

**THE GRAVE.**  
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MAY—In Trafalgar, on the 24th May, the wife of the late Robert May, and mother of Mrs. Thos. Miller, Acton, aged 72 years.

**The Acton Free Press.**  
THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1887.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

One hundred and eighty-two persons are known to have perished in the mining disaster at Nanaimo, B. C., of whom 107 were white men and the rest Chinese.

The Customs regulations pertaining to the examination of baggage at the boundary line, complained of so much the past week or two, have been withdrawn. In future they will only apply to immigrants entering Canada from Europe.

A meeting of members of Parliament who take an interest in the Prohibition question, was held last week to consider what action they should take. It was decided, after some discussion, to introduce a resolution to Parliament favoring prohibition.

The warrant under which Wm. Panton was committed to jail had in it the clause, "Unless he shall in the meantime consent to be examined and to answer concerning the premises." The prisoner was let out after promising to be sworn and to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth—but he didn't keep his promise.

Mr. John Bell, M.P. for Addington, was taken to the Toronto insane asylum on Friday. His disease is softening of the brain, brought on by sickness. Mr. Bell has been in poor health for six months, and it is thought anxiety over the last general election worried him somewhat, and he was unable to leave the house during the campaign.

The *Champion* in its last issue took back some of its statements of the week before respecting the Police Magistrate's committal of Mr. Panton. It turns out that even the *Champion* is to admit that it was mistaken and that P. M. Young only did his duty in the matter. The public have every confidence that the Police Magistrate will in every instance perform his duties in a just and equitable manner.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in London, Sir Henry Tyler said that the time had come to consider the question of doubling the tracks. He proposed that they should for this purpose expend this year the sum of £100,000 sterling, and also another £100,000 for other improvements. He said that the prospects of the Grand Trunk never were so hopeful as they were at this moment.

Wm. O'Brien the Irish agitator has arrived in Montreal. Preparations are now being made to receive him at Ottawa. The first move was made by the Loyalists, who hired all the halls in the city, debaring the agitator. The O'Brien Committee, however, has secured the lecture room of the Roman Catholic College, which will hold 200 or 300 people. O'Brien is expected in Ottawa on Friday night and will speak on Saturday evening. It is said that the Government will intimate to him that he will be at liberty to discuss anything and everything but the Governor-General. They will not allow him to be attacked by Mr. O'Brien.

The action of Police Magistrate Young in gaoing Wm. Panton, editor of the *Milton Champion*, for refusal to answer questions in the witness box during a Scott Act case, is well worth of consideration by every Inspector and Magistrate throughout the country. This doughy gentleman first refused, forthwith, to take the oath; however, confinement in the common goal convinced him of his error, and when again put upon the stand he was more tractable. But he still wished to dictate the style of answer he should give, and, persisting in this, the Magistrate again committed him to goal, where he stayed until the defendant pleaded guilty of three offences. Whenever a witness declines to answer a plain "yes" or "no" to every question put to him by Inspector or Magistrate, there should be no trifling; commit him to goal for contempt of court until he comes to his senses. This incipient rebellion that pervades liquor sympathizers must be crushed out, sternly and promptly.—Toronto Citizen.

**THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.**

Canada's Supremacy Among the Colonies Evident from the outset.

The report of Sir Charles Tupper on the Canadian section of the Colonial Exhibition is an exhaustive one. He says of the Dominion that "Her supremacy among the Colonies, evident from the outset, became daily more imposingly manifest, and was freely acknowledged. At a meeting of the Executive Commissioners for the Colonies held on the 24th of July, Sir Francis Dillon Bell, the distinguished representative of New Zealand, described the Canadian Court as, by far the most varied and antipodes only expressed the opinion of the world here assembled. The benefit we must reap from our efforts of last year may no doubt be measured by the admiration and respect our achievements have gained. It was not surprising, when the opening of the Exhibition displayed Canada's achievements in every department of civilization in such a manner as to astonish many even of our own people; when she asserted, not in words, but in visible deeds, her position as foremost of the dependencies of Great Britain; that the enthusiasm and interest of Great Britain were profoundly excited; that revelation of the worth of their possessions in British North America came upon them as something splendid and unexpected." The total expenditure upon the Canadian section was \$24,171, of which \$9,284 was for installation, including decorations and trophies, \$22,068 for dismantling, \$2,874 for freight, and \$4,577 for staff.

