

BORN.
Mystic—A person, on the 1st inst., the wife of Andrew Mifflin, of a son.
HORN—At the Paragon, Niagara Falls South, the wife of R. H. Hobbs, of a son.
DIED.

RETURNS.—In Markdale, on the 20th November, the wife of Mr. C. W. Rutledge, aged 42 years.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1887.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is said that the coming session of Parliament will be a short one, and that so far only thirty applications for private legislation have been made.

The removal of Mr. Fife will necessitate the selection of a new Reeve for next year's Council. Dr. Lowry will probably be the unanimous choice. There is no better man in town for the position.

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ROCKWOOD NEWS.

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CAPTURE OF ILLICIT LIQUOR.

On Saturday morning Mr. J. B. Powell Collector of inland Revenue, who had got on the scene of an affray still in Nassau way, left the city with inland Revenue Officer Broadfoot, Chief Constable Randall, and County Constable Ingram, and drove to the house of one Hanlon near the new shanty of the Guelph Junction construction gang at Corwlin. A thorough search was made of the premises and in the garret, which was occupied by a man named Robertson from Glengary, a large quantity of liquor was found, put up in packages of different sized bottles, and a number of kegs of fuel very poisonous. In his trunk was found a sword, which, along with the prepared liquor and a five gallon keg of whisky, had been taken in charge by the Collector. A search through the locality failed to bring to light any further traces of a still, so the searching party, with Robertson as prisoner, came back to Guelph whence Robertson was taken by County Constable Farman to Georgetown, where he will be tried to-day. It appears to have been Robertson's practice to dose the whisky with fuel oil, so that it would set fire, as all the stuff seized had been collected in this way. With his bottle in his basket, he made the tour of the railroads, and the various parties with their hard-earned money for his wife's staff. It is probable that the man Kelly, who died in the jail some weeks ago, came to his death from drinking such doctor'd stuff, as the doctor's testimony proved that he had died from the effects of alcohol poisoning. Guelph Mercury.

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HALTON ELECTION PETITION.

Mr. Walde, M. P. for this county, that the cross-contest against Mr. Henderson, is about to be withdrawn, upon the ground of lack of sufficient evidence to support the same.

The Reformers of this vicinity were filled with consternation on Tuesday by the news that Mr. Walde had further backed down by agreeing to acknowledge bribery by agents in the recent election, in consideration of the petition against his election being withdrawn from the courts. This, however, lacks official confirmation and it is possible that our Conservative friends may yet be called upon to produce the evidence which they have so freely boasted as being in their possession.

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The Supreme Court of the United States has recently given a decision of great importance. It has sustained the constitutionality of the very stringent Prohibition laws of Kansas, and has in this way declared in the fullest, least mistakes manner, that any State of the Union has the right, in the exercise of its police power to deal with the traffic in intoxicating liquors in any way its Legislature may deem expedient.

The London Free Press says: The Government would do wisely to call in all the 200 pieces yet in circulation. They are a nuisance, and very frequently a source of fraud. Any one in getting two or three dollars in change will almost surely find among the "quarters" one or more 20c pieces, which have to be examined closely to tell the difference, as in general appearance they resemble the other coins. It will be seen that in nearly every case the 20c is obliterated, the better to pass them as quarters.

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