

MARRIED.  
January Martin, On Monday, 18th August, at the residence of the bride's mother, 147 Worcester St., Boston, Mass., by the Rev. J. C. H. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational Church, late off Bellville to Miss Mabel Martin.

The Acton Free Press  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1902.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The harvest in the Northwest is now beyond serious danger from frosts, and with the good harvests in other parts of Canada, should ensure another prosperous year for the Dominion. We have large quantities of stuff to sell and our people are able to pay good prices for it.

Speaking at a meeting of the Millford Dock Committee in London, Eng., Mr. Newson, the chairman, said he had reason to hope that Millford would become the terminal port of the Anglo-American fast mail service. America was showing Great Britain that she must wake up, and Canada in this matter was very much awake, he said.

Crop conditions continue to attract the closest attention of business men. While there has been considerable sprouting of white winter wheat in the province, the red wheat is generally of good quality, and the returns of the coarse grains are satisfactory. Ontario this year will have a great crop of cereals, and business will immensely benefit as a result of another year of prosperity in the agricultural community.

The protest and counter petition in reference to the recent election are now novel to the County of Halton. Unfortunately they have generally been an aftermath of our elections—both local and dominion, and members of both houses and of both parties have been unseated. The citizens generally of the county would much prefer when the turnoff of the election campaign is over that proceedings relating thereto should cease. This continual political strife is inimical to the best interests of our county and our electorate.

The annual report of the criminal statistics in the Dominion for the year ending September 30, 1901, shows that the number of charges for indictable offences was 128 less than in 1900. The convictions in 1901 numbered 5,658, or 130 less than in 1900. There is a decrease in the percentage of convictions to charged. In 1901 there were 2,322 acquittals, compared with 2,578 in 1900. There is a slight decrease in the detections for larceny, which agrees with the findings of the last census. There has been a decrease in Canada as a whole in the number of convictions compared with the population.

There is no mistaking the determination of the prohibitionists of the County of Halton in the matter of the coming vote on the referendum measure on the 4th December next. At the convention held in Milton last Thursday for organization the old time was very manifested, and from all parts of the county workers declared their intention of putting forth every possible effort to win a decided victory. Notwithstanding the provisions of the measure are declared by many to be unfair there was a sufficient all-sided hopefulness that Halton will give a large majority for prohibition.

The question of corner lots and the Permanent Pavements By-Law must of necessity have the consideration of the Municipal Council, and an amendment to the by-law, relieving owners of corner lots from an injustice now existing must be passed. The necessity for continuing permanent walks through on the streets where they have been commenced is very evident. The general interests of the town demands that this should be done. But private citizens owning corner lots should not be unfairly obliged to pay excessive amounts to complete general improvements, when their property is not thereby enhanced to the extent of the cost. There is no number of an amendment to this by-law should not be passed giving relief to the owners of corner lots who are paying excessive amounts for completion of the sidewalk. A fair plan will concern them to be paid by property tax on any one lot of the municipality to 122 Street east, assessing the balance upon the municipality the same as the crossings are now being done. This would be fair and equitable to all concerned and would remove a serious objection to the permanent pavements by a large number of property owners. This amendment should be made retroactive in order to cover the properties already affected.

REFFERENDUM DAY.

The Ontario Alliance is issuing an appeal to the pastors of all the churches in the province to observe Sunday, Sept. 7, as Refendum Day, by preaching temperance sermons. This date is to be regarded as the pre-mobilization day for the prohibition campaign. Young People's Societies in connection with their meetings during the following week, as far as possible, meetings for the promotion of temperance and prohibition.

PROMISED HOME HOME FROM ENGLAND.

Looks well and is in better health than for years.

TORONTO, Aug. 26.—Premier Ross arrived at his office yesterday morning bright and early, and received numerous visitors during the day. At times there were more than dozen persons waiting for him, and the importunities of the audience were just long enough to bring the Premier's good spirits and evident perfect health. "I never saw him looking better," was the generally expressed sentiment.

There will be a meeting of Council to-day, at which all the Cabinet Ministers, with the possible exception of Mr. Davis, who is in New Ontario, will attend.

TWO PETITIONS IN HALTON.

A Counter Petition Against Dr Nixon to be Filed To-day.

HALTON'S GOLD-TIME EXPERIENCE.

The protest against the return of John R. Barker as member of the Provincial Legislature for Halton was duly entered at Osgoode Hall, and the necessary deposit made.

The petitioners are Wm. Cleaver, former of Esquinton; Albert J. Patterson and W. J. Prout, farmers of Truelove.

A counter petition has been prepared with charges against Dr. Nixon, the defeated candidate. This will be entered in the courts today.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

Membership Increases Monthly—Power Books Issued During the Summer Months.

The Free Library Board met on Friday evening at the hall of the church.

The last volume of "Scammon's Encyclopedia of the Canadian" with a combined index of the six volumes was presented. It completes the third volume of reference pertaining to Canada that has ever been issued. All readers of the Free Library have access to this work in the Library.

The reports of the librarian for the past four months were laid on the table, as follows:

	May	June	July
Membership	100	104	105
Books issued	230	237	234
History	57	57	52
Geography	28	21	19
General Literature	63	70	58
Poetry	2	8	7
Fiction	61	61	65
Miscellaneous	48	23	31
Science, Art	2	0	3
FINANCIAL.			
Cash, Cards \$1.05	20	60	55
Postage	13	25	15
	\$1.20	1.25	0.85

The reports were adopted.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay by the Lincott Publishing Co. the sum of \$8.50 for Vol. VI Canada Encyclopedia.

The Board then adjourned.

BRIEF COUNCIL DOCKET.

A Half Hour Session at Monday Night Meeting.

Council met on Monday evening in regular session.

Members all present, Reeve Williams in the chair.

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