**ANTI SCOTT OUTRAGES.**  
Fostered by a Town Council, the Majority of Whose Members are Whiskey Supporters.

One of the most repeatedly outraged citizens of our fair Dominion is Mr. Joseph Barker, J. P., of Kincardine. In his official capacity he has in compliance with his sworn obligation as a magistrate held Scott Act trials, when it was his duty to do so, and invariably rendered equitable judgments upon the evidence adduced. For thus fulfilling the requirements of his official commission he has been made the object for all kinds of such cowardly and villainous outrages as are peculiar to the whiskey traffic. Five times he has been attacked and suffered loss at the hands of the whiskey fiends. Within two years his office and all his business and magisterial papers have been burned; his barn has been burned; his residence has been dynamited; he has been shot at; and on the evening of the 26th April last, several shots were fired into his residence, one of which grazed the head of one of his daughters.

A deplorable state of affairs is the fact that owing to the majority of the members of Kincardine Town Council being sympathizers with the liquor business and its supporters, Mr. Barker is not rendered the protection which every citizen in this free country of ours is entitled to only to expect but to receive at the hands of any and all municipal bodies. As an evidence of this it might be mentioned that Mr. Barker has been obliged at his own expense to keep a night watchman on duty at his residence ever since last November. And further evidence is the offering of such a paltry reward for the conviction of the would-be assassin who fired into his residence with intent to kill, as is shown in the advertisement found below, which is an exact copy of that published by the Council:—

**REWARD.**  
The Municipal Council of the Town of Kincardine hereby offer a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who on the night of the 26th inst. fired a shot into the house of Mr. Joseph Barker, with intent to kill.

By order, (Sgd) P. LESLIE, Mayor, Clerk Kincardine, April 27th, 1887.

If this body of municipal representatives had studied the best plan for bringing themselves into contempt with their fellow-citizens of the Dominion, they could not possibly have arrived at any more successful course. Admitting as they do that the shooting was "with intent to kill" they virtually place a premium upon lawlessness and outrage, and in the plainest manner possible encourage would-be murderers to attack public officers with intent to kill. This is rendered all the more outrageous when we find in the *Brice Reporter* that the Council of the same town some time ago offered a reward of \$500 for the conviction of incendiaries who attempted to burn a small tannery, and \$25 or \$50 for the breaking of a pane of glass in any unoccupied building. This body of municipal mis-representatives are justly accorded a just and equitable condemnation by the public at large for their disreputable, and we might almost say criminal, action in this connection.

In referring to this subject we have much pleasure and satisfaction in bearing testimony to the entire absence of outrage of the character above referred to in this municipality. Notwithstanding the fact that during the whole of our nine years' connection with the *Free Press*, we have, owing to a conscientious sense of personal duty in the matter, continued to wage an uncompromising warfare against the liquor traffic, and since the inauguration of the Canada Temperance Act used the columns of the *Free Press* to uphold it, and to encourage strict enforcement, to their credit or business indignity at the hands of those citizens engaged in the hotel business, but have invariably been accorded respectful and neighborly consideration from them. We are consequently thankful that our relations of citizenship with the people of Acton and not with those of Kincardine.

**THE COUNCIL'S DOINGS.**

The Work Proposed in the First Report of the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks. The Council met on Tuesday evening. The Reeve in the chair, members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Finance Committee presented their fourth report recommending payment of accounts as follows:—

Johnson & McLean, Cemetery, legal expenses.....	\$ 100.00
W. Cassell, Cemetery.....	10 00
C. Robinson, Cemetery.....	10 00
James Grant, 200 maple trees.....	20 00
Thos. Easton, meals for tramps and prisoners.....	11 40
	\$ 151.40

Moved by W. H. Lowry, seconded by John Cameron, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

