

THE CRADLE.
Nolan—At Guelph, on the 4th March, the wife of Mr. Frank Nolan, of a son.

THE ALTAR.
Paton—At the residence of Judge J. D. Matheson, on the 24th February, the Rev. Alfred Brown, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated at the marriage of Miss Maud K. Paton, formerly of the Daily Gazette, to Miss Maud K. Paton, formerly of the Daily Gazette.

THE GRAVE.
Henderson—In passing on the 3rd March, Thomas Henderson, Sr., aged 80 years and 9 months.

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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1887.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
The Dominion Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on Wednesday, April 13th.

In the telephone patent case, the minister of Agriculture gave judgment Saturday annulling the Bell Telephone company's patent for the Blake transmitter.

Sir John Macdonald had his majority increased by the election on Monday of Messrs. E. C. Baker and Noah Shakespear, Conservatives, to represent Victoria in the House of Commons.

Is it not time that our citizens were making some preparations to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee? The Dominion, provincial and municipal elections being over they can now turn their attention to this pleasant and important subject.

Farmers, and other people as well cannot be too careful in making splendid bargains with strangers, whereby the strangers get all the immediate advantage, and the purchaser is to have on the word of the stranger—great prospective profits. Such bargains are more confidence games.

What is Sir John's majority?—that is the question. The Toronto Mail makes it 13, the Toronto Herald 20, the Toronto Telegram 16, Montreal Witness 23, Montreal Star 29, Ottawa Citizen 30, and Sir John 35. The real majority will be reliably recorded after the 13th of April.

The brother of the newly-elected Conservative member for West York wrote to the editor of the Richmond Hill Liberator to discontinue his "contemptible rib-stabbing rag," and the editor humbly replies that he does not see "how any weapon, much less a rag, could possibly reach ribs so thickly coated with Government fat."

A pastoral from the Bishop of Huron was recently read in the Episcopal churches of Huron diocese prohibiting the raising of money for ecclesiastical or parochial purposes by raffling, throwing of dice, games of chance or gambling of any kind, and all theatrical, dramatic or impersonating exhibitions, whether public or private.

It having been intimated to Mr. Bunting, as a member of the Albany Club, that he could no longer subscribe to Conservative principles he should withdraw from membership of the club, Mr. Bunting took the hint and sent in his resignation. The last tie that bound the Toronto Mail to the Conservatives has been severed, and those who pretend to see "an understanding" between Sir John and Mr. Bunting will have hard work to account for this final act.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

An important judgment in regard to the Scott Act was given by the Chancery Division Court on Saturday, in the Queen vs. Fee. In June last Judge Galt, in the Queen vs. Halpin, held that under section 128 of the Act, by which the accused is made a competent and compellable witness, he is not bound to incriminate himself; and in the Queen vs. Fee, Judge Proudfoot took the same ground. Appeal was made to the Chancery Division Court, and they held that the defendant is a compellable witness in behalf of the Crown, even to the extent of incriminating himself, thereby overruling the decision in the Queen vs. Halpin. The Court also held that the Divisional Court had jurisdiction to review the decision of a judge in single count in criminal matters.

TELEPHONE PATENTS.

The Bell Telephone Company's officials say that a great deal of unnecessary importance has been attached through misleading reports sent from Ottawa, to the act of the Minister of Agriculture, voiding the Blake transmitter patent. This was not an original patent for a transmitter, but only for an improvement on its method of construction and is only one of the numerous patents held by the Company on this class of instruments; and the setting aside of this does not by any means allow the public to manufacture or use Blake transmitters, and will make no difference whatever to the Company. "The decision was given on evidence put in two years ago, and was anticipated by the Company, which did not contest the case at all.

In the case of the Edison patents, after all the evidence for the petitioners had been heard, the Bell Company's counsel moved to have the petition dismissed without the necessity of bringing forward evidence for the defence, on the ground of absence of proof. The Minister stated that he would consider this and announce his decision on this point in a few days.

Gold has been found on the farm of Mr. Toland at the G.T.R. Junction, Kingston. It has been offered \$40,000 for ten acres of his farm.

Scottish, English and Canadian settings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

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The counting of only ten ballots in the whole 4,437, was changed. This shows clearly that both the deputy returning officers and the electors generally have become very satisfactorily educated in the ballot system.

