplished in a hurry Public opinion has to be moulded and hard ened, and more than a majority of the people brought to the conviction that drink is a direct, downright and irredeemable curse which ought to be outlawed from among This is a formidable task, but we believe it is possible to complete it within five years, provided prohibitionists go straight for the mark and avoid the pitfalls which the politicians, Conservative and Reform alike, are sure to dig for them at whether victory comes in five years or not for five-and-twenty, the Mail has sufficient faith in the truth and righteousness of the cause to enter the ranks as a full private

and serve in that capacity to the end." This article must be regarded as sound, logical and reasonable; certainly no more sensible view of this important question in its various details, and viewed from its present aspect, could be taken. If the Mai continues to stand firmly and courageously upon the new platform it has erected, it should command and receive the respe and support of the best people in the Do minion, and win for itself a prestige to be envied by any metropolitan newspaper. There is, however, every reason to believe that it is sincere in its utterances above, for in all conscience it has come out boldly and manfully, and it seems to us that every bridge over which it might, in the hour trial, be tempted to retreat has been voluntarily and completely burned by itself There is, then, no honorable course left for repudiation of its newly assumed and publicly proclaimed prohibition principles. The Mail's advocacy of this question will undoubtedly accomplish much good. With much pleasure we welcome it to the ranks, and regard it as an able advocate of the cause which a large majority of the citizen of this great country firmly believe would if carried into effect, eventually secure nation of happy homes.

Limehouse News.

From our own Correspondent. Capt. Marshall, of Montreal, is expected

home on a visit this week. Mrs. Alex. Darno has gone to visit her friends back in the country.

Cider-making is engaged in hereaboute to a considerable extent this fall. Mr. Snyder has added vegetables an sea herrings to his butcher business.

Cadet McDonald led the Salvation Army meeting here last Thursday evening. was an interesting service. There is quite an excitement over th

matter of the boys lately sent to Milton, to try the county boarding house. Limehouse is well rid of the pair, and it is hoped they will be kept there for a while.

We imagine that owing to the George town show this week the base ball club couldn't raise the \$100. The boys are sorry for the show, and as our challenge hasn't been accepted we claim the return

Limehouse, Sept. 28th; 1886.

Fall Fairs.

Centre Wellington, Elora, October 5, Esquesing, Georgetown, October 1, Nassagaweya, Brookville, October 5: Halton, Milton, October 7, 8. Eramosa, Rockwood, October 12, 13. West Wellington, Drayton, October 12.13 Erin, Erin Village, October 19, 20.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Now that an anti-Scott Act dynamiter has been agreeted in Saruia, it is about time for the Orangoville returns to come in. No dynamiter should go unpunished, no matter what cause he identifies himself with .- World.

That was a pertinent enquiry of a Conservative temperance man who wanted to know why brewers and distillers and other firme liquor men were tolerated as representatives in Parliament and in the Cablust, when experience has shown that hotel and saloonkeepers are not to be trusted as members of the municipal councils, from which they are debarred by law.

During the last session of the General Conference, the following resolution was

unanimously passed :-" That in view of the importance of the temperance question in our country to-day. and the certainty that in the near future legislation in the line of entire prohibition saying that the failure of the Boott Act has of the liquor traffic will be obtained, it is forever discredited prohibition, and that in | desirable to appoint a permanent Com allying ourselves with a doomed movement | mittee on Temperance; therefore resolved we are simply committing felo de se; others that a committee of seven persons, laymen that some of them were being tampered again saying that prohibition on its merits and ministers, be appointed to watch the with is unsound and indefensible. Our answer interests and phases of the temperance The Street and Sidowalk Committee to the latter contention is that whilst, judging it by the strict philosophic interpretation of human rights, prohibition may have its defects, it is nevertheless the only inatrument yet forged by the wit of man with | believe the country is ripe. | Also that every which an effective blow can be dealt at a available and legitimate means, both civil drunkenness in an equal degree, we should our legislators a general prohibitory law."

> The Dominion Government is coming round like the Mail to treat the prohibition movement with respect. 'A very good sign and a most useful concession is the agreeas far as possible provide for its own endiscovering or prosecuting offenders should fall on any private citizen or citizens, and so long as this is to any extent the case.

