Sunny ya Just Again.

Editor of the Champion:

DEAR SIR.—Mr. Sam Rice of your town did not gain very much credit last winter by the exhibition he made of his mean, cantious nature when he put in a tender to Alb. county council to do the work of the office of County Clerk for half the salary paid to Mr. Wm. Panton, who has held it I believe over twenty-two years, and his disappointment and the general condemnation he drew upon himself from all honorable people seem to have stuck in his craw. That other day, he came to Nassagaweya with a petition to have Mr. Panton's salary reduced, and, like the sneak that he is instead of carrying it around himself he got a Nassagaweya man to do it for him and circulate it in the north end of the township. I understand that he is backed up in his little scheme by a few Scott Act cranks, headed by Mr. Young, who wants revenge on Mr. Panton for the work done by the CHAMPION in exposing the abuses connected with the Scott Act court, and for the stand he took last spring in refusing to answer improper questions when brought before that court as a witness in a Scott Act case and forcing the court to bring extra odium on itself by committing him to jail for contempt. The pretext for the circulation of the petition, viz., that the County Clerk is overpaid, will not go down. The salary of that officer is below an average, for the position, has been raised twice by the county council, and one increase was given without any application for it by him. There is no charge of inefficiency or abuse of his position made against the clerk—his sole offence has been that of standing upon his rights as a citizen of a free country and, as a journalist, exercising his right to freedom of speech in criticising the acts of an incompetent and partizan official. Should the prayer of the petition be granted, of which I do not think there is much danger, the county clerk will be punished for being an Anti-Scott man, and if any member of the council should move in the matter he should be honest enough to state this and let the ratepayers of Halton know that it is a crime for one of her citizens to dare to hold or express an opinion contrary to those of those good, charitable, Christian people who are at the head of the prohibition movement here. If this be true, the Anti-Scott minority in the former contests, who may be a majority in the coming one, should be let to understand it. A reduction of the county clerk's salary will bear no explanation but this.

A LOVER OF LIBERTY.

Nassagaweya, Jan. 18, 1888.

Resolution of Condolence.

At a full meeting of the Milton Bar, at the Court House, His Honor Miller presiding, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

That we, the members of the Local Bar at Milton, learn with keen regret of the decease yesterday of one of our members, John Dewar, Esquire, late Crown Attorney for Halton.

That whilst heartily extending our sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased in this their great affliction, we take this opportunity of putting on record our high appreciation of Mr. Dewar's character and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow members of the profession generally, and feel that by his death the bar and the community lose a true friend, an upright advocate and a man of unimpeachable honesty and integrity of character.

That out of respect to his memory we attend his funeral to-morrow as a body in our professional robes.

That this resolution be engrossed and forwarded to the bereaved family.

(Sgd.) THOMAS MILLER, Chairman.

Dated at Milton, 12th January, 1888.

Scott Act Swamp Whiskey.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 16.—On Saturday afternoon last W. J. Graham, Collector of Inland Revenue at this port, made a raid on an illicit distillery in the Township of Amabel, County of Bruce, run by a man named Thomas Martin. He arrested Martin and seized his still, two fermenting tuns, and a quantity of molasses. Martin was tried at Allenford before Justices James Allen and John Devard to-day. Mr. William Masson, of Owen Sound conducted the case on behalf of the Crown. The prisoner was fined $100 and sentenced to one month in Walkerton gaol.

Consistency.

Toronto News.

The farmer votes for the Scott Act, but the quotations of barley have still a charm for him.

THE number of the *Illustrated London News* dated January 14th is a particularly fine one. Among the illustrated articles those in "The Armies of the Continent—Russian Cavalry," "Life at San Remo" (with full-page portraits of the Crown Prince of Germany, and the Princess and her daughters) and "The State of Ireland," are particularly interesting. There is a fine double-page illustration, "A Street Performance in Morocco." "The Strange Adventures of a House-Boat," Wm. Black's new story, is continued. The American edition of this, the best of all the illustrated weeklies, costs only $4 a year, or 10 cents a copy. Published by The Illustrated News Co., Potter Building, New York, and sold by all news dealers.

Experience of Two Scott Act Constables.