In eight polling subdivisions the vote was changed by the rejection of a ballot which had been counted or by the acceptance of a ballot which at the original counting had been rejected. Three ballots were rejected from the total for each candidate, and two added in favor of each. The following are the changes:—In the East Ward in Milton; No. 3, Esquimaux; and No. 6, Trafalgar, Mr. Henderson lost a ballot in each, while in No. 5 Esquimaux and No. 6, Trafalgar, he gained one in each. Mr. Waldie's losses were one in No. 3, and one in No. 4, Esquimaux, and one in No. 5, Nelson. His gains were in No. 5, Esquimaux, and No. 6, Trafalgar.

The official returns, changed by the recount, will now stand in the several polling subdivisions as follows:—

ACTON.	
No. 1, Polling Subdivision.	59 33
No. 2, Do	38 49
Majority for Henderson—15	83

BRIDLETON.	
No. 1, Polling Subdivision.	65 70
No. 2, Do	68 47
Majority for Henderson—133	117

GEORGETOWN.	
No. 1, Polling Subdivision.	69 73
No. 2, Do	61 89
Majority for Waldie—35	127

MILTON.	
No. 1, North Ward	35 44
No. 2, South Ward	45 48
No. 3, East Ward	39 41
Majority for Waldie—117	133

MARKVILLE.	
No. 1, Ward	69 37
No. 2, Ward	67 39
No. 3, Ward	68 64
Majority for Henderson—195	140

ESQUIMAUX.	
No. 1, Spruit's School	58 92
No. 2, Norval	117 87
No. 3, Stewarttown	82 77
No. 4, Dublin	31 81
No. 5, Thompson's Corners	101 83
No. 6, Glenwilliams	90 72
Majority for Waldie—182	492

NASSAUVEVA.	
No. 1, Campbellville	73 92
No. 2, Brookville	91 97
No. 3, Knatchbull	100 125
Majority for Waldie—100	314

NELSON.	
No. 1, Freeman	26 68
No. 2, Nelson Village	87 71
No. 3, Cumminsville	89 86
No. 4, Bell's School	91 86
No. 5, China's Corners	88 49
Majority for Henderson—31	310

TRAFALGAR.	
No. 1, The Boypie	83 76
No. 2, Drumguin	121 69
No. 3, Postville	75 105
No. 4, Mann's Corners	72 71
No. 5, Palermo	52 61
No. 6, Bronte	51 87
Majority for Waldie—15	472

CLEAR MAJORITY FOR WALDIE—109.	
Halton's political history since confederation is as follows:—	

At the general election in 1867, John White, Liberal, was elected by 183 majority, over the late Col. G. K. Chisholm, who had in a former election defeated White by 300; and over Sheriff McKindsey in 1872, by 186 majority.

In 1874 D. B. Chisholm defeated John White and was elected by 23 majority, but he was unseated, and William McCraney, Liberal, was elected over him by 135 majority.

In 1878 Hon. William Macdougall, Independent, was elected, Mr. McCraney being his opponent, by 18 majority.

In 1882 William McCraney, Liberal, was again elected by 83 majority. Sheriff McKindsey the second time occupying the position of defeated candidate.

Halton remains Liberal, having as shown above, just elected Mr. Waldie by a majority of 9 over Mr. Henderson.

A GREAT MAN.

Henry Ward Beecher the eminent Brooklyn Divine, gone to his Reward.

BROOKLYN, March 7.—Between two and three o'clock Saturday morning Rev. Henry Ward Beecher complained of being sick. He began to vomit freely and then laid back on his pillow apparently exhausted and fell asleep and he could not be aroused. Dr. W. S. Beale was called and pronounced Mr. Beecher to be quite ill but did not apprehend immediate danger. At 9 o'clock in the afternoon a bulletin was issued saying that Mr. Beecher had had an attack of apoplexy.

BROOKLYN, March 8.—Beecher died at 9:30 this morning. He passed away gradually and almost imperceptibly, drawing his last breath without apparent suffering or return to consciousness in any degree.

