

**BORN.**  
CALMEN—in Erin, on the 1st inst.; the wife of Mr. John Miller, of a son.  
MULLEN—in Arden, on the 7th inst.; the wife of Mr. John Miller, of a son.  
WALTON—At 112 Robert Street, Toronto, on the 2nd instant; the wife of Mr. Frank Walton, of a son.  
**MARRIED.**  
Brown—Sister on Thursday, Decem-  
ber 28th, in the room of Rev. Mr. Johnson, William  
Foster, by Rev. Mr. Johnson, William  
Brown, Esq., young daughter of  
Mr. Alanson Neilson, of Esquinton.  
**DIED.**  
Barren—At Guelph, on the 7th January,  
1888, Mrs. A. C. Barren, aged 75 years.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The statement of Dominion revenue for the current fiscal year shows a total of \$17,549,422, leaving a surplus over the expenditure of \$2,212,331.

A bartender, and an ostler at Orangeville have been fined for assaulting a constable, who was endeavoring to serve a summons on their employer for an alleged violation of the Scott Act.

The Nova Scotia sugar refinery, operating on a capital of \$100,000, this year realized a profit of between \$300,000 and \$400,000. That is doing very well for a struggling infant industry.

The expert reason of Canadian live stock, which has just closed, was the greatest known; the total number being over 600,000. In sheep the number was 550,000, being the smallest on record since 1878.

The subscription from the Catholics of Ontario to the jubilee presentation to the Pope is, in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Bishop Walsh, of London; and Bishop Clancy, of Kingston, who are at present in Rome, have presented the gift.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council has ordered the G. T. R. to allow the C.P.R. to cross its track at Berkley St. within the limits of Toronto city. This will enable the C.P.R. to have access to the Esplanade and water front as far west as Yonge Street in addition to the frontage of the Credit Valley R. R.

We are of the opinion that no action of the Municipal Council during their term of office will meet with more hearty and general approval than that of repealing the by-law providing for the renomination of the first commissioner. Action cannot afford to put on its sufficient to support such an office and when every claimant of the street and sidewalk committee, with one exception, since incorporation, has considered the hours of office sufficient remuneration there is no necessity for such a by-law to continue in force.

The Mitford has been resuscitated. Mr. W. J. Watson, of the Dundas Standard, is the publisher as before. Mr. James Law, of Milton, will occupy the position of resident manager and local editor. The first number of the new series was issued last week. It is a neat and sprightly sheet, carefully edited and well printed. Its politics is of course Liberal-Conservative, and some party are unavoidable enough to conclude that in view of an approaching election the Sun is intended as a campaign sheet. The Sun says it has reappeared to stay.

A new point in Scott Act law came up on argument at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday, when Judge Rose refused to quash the conviction in the case of Queen vs. Cameron. The defendant was convicted of a first offence under the Canada Temperance Act and was fined \$50. The Act provides that for a first offence the penalty shall be "not less than \$50." His Lordship held that the words "not less than \$50" did not shift the penalty to that sum, but that it was in the discretion of the magistrate to increase that amount, which discretion, so long as all events, as it was reasonable, would not be interfered with by the court. The motion against the conviction was therefore dismissed with costs.

**SCOTT ACT TRIAL IN HALTON.**

ONCE again, Halton—There is some hitch in the progress of the petition for the suppression of the operation of the Scott Act in Halton. The petition was presented some time ago. It is understood that it was referred to the Privy Council, and all straight. It is alleged, however, that Mr. Merton, the well known Halton temperance worker, claims that the public notice required by the Act was not observed by the promoters of the petition. The petition has reached the Privy Council, but has got no further, "though an order-in-council was granted for the suppression of repeal in Westmoreland on Saturday."

**THE CENTRAL BANK.**

Over the signature of Thos. Hodges, Master-in-Ordinary, a notification to the creditors of the Central Bank has been issued. All creditors of the bank by the 20th of February will file particular of their claims, the nature of their securities at any field, and unless the specific value of the same, or in default they will be pre-emptarily entitled to the benefit of the winding up act and of winding up orders. Every creditor holding any security in to produce the same before the liquidators. Creditors receiving notice of contestation of their claim from the liquidators or from other parties desirous of contesting such claims are to come before the Master-in-Ordinary at his chambers in Osgoode Hall and prove their claims at the time as shall be specified, or in default they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before their claims are proved.