At Bayfield a few days ago Constables Smith and Robertson attempted to serve summonses on a number of persons they wanted to give evidence against violators of the Scott Act, and they seem to have been very badly used. In a sworn declaration made before Police Magistrate Williams Constable Smith says:—After leaving Swarts's we started for the other Pollock's, but were satisfied that the runner who passed us had been there before us and there was no use going, so we turned to serve the summonses for the witnesses in the Bayley case and went to the house of John Ferguson, one of the witnesses. We entered and had served the witness by leaving the summons with his wife, just then a mob of between twenty-five and fifty surrounded the house, a number of them armed with guns and rifles; two of the number entered the house and rushed up to us, one presenting his gun at me, and the other his gun at Robertson; they swore very wickedly and said, "Here, you have got to get out of this," using threats of violence, and threatening to kill. When Robertson was in the act of putting his hand in his pocket, one of the men said, "If you lift that hand I will bore you," at the same time having his rifle at his breast, with his finger on the trigger. When trying to reason with these men one of them struck me with his rifle. We told them then that we would leave quietly if they would leave us alone. We left the house, the two ringleaders following and striking and poking us with their guns. When I was about a rod from the house one of the two struck me on the back of the neck and head, knocking me down and rendering me insensible, the mob in the meantime following and urging the leader on. After recovering myself and walking on towards the main road, on our way home, the mob still following, and when we had got twenty or thirty rods from Ferguson's house, the leader stopped us and demanded to know if we had served any papers, saying if we had we must take them away or they would kill us. I said we had served no papers of any account, but Robertson said we had left one at Ferguson's. They then renewed their threats if we did not take it away. Robertson went back and got the paper. During the affray one of the leaders said that they were bound by an oath that no arrest should be made without blood being shed; they said they voted against the Scott Act and are bound no service shall be made here unless force sufficiently strong is brought to overpower them.

TOWN COUNCIL.

On Monday last at 11 a.m. the town council elected for 1888 made the necessary declarations and oaths of qualification.

Dr. Robertson, mayor, in the chair. J. H. McCollom, reeve; councillors, Dr. Stuart, John Hunter, Richard Jones, Alexander Spears, Duncan McKay, George Smith, Michael Conway, George Hemstreet and John Johnson absent.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by John Hunter, seconded by Dr. Stuart, that D. McKay, G. A. Hemstreet, J. H. McCollom and the mover and seconder be a special committee to strike the standing committees for the current year.—Carried.

Moved by George Smith, seconded by J. H. McColloni, that By-law No. —to appoint a Board of Health, Auditors, Assessor and Collector be read a first time.—Carried.

By-law read and council adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7.30 p. m.

Trafalgar Council.

The new council met on Monday at Postville.—H. Robinson, reeve; Dr. Buck, first deputy-reeve; John Husband, second deputy-reeve, and Messrs. Henry Carrique and B. Savage, councillors.

A by-law was passed appointing W. Wass and Tobias Mason as auditors and John McDougall and Chas. Hardy as assessors.

A by-law was also passed repealing the by-law pertaining to the price paid to owners of sheep killed by dogs.

Mr. Carrique moved a resolution for leave to introduce a by-law to open all vacant roads in the township that were not needed as public highways, or likely to be needed, and the same sold or otherwise disposed of, the proceeds to be applied to the general fund of the municipality.

Moved in amendment that the matter be laid over to the next meeting of the council.—Carried.

On motion the council adjourned.

The crofters' case will be vigorously taken up in Parliament. They have many friends there, including all classes of home rulers. A Scotch night in the House of Commons is rather a dreary affair. The audience is scanty, the oratory long-winded, the subject obscure. Dr. Clarke generally represents the crofters. He is not a favorite, but the cause is too great and pressing to be shelved. Evidently the season is already arranging itself into Scotch nights and Irish nights, England being relegated out doors. That will not help the government, for to say the truth, England is getting impatient and thinks her case also requires attention. If any blood is shed in the Highlands, and that may happen at any moment under present circumstances, a terrible thrill will run through the country.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE first meeting of the county council for 1888 will be held next Tuesday, commencing at 10 a.m.

CURLING.—The point medal of the Milton curling club was played for on Monday and was won by Mr. J. M. Fleet.

MR. PETER PAMPS, commercial traveller, had a valuable gold watch stolen from him on Sabbath night recently. While he was putting up at a Georgetown hotel.

THE funeral sermon of the late John Dewar, Esq., will be preached in the United Presbyterian Church at Malinwood on next Sabbath (Jan. 22nd) at 11 a.m.

JUST ARRIVED.—Another shipment of those celebrated cross cut saws, genuine taper ground, don't require setting; fully warranted, at W. H. Macnab's Hardware, Milton.

HE IS A MELANCHOLY MAN.—Mr. Jos. Martin, M. P. P., who it is announced will be the attorney General of Manitoba in the new Liberal Cabinet, was born in this town and passed the greater part of his boyhood here.

