

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Dominion Parliament opens this morning for the dispatch of business.

The British Privy Council have graciously acceded to the prayer of Sir Charles Tupper and the Messrs. Allan; that steamers touching at United States ports with Canadian cattle should not be held as coming from a scheduled country.

It is said that the Ontario Government have decided to enforce the Scott Act, or rather to provide machinery for its enforcement. They have organized a department specially for that purpose, and have offered the charge of it to J. W. Manning, Almonte, who has consented to accept it provisionally.

The Star wants telephone communication for Milton. It says: "It makes us envious constantly to see notices in the Acton and Georgetown papers concerning the success of the local telephone."

Mr. Edison's invention of telegraphing to and from moving trains to stations along the road has been successfully tested. The apparatus used on the train was an ordinary Morse key, a phonetic receiver, electromagnet and a battery.

The Canadian Journal of Fabrics says: Our Canadian farmers may well turn their attention to introducing new breeds of sheep and improving upon old ones.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The advertisement in another column announces that the next convention under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute of the county will be held in the town hall, Milton, on Wednesday next, 3rd March.

John B. Gough Dead.

The Noted Temperance Advocate and Platform Orator Passes Away.

John B. Gough died at Philadelphia on Thursday evening last. He was stricken with paralysis on Monday evening while in the middle of one of his most eloquent protests against liquor drinking.

The deceased was English by birth, but came to the United States when quite young, and was a thorough American in his appearance and sympathies.

THE CRADLE.

Mitchell - In Palmerston, on the 7th inst. the wife of J. T. Mitchell, editor Vintor, died of a son.

ABRAM - At the Manse, Burlington, on the 10th of February, the wife of Rev. R. H. Abraham, of a son.

CEASE - At her residence, 5 Baller Street, London, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Mary Young, beloved wife of John A. Craig, Esq., aged 28 years. Funeral at Oakville on Saturday.

Deceased was daughter of our esteemed friend, W. E. Young, Esq., Police Magistrate for this county, and sister of Mr. C. L. Young, of the Glasgow House, Acton.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Eloquent Sermons by Rev. Dr. Carman and an Equally Eloquent Lecture by James L. Hughes, Esq.

SUCCESSFUL SERVICES.

The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Methodist Church, Acton, was celebrated last Sunday, and the services marked the day as a red letter one in the church's history.

On Sunday morning at 10.30, Rev. R. Phillips, the esteemed pastor of the church, introduced to the large audience assembled, Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of the Dominion. After the usual devotional exercises the choir sang the grand and appropriate old anthem, "Safely through another year."

The Rev. Dr. then proceeded. His text, 1 Tim. 3 chap. 16, was announced, and for over an hour he commanded the rapt attention of his congregation without any indications of weariness.

The sermons were elaborate expositions of scripture, delivered in the most powerful, eloquent and interesting manner. The references to the doctrinal points brought out were able and convincing, and the explanations offered were very satisfactory.

Instead of the usual anniversary tea-meeting on the following Monday evening, the Ladies' Aid Society had arranged for a lecture by James L. Hughes, Esq., I. P. S., Toronto, and the change was one appreciated by all.

Mr. Hughes' reputation as an orator and lecturer, was fully established in Acton on a former occasion. When his lecture "Why Men Fail" was announced in connection with the anniversary services, our citizens anticipated an unusual treat.

Owing to the very inclement condition of the weather the audience was much smaller than otherwise would have been. Rev. Dr. Carman occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. R. Phillips and seconded by Mr. R. E. Nelson, and rendered with genuine heartiness by the audience.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Convention one of the Most Successful ever held in the County.

WELL ATTENDED.

The thirteenth annual convention of the County of Halton Teachers' Association held in school house, Milton, last Thursday and Friday, was one of the most practical and generally successful meetings that the association has ever held.

The attendance was satisfactory and the teachers present evidenced a desire to profit from the consideration of the subjects presented at each of the various sessions.

Mr. J. J. Tilley, Director of Teachers' Institutes, then addressed the convention on his method of teaching "Geography."

His address was an admirable one, and replete with points of practical interest to the teachers. Many new ideas for the successful teaching of this important subject were brought out. The plan of confining work to topography was not advisable.

Believed in deducing inferences from facts known. Would recommend the drawing of outline maps and have them filled in as the pupil progresses. The outlines and boundaries; the surface and drainage; the climate etc. should be taught in regular order. The address was well received, and called forth discussion and numerous ques-

tions upon points of interest were put to the speaker.

