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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor.

Owing to the non arrival of our supply of paper, we are obliged this morning to issue a half sheet. We fondly imagined yesterday morning that our arrangements were so complete that we would have no further delay in issuing our paper, but this morning we are forcibly reminded of the old adage, "That the best laid plans of mice and men oft gang a-glee."

A WELCOME.

TO THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE M. E. CONFERENCE, BY ONE OF THEIR FRIENDS.

Welcome, ye messengers of peace,
Who from the East and West have come;

Yes, they're welcome with us to feast,
Until your conference work is done.

We greet you for the Savior's sake;
For in his cause you daily toil;
As from his lips your message take,
And bear it to the sons of toil.

We welcome you for your own sake;
We hail you as the true and good,
Who go with joy to hearts that break,
And for the truth of God have stood.

Your calling and your work we prize;
The world owes much to such as you.
'Tis yours to lift men to the skies;
You bring the sunshine and the dew.

We love to think of seasons spent
With some of you, in days gone by,
As in God's house our knees we bent,
And worshiped him who lives on high.

Right glad are we your face to see,
And feel again the friendly grasp;
We hope your stay with us will be
A season of delight and grace.

We welcome you to heart and home,
We give the freedom of the place;
And when the time to leave has come,
Departing may you bless the race.
Farmersville, May 22, 1884.

The M. E. Conference.

The conference opened Wednesday evening. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. H. George, B. A., of Ottawa, and a very able and eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Graham, P. E., Ottawa district. The conference then appointed various necessary conference officers and adjourned.

Conference again opened yesterday

morning by devotional exercises, with Bishop Carman in the chair. An amount of routine business was transacted, the most interesting thing being the election to orders in the ministry of various candidates.

Revs. W. G. Henderson, Prescott, W. A. Bass, Westmeath, S. G. Briggs, Newington, and I. Richards, Westmeath, were elected to elders orders; and Revs. Vissers and Greenfield were elected to deacons orders.

Conference then adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.—Bishop Carman in the chair. Rev. J. H. Andrews led the devotions. A communication from the principal of Alma college represents that institution in a flourishing condition. The book agent, Dr. Stowe, read an exhibit of the finances of the book room and Advocate office. The showing was fair, in view of the unsettled state of the church at the present time. Revs. J. S. Bell and P. Wagar had left their work during the year, to each of whom, after some warm discussions, the conference granted a dispensation of grace and gave letters of removal. Owing to serious illness Rev. L. A. Betts was compelled to ask for a superannuate relation. As a token of kind regard, and to help him in his present distress, the conference appointed Rev. F. Chisholm to receive contributions in his behalf. Most of the session was taken up with the passage of ministerial character and receiving circuit returns. When the name of J. Faull, was called, the following resolution was moved by E. A. Sanderson, seconded by F. Chisholm,

Whereas, our beloved brother, Jas. Faull has been called to follow his two little daughters to the grave during the year, we hereby tender him our heartfelt sympathies and pray that the God of all grace may sustain himself and wife under the severe bereavement.

Conference adjourned at 5 p. m. to meet at 2 p. m. to-day.

Scott Act in Leeds and Grenville.

The following is a communication to the Brockville Times, of recent date.

DEAR SIR,—In the issue of the Prescott Messenger of May 9th, there are a few remarks under the heading of The Scott Act in Leeds and Grenville, to which I wish to reply. While I fully recognize the desirability of a local market for farm produce, I am fully of the opinion that the article in question is misleading for the following reasons:

First, All, or nearly all, the articles mentioned are principally marketed abroad. Barley, for instance, is estimated as follows:

Home consumption for feed and seed.	bushels.
Local breweries	1,000,000
Foreign trade	800,000
	9,200,000

