

**THE CRADLE.**  
McGILLIVRAY—In God's care on the 22nd May, the wife of Dan. McGillivray, Esq. of the Signal, of a daughter.

**THE GRAVE.**  
CONNOLLY—At 10:30 on the 17th May, Joseph Connolly, Esq. aged 65 years.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2, 1887.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

The Allan Line have already this year brought across the Atlantic more immigrants for the North-west than they did in the whole of 1886.

The General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church last week declared against licensing or taxing the liquor traffic, and in favor of total prohibition.

The very reasonable Anti-disfranchisement resolutions of Mr. Wilson, of Manitoba, were defeated in the House of Commons last week, and the monopoly ratified by a majority of forty-nine votes.

The first of the three Cunard steamers purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for its trans-Pacific fleet sailed on Monday from Yokohama, Japan, for British Columbia direct and will connect there with the C. P. R.

The American Fishermen say that the Canadian inshore fisheries are of no value to them. Nevertheless, now that the merchant has appeared on the coast, Canadian fishermen are busy keeping American fishing vessels off while Canadian vessels are taking good catches.

A report was current in Ottawa last week that Mr. Blake had resigned the leadership of the Liberal party in favor of Sir Richard Cartwright owing to ill-health, but Mr. Blake, on being interviewed, stated that the rumor of his resignation was the first he heard of it, and he doubted its truth.

The question of Commercial Union with the United States, at present exciting so much interest throughout the country, is one of the most important matters ever brought before the people for their thoughtful consideration. There are very worthy and thoughtful arguments advanced pro and con.

It is said that the postal revenue during the past nine months of the present fiscal year shows an increase of \$118,000 over the corresponding period of the previous year. There is a steady increase in the income from this source. In 1885 the receipts exceeded those of 1884 by \$63,000, and last year they were \$65,000 in excess of the year preceding. A bill for a general two cent postage rate is now in order.

The fatality of strikes is plainly shown in the following item from one of the city dailies:—"The bricklayers of Toronto threaten to go on strike in order to secure an advance of half a cent per hour in their wages, or five cents per day of ten hours. If the strike lasts a week, and they then secure their terms, they will have to work over a year and a quarter before they will have made up for the time lost in striking."

New York Sun.—The fishing season has begun. Canada is apparently going to harass our fishermen as she did last year. Sir Charles Tupper thinks, and he has apparently good reasons for thinking, that Mr. Cleveland will continue to do nothing about it, save to continue negotiations which are probably destined to come to nothing, at least for the present. Meanwhile our fishermen will have to grin and bear it.

From present indications, an exchange says, the volume of immigration to Canada will be largely in excess of previous years. Already the number of persons that have arrived is more than the total of last year. Five steamers left Liverpool last week with 2,750 emigrants on board, and it is stated that they were of the better class, having considerable capital. Up to the 1st of May something over 6,000 had already landed at Quebec.

Lord Lansdowne's reception on his return to Ottawa last Thursday, was a most brilliant and successful affair, far eclipsing the expectations of those who made the arrangements. Over ten thousand people, including the members of the Senate and House of Commons, were assembled in Cartier square, where the formal reception ceremonies took place. His Excellency also received an enthusiastic greeting at Perth on his way to the Capital.

**A CHANGED ASPECT.**

A St. Thomas correspondent sends to us the beautiful picture of curious contrasts that hangs below:

LOOK ON THIS AND THEN ON THAT.  
Mr. McIntyre has been Inspector under the Scott Act for the East Riding of Elgin, which included St. Thomas, for a little over eleven months, since the Scott Act came into force. During that time he caused one (1) hotel-keeper to be fined for violation of the law.

During the year St. Thomas was placed for parliamentary purposes in the West Riding of Elgin, which brought it under the inspection of Mr. Beaton, who, though he has had jurisdiction in the city only about six weeks, has in that time convicted thirteen hotel-keepers. Now, why the difference between the work of the inspectors? The former is not in sympathy with the Act, whilst the latter is. THAT'S ALL. Let proper officers be in power and the Scott Act can be enforced every time.

**TRUING A TRAMP.**

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

**TEMPERANCE.**

Strong Resolutions Opposing Repeal or Mitigation of the Scott Act.  
**DEMANDING PROHIBITION.**

At Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, in Kingston, last week, Rev. Dr. Douglas moved, and Rev. S. D. Shower seconded the following resolutions:—  
Whereas the disastrous influence of the liquor traffic is by statistical and well-tabulated evidence becoming more manifest throughout this land, involving the destruction of life to the extent of several thousands annually, the direct victims of liquor, and entailing poverty and crime, as authenticated by the records of Courts, prisons and benevolent institutions, and whereas the attitude of the Dominion Government toward the Prohibition movement has given rise to the greatest fear on the part of lovers of Temperance and moral reform that a reactionary policy is about to be inaugurated looking to the impairment, not the abolition, of the Scott Act.

Resolved, That we, the ministers and laity of this Conference, having observed the beneficial effects of prohibitory legislation in diminishing crime, lessening drunkenness, promoting the temporal comfort of people in those countries where it is enforced, would memorialize the Legislature of the Dominion against any action that would impair the beneficial effect of said legislation by sanctioning the sale of intoxicants in said countries.

