MARRIED.

SMITH—DEMPSEY—On Tuesday, 14th Feb., at her father's residence, 112 West Main street, by the Rev. A. E. Miller, uncle of the bride, Cecil B. Smith, B. A. Sc., Civil Engineer, of St. Catharines, to Mary Mina, second daughter of Mr. George Dempsey, of Hamilton, and niece of Mrs. S. A. Secord.

DIED.

ROSS.—At Guelph, on the 20th February, Helen Sutherland, wife of John Ross, Esq., and sister of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Toronto, aged 63 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Liberia to America in 1876:

"Liberia of Africa courts trade with America. We will send tropical fruits and take in return anything but rum." Halton against rum traffic. Vote against the petition.

All the hotelkeepers in St. Thomas, numbering twenty-two, have been summoned for violation of the Scott Act, all but one being charged with a second offence.

Who oppose the Scott Act? Men who oppose every law that would restrain their trade. Men who rigidly opposed the Crooks Act until a stronger law was passed. Now, these men praise the License Act.

Scott Act Inspector Brothers, of Halton, has had many brutal assaults committed upon him by the liquor advocates, but we are glad to know he has come through them all triumphantly.—Thornbury *News*.

Chancellor Boyd gave judgment at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday, removing Archibald Campbell from his office of liquidator of the Central Bank. We think the decision of the Chancellor will meet with universal approval.

If the Scott Act is repealed in Halton every elector who votes for its repeal will be personally responsible for all the poverty crime insanity, suicide and premature death resulting from the traffic. Are you ready to bear the responsibility?

During the past two years there has been paid into the treasury of the County of Halton in Scott Act fines $1,500, and there remains some still in the hands of the Police Magistrate. During the same period $1,333 has been paid out for enforcement.

Col. William Kerns, M.P.P. for Halton County said publicly:—"I would advise the electors of every County in Ontario to adopt the Scott Act. Its adoption in Halton has to a great extent prevented the sale and use of liquor. It has not injured business."

At a special general meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway last week the agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway, the Northern Railway and the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway was ratified by a unanimous vote.

We sometimes hear of the ill-feeling the Scott Act has created. The only ill-feeling it has created is that which ought to exist between right and wrong. One thing is certain, this is the only kind of ill-feeling the temperance people have towards their opponents. May it always exist.

The Dominion Parliament meets to-day, and though the session is not expected to to be a very long one it is likely to be lively, and to have under consideration some vitally important matters among them the Fisheries question which it is to be hoped may be disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

The Young Conservatives of Hamilton have come out in favour of manhood suffrage for the Dominion. If the young men could lead the party on this matter for about half an hour we should have an excellent franchise, and in addition fully a quarter of a million dollars to the good annually.

Heretofore, if a prisoner died in jail an inquest on the remains was required by law, as a general safeguard. A Bill has been brought in at Toronto to alter this law, so that no inquest shall be deemed necessary except on the order of the County Attorney, or the County Judge, or two justices of the peace.

Electors of Halton. The Scott Act has never yet been repealed in any county or city in the Dominion. Vote against the petition and Halton will not be the first to break the record. Let us all join in putting our foot upon this subtle and sinister evil and effectually crush it forever in Halton by voting against the petition to repeal the Scott Act.

Some of the electors of Halton will vote at this election for the last time, death spares no age or rank as the present voters' list conclusively proves. The rich go as well as the poor. Every elector should ask himself the question:—*If this should be the last vote I ever shall give, how shall I vote? Will I give it for rum or for Christ?* There is no middle ground. "He that is not with me" said Jesus, "is against me."

The working of high license in Chicago should be carefully studied by the advocates of that policy. Its boasted power is there made clearly manifest. Under its benign dominance the Sunday law has been swept away, the sale of liquor to minors has been declared legal, last year, according to official figures, the consumption of beer increased to 1,674,166 barrels, while the arrests for drunkenness exceeded any previous year, aggregating 15,150. Wherever any real benefits have accrued under the operation of a high license law they are due to clauses of a prohibitory character incorporated with it.