Act has been a success and the country is now ready for prohibition. If the FREE Parss bases the latter on the truth of the former; we are of the opinion that the county is not quite ready."-Guelph

The Herald has evidently been reading the Mail and given the FREE PRESS credit for the Mail's articles. However, the FREE Press does and has repeatedly said that where a proper effort has been made to enforce the Scott Act it has been just as great a success as prohibitionists ever claimed it could be; but the FREE PRESS never said the Act was a success in municipalities where no continued effort has been made to enforce it -as in Guelph for instance. More backbone is necessary in such places, both on the part of the officers of the law and the temperance people. That the country is fully ready for prohibition pure and simple we emphatically believe, and with prohibitionists generally we are of opinion that the country was ready for prohibition when, in 1878, that measure was asked from the Government, and instead of which the Scott Act-a half-wav measure-was given them.

## A DYNAMITER CAUGHT.

Arrest of a Sarnia Hotel-keeper in the A of Arranging to Blow up a Magistrate's

Sarra, Sept. 25 .- Charles Hand, hotelkeeper here, was arrested this morning, charged with attempting to blow up J. G. McCrae's house with dynamite and attempting to burn Magistrate Houston's house last spring, both of whom have been returns home this week after spending a conspicuous workers in the temperance pleasant visit with her Acton friends. cause and energetic supporters of the Scott Act. Dynamite or nitro-glycerine was supposed to have been used. Mr. McCrae's family had a narrow escape. Up to to-day, however, it was supposed by the people of Sarnia that the perpetrators of this distardly act would never be found out, it being generally understood that the attorneygeneral had given up the case. The matter was placed in the hands of Governmen Detective Rogers for investigation, and the latter immediately set to work, and County. after looking into the surroundings decideded upon what course he should pursue. The detective has been ever since at work and his assistant has during the time been a boarder at Hand's hotel, and became, a very intimate friend. Hand voluntarily gave his new found friend full particulars of the entire proceedings and even went so far as to uvite him to accompany him to Petrolia for a further supply of dynamite with which to blow up the residence of Inspector Palmer, who has recently laid charges against a number of hotel-keepers. on Monday night. As they alighted at Sarnia Hand was arrested, and the dynamite and appliances for firing it secured. At the preliminary examination which took place this afternoon before M. Campbell, police magistrate for Lambton county, Hand was committed for trial the assizes, which open on Oct. 11th. was committed on two charges: the firs for having dynamite in his possession, wit which to commit a felony, and the second charge for blowing up McCrae's house with dynamite last June. The evidence of th assistant detective was very strong against him, and it is said that several other hotel keepers are implicated. Bail was refused

THE MILTON LIBEL CASE The Prosecution Backs Down Before the

Case Gets to Trial. As stated in these columns some month ago, D. W. Campbell, of the Champion, en tered a suit against the Milton Reformer and Police Magistrate Young charging them with libel contained in an anony mous letter published by the Reformer. Damages were placed at \$1,000. There has been a good deal of bluster about the case, but it was quietly settled out of court a few hours before the assizes. Campbell withdrew the charge against P. M. Young, and settled with the Reformer proprietor for \$50 and costs. A good deal of smoke for such

a little fire.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL A Short Session Devoted Principally to

Routine Business

AND THE OLD CEMETERY.

Council mot on Tuesday evening. Members -present, Mr. W. H. Storcy, Roove, and Messrs. Hondorson and Camer Minutes of last meeting road and con-

The Finance Committee presented their eighth report, recommending payment of accounts as follows :--

James Grant, removing lamps..... 90 John Matthows, cleaning streets .... 1 50 Chas T. Hill, nails..... H. P. Moore, Board of Health .....

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by John Cameron that the report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted and that the Reeve issue his cheques in payment theroof .-- Carried. The lamplighter complained that a num-

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ber of street lamps required repairs, also

The Street and Sidowalk Committee were instructed to put the lamps in proper

Complaint was made that the by-law referring to the closing of the old cemetery had been contravened, and Reeve Storey was asked why he had not proceeded against the violators. Reeve Storey replied that he was surpris-

ed and pained when he learned that people who were well acquainted with the provisions of the by-law had violated and ment of the Government to the request of abetted in the violation thereof, and thus the promoters of the Scott Act that the deficil a by-law of such importance. He fines derived from the execution of the law | did not wish to act harshly in the matter, should form a fund in the hands of the and had instructed the Municipality's somunicipalities in which they are collected | licitor to advise these persons, that if they for the prosecution of further offenders. It removed the bodies intered in contravention is highly desirable that every law should of the by-law by a certain date, the offence would be condoved. But if this request be forcement. It is unfair that the cost of not complied with the offenders would be forthwith prosecuted.

This explanation was deemed satisfactory. Upon motion the Council then adjourned.

PURELY PERSONAL.

