

BORN.  
Harris.—In Milton, on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. & Mrs. Smith, a son.

MARRIED.

Gordon Lawton.—At the home of the bride's parents, Georgetown, on Wednesday, 18th December, by Rev. Mr. G. H. Moore, Mr. Gordon Lawton, daughter of Major Leslie Grant, all of Georgetown.

DIED.

Judge Hamilton.—On Tuesday, Oct. 18th, John H. Johnston, aged 73 years, another Justice of the Peace, died at his residence, 10, College Street, Guelph, Ontario, Nov. 1st, 1901.

The Acton Free Press  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1901

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The report of the Parliamentary Committee last year shows a notable increase of all branches of the service. The revenue under parity postal rates now exceeds the revenue at the time the change was made.

The Dominion revenue returns have been compiled for the first few months of the fiscal year ending with November last, and they continue to be highly encouraging. The total of \$25,141,076 or \$1,637,771 more than for the corresponding period of the previous year, and \$6,941,129 in excess of the ordinary expenditure for the same period.

The Dominion Public Works in another column urges the question of establishing a weekly market in Acton upon municipal candidates and the public generally. The Free Press will gladly publish the views of citizens and farmers upon this question in the hope that on intelligent grounds may be arrived at and of value to citizens, business men and the farming community.

The absence of frost wheat from Manitoba has again caused some alarm, it is remarkable. It is some years since there was any great quantity of frost wheat in the Manitoba crop, and the hope is now cherished that with the cultivation of increased areas of land in the North West the early frosts are disappearing—*Encyclopedic.*

The demand for farmings in Canada has not been great at it is now for a number of years. The sales of the lands of the various companies indicated show large increases, and the demand for lands from Americans for speculation as well as settlers coming across the border is large and a big factor in immigration may be increased in the next year.

In the elections in West Huron last Thursday the majority was 800, won by Hon. Mr. Garrow, was considerably more than expected by the most sanguine friends of the Government. In the riding gave a Liberal majority of 112. In 1894 this was reduced to 76, and in 1898 the result was a tie. In a bye-election held in 1899 there was a majority of 45 for Mr. Garrow. This majority is now multiplied by six.

The Christmas number of the Canadian Magazine has a distinctively national character, to which colored maps and the leading features, while very detail of the issue is in keeping with the "national" character of the publication. The drawings, photographs are by Canadian artists, and the stories and articles with one exception, are by Canadian writers. Undoubtedly this is the most appealing and most interesting magazine number ever issued in this country.

The Council at a special meeting on Monday evening decided to propose the \$1454.92 Permanent Pavement four per cent. debentures with a portion of the municipal sinking fund, which is on deposit and drawing only three per cent. These will be voted on at the meeting that the amount was so small that the financial considerations do not care to invest in four per cent. as per, and that "by" using the sinking fund the municipality will be receiving four instead of three per cent. interest."

The full text of the judgment of the Imperial Privy Council in the Manitoba Prohibition Act, has been published and apparently bears out the opinion generally accepted by Canadians to its meaning, viz., that the Legislature of the Province have the power to prohibit any article of commerce, except for their enforcement. The question is likely, therefore, to be a question in Ontario, and the taking of an expression of the popular opinion will probably be urged upon the Provincial Government. That question should be approached thoughtfully and carefully. The question is of too great importance in its present form to be acted upon without the maturest judgment.

A WEEKLY MARKET FOR ACTON

This Europe Pass Page:  
Dear Sir:—Now that the time for municipal elections is drawing near, I think that we should have an expression of the views not only of the nominees, but of the public generally, regarding the possibility of establishing a market in Acton. There are many sides to the question of this character, but it seems that if every public man were well-wisher for the good of the town, would put his shoulder to the wheel, the market would soon be in successful operation here.

However, if the progress of the town is to be retarded for the aggrandizement of one or two particular firms; it is high time the public awoke to the fact. We hear and read of the benefits of markets in other similarly situated places. Why should not Acton, the largest population of Halton's towns, the greatest manufacturing industries, and I hope not the least in public spirit, lag in this way?

Will some of the agents for municipal bonds talk to the public with their views on this important question?

Yours truly,  
John E. Brown,  
Acton, Dec. 16th, 1901.

NEW JUDGE FOR HALTON.

Judge Hamilton resigns—Vacancy to be filled by A. T. Gorham, Port Arthur.

It was quite a surprise to residents of Halton generally to learn about a week ago that Judge Hamilton had resigned and his successor had been appointed. The morning papers contained the following announcement: Ottawa, Nov. 27.—At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday the resignation of Judge Hamilton for Halton County was received, and Mr. A. T. Gorham was appointed in his place. Mr. Gorham is in every way well qualified for the position. He has been highly recommended. Judge Hamilton resigned owing to ill health.

It's not the span who bears "other burdens who come home tired."

PROHIBITION MEETING.

Eloquent Address Delivered by Mr. John A. Nicholls, of Montreal.

FAVORABLE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE MEETING.

It is only a couple of weeks since the decision of the Privy Council, relative to the constitutionality of the Manitoba Prohibition Act, and already the electors of this good old country of Halton are being stirred up upon the question of the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors in Ontario. Meetings are being held throughout the country, and a grand meeting is called to be held at Milton next Tuesday, under the auspices of Halton Prohibition Association.

Halton has always taken a forward position when opportunity has occurred to entitle the evils of liquor traffic has been before the electorate. This county was the first to introduce the old local option measure—the Drinking Act. In 1890 the Canada Temperance Act—or, familiarly known as the Scott Act—was adopted and remained in force for several years.

At its repeal the License Commissioners reduced the number of licenses previously issued, and the number has been gradually but certainly been reduced ever since, until at present we have a twenty-one in the county. And now, as the outcast of the campaign to secure provincial prohibition, Halton is ready to move forward and take her place in the front rank.

The last public prohibition meeting in the county, since the Privy Council's decision became known, was held in the Baptist Church last Wednesday evening.

The attendance was not as large as might have been but the audience manifested a keen interest in the questions at issue.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine, M.A., a member of the Board of Directors of Action Branch Bible Society, presided over the meeting.

Several offers were received, but owing to the small amount to be loaned the offices were not so favorable as the warehouses of the Corporation for larger amounts brought in recent years.

Moved by A. H. Henderson, seconded by Geo. Hynd, that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase at par the issue of four per cent debentures for improvement purposes amounting to \$154,771 on behalf of the municipality of Acton, out of the sinking fund of the Corporation.

Carried.

Council adjourned at 8:30.

ACTION BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting of the Executive Held on Monday Evening.

The annual meeting of the officers and directors of Action Branch Bible Society was held on Monday evening in the Council Chamber.

Members present: Wm. Brown, Vice-President; Rev. A. Gillett, Jun. H. Clark, Mr. A. Macpherson, introduced himself, John A. Nichols, who had done yeoman service for the cause in Canada under the chairmanship of the Dominion Alliance.

Mr. Nichols occupied the chair and after prayer by the Chaplain, the annual report was presented and approved.

The collector of last year was appointed with a few necessary changes authorized by the Secretary.

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