The Street and Sidewalk Committee presented their first report stating that they had inspected the streets, roads, &c., and recommended that provision be made for the following improvements:—

New sidewalks:—  
From Agnes to Mill Street on Main Street, four and six feet wide.  
From Trunk Factory to Presbyterian Church with crossing, on Main Street, six feet wide.  
From Main to Willow Street, and crossing, on West Bower Avenue, four feet wide.  
From Main to Willow Street, on Church Street, three planks wide, lengthwise.  
From Main Street to Hynd's Jewellery Store, on Mill Street, six feet wide.  
From Main Street to opposite entrance of Driving Park, on Mill Street three planks.  
From G. T. H. crossing to Young Street, on Mill Street, to be raised and repaired.  
Three crossings on Church Street, a culvert on Young Street, and general repairs.  
A brick drain from West Bower Avenue to the river.  
The report was adopted.

Moved by W. H. Lowry, seconded by Robert Wallace, that the Council meet as a Court of Revision, on Tuesday evening, 28th May.—Carried.

The Cemetery Committee was instructed to secure the necessary number of evergreen trees for planting in the cemetery.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

**ARGUS THE SECOND.**  
Was a Word on Arbor Day and the Base Ball Match, and Reported on Beautifying the City.

**WHERE'S THAT WATERING CART?**

Arbor Day was very fully observed by the townspeople generally, and the supply of trees provided by the Council was speedily exhausted. Some unucky individuals who did not go for their trees until after nine o'clock were exceedingly wroth to find that they were too late, the trees being all gone by that hour. The quantity provided was hardly sufficient, especially in view of the fact that there seemed to be no limit as to the number that any one man might take. No one should be allowed to take more than a certain quantity, and it would be advisable for the Council next year to make proper regulations governing this matter.

The first base ball match of the season here took place in the Driving Park on the afternoon of Arbor Day, between two teams, representing the North and South sides of Mill Street, and resulted in a crushing defeat of the Southerners, by a score of seven to nothing. "Rah for the Northerners! Talk about the cold shades of opposition, it isn't a patch on the frigid-ity at present prevailing in the sunny South." They tell me it was a great game and I've been regretting ever since it took place that I was not able to be present, but then business before pleasure you know. Our side says that not a Southerner ever reached third base, and all their crack hitters went out on three or rather four strikes, they changed pitchers three times, the others found their one pitcher quite effective. Is there any other game you 'uns of the South can play?

I am glad to know that the base ball club has been organized in proper shape, and that it looks as if it would be run this year in a way that makes it a pleasant thing to belong to it. Some of the members devoted a portion of Arbor Day to building a back-stop on the grounds, it is a serviceable structure and one that was needed. They should now provide benches for the players, a scores' table, and erect a neat grand stand for the exclusive use and benefit of the fair sex, who should be admitted free to all the games and to the use of the stand. Perhaps it may not be generally known that the new club have discarded the old name of the Clippers and now desire to be known as the Pastime B. B. C. of Acton. This is not altogether a nice name but its improvement over the old one is all appropriate.

Fairview Cemetery bids fair to be the chief promenade of the citizens this summer who do not care to go far beyond the town, judging by the crowd that visited it on Sunday last. The cemetery is a place of incineraries who attempted to burn a small tannery, and \$25 or \$50 for the breaking of a pane of glass in any unoccupied building. This body of municipal mis-representatives are justly accorded a just and equitable condemnation by the public at large for their disreputable, and we might almost say criminal, action in this connection.

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**PURELY PERSONAL.**  
Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom Our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mrs. M. Bricker, of Listowel, is the guest of Dr. McGarvin.  
Miss Rogers, of Toronto, is a guest at the Methodist Parsonage.  
Mrs. John T. Brown, of Toronto, visited friends here during the week.  
W. E. Brooks and family are about to remove from Milton to British Columbia.  
Mrs. (Rev.) James Broyle, of Elora, spent several days during the week with Acton friends.  
The many friends of Mr. John Nelson, Sr., will regret to learn that he is now confined to his bed. He has been in ill health for some time.  
Mr. W. H. Grant, of Winnipeg, visited his father's home here last week. Mr. Grant was en route for Madrie where his company had been awarded a railroad contract of some extent.  
Mr. Thomas Kennedy, of Harry Sound, has been elected chairman of the Board of License Commissioners of that district. Tom will do his work well. A large number of applications for licenses have been refused.

