BORN.

MOORE.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Princeton, on the 30th December, 1887, the wife of the Rev. T. A. Moore, of a daughter.

KENNY.—On the 23rd Dec., the wife of Mr. David Kenny, Milton, of a daughter.

SPEIGHT.—At Bower Avenue, Acton, on the 1st January, 1888, the wife of Mr. Thomas J. Speight, night agent G. T. R., of a son.

WRIGGLESWORTH.—At Ashgrove, on the 28th December, 1887, the wife of Mr. John Wrigglesworth, of a son.

MARRIED.

KING—CARROLL.—In Toronto, on the 28th December, 1887, by Rev. Dovercourt Watson, Mr. William J. King, of Gloversville, N. Y., eldest son of Mr. W. C. King, formerly of Acton, to Miss Annie Carroll, Toronto.

HALL—WRIGHT.—At the residence of the bride, on the 29th December, 1887, by the Rev. C. C. Cookman, Asa Hall, Esq., Acton, to Mrs. Charles Wright, Binbrook, Ont.

BLACK—HILLIS.—In Guelph, by the Rev. Dr. Parmee, on 27th December, David Black, to Emily Jane Hillis, both of the township of Nassagaweya.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The fiscal returns of the Dominion for the last six months are reported to show a substantial increase over the two previous half years.

An anti-Scott Act meeting was held at the north-east end of the county last week. The chairman stated that their cause was a lost one, and the few present did not know what to do, and concluded the case was a hopeless one.—*Reformer.*

Chicago, which introduced the nostrum of high license some years ago as a cure for drunkenness, has had more, and more flourishing saloons ever since, and more of the fruits of the drink traffic. His Christmas, from the criminal record, appears to have been a saturnalia.

The returns of business failures in Canada and the United States during the past year show a slight decline. The average liability of those going into bankruptcy in 1887 was $17,392, compared with $11,650 in 1886; the average in Canada this year being slightly higher than in the United States.

It is worthy of remark that when a business house fails in any part of the Dominion in these days, the whole or the greater number of the creditors are Canadians. This was not the case some years ago. Then the chief creditors of bankrupt firms lived in Great Britain. This shows that in business as well as in other matters Canada has become less dependent on other countries.

It is understood that at the request of Sir Charles Tupper the proclamation summoning the Dominion Parliament for the despatch of business on the 31st of January will be cancelled, and the session postponed until the 23rd of February. Sir Charles, it appears, is still hopeful that he may succeed in making some arrangement with the United States in regard to the fisheries question and hence he wants as much time as possible for negotiation.

The Woodstock municipal elections resulted in a great triumph for the temperance people. In his speech on nomination day, Mayor Francis proposed to improve the morals of the people by repealing the Scott Act and licensing the liquor traffic, but the people thought a better way to attain that end would be to remove Mayor Francis from public life. This they did, by the large majority of 116, and elected in his stead Mr. John White, who at the nomination declared his determination, if elected, to uphold to his utmost ability all laws passed by the people. M. C. Wilson, who, along with the mayor, was the most prominent in the last council in defence of the liquor traffic, has also been defeated, and D. W. Karn, an out-and-out temperance man, put in his stead. On the whole the new council is considered a great improvement on the old.

THE TORONTO MAYORALTY.

Mr. Clarke, M.P.P., defeated Ald Rogers, in the Mayoralty contest in Toronto, by 868 votes. The result of the vote is as follows:—Clarke, 7,951; Rogers, 7,052; Defoe, 2,019. All the by-laws, including that for the reduction of saloon and shop licenses, were defeated. It may be said that this defeat signifies that the movement which carried Mr Howland into office by enormous majorities two years in succession, has spent its force, but this is certainly not a correct conclusion, for the fact remains that at least twenty of the thirty-six aldermen are strong temperance men, and Mr. Clarke, the new Mayor also professes to have temperance interests at heart.

The *Mail* says:—Mr. Clarke, we are sure, will do his best in the Mayor's chair to give the ratepayers honest and efficient government. He is a man of excellent character and good natural ability; and if he will take a firm stand against the corrupt and evil traditions that still linger in the City Hall, there is no reason why he should not make a first-rate Mayor. At all event, he is entitled to a fair trial. The new Council appears to be above the average. There are nine new men, who will probably serve the city better than their predecessors.