Total product 11,000,000

Hops and hay are also dependent on foreign markets, and already our steam boats and some of our local manufacturers are beginning to burn coal, as

wood is so scarce and high price, and many of our farmers are burning coal stoves. Second, Our local brewers will not pay more than the foreign trade compels them to pay for our produce. For example, I bought good, plump barley here last fall for 50 cents per bushel; when barley was worth 55 to 60 cents per bushel in Belleville, Trenton and Picton, and nearly all the barley in those places is purchased for export. Third, the passing of the act does not necessarily close our distilleries, as the act being in force, liquor is still sold for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and brewers have the privilege of selling in counties which have not adopted the Act; and the amount of reduction by this county passing the Act would simply be the quantity used as a beverage by the people in the county. Fourth, I object to the article on the score of political economy. Now let any person invest say \$500,000 in raw material and turn out two or three million dollars worth of farm implements, house furniture, or any other manufactured goods, although he has taken in more money than he has paid out, I can understand how the country is richer by that man's labor. But let him invest in the liquor traffic and the matter stands something like this: The farmers have received \$500,000 for their barley, the county has paid many millions for liquor (and most of this paid directly or indirectly by the farmers of our county), all of which has been squandered, to say the least, upon an unnecessary article, and now let me ask, who is the richer? The dealer in liquor and no one else, as all that is then left to the county of the whole amount spent, will be a long list of criminals and the costs of police courts and the maintenance of large numbers of paupers, etc. Now, Mr. Editor, I object again to the matter being discussed as a mere matter of dollars and cents, as I think that a Christian country should be actuated by a higher motive. Let your reader take his bible and turn to Acts the 19th chapter, and read the account of the opposition to the labors of the apostles, and compare with the arguments used in the article in question and especially the following clause: "Know ye nought by this craft we have our wealth." In dealing with national sins, money is generally the first objection we have to meet. It was so at Ephesus in regard to the making of images. It was so in the time of the slave trade, and I for one, am not surprised that it is the first raised in defense of the liquor traffic. But I say to the electors of Leeds and Grenville, do your duty as Christians and trust the rest to God and all will be well.

Yours truly,
W. H. THOMPSON,
Pittston, Ont.

The Unionville Fair.

A meeting of the directors of this fair was held last week, when the final arrangements for the annual exhibition

was made. The grounds are to be enlarged and all the buildings removed to a more convenient location. The main hall will be completely remodeled and by the addition of two wings of 28x40 feet each, made the finest buildings for fair purposes in Central Canada. At the meeting above referred to, the directors and others present, subscribed about \$150 for special prizes. This was largely supplemented a few days afterwards by the business men of Brockville, the secretary of the society having in a few hours secured about the same amount from them. A handsomely gotten up prize list of about fifty pages, is now being printed in this office which will soon be ready for distribution.

Additional Local.

The band boys gave an open air concert last night.

It is now illegal to catch Bass at Charleston Lake. All our Citizens who go down there on Saturday for a fish we trust will pay due respect to the Law. In case any one should happen to get a fine lively Black bass on their hook, remove it gently as possible and return it with care to its native element.

A good proof of the advancement and progress of our town we note the several new buildings in course of erection. On Mill street Jas. Wiltsie, John Earls, and Lewis King. Perth Street, Ed. McLean, Charles Wing. Main Street, west, Ira Kelley. All have dwelling houses under way. Mr. Pierce has commenced work again on the New English Church.

Just as the shades of evening began to fall yesterday quite an exciting scene might have occurred. Two of our sports were out for a spin, when unfortunately, some young girls attempted to cross the road in advance of the teams. By great presence of mind on the part of the drivers, the fast nags were held up just in time to prevent a catastrophe. There is no telling what might have happened if "Reed" had been on the road with his nag.

We are glad to notice that the "powers that be" have at last taken compassion on the pedestrians who traverse Prince street. It would have been a great pity if the many visitors who are favoring us with their company just now, should have gone away with the impression and likely concussions the trip on a dark evening through that otherwise pretty street, would have given them a week ago. We hope the march of improvement will not stay at this, but that it will go on, and the natural advantages belonging to our village will be used to her adornment. Why can not the residents of the other streets take pattern from those of Reed and part of Church streets, and before the season is over plant out a few trees.