Resolved, That all the ministers and laity of this Conference solemnly pledge ourselves to oppose by all constitutional methods any Government, political party or individual member of Parliament who shall directly or indirectly oppose the existing prohibitory legislation.

Resolved, That as the ultimate power of the people to influence the Legislature is found in the ballot box, we declare our purpose by the press and by every legitimate means to incite the responsibility of all Christian men and good citizens to subordinate political party alliances to the great work of securing the abolition of the accursed liquor traffic.

Resolved, That while we recognize in the Senate some noble representative men who have stood faithful to their responsibilities and have sought to advance prohibitory reform, we affirm our utter want of confidence in the majority of the members of that body on this question, and lament the deliberate action of the Government in filling the vacancies which occur by men who are, with but few exceptions, the declared and determined opponents of the Temperance reform.

Resolved, That we declare our desire to co-operate with the various Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada, from Halifax to British Columbia, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Anglican Synods, the Baptist Association, and also the Roman Catholic Church in this Dominion, in a combined effort to marshal public sentiment, which shall demand of the Parliament of this Dominion prohibitory legislation, which shall abolish that greatest evil under which the people of this Dominion mourn.

The resolutions were put and the Conference voted as one man in their favor.

Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, says he believes Methodists will stand by the temperance resolutions passed by the Conference, and that he will see the same resolutions are adopted by every Conference in Canada. He is now attending the western Conferences for that purpose.

**ALCOHOL VS. HEALTH.**

The Canadian Citizen has published the answers of a large number of city doctors to four questions touching the effects of the use of alcoholic liquors as beverages. To the first question, "Is total abstinence, in your opinion, compatible with the fullest degree of physical health?" out of the ninety answers sent in the vast majority were in the affirmative, and many of them very emphatically so. Only two were in the negative, while one or two others were qualified. On the second question there was not unreasonably less unanimity of opinion. "Do you consider that, generally speaking, the moderate drinking of intoxicating liquors is conducive to health, or that it is harmless, or that it is injurious?" But here again the preponderance of testimony is in favor of the total abstinence view, that in the great majority of cases the moderate use of such beverages is not only not conducive to health or harmless, but really injurious. To the third question, "Do you consider that, generally speaking, a total abstainer has any advantage over a moderate drinker in better chances of recovery from sickness or accident?" the majority answered yes, though several decided denials were also sent in. To the fourth question, "What do you think would be the effect on public health of universal abstinence from intoxicating liquor as a beverage?" the almost invariable answer is that the effect would be highly beneficial. One doctor said that the members of his profession would need to seek other employment were that the case.

**TRUE SYSTEM OF ADVERTISING.**

P. T. Barnum, the great showman, who is known all over the world, in addressing a body of business men at Bridgeport, Conn., a short time since, said: "You do not, any of you, advertise enough. You ought to advertise every day. You are asleep and want your business to run itself. Standing advertisements in paper command confidence. The man who for a year lives in one community and leads a respectable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may be a shadow read, still it makes the name and business of the man familiar, and its presence in the columns of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of its enterprise."

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**PURELY PERSONAL.**

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

Mr. Ava Hall is visiting friends in Pont-tangulshene.

Mrs. Thompson, of Parkdale, visited Acton friends this week.

Mr. W. N. Snyder, of Guelph, paid friends here a visit on Tuesday.

Mr. S. Henny, of Norval, visited friends in Acton and vicinity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, of Georgetown, visited friends here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Speight, of Markham, were guests of Mr. C. C. Speight this week.

Misses Dorland, Pearson and Melo Nelson visited friends in Nelson last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Anthony Stephenson spent a week very pleasantly with friends in Huron, Fergus and Guelph.

Messrs. James Lamb, of Toronto, and Edward Lamb, of Bruce Mines, visited their friends here last week.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. J. Watson, of the Dundas Standard is down with a severe attack of malaria fever, and trust that he will soon be convalescent.

Mr. John T. Howke, of the Ottawa Free Press, was presented on Saturday with a purse of \$200 prior to his departure to assume charge of the Montreal Transcript.

Mr. Peter Mann, who is a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, will leave next Monday for Winnipeg to attend the annual session.

Mr. John Burns, of Rockwood, accompanied by Mrs. Burns, will also attend the Assembly.

**OUR ERIN LETTER.**

From our own Correspondent.  
Quite an interesting event in the Opeing neighborhood last week was the raising of Mr. Lachlan McLean's new barn. Although excitement ran high on the edifice, sides no mishap occurred. Mr. Lambert Sr., of Acton, is the framer.

Speaking of raisings would not a boon be conferred on the farming public if some one could devise a plan by which buildings could be expeditiously and safely raised without exposing so many persons to danger. The fact of perhaps 150 men putting up large and heavy timbers, amid the greatest confusion and excitement, calls for something of the kind.

Under the present system, however, every man asked to help on these occasions, ought to be present, except for very extra reasons, as a common interest in a community demands that every man not only help but help his utmost.