HALTON SCOTT ACT REPEAL PETITION.

We are told that the petition for a vote on the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton is so defective in form that the Dominion Government cannot act upon it, and that the Dominion Government are trying to get the temperance organizations to consent to the amendment of the petition.

The Temperance people should not on any account give such consent. When the boot was on the other leg—when the Temperance people wanted to correct some trumpery legal inaccuracy—the Dominion Government stood on the letter of the law and refused to permit the slightest change. We fail to see any reason why the Dominion Government should be accommodated in the matter. There have been in the past too many cases in which the Government has measured for the Temperance people with cast-iron, and for whiskey with India rubber. Let the whiskey people now have a turn with the cast-iron.—*Globe.*

THE FIRST TRAIN CROSSES THE "SOO."

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 31.—The first train crossed the International Bridge at 4.45 this afternoon. Great interest was manifested in the event, which will open the route via the "Soo" to the great west. The train was given a grand send-off from the Canadian Sault and met with an enthusiastic reception on reaching the American Sault. Regular through trains will commence running on Tuesday. Arrangements are complete for a grand railway jubilee here on Jan. 18. One hundred cars of flour from the Washburn Mills, Minneapolis, will be the first consignment of through freight, arriving here Tuesday. The Soo and Canadian Pacific Railway lines are going to put immense yards in at both Saults.

WANTED—A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Such is the tenor of the announcement published by the municipal clerk last week in compliance with a warrant issued by Reeve Fyfe; and to-day at noon a meeting of the ratepayers will be held to take the steps necessary to secure a Council for this municipality for the current year.

Whether or not this meeting will succeed in accomplishing the result required by law yet remains to be seen. The events which have transpired since nomination day, on the 25th ult., have clearly shown that "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft aglee," and the men who set into motion the undercurrent which was intended to oust a sufficient number of those who had faithfully served the municipality last year, and still retain one or two good men who would transact the municipal business which their favorites hadn't the ability to do, found by last Wednesday night that their schemes had "gang aft aglee" with a vengeance, for all the men of ability had quietly withdrawn from the contest.

It would have been only just and honorable to have re-elected the old Council by acclamation, considering the satisfactory character of their deliberations and transactions during the past year. Now, however, their services are not at the command of the ratepayers.

It is hoped that at the meeting to-day the electors will allow no petty considerations which concern a few persons at most to come into contact with the general interests and progress of our citizens and the municipality at large. Settle the matter to-day and don't allow the place to be the laughing stock of the country because two or three individuals are comparatively childish over municipal affairs.

HALTON ELECTION PROTEST.

On Tuesday last when the witnesses and others concerned in the election protest were preparing for the court at Milton yesterday, information was received here that Mr. Waldie, through his solicitor had admitted bribery by agents, and that the case was by this action virtually ended. Judge Rose came to Milton yesterday, however, and the court was formally opened. Bribery was admitted and Mr. Waldie agreed to pay the cost of the legal proceedings in connection with the protest. The case was adjourned to Osgoode Hall on Saturday next, when one witness will be heard to prove a charge of bribery, and the election will then be voided.

A new election will no doubt be held within a few weeks—before the House of Commons assembles—but who the candidates will be the party conventions will of course have to determine.

ESQUESING ELECTION

The election of this township was as usual ran pretty largely upon political lines. As a result a Conservative council this year holds sway. Mr. Graham was elected Reeve, and Dr. Webster, first deputy Reeve by acclamation, and the result of the contest on Monday was as follows:

SECOND DEPUTY REEVE:—Cook, 436, Dick 261.

COUNCILLORS:—Campbell, 131, Evans, 315, Lasby, 215, Wrigglesworth, 305.

Mr. Lasby of this place polled a very large vote in Dublin ward, but for some reason or other his vote at the seventh line was remarkably meagre. He would have made a good councillor and would have done his whole duty to this end of the township. As it is, all the representatives are located in the eastern corner.

ELECTIONS ELSEWHERE.