The Governor-General is practising the virtue of economy in public expenditures which he commended to the good opinions of the Board of Trade when he visited Toronto a year ago. There is a grant made annually of $15,000 for the contingencies of his Excellency's office. All that was expended last year was $11,552, and the Governor's secretary explains to the Auditor-General that the saving of $3,448 was occasioned "by the strict economy which, under his Excellency's direction, has been practised during the past fiscal year in his office, and by reducing as far as possible all items of expenditure within his Excellency's control." Here is an example for the other departments; and they require such an example, for of eighteen services, eleven last year exceeded their contingency appropriations.—*Mail.*

HALTON CROWN ATTORNEY.

MILTON, FEB. 19.—T. G. Mathieson Simcoe, who was appointed County Crown Attorney, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Dewar, Esq., came here yesterday and now occupies the offices in the Court-house which were used by Senator McKindsay, who has had to find offices elsewhere.

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT.

It is very necessary that the electors of this county make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the form of the ballot to be used in the election for the repeal of the Scott Act on Thursday, 1st March. The electors must understand that it is not "For" or "Against" the Scott Act they are voting, but, "For" or "Against" the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act. The ballot prepared for this occasion is exceedingly plain and simple in nature and no voter should make any mistake in marking it. However, to make the matter clear to all we give herewith the form of the ballot to be used:—

1888.

Voting on the petition to the Governor-General for the revocation of the second part of the "Canada Temperance Act, 1878."

For the Petition.

Against the Petition. X

Every voter who desires to vote against the repeal, and consequently in support of the Scott Act—which all good men should do—must mark his ballot with a cross in the lower space, as we have done in the ballot above shown.

Mark your ballot in the lower space and you do your duty in assisting to retain the Scott Act, and at the same time relieve yourself of the responsibility of the baneful results of a licensed whiskey traffic.

LEGAL AND MORAL SUASION.

The critics of the Scott Act are constantly repeating the self-evident truth that you cannot make men temperate by statute. We never heard any prohibitionist argue that law could be substituted for the gospel. The law against stealing is not a substitute for moral suasion; but the statute emphasizes the offensiveness of the offence and is a valuable aid in the prevention of the crime. It is just so with the prohibitory law. It is a valuable co-operator. Drinking men confess it; whiskey sellers own it.

He who thinks the temperance millenium will come the moment you enforce prohibition, is as much in error as he who thinks that moral suasion does not require the prohibitory lash for those who are deliberately dissuaded. To undervalue prohibition is a grave error; to undervalue moral suasion is a fatal error. But we happen to have observed that the great champions of moral suasion are almost never those who are the great champions of license. We often hear wine-drinkers and beer-drinkers and sellers of strong drink, declaring for moral suasion; but we do not remember that any of them are leaders in moral persuasion. The men who rely on moral suasion, wholly, as a rule, are not themselves persuaded by moral suasion. In fact, so subtle is the connection between principle and conduct that the revelations through a glass, which a man secures against prohibition, are apt to be distorted.—Becton *Herald*.

Will the elector pause a moment with the above facts before him, when about to mark his ballot for the petition to restore license to the men who have no love for even moral suasion.

ANOTHER "NO REPEAL."

The Scott Act has never been repealed. So the record still runs. The last effort of the Antis has resulted even more disastrously than any of their former attempts. The county of Westmoreland, New Brunswick, was one of the first to carry the Scott Act, in the year 1879. After four year's experience of it, the liquor-men made a desperate attempt to have it repealed, and after a hot campaign a vote was taken resulting in a majority of 73 votes in favor of the Act. Over three more years have rolled by, and hoping that their vigorous endeavors to defy the law and bring it into disrepute had disgusted its friends, another repeal campaign was inaugurated. It was fought out last Thursday, and the cheering intelligence has been received that by a majority of over 750 votes the electors of Westmoreland have again declared themselves in favor of the legal outlawry of strong drink. The glad news will be hailed with satisfaction and thanksgiving all over the land.

