

BORN.

Born—In Nassauway on the 11th inst., wife of Mr. James Saxon, a daughter.

Born—In Mitchell on the 1st inst., the wife of T. H. Rice, of the Rice's, of a daughter.

Born—In Acton, on Thursday, via text, the wife of Henry Bauer, &c. &c.

MARRIED.

BORN—Sprague—At Toronto, by the Rev. Matthew Sprague, on Saturday, the 2d inst.—Mr. C. Shaw to Martha, second daughter of Jas. Peleg, managing director of the Wright Mfg. Co., March 2d.

DIED.

Coleman—At his residence, Lexington, on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, Dr. George C. Coleman, of 56th street.

In Memoriam—In New York, Dr. Edward Stanley Baldwin, of the 2d floor of Hamilton, son of the late James Baldwin, of Granby.

Caranage—In St. Vital, on Nov. 2d, Carrie, wife of John Caranage, formerly of Acton, aged 15 years.

Hood—In Granby, on the 12th November, John Hood, aged 63 years.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1888.

THE COUNCIL FOR 1889.

In a very few weeks our citizens will be confronted with the duty of electing the Council for this municipality for the coming year. It behoves all interested now to give the matter consideration. Last year when the time for electing Councillors had expired it was found that the offices were not filled, and the charters went a begging for several weeks. There is no reason why his should again occur. Acton has plenty of worthy men capable of transacting the business of the municipality in a proper and satisfactory manner. These should be brought out to fill the vacancies which are likely to occur, and now is the time to do it. The columns of the Free Press are open to the public for the consideration of this subject and we invite our citizens to make use of them.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Application will be made at the next session of the County Council, which convenes on the 20th inst., to incorporate Carlisle, West and Duxbury as one village under the name of Stanhope.

Another horrible murder is reported from London, the perpetrator being apparently the Whitechapel foul, when Sir Charles Warde with his army of police and detectives has been actively unable to trace or identify. This is the ninth victim of the mischievous fiend.

It is practically settled that Hon. Arthur S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary in Mr. Mowat's Government, is to take over the Crown Lands Department and that Col. Gibson of Hamilton will succeed Mr. Hardy. Mr. Pendle's recovery is not looked for, though his colleagues insist on his remaining in the Cabinet to the last.

The condition of the veteran John Bright is so serious that his death may be looked for at almost any moment. He has not been able to leave his bed for two weeks, and is gradually growing weaker. His mind remains clear, however, and he is in full possession of his faculties. He has given the fall report of the Provincial Government to him every day, and he reads it.

The presidential election is over. Harrison is elected, and President Cleveland will, in March next, return back to private life. His defeat will be a surprise to many Canadians. Had he, instead of listening to his political friends and resorting to all kinds of election tricks, but pursued the fair and upright course which has been characteristic of him during his four years term of office he might have been accorded a second term.

Daniel Clark, Superintendent of the Provincial Asylum for the Insane, has received official notification of the order-in-Council appointing him professor of psychology and mental diseases in the medical faculty of the University of Toronto. There is no other university in Canada which has a chair for this subject, and the general doctor has the honor, therefore, of holding the first appointment of the kind made in the Dominion.

The Ontario Government are advertising for tenders for the construction of a number of cottages to be erected on their land at Mimico for the use of the insane. This is no doubt the first step for the ultimate removal of the lunatic asylum from Toronto to that place. The present building in that city is being surrounded on all sides by buildings rendering the location untenable for the asylum.

The land is also becoming very valuable, and will bring a high price for building purposes.

The Government is, therefore, wise in taking the initiatory steps for the removal of the institution to a better and quieter site.

If there is a class of men who know how far the career of liquor goes it is the commercial travellers. On Saturday evening last a motion to prohibit wine altogether at their annual dinner was discussed. One speaker made the extraordinary assertion that if so wise were political public men and railway men would not attend. If that were the only reason for permitting wine at their dinner, we should say the dinner would be the more pleasant for the absence both of the wine and of the class of public men who would go there for it. The discussion of such a question by so intelligent a body of men, however, is a sign of the times. The next step taken by them will, we trust, be a more decisive one.

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HALTON UNDER LICENSE.

Various Opinions by Residents as to How Result of the Scott Act will Affect Our County.

INVESTIGATIONS BY A GLOBE REPORTER.

During the past week a representative of the "Globe" took considerable pains to ascertain facts in reference to the condition of affairs in this county under license as compared with former days under Scott Act rules. For this purpose he visited Oakville, Georgetown, Milton and Burlington, and, the result of his investigations were published in Monday's "Globe." From his report we clip the following:

"I say that 'Truth lies at the bottom of a well,' will be vividly recalled by any one who investigated the case of the Scott Act as it exists in Halton. Years of strife have divided the whole population into two hostile camps; and while Protestant and Catholic, Reformer and Conservative, have been able to live together in harmony, the Scott Act and the Anti-Sott Act have become bitter personal enemies. I am inclined to think that a feeling of weariness of this strife was a potent factor in the recent defeat of the Act. I found that this intensity of feeling in the reluctance of many citizens to have their views published, 'I have dealings with people on both sides,' was a remark frequently heard, 'and I would prefer not to offend anybody.' I don't want to get into the newspaper, I don't want to engage in any controversy."

The Scott Act, of course, cannot be condemned because the attempts to pass and enforce it or to repeal it are productive of ill-feeling; one might as well blame the Presidential election for the murder of young Day in Chicago; and yet there can be no doubt that the antis are now profiting by this feeling of reluctance to re-open a controversy which had set the community at variance.

THE SCOTT ACT'S ENDURING INFLUENCE.

My personal observations of the drinking customs of the country led me to believe that there is still a feeling that it is somewhat disreputable to be seen drinking at a bar, lawful or not, it now is. There was some of that mentality which is exposed to view under license as contrasted with Scott Act. There seems to be fair room for argument that this state of things is a survival of the educative influence of the Scott Act which has remained drinking disreputable. On the other hand, the presence of the gentlemen with the tremendous swallowing power pointed to by the antis to show that the increased drinking is done by sober-tipped toppers, who would drink no matter what law was in force. I was told before entering Halton that the granting of licenses had put an end to the running of unlicensed shebeens, but I could not find any proof of this assertion.

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