

**BORN.**  
GRAY.—At Chelmsford, on the 1st Sept., Rev. Mr. Wm. Gray, d. son.  
HOBBS.—In Fonthill, Sept., the wife of Mr. John Scott, blacksmith, Acton, & c.  
MC CALLUM.—In Kremos, on the 1st Sept., the wife of Mr. Mc Callum, proprietor of public schools, Algoma; of a daughter.

**MARRIED.**  
HAMILTON.—On the 1st Inst., by Rev. Mr. Robert R. Young, at the Methodist Parsonage, Guelph, Mr. Alexander Hamblaw, to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, of Acton.

KENNEDY.—Died—At the residence of his wife, Dr. Dyer, 1, F. St., on the 1st Sept., the Rev. Dr. Dyer, J. F. Dyer, Educator and Author, "Advertiser," to Hattie May, second daughter of W. A. Davis, Esq.

**DIED.**

FLETCHER.—On the 23rd September, Mrs. Fletcher, aged 80 years.

GARRETT.—In Guelph, on 29th September, Harry Miller, infant son of Mr. Hammer & the Hon. Mr. Miller.

CAMPBELL.—On the 1st Sept., James Campbell, proprietor Royal Exchange Hotel, aged 23 years.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1887.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Fines aggregating \$200 were imposed in this county during the three months ending 13th September, for violation of the Scott Act.

The Temperance workers of Halton are organizing in anticipation of an attempt to secure the repeal of the Scott Act. The Act has operated well in Halton that it is the last place in which repeal should be proposed.—Mail.

Immigrants continue to arrive in Canada in large numbers by every mail steamer. The records of the Department indicate that the total arrivals this year will largely exceed last year. The majority of the newcomers are well provided with funds.

The Ontario Gazette of Saturday contains a proclamation by which new territory is added to Toronto thereby extending the city boundaries to High Park on the west, the Woodbine on the east, and Davenport road and the Rathnelly-crescent hills on the north. Some hundreds of acres are included in the addition.

England's total exports of cottons for the past half year exceed the first six months of 1886 by over twenty-six million yards, but there has been a decline of two parts in the last three months, the decline being a somewhat serious matter to the Lancashire manufacturers, as India's demand rules the cotton trade.

We live in the age of speed. A letter written in London, England, July 9th, was received in an interior village in New York by the morning's mail of the 18th; the reply was written and mailed in the evening of the same day, and reached London on the evening of the 27th, thus making but eighteen days between the writing of the letter and receiving the reply.

Chicago is gradually feeling the westward drift of the cattle and hog business. The traffic of her great stockyards is lessening, and the time is near at hand when Kansas City pork products and Montana and New Mexico dressed beef will partially supplant the Chicago pork and beef in eastern United States markets, while in the Canadian north west we of the dominion shall discover a similar cattle centre.

The value of the exports of the Dominion for August was a little over ten millions of dollars, a half a million more than for the corresponding month of last year. The export trade of Canada for the two months of the current fiscal year is somewhat better than for the first two months of last year. The showing, as far as it goes, is a fair one, and it is the trade of the rest of the year is proportionately good. Canadians, considering all things, have no reason to complain.

Goldsmith's Geography published in 1824, describing the United States, says: "People become old in America sooner than in Europe. Upon females the influence of the climate is still more sensible. When young, the women are generally beautiful, particularly in Philadelphia, but after twenty they begin to lose their fresh color and teeth, and at the age of twenty-five many of them would pass for Europeans at forty." What funny things those old geographers were.

It is true that Mr. W. R. Meredith, the leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, is about to return from political life to accept that seat upon the bench, which he is singularly well qualified to fill, the only Conservative leader in Canada who enjoys the respect and esteem of his political adversaries will disappear. Mr. Meredith has been unsuccessful as an office-seeker, but he has maintained throughout the most unfavorable circumstances the character not only of an able but of an honest man. Witness.

It was a matter of fixed belief with prohibitionists of both political stripes that nothing would ever be voluntarily done by the present Government that was not unfriendly to the Scott Act. One action can now, however, be recorded in their favor. Under the old Dunkin law it was customary to institute proceedings for the revocation of the law as soon as it was passed, and as the first result of such a law is often a state of chaos there was frequently a revision of feeling to further the aims of the liquor men. To avoid the turmoil and weakness of having the law constantly in question before the people, a provision was put into the Scott Act requiring that the law, once adopted in any county, must remain in force for four years. Unfortunately, however, the law did not explicitly state that the vote might not be taken a long while before the expiry of the three years. This defect must have proved fatal had the Government favored premature action, for with the Government rests the appointment of the polling day. An announcement appears in today's *Official Gazette* that in no case shall polling for the application of the law be allowed to take place more than fifteen days before the expiry of the three years term. For this very important announcement we presume the Hon. Mr. Foster, the representative of prohibition in the Cabinet.—Witness.

**TONTOON PROPERTY AT \$1675 PER FOOT.**

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