September of this year was to have witnessed the celebration of the 50th year of Mr. Beecher's marriage, the 50th of his ordination to the ministry, and the 40th of his pastorate of the Plymouth Church. He was the eighth child of Rev. Lyman Beecher, and was born in Litchfield, Conn., on June 24, 1812.

GUELPH AND ONTARIO INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.
The Annual Report.

The eleventh annual meeting of shareholders of this Society was held at the Society's office, corner of Market Square and Wyndham street, Guelph, on Wednesday, 10th February, 1887, the president in the chair.

Among the shareholders present were Messrs. J. B. Armstrong, Geo. Bruce, J. M. Bond, James Cormack, Thomas Day, J. J. Day, Geo. Elliott, Robert Forbes, Jas. Forrest, Jr. Howitt, Jas. Innes, M. P. J. W. Kilgour, Dr. Keating, H. Myers, H. Merton, Robert Melvin, J. E. McEldery, A. B. Petrie, M. C. Schofield, D. Straton and G. A. Somerville; Guelph: Wm. Haister and Robert Stronthead, of the Township of Guelph; A. J. Browner, of Hoopler; C. J. Bernard and John Keen, of the Township of Ermaosa; John Kitching, Jr., of the Township of Nassagaweya; Charles McMillan, of the Township of Erin; James Phin, John Phin and James P. Phin, of the Township of Waterloo.

The Secretary, Mr. G. A. Somerville, read the Annual Report and Financial Statement as follows:—

The Directors in submitting their Annual Report for 1886, have the pleasure of presenting, as a result of the year's operations, a most satisfactory Financial Statement.

Notwithstanding the keen competition for business, applications were received for \$48,775.00 from which mortgage loans to the amount of \$250,104.87 were selected and granted; and the total assets of the Society show an increase of \$97,301.20 for the year.

After paying all costs of management interests on deposits and debentures, &c., &c., the net profits, including \$1,295.62 brought forward from last year, amount to \$80,907.90. This sum has been appropriated as follows:—

Dividend No. 20, paid 2nd July, 1886	\$9,882.06
Dividend No. 21, payable 3rd January, 1887	9,921.13
Balance of cost of fire insurance	500.00
Burglar-proof safes written off	9,000.00
Carried to Reserve Fund	1,621.21
Balance carried forward	\$30,947.90

The Reserve Fund now amounts to the handsome sum of \$51,000—over seventeen per cent. of the subscribed stock of the Society.

During the year borrowers have met their payments very satisfactorily, and the Society has no property on hand.

In the opinion of the Directors, the time has arrived when it would be judicious to increase the capital of the Society to keep pace with the growth of its business. They will, therefore, ask the shareholders to pass a by-law enabling the Board to issue the remainder of the authorized capital stock.

Our Debentures have taken a high place in the estimation of investors as is shown by the increasing demand for them the amount now outstanding being much greater than at any former time. And in the Savings Bank Department there has been a large addition during the year, not only to the number of depositors but also to the amount on deposit.

The officers of the Society continue to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

The usual monthly audit of the accounts and the yearly examination of securities have been carefully made, and the Auditor's Report is presented herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. STIRTON,
President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1886.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.	
Cash Value of Mortgages and other Securities in Ontario Bank	\$1,021,247.33
The Liabilities are as follows:	
Savings Bank Deposits and Debentures	\$301,027.21
Interest on Debentures	454,325.00
Surplus Assets	\$265,995.12
Permanent Stock	\$230,000.00
Paid on accumulating and special stock including interest	3,600.21
Permanent stock dividend payable 3rd January, 1887	9,772.91
Reserve fund, less Dep. & Int. on same	2,000.00
Added from this year's profits	61,000.00
Balance at credit of profit and loss account	1,621.21
Total	\$1,021,247.33

We have audited the books and vouchers of the Guelph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society monthly and found them correct. We have also examined the Mortgages and calculated the value and earnings of each one separately, and certify that the above balance sheet is a correct statement of the Company's affairs to the 31st December, 1886.