The Toronto *Citizen* in referring to the result says:—

"This magnificent victory will strengthen the hands of our friends in Halton county, and aid them in their fight. We believe the Halton contest will result much as did that in Westmoreland, and that everywhere, in the approaching campaigns, will be evidenced the growing sentiment of the community in favor of that which is good and true. The Scott Act never has been repealed. We thank God and take courage."

ALL AGAINST REPEAL.

Westmoreland N.B., Follows up the Record and Declares Decisively for no Repeal of the Scott Act.

IT HAS NEVER BEEN REPEALED.

MONCTON, Feb., 16.—The full returns of the election for the repeal of the Scott Act held in Westmoreland county to-day were not in up to 10 o'clock. So far as heard from the Act has been sustained by 753 majority, and the places yet to hear from will not materially change the result. Following are the returns already received for and against the petition:

	For.	Against.
Moncton town	291	600
Moncton parish	122	251
Dorchester	121	212
Sackville	178	178
Shediac	94	100
Salisbury	47	171
Westmoreland parish	52	201
Botsford	60	52

The places yet to hear from are one booth in Dorchester, one in Westmoreland, three in Botsford, two in Shediac, two in the parish of Moncton, and two in the parish of Salisbury. There are 52 polling districts in the county. Out of the 42 heard from the Scott Act is carried in 30 districts, those supporting repeal being principally French. The Scott Act supporters are jubilant over the result. The vote in Moncton is an agreeable surprise to the temperance people. It is the determination of the temperance committee to rigidly enforce the Act in future. The best of feeling prevailed in this place throughout the day and very little personating was done.

THE GUELPH CENTRAL BANK SHORTAGE.

GUELPH, Feb. 18.—A sensation was created here to-day when the report of a shortage of $1,000 in the books of the Guelph branch of the Central Bank was made known. Mr. Thomas P. Webster, who is accused of appropriating the funds to his own use, was very popular with all classes in the city. Much sympathy is expressed for his mother and family. It is said he was in Hamilton on Thursday on his way to Buffalo. Mr. Sandilands, the late manager of this branch of the bank, was not aware of any irregularities in the books until he read of it in the papers today.

ACTON AGAINST REPEAL.

An all Round Campaign Against the Repeal of the Scott Act.—An Impressive Sermon: Some Convincing Remarks.

AND A ROUSING MEETING AGAINST REPEAL

SERMON BY REV. J. W. RAE.

Rev. J. W. Rae, pastor of Knox church, preached an eloquent, powerful and impressive sermon last Sabbath morning from Prov. xx. 1. Preferring the revised version of the text he quoted: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever erreth thereby is not wise." Mr. Rae said he made no excuse for preaching a sermon upon this subject, for the resolutions endorsing the Scott Act and Prohibition which were carried unanimously at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church throughout the Dominion, were of the most uncompromising character. Liquor as a beverage is contrary to the word of God and the grand body of Christian Presbyterian ministers, from the Atlantic to the Pacific are against it. Total prohibition is right in principle and it is the duty of the state to pass a prohibitory law. I am not a radical, but am called upon to use my influence against the power of the saloon. There has been very much improvement in sentiment upon this question. The text is true to-day. Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler. Scientific research proves that it interferes with the blood, the brain, the tongue, the eye, the whole body. It not only interferes with the body and mind but with the soul. "The drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven." If it is possible that this traffic may wreck souls we should remember the blood of Christ when we go to the ballot box. The traffic is a mocker of divine things; a mocker of self, body, mind and soul; a mocker of others, friend and family.