WE had the pleasure of a call on Tuesday from Mr. Campbell Shaw, editor of the Oakville Star. As a newspaper man Mr. Shaw is a "hustler," as the improvement in the Star since he became connected with it testifies.

THE children of Grace Church Sunday School will be given an entertainment to-morrow at the town hall, commencing at 5 p. m. There will be refreshments, vocal and instrumental music and readings.

ON Monday, January 23rd, and until further notice, Hollinrake & Sons will close their store at 7 o'clock prompt, every evening, except Saturday. Customers will kindly make it convenient to do their shopping during the day.

A missionary meeting will be held (D. V.) in Grace Church, Milton, on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 7 p. m., when the deputation consisting of the Rev. W. R. Clark, M. A., of Ancaster, and the Rev. Gabriel Johnston, of Jarvis, will give addresses. The same deputation will officiate in the morning, at Milton, and address a missionary meeting in St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

KNOX CHURCH.—A meeting of Knox Church congregation was held on Monday evening last for the purpose of extending a call to a minister to fill the vacancy now in the church. Rev. Mr. Young did not wish a call, so that the choice lay between Rev. Mr. Cathcart and Rev. Mr. Sommerville. The meeting, being nearly equally divided for each candidate, adjourned *sine die*.

CARNIVAL.—Mr. Wm. Scott, jun., the lessee of the Milton skating and curling rink, is making arrangements for a grand carnival which will come off on the evening of next Thursday, 26th inst. A number of prizes will be given and the Milton band will play at intervals. See posters. Mr. Scott desires us to state that the band will play at the rink every Monday evening throughout the season.

BOSTON CHURCH.—The anniversary sermon will be preached in the Boston Church, Esquesing, on the 29th inst. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Streetsville, will be chairman. Rev. Messrs. Mutch, of Toronto; McLaren, of Brampton; Argo, of Norval; Johnson, of Hornby, and Kirkpatrick, of Maineswood, will deliver addresses, and music will be furnished by an efficient choir. Tea served from 6.30 to 7.30. Admission 25 cents.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—On Tuesday evening last Bro. J. J. Manning, D. D. G. M., of Brampton, attended the meeting of Milton Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., and installed the following officers: W. H. Dandie, N. G.; Jos. Peters, V. G.; W. H. Dandie, R. S.; D. McKay, F. S.; W. McKenzie, W. T.; A. Brothers, I. G.; T. H. Lavery, Conductor; W. H. Dandie, Delegate to District Meeting.

SLUGGED BY MISTAKE.—Last Sunday evening as Mr. Jas. Morley was walking down Main street he was met by a man named McDermot, who has been working for some time in this neighborhood as a farm laborer. McDermot was looking for a man with whom he had had a quarrel and mistaking Morley for him, struck him a tremendous blow, giving him a bad black eye. Morley wasn't exactly knocked out, however, but gathered himself together and proceeded to pummel his assailant. McDermot, here discovered his mistake, was profuse in his apologies and explanations, and the row was stopped by the interference of bystanders. Morley talks of prosecuting McDermot as a lesson to him to be more careful in future.

THIEVING.—Milton is cursed with a gang of sneak thieves who make a specialty of raiding stables and driving sheds and carrying off whips and robes. Two gentlemen had their robes stolen one night not long ago from the driving shed in rear of the Methodist Church, while they were inside. Another had a robe taken from his cutter at the door of Dewar's hotel, while he was inside leaving his whip with the landlord for safe keeping. A number of other cases of the same kind might be mentioned, but what was probably the most cheeky of all the thefts occurred one dark night about a week ago. Mr. John Wallace, proprietor of the Wallace House, as a number of teams were in his shed, had a lantern hung up there so that thieves could not work without being seen. The thieves turned up as usual, and stole the lantern.

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THE Maxwell Temperance Society will meet in Maxwell's Hall, Orangeville, on Friday evening, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. A good programme is promised. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Pedley, of Orangeville, Malcolm, of Nelson, and Boyd, of Omagh, and by Mr. W. H. Lindsay and Dr. Robertson, of Milton. Miss Andrews and Mr. McGuire will give readings. Mr. John Stewart, of Georgetown, will contribute Scottish song, and the Georgetown choir will occupy a number of selections. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds in aid of church funds. Tea served from 5 to 8 o'clock.

