

BORN.
CETTERSON.—In Acton, on the 20th June, the wife of Mr. Fred. Cettersson, of a son.
HALL.—At Penetanguishene on the 18th ult., the wife of Mr. F. A. Hall, of a son.
ANDREW.—In Acton, on the 21st ult., the wife of Mr. John Andrew, of a son.
MARRIED.
DIXON.—Fraser.—In Niagara-on-the-Lake, on the 2nd June, Rev. Mr. Blair, Christian Dawson, of Penetanguishene, to Mrs. Dixon, widow of Mr. John Dixon, of a son.
BLAKEY.—At the residence of the late's father, River Street, Acton, on the 2d July, Dr. Gifford, Dr. James Avery, Grafton, to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eason, all of Acton.
HORN-DIXON.—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Mr. W. A. Rose, son, daughter of Alex. Mann, Esq., all of Acton.

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MILL STREET'S ROAD-HED.

When the work on Mill street's macadamized roadway was completed last summer, nearly everybody expressed the opinion that it was a good piece of work and a great improvement to the street. The work stood the winter in a manner superior to the expectations of the most sanguine friends of the scheme and its continued wet weather of the present year has not affected it detrimentally. The unusually heavy traffic which it has undergone during the year has, however, worn it slightly uneven in places and a good coating of gravel this year would make it a permanently satisfactory roadway. It looks as if the Council intended to ignore the street this season but it is obvious to the most unenlightened citizen among us that unless something is done this season in the way indicated the money already expended as well as the efforts of the preceding Council will amount to comparatively little. Surely the present Council cannot remain indifferent to the importance of having this done. It is quite true that good gravel is hard to obtain but it can not be got from the public cemetery. The material out of which the cemetery drivers are made seems an excellent quality and an effort should be made to get it there or somewhere else if our Council have not already arranged for it. This is a matter of vital importance to Mill street—the most travelled street in town. The Council of 1888 laid the foundation for a good roadway, but roadways cannot be built in one season, by the usual method, it being necessary to inspect the material after which the inequalities should be filled up and the road bed properly leveled to complete the work. There must be some common sense system adopted in regard to our streets. Let us at least complete Mill street which can now be done at a small cost if done this season; and another season pass on Main street which should receive some share of attention. The public world like to know what the Committee on streets and sidewalks intend doing in this matter. Surely they do not wish to be behind their predecessors.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The new collector of customs at New York has put a stop to the practice of tipping customs officers who examine the baggage of passengers. Customs officers should be above taking tips from passengers or importers, but the fruit dealers at some points complain that they are obliged to pay large fees to officials at that port for passing their goods without sending them to the examining house.

Judge Travers has held that a man who sustained injuries by falling from a street car while drunk has no grounds of action against the Company. The only way to prevent the loss of life, injury, crime, misery, annoyance and inconvenience consequent upon drunkenness is to prevent drunkenness, and the only preventive of drunkenness, is prohibition.—*Herald*.

The prospects for the future says the *Herald*, depend largely on the crop. At present prospects in this respect are most auspicious. The outlook for the lumber trade has never been better; the manufacturing industries are in a fairly satisfactory condition; leading staple goods show every indication of stiffening in price. It is therefore pretty safe, provided the present factors continue favorable to the present factors, to conclude a favorable market in the early fall.

A cablegram gives information as to the present condition of the European crops, from which it would appear that recent statements as to the extent of damage due to the winter are not accurate. The United States and Germany appear as ripes the crop outlook, to be a highly satisfactory condition; Austria, Hungary and Hungary moderately so. Owing to the favorable weather all fears that the crops would prove a failure in Russia have been dispelled.

The vexed question about marriage with a deceased wife's sister was finally disposed of at the recent session of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian church far as that body is concerned. A report was made to the effect that twenty-five out of the twenty-four Presbyteries reported in favor of liberality in this question. Its adoption, therefore, in marriage with a deceased wife's sister from the Presbyterian point of view. The principle has really been set at for many years, but those who might have scruples on account of the opposition of the church to such marriages, have now all doubt removed.

The following comes with Classified grace from the Milton *Reformer*.—The Action Free Press takes a column of its space to tell people that they can have it for a dollar a year. Space must be cheap. The *Reformer* can't care more than a line or so even in a whip." The Free Press has thorough faith in advertising itself and the public generally, as has also its many patrons, evidence of which is to be found in its columns every week. The Free Press is favored with twenty columns of advertising, while the *Reformer* has to be contented with ten. The Free Press is sufficiently liberally patronized to enable it to print it all home on superior paper with a steam press; the *Reformer* depends upon a Toronto printing house to print one-half its paper and prints out the other half on a man-killing hand press. We wish the *Reformer* every success, and are of the opinion that it would make more rapid steps in that direction if its jealous disposition and belittling remarks were abated.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE

The Celebration here a Success if a Great Crowd of Visitors in Town & Neigh-

bors.

THE CONCERT ENTRANCE ATTENDED.

Canada's national holiday: the day of the maple leaf; the day we observe with the realization that it is a peculiar alone to our country, was the occasion of the influx of an unusually large number of visitors from all points of the compass.

Monday morning dawned with bright and gloomy prospects for a bright day. About ten o'clock the clouds cleared away and visitors began to arrive in crowds about noon. Action's population had swelled to thousands. A good many citizens took an interest in decorating their premises but this was not as general as it might have been. Action presented a trim and new form company, through which insurance could be had at a little over half the present cost of other companies, and committees were appointed to take some action in the matter.

A general discussion took place on the combination of the day, every class of profession having joined for the protection of their respective professions, all striving for more and still more. The millers not satisfied with \$5 per barrel on flour, now want \$1 per barrel and so on. We hope this country will wake up to see the evil of this Combine system and put a stop to it before long.

The meeting then took up the question of a subject for next meeting when the following was selected: "What is the best system of profitable cultivation for the farmer at the present day; considering the present supply and demand; the land not to be allowed to deteriorate." Bro. Paul Kennedy to lead in the discussion.

Next meeting of Grange will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, 19th of October.

Roman Dunton, Secretary.

The following is the list of winners of the prizes:

Wheat, oats, and barley for best flour.

Syrup, 1st, Eliza, of Acton, 11 lbs.

Butter—Toronto, Clark and Beattie, 1 lb.

Apple Butter—Acton, 1 lb.

Bacon—Acton, 1 lb.

Butter—Acton, Clark and Beattie, 1 lb.

Apples—Acton, 1 lb.

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