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The membership of the County Council for the present year will be as follows:—  
Acton—W. H. Storey, Reeve.  
Burlington—Dr. Richardson, Reeve.  
Guelph—Wm. McLeod, Reeve.  
Milton—J. H. McCollom, Reeve.  
Orville—Mr. Feltan, Reeve.  
Essex—Rich. Graham, Reeve.  
Dr. Webster and D. Cook, Deputy Re却ves.  
Narrowsville—James Menzies, Reeve;  
D. Whedon, Deputy Reeve.  
Nelson—W. G. Pettit, Reeve; P. D. Scott, Deputy Reeve.  
Trafalgar—H. Robinson, Reeve; Dr. Buck and John Huskell, Deputy Re却ves.  
The Council is pretty evenly divided, both on Scott Act and political questions.

**AGITATING FOR SCOTT ACT AMENDMENTS.**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Temperance Alliance will be held here on February 28th, when representations will probably be made to Parliament to have the Scott Act amended. Go to J. Kyle's, Acton, for your clothing. He can suit you for price, quality and style every time.

**THE NEW COUNCIL.**

The second meeting for the nomination of candidates for the Municipal Council was held last Thursday at noon. There was evidently a pre-arrangement, for the election of Reeve and two councillors to fill the vacancy, without an election, and this was successfully carried out. Mr. W. H. Storey was the only nominee for the Reevehip and of course was declared elected. Messrs. Ison and W. P. Brown are the new councillors. These candidates have accepted office and the Council for 1888 is now made up as follows:—

W. H. Storey, Reeve; Mr. Storey has filled this office so frequently in the past fifteen years with credit to the municipality, and with general satisfaction to the ratepayers that his services have again been courted and he is again returned to the highest seat of honor within the gift of the people. In the past he has exerted himself for the progress of the place, always keeping in view the worthy purpose of making Acton as attractive to outsiders and prospective settlers as possible. We have no doubt this policy will be continued during the present year. Mr. Storey will in all probability be Warden of the county this year.

W. P. Brown.—There is no attempt on the part of the members of the Council to withhold the fact that Mr. Brown was introduced into the Council of this year to superintend the financials of the Municipality. He will be elected Chairman of the Committee on Finance when the Council meets for organization. This is his first term of office, but he is not unacquainted with public affairs. The past two years he has occupied the position of Assessor, the duties of which were carefully and equitably performed. Mr. Brown has also served a term on the Board of Public School Trustees and was chairman of that body for a term. His present situation in connection with Acton Banking Company will tend to qualify him for his proposed financial position in the Council.

William Ison is again in the Council after a two years' rest. His position will be that of Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks. When he previously held this office Mr. Ison supervised a good deal of municipal work, much of which he is still complimented upon. His opponents claim however, that his work always cost the corporation too much money, and the twenty cents per hour he received for looking after a mere handful of employees still rankles in the hearts of the ratepayers. The collector of tax reported that every cent of available taxes had been collected.

Dr. L. W. addressed the Council referring to the pleasure he had had in sitting in the Council upon Reeve Pyle. He congratulated the Council upon the harmonious and friendly feeling which had characterized all their deliberations. He reported the contemplated removal of Reeve Pyle from the office which he filled so acceptably, and from the town. He stated that this very highly and deservedly prosperity.

Councillor Cameron was in full accord with the sentiments just expressed. It has been a pleasant duty to do public business with Mr. Pyle in the chair. He considered that all the business of the year had been satisfactorily disposed of.

Reeve Pyle replied in suitable terms. He appreciated the kindly references made to him. He was well aware that he had received the approbation of the members of the Council during the year, and thanked them for their harmonious sit in the fulfillment of his duties.

Council then adjourned.

**THE SECOND NOMINATION.**

A Council Meeting Which Ought Not to Happen—See the First.