The public meeting in the town hall, in the evening, was well attended. The unit was ably filled by Mr. John Dewar, chairman of the School Board.

After routine business on Friday morning, Mr. R. E. Harrison, of Georgetown, a graduate of the Ontario School of Art, gave an excellent lesson on "drawing," which was very much appreciated by the members of the association.

"Development lessons" in Fractions" was the subject of Mr. Tilley's next address. It should be noted a lesson for developing thought and reason in the minds of the pupils, and instructing them in the theory of proceeding from the known to the unknown.

The last session was rendered very interesting by Mr. Tilley's address on the "Aims in Teaching." It was replete with pointers for successful teaching and for the exercise of good and permanent influence on the part of the teacher with his pupils and the section in which he was engaged.

AN IMPORTANT NEW WORK.

Cyclopedia of Universal History.

By John Clark Redpath, LL.D. Boston: Martin Garrison & Co. Canadian agents: Balch Brothers, 10 1/2 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

This is a valuable and comprehensive historical work, presenting in a condensed but graphic style an account of the principal events in the history of the human race, from the beginning of civilization to the present time, taken from the most authentic sources.

Many of the brief biographical sketches of eminent men and women are vivid and picturesque portraiture, concise and yet eloquent and attractive; and all through the work the succession of events does not seem to be a mere list of names.

New Advertisements.

\$10 REWARD.

THE above reward will be paid for the recovery of a mare and cutter, hired at the livery stable of the undersigned by a young man named Wm. Somerville, of Lincolnton, who went to Milton on Tuesday, 19th inst.

WINDING UP BUSINESS.

THE FIRM OF NELSON, McHAE & Co. have been dissolved by mutual consent, the undersigned is now engaged in closing up the business of that firm.

AUTHORS AND WRITERS.

MATRICE OF OTHERWISE, desirous of having their Literary Productions critically reviewed, or supposed of on the most advantageous terms, should address for full information.

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale his house and lot on Main street. It is a large house, contains nine rooms, also kitchen and wash-house, well adapted for a tenement or boarding house.

MANDRE PLASTERERS' HALL.

FOR SALE - Mandre and hair for plasterers. Apply at the Faunery.

Farmers' Institute.

THE SECOND FARMERS' INSTITUTE of the County of Halton will be held in the TOWN HALL, MILTON.

Wednesday, 3rd March, '98 COMMENCING AT 1.30 P.M.

During the evening there will be a public meeting for readings, discussions, and addresses by prominent men of the county, farmers and others, interspersed with music, to which ladies are especially invited.

A GIFT - Send 10 cents postage, and we will mail you a fine and valuable sample box of goods that will put you in the way of making good money at once. Send anything else in America! Both by mail and express. Capital not required. We will start you. Pay for those who start you. Send 10c. to Geo. F. Ruddle, Sec. Georgetown, Feb. 15th, 1898.

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I commence this morning to sell anything and everything in my store for just what I can get for it IN CASH. You will be able to buy more goods from me for the next month for ten dollars than you can buy elsewhere in the world. Don't forget this, for I mean it.

I want to sell every dollar's worth of goods before the 1st of April, as my lease of store expires on that date.

Remember this - It will cost you nothing to come and see what we are doing; and pay up any accounts you may owe at once, or costs will be incurred.

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THEN Advertise in the FREE PRESS, and you'll find somebody who wants to see you or the business.

Business Change.

THOS. C. MOORE WOULD inform the public generally that he has hereafter conducted by Moore & Lambert, and is prepared to fill all orders in the Copar Line. Cutters, butchers, and wash tubs, and all material work specially. Only first-class workmen and material employed. THOS. C. MOORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at a meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the Village of Acton, held on Tuesday, 23rd day of February, A.D. 1898, a By-law was passed to provide for the public health, and to prevent the transmission of the dead taking place in the Village of Acton, save and except in Fairview Cemetery, and that By-law came into effect from and after the date of the passing thereof.

FARMS WANTED.

FARMS WANTED - ALL KINDS, SIZES, AND PRICES, for over 500 applicants, who wish to buy, and have written to us for particulars of farms. We also want farms for our "Farm Advertiser," which will be published shortly, and will be placed in the hands of intending purchasers in all parts of Canada, the United States, and Europe.

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