**ACTON, MAY 11th, 1887.**

# NOTICE OF SALE.

## Great Spring Sale of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Groceries.

Having bought a large job lot of Clothing, consisting of Men's, Youth's, Boys' and Children's Suits at 75 cents on the dollar, we are in a position to give the town of Acton and surrounding country the greatest bargains ever heard of.

Splendid Men's Suits.....	\$4.00.
Do Children's Suits.....	\$3.50.
Do Boys' Suits.....	\$3.00.

Send a large stock at \$1.25 up. Our Suits are made with good materials, we have the largest, cheapest and most fashionable stock of Hats, Shirts and Ties in the County. The greatest bargains ever offered.

**GROCERIES.**  
In this line we claim to better for you than any one else in the trade. The Tea we sell you at 25 cents per pound is equal to any 35 cent. Tea you get elsewhere. We also give 30 pounds nice bright sugar for \$1.00. In addition to this we are selling new Fruit Raisins, 8 pounds for 25 cents or 7 cents per pound by the box. We sell for Cash or Trade only, so that every customer can rely upon getting every article from us at very low prices.

**KELLY BROS.** Next to McGarvin's Drug Store. **KELLY BROS.**

# NEW ARRIVALS

—AT—

## THE GLASGOW HOUSE

We wish to call the attention of the public to the daily acquisitions our stock is receiving, which rapidly bringing it to the highest state of perfection.

We have just opened three cases of

## NEW MILLINERY

containing a full range of the very latest styles and novelties.

## New Dress Goods

in the most fashionable shades and the prettiest range of trimmings ever shown in Acton.

## PARASOLS PARASOLS PARASOLS

in a large range of qualities, and marked at prices which will positively insure their sale.

New Seersuckers in pretty designs and colors.  
New Scrims and Curtains of all kinds.  
New Laces, Embroideries, Buttons, Gingham and Muslins.  
Great variety in Prints, Cottonades and Shirtings.  
Our Cretonnes and Carpets are the correct thing at the correct prices.

## In Large Assortment

The very latest Ties and felt Hats, also a choice range of Straws cheap. See our 60 cent white hundred shirt.

## READY-MADES

We have added to our already large stock a choice selection of Mens and Boys Ready Made Suits which must be sold regardless of price. We have the nicest thing in Boys Suits ever displayed outside the city!

Ladies and Gentlemen give us a call, we are satisfied that, with Goods and Prices right we can give you satisfaction.

## HENDERSON, McRAE & CO., ACTON.

## THE FINEST WATCHES & JEWELRY

Repairing Always satisfactory.

## SPECTACLES

Try the "ALASKA." They are the best we ever sold.

**B. SAVAGE,**  
Sole Agent for Quebec.

## Alteration Sale Commenced

Our business having increased to such an extent we have found it necessary to enlarge our premises to double their present size by taking in the adjoining No. 46 King Street west. We do not secure possession for a few weeks, but as we intend making extensive alterations in the two stores we must reduce our stock fully one half. Every department has been gone over and goods reduced in price.

Prints formerly 10 and 12 1/2c. now 6c.	Erilling formerly 10c. now 5c.
Dress Goods formerly 25 and 30c. now 15c.	Traps formerly 18c. now 10c.
Colored Silks formerly 85c. and \$1 now 75c.	Woolen Carpets formerly \$1.25 now 75c.
Velvets formerly 50c. now \$1.10.	Wool Carpets formerly 85c. now 55c.
Corsets formerly 50 and 60c. now 40c.	Seamless Cotton Hose formerly 40c. now 25c.
	Hemp Carpets formerly 15c. now 12c.

Special Facilities for Making and Laying Carpets on Short Notice.

**McKAY BROTHERS,**  
48 KING STREET EAST, HAMILTON.