BORN.

FIRKBROOK—On Sunday, 29th inst., at 30 Wilton Crescent, the wife of John Firkbrook, of a son.

LEE—In Acton, on the 30th January, the wife of Mr. Wm. Lee, of Carleton Junction of a son.

MARRIED.

PARK—MASALAS—At the residence of Dr. McNaughton, Erin Village, January 24th, by Rev. George Munro, William Park, East Garafraxa, and Melvina A. Masalas, Acton.

DIED.

GRENON—In Mt. Forest, on the 22nd inst., Jas. D. Grenon, printer, aged 23 years and 22 days.

DUFFY—At Rockwood, Ont., on Thursday, the 26th Jan., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Magee, Catharine Duffy, aged 38 years.

TUSHINGHAM—At 205 Richmond St., Toronto, on the 29th January, George Tushingham, aged 76 years.

WALLACE—In Tara, on the 4th January, Samuel A. Wallace, eldest son of Mr. Alex. Wallace, Port Elgin, aged 36 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Lieut-Governor Nelson opened the British Columbia Legislature on Friday afternoon.

In the address of Mr. McLeod, the Reform candidate, published last week the last clause in the third paragraph was intended to read:—"General trade with foreign powers on fair terms."

Business men are beginning to cry out for a re-issue of the 25 cent notes. Postage stamps are accumulating at many points to such an extent as to be almost burdensome. The Dominion Government could assist trade by the re-issue.

General Middleton paid a handsome compliment to Canadian artillery when, in writing to the United Service Magazine, he said: "I will back Canadian officers and gunners to fight their guns against any artillery in the world."

Mr. Mowat informed the legislature yesterday that a manhood suffrage bill will be introduced by the provincial government during the present session. Now let the Dominion government, the professional patrons of the young men, go and do likewise.—Ottawa *Free Press.*

It is reported that some of the discontented Tories in Halton intend to bring out Mr. James Beaty, ex-M.P., as an independent candidate. The rumor has, however, no foundation in fact, for the workers of both parties are spending all their time in behalf of their respective candidates.

The Esquesing Council at the first meeting of 1888, moved in a direction by which it is hoped the wholesale slaughter of sheep by dogs will be, to some extent, lessened. It is proposed that the assessor in his rounds shall carry a supply of tags with him to be attached to all the dogs assessed. And the dog that does not carry a tag will run the risk of being unexpectedly dispatched by a suspicious farmer.—*Herald.*

A movement is now on foot for the introduction into the Ontario Legislature of a measure prohibiting municipalities from bonusing manufacturing establishments. Such a measure would not only redound to the advantage of the ratepayers, but be a positive advantage to the manufacturing interests in the aggregate, as it would leave manufacturers free to locate as natural and legitimate business interests indicate, instead of, as at present, too many locating in unsuitable places under the influence of a big bonus. It would be a good act.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Committees for the Year.—Duncan Kennedy Appointed Assessor.

Council met on Monday evening.

Reeve Storey in the chair, members present, W. P. Brown, John Kenney and W. E. Smith.

Councillor-elect William Ismond after taking the necessary declarations took his seat at the Council Board.

The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A By-law to appoint an assessor for the current year was introduced, read the required number of times and passed, the name of Duncan Kennedy being inserted as Assessor, at the salary of thirty dollars.

Moved by W. P. Brown, seconded by John Kenney, that the committee appointed to strike standing committees for the year report. The committees were struck as follows:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE,—W. P. Brown. W. H. Storey.
TOWN HALL,—W. P. Brown. W. H. Storey.
STREETS & SIDEWALKS,—Wm. Ismond. W. E. Smith.
CEMETERY,—W. H. Storey. John Kenney.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Wm. Ismond, seconded by W. E. Smith, that Luthor Lyman, lamplighter, be paid the sum of six dollars and twenty-five cents being balance due him from former Council.—Carried.

Mr. R. B. Cook made application for the office of caretaker of cemetery for the current year.

Referred to Cemetery committee.

Moved by W. E. Smith, seconded by Wm. Ismond that the sum of four dollars and fifty cents be paid to Wm. Smith being balance of account.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday evening, 13th February.

NASSAGAWEYA NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.

The Rockwood correspondent to the Guelph *Mercury* in an article headed "Come on Macduff" makes the assertion that the Brookville Literary Society, which has downed every kindred society in Halton County in debating matches, now proposes to carry the war into Wellington. For the benefit of the members of both societies we wish to state that although the Brookville debators are ambitious, they do not claim to have downed all the other kindred societies by any means, as they have had but one match since the association was organized. Up to date our society has neither issued a challenge to nor received one from Rockwood, but if the gigantic intellects of their Y.P.A. desire to "lock horns" with the B.M.L.A., then we take much pleasure in informing them that Macduff is ready and will be too happy to accomodate them.