MILTON VILLAGE—Reeve, G. R. Vanzant Councillors—John Thomas, F. C. Ash, Dr. Robinson, C. S. Billings.

BURLINGTON—Reeve, Dr. Richardson, Councillors—Jas. Mortimer, John Colling, Thos. Atkinson, L. Lowe.

OAKVILLE—Mayor, John Urquhart, M.D.; Reeve, M. Felan. Councillors—C. Armstrong, Wm. Whitaker, Thos. Patterson, E. H. Gulledge, Thos. Howarth, S. D. Marlatt, C. W. Coote, I. Warcup, Robert Howes.

ERIN—Reeve, Richard Graham, acel.; 1st Deputy-Reeve, Dr. Webster; 2nd Deputy-Reeve, Cook. Councillors—Campbell, Evans.

MILTON—Reeve, J. H. McCollom. Councillors, north ward—John Johnson; George Smith, Richard Jones, south ward—P. Stuart, John Hunter, G. A. Hemstreet—east ward, Michael Conway, Alex. Spiers, Duncan McKay.

GUELPH—Mayor—Macdonald. St. Patrick's Ward,—Pepper, Kennedy, Coffee; St. George's—Kloepfer, Hamilton, Howard; St. John's—Walker, Read, Kilgour; St. David's—Smith, Hewer, Barber; St. Andrew's—Maddock, Scroggie, Cutten; St. James'—Russell, Hartnett, Lamprey.

IMPORTANT EVENT AT LIMEHOUSE.

To the editor of the FREE PRESS.

SIR:—Quite an event came off at this place on the 26th ult. Our old postmaster, Mr. J. Newton, had all his family along to help to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday, he having been born at Long, Bradford, Yorkshire, on the 12th day of December, 1812; Also his golden wedding day, the prime incident in the latter being the presentation to his faithful old wife of a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles.

Arriving in Toronto on the 26th October, 1842, Mr. Newton had entered into an engagement to teach school in an old log school-house on John Scott's farm, near John Burns' place, on the 1st November, being, as he thinks, about the last of the school teachers at so much a month and board about with the scholars, in these parts.

During the more than 45 years in this country, by a kind Providence, he is able to say what few others can say who have reared a family of seven children, he has had no death or sickness in the family; the first dollar being yet to pay for doctoring one of them.

SANTA CLAUS.

Limehouse, Dec. 31st 1887.

A ROMAN PANTHEON AT GRIMSBY PARK.

Work on an immense building at Grimsby Park, will be begun immediately. It will seat from 8000 to 10,000 people, and will resemble the Roman Pantheon. The dome of the new structure will be on a grand scale, and its 119,000 feet of lumber will be without truss or brace of any kind. It will rival in appearance the dome of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City.

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NASSAGAWEYA NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.

Miss Lolitia Meade, medical student, and Messrs. Hugh Meade and James Hutcheon, students at the School of Science, Toronto, are home for the holidays.

Mr. Arch. McTaggart, V. S., Shelburne, formerly of Nassagaweya, was on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, married to Miss Jennie Ghent, of Mt. Forest. The happy couple are at present visiting the groom's Nassagaweya friends. Rumor says that "Plane Jim" is soon to follow Archie's example.

In last week's correspondence we omitted to state an important item in connection with Mr. Thos. Moore's examination. His pupils showed their esteem for him and their regret at his retiring by presenting him with an appropriate address and making him the recipient of a handsome writing desk and shaving stand.

Wednesday, Dec. 28th, as almost every one knows, was the day for the annual school meeting of every section in the province. The ratepayers and fond parents of S.S. No. 3, manifested the interest they took in school affairs by remaining at home. Only four persons of all this large section were present, consequently no business could be done. Truly a pitiable condition for a section that pays nearly $600 annual salary, and in which there is an average daily attendance of over sixty pupils. The meeting was posponed till Saturday, Dec. 31st.