POLICE COURT.—William Kenney was brought before Mayor Robertson on Tuesday, charged by Chief Constable Bradley with being drunk and disorderly on Main street on Sunday evening. He pleaded guilty and volunteered the information that he had got his whiskey at the east end from Mrs. Armstrong against whom he said he was willing to lay a charge. His Worship reserved sentence and told Kenney that the charge against Mrs. Armstrong must be taken elsewhere. The chief also laid informations against Thomas Johnston and Henry Robinson, whom he charged with being drunk and disorderly on Main street on Saturday night. Johnson will appear before the mayor to-morrow and Robinson on Saturday.

DIED.

BROWN.—At Brampton, on Tuesday, 17th Jan., Wm. Brodie, Esq., aged 61.

PREMIER MERCIER has gone to Europe instead of Georgia.

ST. Catharines is greatly excited over an alleged faith cure.

THE Montrealers have decided to hold no carnival this year.

THERE are thirty-seameries and 193 cheese factories in the Province of Quebec.

THE Canadian Pacific Algoma branch bonds were very rapidly taken up in London on Tuesday.

THE Credit Lyonnais offers in London £723,000 of the Province of Quebec four per cent. bonds at par.

THE motions made against the Haldimand election petition have been ruled out, and the trial is proceed on Jan. 24.

THE Irish Creek firebug, McDonald, has been sentenced to twenty years in Kingston Penitentiary, and Lee to seven years.

Saturday night three explosions occurred in the Halifax coal mine. Many miners will be thrown out of work.

A defeated candidate for the Orillia council says he could beat any man in the Council either with his fists or with his tongue.

An effort is about to be made by the Dominion government to establish trade relations with the British West Indies and the Argentine Republic.

A petition will be laid before one of the judges at the Supreme Court at Ottawa this week for a writ of habeas corpus to admit Detective Fahey to bail.

Corporal Johnson, of the Mounted Police, Moosomin, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for searching a man for liquor without a warrant.

A syndicate of citizens of Buffalo has bought 300 acres of land on the Canada shore of the lake, six miles from Buffalo city, and propose to lay it out in a new summer resort.

Guard John Rutledge, of the Central Prison, Stabbed by Robert Neil, a convict, is dead, and a verdict of wilful murder against Neil was the result of a Coroner's inquest.

At the inaugural meeting of Belleville City Council it was presented asking that the liquor licenses be reduced.

The League of the Honest, a religious association formed in Toronto, has decided to admit everybody, Roman Catholics, infidels and all.

The Montreal Fire Underwriters' Association has resolved to increase fire insurance rates throughout the Province, in order to meet the new tax.

Large quantities of potatoes are being shipped from Halifax to the West Indies. Five cargoes of 250,000 bushels have been shipped to Demerara. Over fifty thousand dollars worth of potatoes were shipped from Canadian to United States ports last quarter.

Wholesale dry-goods men generally speak favorably of the opening of trade. The orders seem to be larger, notwithstanding that a good many merchants are holding back to see what the season before buying. The retailers generally seem to recognise the fact that the increased number of failures in the city are an indication of an unsound state of affairs in the country, and are pursuing a cautious policy in granting credit, a policy which will not only benefit their own interest, but by checking reckless trading must benefit the country at large.

Lord Randolph Churchill will visit Russia for England this week.

James G. Blaine has arrived in Paris. He will remain for some time.

Rev. Duncan Campbell of the Free Church, Glasgow, has been appointed Moderator for the year 1888.

Manitoba is again complaining of a shortage of cars for wheat transportation.

The rumors of Socialists designs on the life of the Crown Prince, at Berlin, are unfounded.

Irish Nationalists have decided to publish a half-penny edition of their immense paper in London.

Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, is suing a Winnipeg paper for order to do this t
mortgage.

It is officially denied that any growth has appeared in the throat of the Prince's throat.

The St. James' Gazette a tre
resignation of Lord Charles Beresford, junior Lord of the Admiralty.

At Skibbereen on Sunday Father Lalor preached a sermon, in which he earnestly denounced the Coercion Act.

The crofter agitation is spreading and the anti-tithe movement is
rapidly growing more serious.

The Doublin corporation has conferred the freedom of the city on the Lord Ripon and John Morley.

Ejectment notices have been served
against 120 tenants on the estate of Lord Kingston's estate, near Mitchelstown.

A conference of Unionists was held Saturday. It was decided to modify the Ministry's Land Purchase bill.

Arbitration on the dispute in Belfast
questions is apparently the only way from the negotiations now being looked for.

Many of Mr. Parnell's friends, including the two Healys and others, object to their leader's proposal of abstaining from coming to London.

Several Irish bishops, whose letters were received on Monday, are those who counselled abstinence from violent methods on the part of the Nationalists.

The Cabinet, after a long session at London, decided to adopt the Unionist bolt on the Local Government Bill.

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