"Whosoever erreth thereby is not wise." Those who use it err. Some call it a food. It is not essential. Food we must have to sustain life, but liquor is not necessary. Satan is using it to-day that he may fill the prisons and scaffolds. It is a brawler, a mocker. We see the effects of its work and therefore say they err who use it. God forbid that any man should stand before me at the judgement day and say that my voice was not decided in warning my hearers against the evil. Its use as a beverage is its abuse. They err who countenance such use. They err who discountenance the fact that there is work for us to do against it. Some say: "Let it alone and it won't hurt you." I have never touched it, but it has injured me. George Brown, editor of the *Globe*, didn't touch it, but a man under its influence murdered him. It caused the tragedy at Galt last week. Letting it alone does not warrant your safety. Remember your sons and your daughters. Think of a drunken son, or a daughters' drunken husband. Don't mistake the fact, it may hurt you, though you personally let it alone. I am in line with the unanimous resolutions of our General Assembly, which not a representative of the Presbyterian Church, lay or clerical voted against. The history of the temperance movement is the history of all reformation. Intemperance occasionally finds advocates among the churches, but they are always in the borders of the church, and the church of God is shaking her skirts of such advocates. Prohibit the sale of liquor altogether. Such is in accordance with the will, word and command of God. There is no middle position on the question before us. We occupy a terribly responsible position before Christ with the ballot we cast. Remember the Apostle paul, "If meat make my brother to offend I will eat no meat, &c. If the use of intoxicating liquor causes my brother to offend I will drink none while the world standeth. Liquor does cause my brother and thousands to offend. Remember this when you have the ballot in your hand, and consider that the principles of prohibition are as light as noonday. Pray for God's guidance and remember that we are "our brother's keeper," and must bear the infirmities of the weak.

REMARKS BY REV. R. PHILLIPS.

Last Sunday morning at the close of a powerful sermon on being filled with the spirit, Rev. R. Phillips, the pastor of the Methodist church, here, made the following appropriate remarks in connection with the announcement of mass meetings in the interest of the Canada Temperance Act:—He said, a question of tremendous importance was raised and forced upon us. This question was not, "Shall we have a better or more repressive law in the form of general and entire prohibition, as a substitute for the abused and scandalized Scott Act?" But the question is, "Shall we or shall we not, have an open bar?" The party which with great difficulty has secured the signatures and order for a repeal vote, are not willing to accept this as the object which the vote purposes to accomplish. No! No! But they take up the cry of increased taxation, depressed trade, the law not kept, and more whiskey sold, &c. Without waiting to answer such nonsense I would prick the bubble with an instrument of three words, "An open Bar." That is really what is wanted, and I leave you to imagine what will follow if that were secured.

On the first of March this question will be answered by the electorate of Halton at the ballot box. It is not a political question, but a moral one, and I mistake the intelligence and morality and order-loving character of the electors of Halton, if such an answer will not be given as will put a quietus upon this repeal business until the Act is repealed for entire prohibition.

I make no apology for these remarks, nor am I afraid that they will put a damper upon the good feeling of this meeting. The Methodist church has led in this movement for over a hundred years, and I wish to inform you that the General Conference, the highest ecclesiastical court of the church, composed of the leading ministers and laymen of the Methodist church in the Dominion, by resolution at its last session in Toronto, endorsed the Scott Act, and the eleven annual conferences in the Dominion have since endorsed that action. The spirit of the rules of our society present the same view of the case, and they all aim at the utter extermination of the traffic, instead of going back to open bars, a thing which the repeal asks us to do. I tell you friends the Methodist church is in distinct antagonism to such a result.

What do the owners of the bar care? It is their business and they want to get back to it, no matter who "pays the piper." What do they care about the temptations thus placed before our young men. Shall the Christian men and women of Halton help them to reach such a result? Not for a moment, if they reflect upon the quality of the act and its relation to consistency becoming a Christian profession. But I have no fears. The Scott Act has not yet been repealed. In every case it has been sustained. Tidings come to us by the *Empire* of one of the most signal defeats of repeal that has yet taken place. In Westmoreland, N. B., the Scott Act was sustained a few years ago by the slender majority of 73. Last Thursday the electors of Westmoreland declared by the overwhelming majority of 754, that the Scott Act was a success.