It must be a great inspiration to the toilers under the bent, to see perhaps wife, mother, daughter, sister or sweetheart, looking anxiously on out of the gathering of female sympathizers frequently present on such occasions.

Boeing is practically over, a few tardy farmers or a wet field being perhaps in arrears.

The dry weather is calling out a good many expressions of opinion as to what ought to be. It is a good thing, however, that grumblers can do no more than grumble, for they certainly would not be of much use in planning the weather.

Those closely attached visitors who always come in the month of May—most, quites—are along early this year and are winging away loud as usual.

Base ball match between Opeing and Leslie school section boys to-day.

The office of collector for the township of Erin is now vacant and applications are to be received at next meeting of the Council on June 18th.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**BOARDERS WANTED.**  
A FEW boarders can be accommodated at No. 3 Association Block, Beaver Avenue. J. H. McLEOD.

**MONEY WANTED.**  
To borrow on building and real estate \$250 or \$500 at six per cent interest. Apply box 25, FREE PRESS OFFICE, Acton.

**CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE.**  
THE undersigned has for sale a quantity of good second cedar posts. Apply to THOMAS COOK, Acton.

**VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE.**  
IN the village of Acton, house and lot on Church Street, will be sold on very reasonable terms. Apply to H. P. MOORE.

**OTS FOR SALE.**  
THE undersigned have for sale a quantity of oats at their Store House in Acton, NICKLIN & MURRAY.

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY.**  
TEN smart intelligent girls for glove and shoe-making, must be handy with needle and machine. Apply to CANADA GLOVE WORKS, Acton.

**SALESMEN WANTED.**  
WE are in want of a few more first-class men to canvass for the sale of choice varieties of Nursery Stock. To men who can make a success of the business we can pay good salaries and commission and give permanent employment. We have many new and choice specialties both in the fruit and ornamental line which others do not handle. Apply at once, with references, to M. J. BROTHERS, NURSERYMEN, ROXBOROUGH, N. Y.

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In great variety, selected expressly to supply the requirements of the farmers.

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And in fact all kinds of Custom Work done in our usual prompt and satisfactory manner.

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Our Erin Letter.  
Guelph, June 2nd, 1887.

"Some one has blundered." That's it. Somebody more sanguine than discreet overbought—the fault with a great many people in business: Well, in this case it exactly suited our occasion. Our first purchase of embroidered dresses was completely cleared out. We were open to buy, the other party wanted to sell. The usual result, purchase closed at much under regular price. Our customers are to have the benefit. Hence the great display of the most lovely embroidered chamber and zephyr dresses you have ever seen.

Same way in Misses and Child's Sailor Hats. We sell you a nice hat at 25 cents that 2 weeks ago we got 50c for. Hundreds of them in stock. See them.

**SUMMER SILKS.**—We were shown the other day by a customer a miserable slinky thing bought at 50c and advertised as a great bargain. If you don't admit ours to be worth 15c a yard more, we'll give it away. We sell a beautiful line at 35, 50, 60c.

Wonderful how cheap Lace and Embroidery Flourishes are this season. We have just received another lot of our marvelous 50c wide Flourishing. Don't need much talking to sell them.

**TWEEDS and CLOTHS.**—Stocks of them. Men's wear, Boy's wear, coarse and fine, low and high priced, but good value every time. This department is rushing right along. All Tweeds cut free of charge and all warranted.

**PRINTS.**—What a stirring up our great print sale has made in the trade. Grumbling to the right of us. Grumbling to the left of us, but not by customers. They are getting the benefit and are pleased. Still about 500 pieces left at 75 sold regularly at 125 cents.

**CREAM WASHES.**—Very nice. Have just come to hand.

**BOATING SHAWLS** in new shades, very elegant and sure to please. In different sizes and prices.

**ANOTHER SACRIFICE LINE.**—A lot of pure all Silk Mantle Brocades were offered to us at a bargain. We bought them at a lower price and now offer to our customers at less than original wholesale prices, and still make a good profit on them. We buy right.

Also Misses and Child's parasols, to please the little folks from 20c. up. Really very pretty.

**FOR THE DUSTY WEATHER.**—Linen carriage rugs. Very nice goods at a low price just received.

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**LAMPLIGHTER WANTED.**  
THE undersigned hereby notify all whom it may concern that fishing, shooting, &c. on any part of their premises are prohibited to all persons. All who trespass after the appearance of this notice will be prosecuted according to law. Wm. McDonald, John Warren, John Shaw, Esqs. May 14th, 1887.

**REPORT ADOPTED.**  
Moved by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the resignation of Geo. Willis, as lamplighter for the village of Acton, be accepted.—Carried. Council then adjourned.



We invite the Ladies and Gentlemen of Acton and Rockwood to pay us a visit, and we take the responsibility upon ourselves of assuring you that you will be well repaid. Our stock is very attractive this season both in Ladies and Gentlemen's Goods.

During the two months of June and July we shall return the fare to anyone from Acton or Rockwood who buys \$5.00 worth of Goods on Saturdays or \$10.00 worth any other day of the week at the

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