NIL GEST.

Nassagaweya Feb. 1st, 1888.

ANOTHER FIRE AT GEORGETOWN.

Clark's Hotel, Buck's Butcher Shop and Patterson's Bakery Destroyed.

For some time past Georgetown has unfortunately been the victim of disastrous fires, but the most unfortunate one which the town has suffered for some years occurred early on Monday morning, when Clark's hotel, Buck's butcher shop and Patterson's bakery was destroyed. The two latter belonged to Dr. Todd, and the former to Mr. Thos. Clark. The buildings were all partly insured. The fire originated from the oven of the bakery and was well advanced before noticed. Mr. Patterson will be a heavy loser. The total loss will probably be $8,000. The adjoining buildings and Benner's hotel, across the street, were saved with strenuous work.

HALTON ELECTION.

Mr. David Henderson, Acton, and Mr. William McLeod, Nominated on Tuesday.

A JOINT MEETING AFTERWARDS.

The nomination of candidates for the Dominion Bye-Election in this county took place in Milton on Tuesday. To illustrate the interest taken in the contest it is only necessary to state that about five hundred of the electors from all parts of the County attended the meeting.

A good deal of anxiety was caused by the report that a third candidate, in the person of James Beatty, Q.C., would be nominated. At the conclusion of the two hours allowed for receiving nominations it was found however, that only the two candidates already in the field, Mr. Wm. McLeod, of Georgetown, and Mr. David Henderson, of Acton, were nominated to contest Halton in the Liberal and Conservative interests respectively. This fact had a very satisfactory effect and the electors of both parties settled down to the conclusion that they would be free to put forth their greatest efforts in behalf of the man of their party, all of course sure of success.

At two o'clock the hall was literally jammed full; Mr. Johnson Harrison was elected to preside, and on the platform were the candidates, Messrs. Henderson and McLeod, both good looking men; Dr. Montague, the Conservative hero of Halliimand; John White, ex-M.P.; Mayor Robertson, Milton; A. McRoberts, of Toronto; Col. Campbell, of Nelson; Dr. Freeman, of Milton and Henry Robinson, of Trafalgar.

Mr. Henderson was first to speak, and was followed by Mr. McLeod. Both candidates made interesting speeches and were listened to with marked attention. The speech of the afternoon was delivered by Dr. Montague in Mr. Henderson's interest. He presents a fine appearance on the platform, is an excellent speaker and proved himself thoroughly informed upon the questions before the country. He spoke for an hour and a half, and his speech was a really eloquent effort. The Dr. was lionized by the Milton Tories during his visit. Henry Robinson, A. McRoberts and Dr. Robertson followed in short addresses and the meeting broke up about six o'clock with rousing cheers for both candidates.

MISTAKE OF A WORD.

How the Collapse of the Central Bank Indirectly Caused the Suspension of the Federal.

"Now that the end is come," said General Manager Larker, of the Federal, this morning to a *News* reporter, "it will do no harm to answer your question as to the causes which led up to our liquidation."

The causes were twofold. The Central bank's crash was the first blow. Had it not been for that we would have in all probability pulled through all right, and even then there was a chance had it not been for those telegrams."

"What telegrams do you refer to?"

"It was kept from the public at the time, but I refer to those sent by the Michigan Central. On the Saturday following the Central's collapse, the head office of the Michigan Central Railroad sent a dispatch to their agents all along the line of their connections not to take Federal Bank bills. Of course they meant "Central," but in mistake used our name. What was the result? We did not discover the mistake until late on Saturday night, but the mischief had been done. People had all day Sunday to talk over the thing, and you can easily guess the result. When the Michigan Central discovered its mistake they telegraphed us an apology as long as my arm, but it was of no use then. This was the last straw, and of course there was no other course left for us but to liquidate."

"What banks will get the business of the Federal?"

"The Commerce is the first and the Montreal the second. In fact these two banks have got the lion's share of the business."

"How will the shareholders stand in the winding up?"

"They will lose a little, but you can rest assured that the bank will go out of business with its honor unsullied.—*News.*

ANOTHER BANK SUSPENDS.

The Federal Winds up. Share-holders Will Realize Seventy-five per cent. Depositors and Noteholders to be Paid At Once.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—At the conclusion of the meeting of all the bankers and of the directors of the Federal, after midnight this morning, the following announcement was sent to the press:

It is officially announced that the directors of the Federal Bank of Canada have decided that it is in the interests of the Shareholders that the business of the Bank should be wound up. The other Banks, after a thorough investigation, have agreed to give the assistance required to pay the note-holders and depositors whenever demanded.