Shall Halton be behind this? Certainly not, for it is in line with the interests of the bodies and souls of men. The Scott Act will not be repealed in Halton.

IN THE TOWN HALL.

A very largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. On the platform were Joseph Gibson, ex-mayor of Ingersoll the speaker of the evening; Dr. Belding, of Troy, N.Y. Rev. J. W. Podley, B.A. Georgetown; Revs. R. B. Cook, R. Phillips and J. W. Rae, Acton. Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., came in after the meeting had opened. Councillor Brown presided, and Rev. Mr. Rae led in prayer. Before Mr. Gibson commenced his address a hearty invitation was extended to any person who desired to speak in opposition to take the platform. There was no response. Mr. Gibson delivered a characteristic address. It was interesting throughout; his points were well taken and bore with them convincing weight. He reviewed the inauguration of the Scott Act, the constitutional manner in which it was adopted—by the people, instead of arbitrarily by the government—its successful operation, under influences educated by the license system. He charged the agitators for repeal with always being in favor of something not before the people. Bring on what they are in favor of and some other issue will be assured. They worked might and main against the Crooks Act, and now when we have something more stringent they love the Crooks Act. Should the total weakness of the license law, because it was founded upon a position radically wrong. He gave proof that the statement "there is more liquor sold than under license," was untrue, but that there was a marked diminution in the sale of liquor under the Scott Act. A government blue book shows that under license there were 7,203 convictions for crime to a 100,000 of population, but that under the Scott Act the number was reduced to 1,940, and all will prefer to believe an unbiased government report to a statement made in a leaflet whose writer was entirely unknown. The Scott Act takes away the respectability from the whiskey business, so it was intended to do. The respectability of the business was its danger. Speaking of perjury he said it was the outcome of the whiskey business. The Scott Act trials merely brought the evil to the surface which had previously existed. Perjury is just as rife under the Crooks Act. Mr. Gibson took up the paragraphs of the folder entitled "Reasons for voting for the repeal of the Scott Act" *seriatum*, and answered the "reasons" showing them to be without fact or logic, so conclusively as to render them utterly valueless any further as far as this community is concerned. He concluded by saying that when the women get the franchise the occupation of the unknown writer of the leaflet will be gone, and felt satisfied that Halton will fin the coming election sustain her record and honor by a surprising majority.

Dr. Belding was happy to be present, and have the privilege of saying he was a prohibitionist in toto. If, however, you cannot get prohibition at once keep the ground you have won and close up and up and up. Prohibition is a blessing. Never give up one inch of ground which has been gained. Nearly all the crime grows out of the liquor traffic. While you have your hand upon the neck of the monster keep it there and choke a little tighter.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. R. B. Cook.

MEETING AT MILTON.

MILTON, Feb. 21.—An enthusiastic meeting was held to-night in the Town Hall, which was crowded to the doors. Mayor Robertson acted as chairman and on the platform were Rev. Messrs. McKay, McKenzie, Russ, Johnson and Morrow, J. J. McLaren, Q. C., Sheriff Clements, S. Dice, T. G. Mathieson, Crown Attorney, and Mr. William McCraney, ex-M.P. Letters of apology for absence from members of Parliament and other gentlemen were read by Mr. Morrow. Mr. Russ gave a brilliant address. He dwelt on the opposition with which they had to contend and said he looked forward to a great triumph. Mr. McLaren was received with loud applause. He said the last time he was here he saw Mr. King Dodds driving in a style equal to Barnum's circus. All seemed changed. He did not see him to-day. (Loud laughter.) He said its opponents cannot give a single reason why the Act should be repealed. His admirable arguments defending the Act called forth much applause. He asked if the county was to go back on its record. (Cries of "No.") His reference to the result in Westmoreland, N. B., called forth loud applause. He closed with a touching appeal to the voters to sustain the Act by a majority which would be a credit to the county. Mr. William McCraney, ex-M. P., said he had a greater interest in the contest to-day than he ever had. There would not be 1,000 ballots marked for the repeal if the electors vote conscientiously and as they believe. He closed by urging on the voters to stand by the right. Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, gave an address of a humorous character, which was ably delivered and was received throughout with much merited applause. The meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. D. M. McKinzie.