On account of the stormy weather the regular meeting of the Campbellville Literary Society, held in the Temperance hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28th, was not a success. The attendance of numbers was so small that the election of officers for the ensuing term was postponed. The program consisted of readings by Messrs. J. Menzies, and D. Hutcheon. Instrumental music by Mrs. M. Crawford, vocal music by Misses Harris and Easterbrook and a recitation by Miss Annie Chapman. Mr. P. J. Reid acted as critic and ably filled the position, although he censured the society rather severely, as several things which he called attention to would have been done and others left undone, or unnoticed, had there been the usual attendance and program expected. The subject for debate for next meeting is "Intemperance vs. War."

Mr. D. W. Campbell delivered an interesting address upon "London" in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd. The lecture was illustrated by numerous scioptic views. The proceeds of the evening are to be devoted to the Sabbath school in connection with the church.

The Brookville Mutual Improvement Association met as usual on Friday evening, 30th inst. Long before the time of commencing the program, the seats were crowded to overflowing. The principal feature of the evening was the debate between Campbellville and Brookville societies. The program rendered in first-class style, was as follows:

Flute solo—Mr. Jas. Miller.
Reading—Mr. W. J. Player.
Inst. solo—Miss Winn.
Reading—Mr. W. Hartley.
Vocal solo—Mr. N. McPhail.
Inst. solo—Miss Allison.
Debate:—"Resolved that Commercial Union, if adopted, would be injurious to Canada."
Aff.—(Campbellville) Messrs. Crawford, Stingle and Mahon.
Neg.—(Brookville) Messrs. Irving, Meade and Moore.
Inst. solo—Mr. D. Stingle.
Recitation—Miss McPhail.
Chorus—Fletcher Family.
Vocal duet—Misses Stingle & Chapman.
Recitation—Miss Hubbard.
Address—Retiring President, Mr. Strang.

Messrs. D. F. Milne and Jno. McPhedran were appointed deciding committee but owing to their inability to obtain a referee they declined giving their decision.

NIL GEST.

"PROHIBITION DOES NOT PROHIBIT."

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS.

So say the liquor dealers,—but *they do not* believe it. In these counties where the Scott Act is measurably well enforced, there is a great falling off in the consumption of liquor, and as temperance people are pressing on to prohibition, which will do even more for us than the Canada Temperance Act can, inasmuch as that Act does not propose to prohibit *the manufacture*, it is amazing that the harpies of the traffic do not play on some other string, as their inconsistency is so glaring. They oppose and pay large sums to resist the temperance movement, and yet declare that after all we have secured, they still sell more than ever. They have practiced that lie down in Maine for over 30 years—"more liquor sold than ever" and yet our work goes on. Some of them may, and no doubt do, get liquor—but where? In dens and disreputable places. When we have driven it there, no respectable person will be found seeking it. A traveller in a prohibition town (Rossville) had occasion to stay over night. He says:—"I found every saloon closed up. Money couldn't buy a drink of whiskey in the town. The week before a lame man who had been hobbling around on an artificial leg, was convicted of selling whiskey and fined $20. But the fine was remitted on account of his being a cripple. Still the "roughs" all said, "There is plenty of whiskey to be had."

"Where" I asked.

"Oh, we had some yesterday," they said.

"Now, I'm not a resident and won't tell, so please let me know where you got it," I pleaded.

"Well," said one man, "lame John sold it to us."

"Where?"

"Why, we went with him over behind the meeting house shed, into the graveyard, and there lame John unstrapped that artificial leg of his and hauled out a bottle of whiskey.

"Out of his leg?"

"Yes, his hollow leg."

"And what did you pay for it?"

"Thirty cents a drink."

"Well, boys," I said, "you may not have prohibition in Rossville, but when you go off into the darkness with a cripple, following him over beyond the meeting house shed into the lonely graveyard, and he has to sit down on some mother's grave and unstrap an artificial leg to drink out of—why, I think you have got near enough to it for all practical purposes." So says

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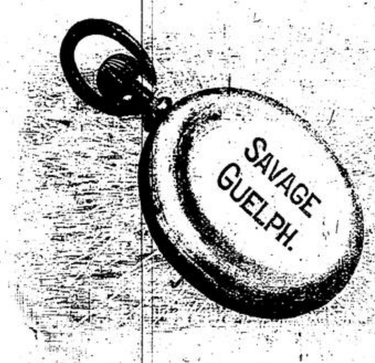

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