J. W. BARNES, Auditor.
J. W. KILGOUR, Auditor.
Guelph, January 27, 1887.

and from borrowers, within a radius of twenty miles from Guelph, counting the office for loans, thus having in view and the Society considerable figures. With the class of the community, and with investors in the savings bank branch, the Society continues steadily to grow in favor as its system of fair, straightforward dealing becomes more generally known. Referring to the issue of new stock, he believed additional capital could be profitably employed, and, in fact, he considered a further issue of shares necessary to enlarge the Society's borrowing powers, and keep pace with the growth of its business. Whenever any of the stock was offered for sale—which seldom happened—however—it was always purchased very readily and at satisfactory prices. In one instance during the past year it had reached twenty one per cent premium; he therefore anticipated an active demand for the new issue, if sanctioned, as he had no doubt it would be, by the shareholders.

The motion was seconded by the vice-president, and after favorable comments by several shareholders it was unanimously adopted.

The by-law to authorize the directors to issue additional shares of stock and all the same to the present shareholders pro rata was then considered, and after remarks had been made by Messrs. J. M. Bond, A. B. Petrie, R. Melvin, George Elliott and J. B. Armstrong, it was

Resolved that the by-law to authorize the issue of two hundred thousand one hundred dollars of stock, as submitted by the Board, be and is hereby confirmed.

Mr. John Keen moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kitching, Jr., that Messrs. A. J. Browner and J. W. Kilgour be appointed auditors for 1887. Carried.

On motion of Mr. J. P. Phin, seconded by Mr. Robert Forbes, Messrs. James Cormack and T. J. Day were appointed scrutineers, and a ballot having been taken the returning directors were re-elected.

The Board is now composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. D. Straton, President; A. B. Petrie, Vice-President; R. Melvin, R. Forbes, Dr. Keating, James P. Phin, John Phin, Chas. McMillan, Dr. Howitt, J. E. McEldery, and James Innes, M.P.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers of the Society and the scrutineers.

Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.
A grand carnival, the last of the season will take place in the skating rink on Tuesday evening.

A large number of farmers in the vicinity and villagers are busy at present harvesting the ice crop which is unusually good this year.

As a ten-year-old son of Mr. Chas. Bernard was playing in the barn last Friday, he had the misfortune to fall and break his arm at the elbow.

The R. T. concert on Tuesday evening was fairly successful. The most pleasing numbers were readings given by Rev. D. Strachan and Miss Lizzie Murray.

Mr. Pike commenced burning lime in the newly-erected kiln on Monday, and we understand he intends building another draw kiln as well as shipping large quantities of building stone from here this summer.

Miss Wetherald's class, assisted by Miss Carrige and Mr. Slater, of Georgetown, gave a very good entertainment in the town hall last Friday evening. Miss Wetherald's own readings were excellent and loudly applauded while those of Misses Carrige and Harris and Messrs. Strachan, Barry, Farish, Bailey, Harris and Slater were well received.

As T. Jago was delivering meat this morning his horse ran away—the farmers are grumbling at the low price paid for beef—they say the fawn meat took today they would have occasion to kick.

Limehouse News.

From our own Correspondent.
The toboggan slide has been well patronized here this winter but owing to the scarcity of toboggans some of the tobogganists have had to use a plank.

The Salvation Army still hold their regular meetings in the barracks. They intend holding a jubilee here this month.

Mr. John Innes is now studying music with one of our best teachers.

GRAND BARGAINS

Henderson, McRae & Co., ACTON.

As the season is advancing, we wish to notify our many friends that we intend to clear out the whole of our Winter Stock at a great sacrifice.

It will be greatly to the advantage of the citizens of Acton and vicinity to avail themselves of this opportunity as these goods will be sold a great deal cheaper than they could possibly be bought for next season.

Wool Squares, Cloths and Fancy Goods will be sold regardless of cost.

A large stock of Hosiery will be sold at prices to suit the buyer.

A large quantity of Grey Flannel 30 per cent cheaper than it can be purchased for next year.

Overcoats, Tweeds and Mantle Cloths in profusion, also a quantity of ladies' and gents' underclothing cheap.

Great values in Dress Goods.

SPRING ARRIVALS.

We have to announce Spring arrivals in Shirtings, Ducks and Cottonades and also large lines in Staples generally.

The largest assortment of Carpets in Hemp and Tapestry ever shown in Acton.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

Our Gents' Furnishing Department by recent arrivals has become most complete, and this branch of our business will be pushed with greater energy than has heretofore been shown in the management of it. In short we intend to make it second to none in the County.

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