

**MARRIED.**

Brown—Brown—In the residence of the bride's parents, on the 15th June, by Rev. W. H. Fisher, of the Methodist church, Thaneford, late of Guelph, to Miss Minnie Elford, of Holmswood, at the residence of the bride, on the 1st July, by Rev. Mr. Cook, father of the bride.

Cox—Sister—At Toronto, at the residence of the sister of the bride, on the 1st July, by Rev. Mr. Cook, father of the bride.

Antrim—Conroy—At the Church of the Redemptorist, Guelph, on the 1st July, by Rev. John Keay, vicar of St. Michael's, to Miss May E. Conroy, of St. Michael's.

BORN.

Brown—In Acton, on the 29th June, the wife of Mr. Hugh Ryer of a daughter.—Billiards.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1888.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

The Attorney-General of New York State is instituting a suit in the public interest against the Sugar Trust, on the ground that the monopoly is a public nuisance.

Clerk Justice Richie gave judgement last week in favor of J. C. Ayer & Co., and against the Dominion Government in the celebrated Customs case brought against the medicine men.

Both of the Presidential nominees are Presbyterians. This is the first time a Presbyterian has been pitted against a brother-religionist, and Gen. Harrison, who is an elder, will, if elected, be the first Representative Presbyterian President.

The Prohibition Convention at Montreal was successfully inaugurated Monday night by an immense mass Gospel meeting. Stirring speeches were delivered by ex-Ayler Howland, of Toronto, and others. The business of the convention will be entered upon to-morrow.

Rev. J. W. Springer, President of the Montreal Methodist Conference, in a sermon preached in Kingston on Sunday, said that he feared three things in the future—Party politics, the encroachment of Nonconformism, and the legalized traffic in strong drink.

Farm help is in great demand, and no less than 150 farmers applied at the immigration sheds in Toronto, last week for men to help them through the busy season. Some of them came a distance of seventy miles, but as there were no new arrivals they were forced to search elsewhere.

A bill providing for the appointment of three police matrons in Washington, D. C., a salary of \$600 a year each, has been referred to the House and is favourably reported to the Senate. These matrons are to be appointed on the recommendation of ten women of good standing in the district. This action has been brought about largely through the influence of the W. C. T. U. of the District of Columbia.

Lord Lansdowne is being treated with marked consideration by his friends in England. They have been welcoming him home from Canada and spending his time with him in London. Canada has had the second, if not the steppin-stone to the most important office in the gift of the British Government, first in the case of Lord Lansdowne, and now in the case of Lord Lansdowne. Lord Lansdowne has said many kindly things of Canada since his return to England. Five years is not a long period in the history of a nation, but it is afforded Lord Lansdowne ample opportunity of judging of the resources of our country and the character of our people.

Failures in Canada have been more frequent during the half year which is just ended than during the same period of last year, but the aggregate amount of liabilities has fallen from \$14,500 to \$3,000, or nearly forty per cent. The failure of a banking institution or couple of large wholesale firms will make all the difference in the average of liabilities so that a great deal of re-assurance is to be drawn from a drop in the average, and the increase in the number of failures shows the necessity for the continuance of that caution in business which has characterized trade as a rule for this year.

**AN OTTAWA PHYSICIAN FINED.**

Official, June 29.—Dr. Valdez, Government analyst, for failing to report a case of diphtheria to the local Board of Health, was fined \$20 and costs by the police magistrate to-day.

**TWENTY-TWO MILLIONS FOR U.S. HARBOURS.**

Winnipeg, July 2.—The River and Harbor Bill, as originally reported from the Senate Committee on Commerce, appropriated \$21,562,752.77; but as it finally passed the Senate to-day it appropriates \$22,478,370, having been increased by the Senate \$912,000.

**QUICK WORK WITH A HORSE THIEF.**

Brampton, Ont., July 5.—G. A. B. Sargeant alias Steamer, from Montreal, was arrested here last night by Clark Kipling for stealing a horse and buggy from John Elliott, live stock dealer, Port Hope. His person were found two revolver, one dirk, and a lot of burglar's keys, etc. He was tried to-day before Judge L. L. Leacock and sentenced to five years in the Provincial Penitentiary. He was arrested, tried and sentenced within fifteen hours.