The outstanding note circulation is about three-quarters of a million and it will be redeemed by any of the banks or by the Federal on presentation.

The deposits are about two millions and these will be paid forthwith. If the Federal cannot realize on its assets sufficiently fast to do this other banks have agreed to furnish the money necessary. So that depositors will be paid off at once.

For some time past the Federal has been transacting a profitless business.

GUELPH BANK SUSPENDED.

The Federal Pulls Down a Private Concern in the Royal City.

GUELPH, Jan. 30.—The Guelph Banking Company, a private bank, conducted by W. H. Cutten, suspended payment here to-day. The failure is a consequence of the withdrawl of the Federal Bank from business, as the Federal usually re-discounted for Mr. Cutten's bank.

The first intimation of difficulty was given when a cheque on the Federal to one Fitzsimmons, a depositor of "The Guelph," was refused for want of funds. On payment being demanded at "The Guelph," the same reply in substance was given.

There are many rumors flying about the street as to the extent of the failure and who are likely to be losers, but nothing definite can be learned to-day. It is expected that an assignment will be made at once as a writ has been issued.

Mr. Cutten was formerly a member of the law firm of Guthrie, Watt & Cutten here, but withdrew from the firm about five years ago and purchased the private banking business of A. T. Kerr, late of Toronto. Mr. Cutten also continued the practice of his profession while carrying on the banking business. He is also chairman of the city finance committee and is regarded as an able lawyer and financier.

HALDIMAND ELECTION TRIAL.

CAYUGA, Jan. 28.—The Haldimand Dominion controverted election trial, which has occupied the whole week, was concluded here to-day, the petition being dismissed with costs. The result of the scrutiny left Dr. Montague with a majority of ten votes.

OUR DECREASE IN FIREWOOD.

To the Editor of the Acton FREE PRESS.

SIR,—It is often said by farmers, or rather by some, for others know or practice better, that if our wood be used up we can burn coal. I quote the following paragraph as a proof of how badly they may be off in a country which is within hauling distance of coal, but has little timber. Most of Kansas is within about the same distance of a forest country as the older settled part of Ontario would be if the present small reserves therein were exhausted, as they will be in about fifteen years time at the present rate of use:—

There was last week great suffering in Kansas for want of fuel. Much of that state is treeless, and wood is not to be had. Corn is sometimes used there for fuel, but the crop was a failure this year, and the unfortunate settlers were deprived of that resource against the inclemency of the winter weather. In some counties the inhabitants had nothing to depend upon but a scanty and uncertain supply of coal. Some of them had to travel thirty, forty and fifty miles to a railway station for coal, only to find that there was none to be had. The roads were worked to their utmost capacity yet they could not supply all who needed fuel. In one place the cars were stopped by the citizens, who were ready to perish, and they helped themselves to what they wanted. Many persons have been frozen to death, and many who have not actually perished with cold have endured great suffering.—Montreal STAR.

If there were no other reason for keeping up some stock of timber, the mere need of fuel should furnish one. As coal is more needed—say if all our farmers used it—it would be probably dearer, and at all events would cause great trouble and frequent scarcity of the difficulty of providing for as great an extent. The moral to be found here is that all should set about either preserving their old wood lot by keeping out cattle and filling up gaps, or plant a new one. This spring should see a great impetus given to the tree planting movement. Yours &c.,

R. W. PHIPPS.

Toronto, Jan. 27th, 1888.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Result of the Regular Monthly Examination of the Pupils for January.

The aggregate of marks possible in each of the first three departments was 300:—

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

SENIOR.—Sam Laird, 278; Thos. Ryder, 250; Nellie Grant, 211.

INTERMEDIATE.—Lawrence Williams, 290; John Perkins, 288; John Dean, 280; George Agnew, 280; Robert Summerville, 280.

JUNIOR.—Bella Stephenson, 300; Anson Smith, 291; J. J. Pearson, 290.

Thos. T. Moore, Teacher.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

SENIOR.—Minnie Morton, 163; Lewis Orr, 160; Milton Henderson, 140.

INTERMEDIATE.—Robert Sinclair, 205; Jennie Ramsay, 178; George McLennan, 166.

JUNIOR.—Charlie Moore, 252; Fred Ross, 225; Frank McIntosh, 207.

Miss McPhail, Teacher.

THIRD DEPARTMENT

SENIOR.—Charlie Lowry, 230, Maggie Ramsey, 227; Austin Kelly, 198.

INTERMEDIATE.—Willie Summerville, 182; Eddie Nicklin, 178; Eugene Dauphinais, 176.