The Acton FREE PRESS says the Scott | Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mrs. Tuonias C. Moore visited Hamilton

friends this week. Mr. Edward Lamb, of Washago, Ont., is Mr. James Nicklin, of Lowell, Mich.,

visiting his old home. Mrs. Dean, Sr., of Georgetown, visited Acton friends this week.

Senator McKindsey was in town last Thursday and Friday. Councillor J. Fyfe and family are visiting

friends at Highgate this week. Mr. Alex. Wallace, of Port Elgin, spent several days last week with Acton friends. Mrs. George-Prentice, of Harriston, was the guest of Mrs. M. Kennedy during the

Mr. and Mrs. John Calberry, of Allegheny City, Pa., were visitors to old Acton friends Miss Maggie Trotter returned this week

from a two weeks' visit at Milton and Mountsburg. Rev. and Mrs. W. S. McFarish, of St.

George, spent last week with their friends in Nassagaweya. Mr. William Allan, of Michigan, was the guest of his grandfather, Col.

Allan, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boomer, of Linlast week a couple of days. Dr. Buck, the Reform candidate for the

legislature, spent yesterday in calling upon the electors in Acton and vicinity. Mrs. Tom Kennedy, of Parry Sound,

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and Mrs. Thos. Easton and Alfred, left on Friday morning last on a visit to friends in Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Wni. Mooney, of Pinker-

ton, for many years respected residents of Acton, spent a couple of days last week Rev. A. J. Holmes, of Memphis, Mich. well known to many of our readers, has

been nominated [prohibition candidate for the first Legislative District of St. Clair

Rockwood News.

on our own Correspondent. William Torrence is on the list of "down

ith typhoid fever." Our sidewalks are now undergoing a general overhauling-a much needed im

Wm. Dryden, of Paisley, called on us last week, while visiting old friends in this locality. He looks fresh and genial as ever. Larry Brennan, while oiling Kirkwood's threshing machine last Friday, got caught by the driving belt, which, luckily for him, broke. As it was, his arm was injured, necessitating its being stitched and dressed

The funeral of Alex. Hill, sr., which took place on Sunday afternoon from his son James' residence to Everton Cemetery, was largely attended by his numerous friends and neighbors. Deceased was one of the first settlers in this locality; and always very much respected by all who knew him. Temperance Hall for the purpose of organizing a Scott Act political campaign, but owing to the scant attendance very little could be done. The chief point brought forward was that we should have a temper-

ance candidate for next election, be he Grit or Tory, Jew or Gentile. The Rockwood boys are ill content with the result of the game of ball on Saturday Even the Acton team admit that the um. pire didn't understand his business. But the Acton roughs evidently understood theirs, as, after procuring a dozen of eggs, they pelted the carryall containing the Rockwood boys on its way up street, and, with the bravery of such animals, kept in the dark out of danger.

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THE GRAVE. AGNEW-In Action, on the 28th inst., James,

second son of Mr. Robt. Agrew, aged 10 years, 5 months and 11 days. Bayan-In Actou, on the 20th inst., after a long and painful illuess, Harriet Harris,

beloved wife of J. B. Bryan, aged 80

years and 2 months. The funeral took place on Wednesday from or father's residence, Fair View Farm, Crossbill, Waterloo, Co. Milton, Galt, Brantford, Whitby and Waterloo papers will please copy.

## New Advertisements.

PARCEL LOST.

PARCEL OF DRESS GOODS, near David Me-Ewon's, on Lot 5, sideroad, Erin, on Wednes-day evening, Sept. 22nd, belonging to Mrs. John Zimmerman, stopping at Thosma Bennett's. Information concerning it will be thankfully received, addressed to

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of Dufferin in almost every part, we can recom-mend him to intending purchasers. HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED has received instruc tions 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 Goo. Hynds Jewellery Store. This is a desirable property. The lot is first-class, the dwelling in good repair, and there is a nice garden with fruit trees. Terms and particulars make known upon application to

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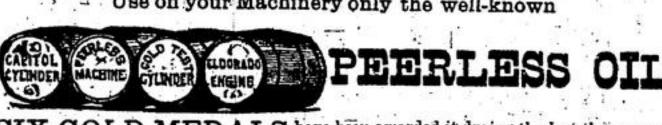
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The business that I did during the spring and summer was very encouraging, indeed; so with increased facilities and double the A meeting was held last night in the stock, I do not fear for the Fall and Winter Trade. wish to direct special attention to the following lines, which for variety and elegance combined are so perfect and varied that very

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