**THE PLEURO-PNEUMONIA SCARE.**

Tara, Ont., June 30.—The pleuro-pneumonia scare was brought to a head yesterday by the arrival here of Dr. Baker, Montreal, and Grenville, Quebec, the former sent by the Dominion Government and the latter by the Ontario Minister of Agriculture. The former arrived at 4 p.m., and started at once to investigate, accompanied by Dr. Thomas. The late animal that died was examined and pronounced as carefully as circumstances would permit, it having been dead three days. The professors made this report to Messrs. Clarke and Drury. We have investigated the disease in Sullivan, reported a pleuro-pneumonia, and find no indications of contagion pleuro-pneumonia. The section is a blood disease due to cold causes.

**A REMARKABLE WEEK.**

Cincinnati—The Centennial Exposition and Anniversary.

Cincinnatti, July 1.—The present week promises to be an eventful one in Cincinnati. It will witness the opening of the Centennial Exposition and at same time the celebration of the fourth of July. The hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the territory north-west of the Ohio River is to be celebrated in Cincinnati by an exhibition lasting 100 days, and, as completely as it is possible to do, in that way, show the progress made by that great territory within the century. The preparations have been most elaborate.

**VOLUME XIV.**

To-day the "Acton Free Press" celebrates the inauguration of its fourteenth volume. Advancement in typographical beauty, general interest to its many readers and benefit to the community which it represents, constitutes to be its aim and object.

**THE ELECTION PROTEST.**

The trial of Dr. Henderson, Esq., member of the House of Commons for this County, will take place at Milton to-day before Judge Armour. Mr. Henderson reported the trial of particulars in the case last week. It embraces some sixty charges, thirteen of which are located in Acton and vicinity. The greater part of the case have been investigated and Mr. Henderson and his friends claim that as far as they can find there is no evidence of any importance to be produced. The proceedings of the court to-day will allow whether this is the fact or not. The result will be looked for with interest on all sides.

**TEMPERANCE PROGRESS.**

There can be no question about the fact that the Temperance Reformation, as that phrase is usually understood, goes forward as Gladstone would say, "by leaps and bounds." The more fact the Scott Act having been repealed in some eight or ten counties is neither here nor there—merely a "leap in progress" at least and most. In the face of all that, over which some have very prematurely and very groundlessly begun to triumph, is to let the steady and ever-growing flow of public opinion in favor of Temperance principles and of corresponding practice. No one of any thoughtfulness and observation can fail to notice this. The present generation of Canadians are as a rule far sobered than their fathers, even where they are not total abstainers. To be seen drunk is not more of a disgrace than it used to be. The strange, subtle pressure of public opinion has been felt by all. The liquor traffic has become more and more respectable. It is getting fixed in the consciences and hearts of the best of the people that drunkenness is an abomination and a menace, and many of the best workers are the least demonstrative and the most reticent. The resolutions in Conference, Synods, Assemblies and Conventions are but indications of what the people think who are behind those gatherings and make what they are—*Q.E.D.*

**PROHIBITION vs. LICENSE.**

Many were the changes for the better proposed by the supporters of the licensing law before the election last February if they could only vote for the repeal of the Scott Act. There was to be no ill-tide of liquor; there would be less liquor sold than under the Scott Act, and there would consequently be far less drunkenness; and, further, the promise was openly made:—"We will be the men who will see that the Crooks' Act is rigidly enforced."

The Crooks' Act has now been in force since the 10th of June, and it is evident that there was free traffic in liquor in Acton at least since that time, and particularly on Monday last during the Dominion Day Celebration. The hotels were all full blast and employed from three to six bartenders each. As a result hundreds of men the voice of Bacchus could be counted on the streets and saloons. As a correspondent points out in another column the contrast between this condition of affairs and during the exhibition here last fall when four thousand and people were town and the Scott Act in force, was most decidedly marked. Then there was an entire absence of drinking and no drunken men were seen anywhere; but on Monday the circumstances were very different, indeed: drunkenness was rampant. We feel constrained to ask with the people who were at the election to drop in voting back the licensed whisky stores.

The Band Concert in the Park in the evening was a great success, and notwithstanding the fact that a couple of the players who take leading parts were absent, the music discovered was fully up to usual excellent standard. The attendance was about 500. The programs presented by the Band was enjoyed by all. The several numbers were interspersed by vocal solos and duets by Dr. Jaz's company. The audience applauded the appreciation of the several pieces rendered.

**THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.**

Montreal, July 3.—The National Prohibition Convention opened here to-day, about 300 delegates being present. Senator Vidal, President of the Dominion Alliance, was in the chair and made a brief address. The Executive Committee of the Dominion Alliance presented a report giving a brief review of the history of the movement since the former Meeting's convention in 1853. Ex-Mayor Howland of Toronto was elected permanent President; S. A. Fisher, M. P., and Nathan Parsons, Vice-Presidents and J. H. Land and Rev. James Jones Joint Secretaries.

Most of the day was occupied in discussing the question whether the Scott Act was a success or a failure, and several resolutions were offered, including one expressing confidence in the Scott Act, a second in favor of forming a prohibition party, a third in favor of a modified legislation than the Scott Act, but all were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

At a mass meeting to-night in connection with the convention address was delivered by H. F. Fisher, Minister of Finance, and H. E. Spence of Toronto, and W. W. Bishop of Hamilton.

**ROCKWOOD NEWS.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Sunday, July 2.—Great surprise was created this morning by the announcement of the death of Mr. Henry Wildom at his home in the township of Pittsburg. He was a man of sterling worth and commanded high respect in the country. He was born in 1829, and pursued the vocation of his father, that of a farmer. In 1847 he became a member of Col. Strange's Cavalry regiment and retired from it in 1853 to become connected with the King's Field Battery. There his merits raised him to the position of gunner to that of commandant. He only lately left the service. He was also a leading spirit in municipal affairs. In 1865 he was the choice of the Conservative party for election to the Legislature in succession to the late D. D. Calvin, and in 1866 was returned to the Legislature for a second term. His death was very sudden. He was in the city on Saturday, and said he never felt better in his life. Sunday he spent happily. He retired at 10 p.m., and was soon afterwards attacked by a fit of convulsions, and he got relief from it only to turn over and expire.

**DEATH OF D. HILLIARD, M. P. P.**

Peterborough, June 27.—Daniel Hilliard, M. P. P. for North Lanark, died at his home here on Saturday evening. The family of Mr. Daniel Hilliard came originally from the North of England, and settled in New York State. His father emigrated to Canada from Pittsburgh, N. Y. Mr. Hilliard was born in Peterborough, and educated there. In 1848 he married a daughter of the late Sheriff Dickson of Peterborough. He was an extensively engaged in the lumber business, and had the reputation of being a clear-headed and honest businessman. He was returned to the Legislature as a supporter of Mr. Moraw, and favored machoal suffrage and Prohibition.

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**OUR NATAL DAY.**

Very Pleasant Weather and a Large Crowd of Visitors at Acton's Rehearsal.

**2000 PEOPLE IN THE PARK.**

The Dominion of Canada arrived at its majority on the 1st of July, and on Monday Acton celebrated the newly-first anniversary of Confederation with a demonstration of considerable interest.

For the best original essay on tornadoes or description of a tornado, \$200 will be given.

And among those worthy of special mention \$20 will be given.

The essays must be sent to either of the editors, Professor Harrington, Astronomer Royal Observatory, Greenwich, London, or A. Lawrence Lowell, Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, Hingham, Mass., U. S. A., before the first day of July, 1888.

They must be signed by a son or father, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope addressed with name and address of the author.

Three independent and capable judges will be selected to award the prizes; and the persons receiving them will be the property of the Journal offering the prizes.

A circular giving fuller details can be obtained by application to Professor Harrington.

**PRIZE STUDIES OF TORNADOES.**

*The American Meteorological Journal*, desiring to direct the attention of students to tornadoes, in hopes that valuable results may be obtained, offers the following prizes:

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**Immense Reductions in Prices & New Importations**

TO THE RICHT HOUSE.

Housekeepers, Attention!

Watkins has been busy this week marking more goods down very low so as to clear them out and make room for rebuilding operations. Just a few of the reductions—White Shirts down from 16 to 13c., Ladies' and Girls' Summer Stockings and Socks marked down 25 per cent, Girls' Stockings reduced to about half their value, Laces in immense variety and newest styles marked down from 20 to 30 per cent, Dress Goods marked down to about one-half their value, Mantles marked down to far less than half price, and various articles marked down to one-fourth their value. Plain Black Ornaments, Gimpes, Fringes, Embroidery, Cords, Carpet Borders in Tapestry, Brussels and Wilton, ranging at half price, Tapestry, Embroidery and Worsted Carpets at a Big Reduction of former prices.

Also a large number of articles just imported from China, Japan, India, Australia, America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc., in the latest styles.

Watkins is overstocked with them, and is determined to clear them out at half price.

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