THE SCOTT ACT VOTE IN 1884.

The following is the official return of the votes polled in the election for the repeal of the Scott Act in this county on the 9th September, 1884. It will be found interesting for comparison:—

	For Petition.	Ag'st Petition.
Esquesing—		
No. 1. Jiggy	75	30
" 2. Norval	111	68
" 3. Stewarttown	65	77
" 4. Dublin	61	48
" 5. Thompson's Corner	95	68
" 6. Glenwilliams	62	89
Nassagaweya—		
No. 1. Campbellville	55	82
" 2. Brookville	48	107
" 3. Knatchbull	56	94
Trafalgar—		
No. 1. Boyne	70	71
" 2. Drumquin	102	74
" 3. Munn's Corners	63	92
" 4. Postville	56	57
" 5. Palermo	32	63
" 6. Bronte	30	89
Nelson—		
No. 1. Freeman	54	99
" 2. Nelson Village	55	70
" 3. Cumminsville	54	82
" 4. Bell's Schoolhouse	49	78
Acton—	61	101
Burlington—	73	113
Georgetown—	133	116
Milton—	136	68
Oakville—	161	109
Total	1767	1947
Majority against repeal		180
Ballots spoiled and rejected		46
Total votes polled		3760
Votes polled in 1881		2885
Increase		875

A Fatal R. R. Smashup.

The Grand Trunk express from Toronto due at Hamilton at 1.45, Friday afternoon came into collision with a freight train about two miles east of Hamilton, the fireman and baggageman of the express being instantly killed, the brakesman of the freight train fatally injured, and the driver of the express very seriously injured. None of the passengers were hurt beyond a few bruises. Both engines and several cars were completely wrecked. Both of the men so badly injured are progressing favorably, and are expected to recover. Conductor Vince, of the freight train, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued, is supposed to be in Buffalo. The loss to the railway will be about $50,000.

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THE OFFICIAL COUNT

Gives Mr. Henderson a Majority of 147 Over Mr. McLeod in the Recent Election.

The following is the result of the official count of the vote in the Dominion election on the 7th inst:—

	Henderson	M'Leod
ACTON—		
No. 1, Polling Subdivision	66	25
No. 2, Do	47	31
	114	59
Majority for Henderson—54.		
BURLINGTON		
No. 1, Polling Subdivision	75	54
No. 2, Do	69	41
	144	95
Majority for Henderson—49.		
GEORGETOWN—		
No. 1, Polling Subdivision	62	73
No. 2, Do	58	97
	120	170
Majority for McLeod—50.		
MILTON—		
No. 1, North Ward	33	44
No. 2, South Ward	39	44
No. 3, East Ward	36	41
	108	129
Majority for McLeod—21.		
OAKVILLE—		
No. 1, Ward	39	26
No. 2, Ward	59	31
No. 3, Ward	69	50
	187	107
Majority for Henderson—80.		
ESQUESING—		
No. 1, Sprout's School	56	86
No. 2, Norval	117	75
No. 3, Stewarttown	83	76
No. 4, Dublin	36	71
No. 5, Thompson's Corners	99	76
No. 6, Glenwilliams	83	71
	474	457
Majority for Henderson—17.		
NASSAGAWEYA—		
No. 1, Campbellville	68	97
No. 2, Brookville	85	90
No. 3, Knatchbull	53	105
	206	282
Majority for McLeod—76.		
NELSON—		
No. 1, Freeman	31	48
No. 2, Nelson Village	87	67
No. 3, Cumminsville	87	79
No. 4, Bell's School	83	51
No. 5, Cline's Corners	86	52
	374	300
Majority for Henderson—74.		
TRAFALGAR—		
No. 1, The Boyne	82	68
No. 2, Drumquin	118	62
No. 3, Postville	78	99
No. 4, Munn's Corners	67	70
No. 5, Palermo	54	55
No. 6, Bronte	58	83
	457	437
Majority for Henderson—20		
Clear majority for Henderson—147.		