JUNIOR.—John Edwards, 194; Nellie Stauffer, 177; Winnie Bennett, 166.

Miss Corrigan, Teacher.

FOURTH DEPARTMENT.

SENIOR.—Maggie Wallace, 351; Rollie Perryman, 350; Charlie Dean, 310; Arthur Moore, 340.

INTERMEDIATE.—Buzzie Storey, 381; Minnie Holmes, 310; Ada Fyfe, 295.

JUNIOR.—Maggie Lairdy 365; George Robson, 317; Jessie Brown, 340; Edwin Francis, 310. Aggregate 400 marks.

Miss Dofland Teacher.

The public school is now in an excellent condition. The children are making marked progress in each department, and the teachers are all doing satisfactory work.

THE SCOTT ACT.

A Gang of Georgetown Anti-Scott Sympathizers Attack Inspector Brothers and Detective McFadden.

Last Thursday night Inspector Brothers and James McFadden, Detective, went to Georgetown with the object of searching Robt. Bennett's and Elias Clarke's hotel premises for liquor. Bennett admitted them, but Clarke refused, when they forced the door open, breaking the lock. A row started and a crowd headed by Bennett attacked the inspector. Wm. Pitman, of Georgetown, struck Brothers a heavy blow with a loaded whip. McFadden told the crowd he would shoot if they interfered. He fired two shots, one in the air and the other into the crowd. No person was hurt. McFadden was arrested but was released a few minutes after on bail. No rotten eggs were thrown as has been stated in a Toronto paper, nor was Mr. Brothers arrested. The trial of McFadden took place before Messrs. Ruston and Kennedy, J.P.'s, on Friday, when he was discharged, as the witnesses could not agree. McFadden was arrested on a warrant which had neither a name nor description on it.

Before Magistrate Young on Friday Wm. McLean, of Georgetown, was fined $100 and costs for a second offence. Elias Clarke and William Pittman, of Georgetown, for third offences, were convicted, but judgement was reserved. W. T. Jackson, of Georgetown, second offence, had his case adjourned.

Thos. Little, of Palermo, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment for illegally selling liquor.

Mrs. R. Armstrong, for a third offence against the Scott Act, was tried by the P. M. last week and fined $100 and costs.

THE PRIVILEGE WE ENJOY.

A private letter from Mr. A. E. Matthews, chief in the U. L. Telegraph Offices, at Syracuse, N.Y., well-known to our readers has the following:—

"Are they actually going to try again to have the Scott Act repealed in Halton? I hope the act will be sustained by a larger majority than ever. If people living there really know what a privilege they enjoy in being free from the traffic it would never be repealed. I suppose I see a hundred drunkards a day here. Whiskey rules Syracuse, and I hope it may never rule Halton. It has something to be proud of as being the banner county of a glorious province. It deserves disaster if it now says "Give us liquor" after being pointed to with pride by other counties. They can never convince me that the Scott Act has ever injured business in the county or that its repeal will benefit business. I hope sincerely that the sale of whiskey in Halton will never be legalized."

We can assure our old friend Albert that the good people of his native county to which he is so patriotic will endeavor to do their whole duty, and that they have every reason to hope that the majority in favor of continued sobriety and no license will on the 1st of March next be largely increased.

THE REPEAL VOTE.

The Toronto *Citizen* says:—It is announced that the polling on the Scott Act in Halton, will be on the first day of March. Our friends in the little banner county have not got any spare time but no doubt they will use all they have to good advantage, and the Scott Act will be sustained. We have full confidence in the Christian men and women in Halton. They will do their duty.

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We open this week and add to our already large stock of Overcoats one case of Men's fine Diagonal and Beaver Overcoats which we bought at the ridiculous low figure of 31c. on the dollar. Just think, we offer

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BIG REDUCTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING LINES:—

Dress Goods, Mantling, Ulsters, Mantles, Underwear (fine scotch goods), Hosiery, Wool Gloves, Wool Hoods and Caps of every description, Child's Hoods from 15c. up, Women's Hoods from 25c. up.

FURS MUST GO AT ANY PRICE—All-wool Flannel 19c. per yard, better ones for 20, 22, 25, 28 & 30 cents. Fancy All-wool Flannels and Shirtings from 20c. to 40c. per yard. Winceys from 5c. up. Prints, beautiful dark colors, good washers and new designs, very cheap. MILLINERY—Trimmed Hats and Bonnets for half the marked price, (and marked reasonable). FELT BOOTS—Hanover make, reduced. Don't forget that we give 7 pounds good Japan Tea for $1.00, and 14 pounds medium Tea for $1.00.