The meeting of electors, by ballot warrant of Reeve Pyle, for the election of Reeve and two Councillors to fill the vacancies caused by the refusal of the candidates previously nominated to accept, was held in the Council Chamber last Thursday at noon.

Returning Officer McGarvin presided, and nominations were received as follows:—

**REVEE.**  
W. H. Storey—Proposed by W. H. Rutledge, Councillor.

W. P. Brown—Proposed by W. H. Story and seconded by Wm. Handstreet.

W. P. Brown—Proposed by Col. Allan and seconded by W. H. Storey.

After a duration of one hour, there being no other nomination, the Returning Officer declared Mr. Storey elected. Mr. Storey elected his Reeve and Messrs. Brown and Ison as Councillors by acclamation.

A few of the oft repeated and as often unanswered short questions respecting municipal affairs were asked by Col. Allan and answered satisfactorily by Mr. Henderson, while several topics of general interest were referred to. Mr. Storey made a few remarks on orally marking out the line of property intended to be followed by the Council during the year. The meeting thus adjourned.

In some respects the Council might have been of better composition this year, but there is no doubt the members will all endeavor to the best of their ability to perform their duties in such manner as in their opinion is calculated to be for Acton's best interests and progress.

**CANDIDATES FOR HALTON.**

There is to be no dearth of candidates for the seat at Ottawa made vacant by the Election Court. Mr. Walde, the Reform member just unseated, is willing to run again. Against him David Headen, the late Conservative candidate, John Turner and James Besty are already mentioned as possible nominees.—Toronto World.

The world is a little anxious in bringing out candidates. As far as John Turner is concerned he occupies no warm place in the hearts of Halton Conservatives. If for

no other reason his Anti-Scott pronouncements would draw him from consideration by the party in Halton. James Besty, "The Boy," has no hopes in the county either.

At least his indifference during the last contest would lead the public to conclude that he must admit that he is not a fit man to represent the constituents of his riding.

Mr. Henderson is as strong a candidate as the party can introduce and we hope to see him the unanimous nominee of the

convention of his party.

**THE WARDENSHIP.**

Acton has every probability of being honored with the Wardenship this year by the County Council. Taken in the order of municipalities it was long ago Acton's in justice, and no member of the present County Council has stronger claims upon the office for this year than Mr. Storey.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY TRANSFER.**

It is reported that negotiations have been completed for the transfer of the Northern and North-Western railway to the Grand Trunk. It is a well-known fact that important arrangements were entered into between General Manager Hickson, of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. Barker, of the Northern and North-Western, during the latter's recent visit here, and although the nature of these arrangements has been kept strictly secret, it is generally believed in railway circles that an agreement in connection with the dynamiting—Milton Reformer.

**UNFORTUNATE KYLE.**

The Ex-Liquor Merchant Shows Symptoms of Insanity.

Kinston, Jan. 8.—W. Kyle, formerly a liquor merchant in Toronto, convicted of forgery and now confined in the Penitentiary, appears to be somewhat deranged.

In view of a revival of some features of his case in the courts next week, he is worried about what he calls his brief, for the preparation of which he desired a typewriter and a typewriting machine to be sent to him. Singular to say, he does not want any lawyer to see the brief until it is presented in court. Kyle is evidently suffering by his incarceration. He is occupied in stone-breaking.

—Read Kelly Bros. advertisement. Something to interest everyone.

—Scottish, English and Canadian writing in great variety, at J. Kyle's, Acton.

**THEIR LAST SESSION.**

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Council met on Tuesday evening to wind up the business pertaining to their regime.

The Reeve in the chair, members all present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The committee on Finance presented their twelfth report concerning payment of accounts as follows:—

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Report adopted.

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Moved by John Cameron, seconded by Robert Wallace, and resolved that by-law No. 135, entitled "A by-law to provide for the appointment of a street commissioner, and for regulating the duties and remuneration of such officer" be laid on the table and that the seal of corporation be attached to this resolution.—Carried.

The annual report of the caretaker of the town hall and postoffice was presented. It showed that during the year 1887, 6 horses, 27 cattle, and 18 pigs have been impounded, and that 87 traps were entertained in the civic cells.

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