Votes polled; Henderson, 2,183; McLeod, 2,036; total 4,219. In the general election last year Mr. Henderson polled 2,213 votes, and Mr. Waldie 2,212; total 4,435, or 216 more than at the election just concluded.

EDINBURGH CONCERT CO.

The treat of the season was the entertainment given by the Edinburgh Co., in the opera house last Monday evening. The programme was the very best ever presented to a St. Marys audience, and was sustained without a break or even sign of weakness from beginning to end by the troupe of talented artists. The entertainment began with the Lorne reel by the juveniles which was danced to perfection and fairly took the house by storm. "Scots wha hae," by Gavin Spence followed and was rendered in a manner perhaps never excelled in town not even by Kennedy or Corbett. The effort was rapturously encored, we have not space to report the whole programme suffice to repeat that the entertainment was the best ever given in St. Marys.—St. Marys *Journal*, 23th Dec., 1887.

OUR INFLUENCE AS A COUNTY.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS.

DEAR SIR:—There are a great many people in this town and surrounding county who are anxiously watching Halton. Three years ago you voted on the Scott Act just before we did, and your splendid victory gave us new life and a corresponding terror to the antis, and now you vote on repeal on the 1st March, we about 1st May. We are praying for the same results. Oh! we do ask the good people of Halton to unite and give such a solid vote for Prohibition that the enemies of our homes will see that the licensed liquor traffic is doomed to utter defeat.

Yours Sincerely,
A. B. SPENCER.

Collingwood, Feby. 20th, 1888.

HARPERS MAGAZINE.

A pleasant hour of leisure may be whiled away over the pages devoted to fiction and poetry in *Harpers Magazine* for March. William Black continues his "In Far Lochaber," and Mrs. Lucy C Lillie contributes a clever sketch about the praiseworthy fickleness of a young man, and the tact of the young woman who loved him wisely and well Miss Sarah Orne Jewett relates a pleasant tale about "Mere Pochette" and two loving hearts that were too much for her. The mostcharming pictorial fancy of the number, is Alfred Parsons's illustration of Words-worth's sonnet "In Sight of the Town of Cocker-mouth." In addition there are verses by George Parsons Lathrup, Charles Henry Webb, and Julia C. R. Dorr.

GUELPH MARKETS.

Feb. 15th, 1888.	
Flour (Roller)	2 10 to 2 25
Flour (Stone)	1 90 to 2 15
White Wheat	0 82 to 0 85
Red Wheat	0 82 to 0 82
Spring (Glasgow)	0 80 to 0 80
Barley	0 55 to 0 80
Oats	0 40 to 0 41
Rye	0 50 to 0 52
Peas	0 58 to 0 68
Hay	9 00 to 10 00
Straw	3 00 to 4 00
Wood per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Eggs per dozen	0 18 to 0 20
Butter dairy packed	0 17 to 0 15
Butter rolls	0 20 to 0 23
Cheese	0 12 to 0 15
Potatoes per bag	0 80 to 1 00
Apples	0 50 to 0 75
Pork	6 50 to 6 60
Lambskins	0 65 to 0 00
Pelts	0 50 to 0 52
Hides	5 00 to 5 50
Wool	0 21 to 0 20
Timothy seed per bush	2 00 to 3 00
Clover seed	5 50 to 5 75
Alsike	6 50 to 7 05

THURSDAY, 15th March.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mrs. Nellis, lot 23, con. 6, Nassagaweya. Sale at 12 o'clock, Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

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