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The Halton Election

PUBLIC MEETINGS

IN THE INTEREST OF

D. HENDERSON,

The Liberal Conservative Candidate,

For the House of Commons,

Will be held as follows:—

KNATCHBULL—Thursday, 2nd Feb'y. Speakers—D. McGibbon, Barrister, and W. A. Webster, of Leeds.

GEORGETOWN—Friday, 3rd February. Speakers—J. W. Nesbitt, Barrister, Hamilton, and A. McRoberts, Toronto.

STEWARTTOWN—Saturday, 4th Feb'y. Speakers—A. F. Campbell, Mayor of Brampton, and Dr. Freeman, Milton.

LOWVILLE—Saturday, 4th February. Speakers—George Moir, Exeter, and Major White, St. Mary's.

NORVAL — Saturday, 4th February. Speakers—Richard Blain, of Brampton, and A. McRoberts, Toronto.

DUBLIN — Saturday, 4th February. D. McGibbon, Barrister, and W. A. Webster, of Leeds.

BALLINAFAD—Monday, 6th February. Speakers—A. F. Webster, Leeds, and W. A. McLean, Barrister, Guelph.

GLENWILLIAMS—Monday, 6th Feb'y. Speakers, D. Henderson, the Liberal Conservative Candidate, and others.

All the above meetings will be held at 7.30 p. m.

Mr. McLeod is respectfully invited to be present.

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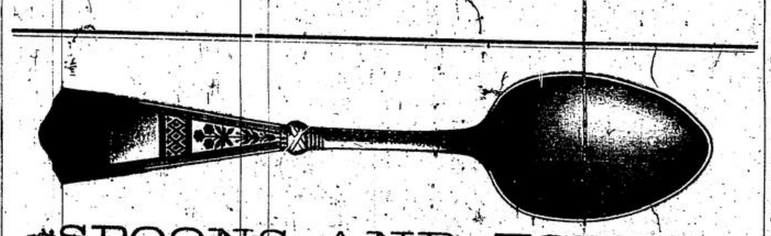

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DOMINION ELECTIONS

HALTON COUNTY.

To the Free and Independent Electors:

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE

Are Respectively Requested for

Wm. McLeod

As Your Representative in the

HOUSE OF COMMONS

If elected I will faithfully guard your interests by supporting ONLY good, efficient and economical Legislation.

HALTON ELECTION

To the Free and Independent Electors of the County of Halton:

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE

Are Respectfully Solicited for

D. HENDERSON

As Your Representative in

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA.

I will faithfully discharge the duties of this responsible position, and do my utmost to promote your interests.

DAVID HENDERSON.

DOMINION ELECTIONS

TO THE ELECTORS

—OF THE—

County of Halton

GENTLEMEN:—

Having received and accepted the unanimous nomination of the Reform Convention to contest this County for its vacant seat in the House of Commons, and being found with regret it impossible before a long day to visit you personally, I would respectfully request your attendance at the public meetings hereafter to be announced, while through the columns of the press I merely outline my views on the political questions affecting the interests of our beloved Dominion.

I am opposed to the surrender of any of our rights in our extensive fisheries without receiving therefor a just and equitable equivalent.

I am opposed to sudden or extreme changes in the Tariff which I believe will, for present purposes be readjusted basically for the Manufacturer and Consumer, and would advocate a policy for the extension of our general trade with foreign powers on fair terms.

I am opposed to the increase of our National Debt (already too large) for useless and questionable undertakings.

I am in favor of cutting down our annual expenditure to the lowest point possible, consistent with the efficient, vigorous and honest administration of the affairs which legitimately belong to the Federal Government in order that the earnings of the masses should be left with them to fructify and bring forth fruit in the shape of improved condition and comfort.

Our franchise laws are in my view complex and expensive and should be amended towards manhood suffrage, one man one vote—a registered voters' list, the appointment of officers to make and revise such lists who shall be independent of the Government of the day.

I deprecate all abuses of the ballot and am opposed to all monopolies, the locking up of our lands in the North-West Territories for speculative purposes, instead of giving the land should be for the actual settlers, the price, if any, the improvement of the country.

I trust by and with your votes, influence and co-operation to be placed at the disposal of the poll for which I shall ever feel grateful, and if elected, my time and attention shall be devoted for the furtherance of your interests and those of our beloved country. To guard your privileges, to jealously watch your liberties, so that they won't be infringed upon, shall have my constant solicitude. I shall not be factious opposition to the Government, but will support and promote such measures as in my humble opinion will benefit the country and people and give all an equal chance before the law.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

WM. McL...

Georgetown, January 25th, 1888.