

BORN.
Margaret—At Billings, Montana Territory, U.S.A., on the 1st inst., the wife of J. D. Matheson, of a daughter.
Catherine—Born on the 6th March, the wife of Mr. John Macmillan, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
Donald—McLean—On Wednesday, March the 2nd, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Ross, Mr. Gilbert Stedman, to Annie, daughter of Mr. Donald McLean, of a daughter.

DIED.
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.
Mr. Henderson, M.P., informs us that it is a fact that a protest has been entered against his return as Member for Acton. The writ sets forth the usual formal charges of bribery.

During the past week twelve hundred immigrants arrived in Windsor, and a large party sent out by the Church of England Immigration Society is expected to land at Halifax in the course of a few days.

It is understood that His Excellency and Lady Lansdowne and suite will leave Canada for England about the last week in May, and that Lord Stanley of Preston, who will assume the position of Governor-General about the same time.

The Licentee Inspector of the County has already received quite a number of applications for hotel licences, but it has not yet been decided when license can take effect, nothing can be done in the matter, other than the filing of the applications.

At a late meeting of the Oatmeal Millers Association the relative values of white and black oats for milling purposes was discussed, and it was decided that next season all millers should make a difference between two white and black oats, when required for oatmeal.

The Baptist Convention, at Guelph, last week, decided for the establishment of McMaster University, at Toronto. The vote resulted as follows:—Toronto, 20; Woodstock, 22; majority for Toronto, 8. The choice of Torontonians was made unanimous.

The new treaty for the exclusion of Chinese labourers from the United States provides that any Chinese resident of the United States who returns to his native country, and then comes back, must prove that he has a family in this country or owns property in the United States to the value of \$1,000.

It is stated that in Michigan alone during the year 1867, no less than 100 brakemen were killed or maimed in the execution of their railroad duties. How many were killed and hurt in Ontario and Canada? It is high time the link and pile system were replaced by some safer mode of coupling.

Prof. Jameson, of Ottawa, who has just been appointed botanist and mineralogist to the geological survey, with the rank of assistant director, after tedious services in connection with the department, is well worthy of the distinction conferred upon him. The survey has obtained the permanent services of a Canadian, who will render valuable aid in important statistical work.

THE CENTRAL RAIL.

The announcement that the Master in Ordinary has authorized the liquidators of the Central Bank to pay a dividend of thirty-three and a third instead of twenty-five cents as a step, but doubly gratifying will be the news that the dividends in thirty-three and a third instead of twenty-five cents as a first premium. The freedom of that large amount of money which has been tied up in the bank for many months cannot but better trade generally, as it will no doubt be immediately put into circulation by its fortunate possessors when the payment is made. The liquidators have done exceedingly well, and have worked rapidly considering the many obstacles they have had to surmount. It was thought by many that such a favorable result as this would not be reached for some time, and as an earnest of what may be expected in the future, it comes opportunely and acceptably to the depositors and other claimants who expected no such result, and for this reason they had every cause to be pleased.

A WORLD'S FAIR FOR ACTON.

A Union Agricultural Show organized under very favorable circumstances.

Last Thursday afternoon the adjourned meeting called for the purpose of organizing the organization of a Union Agricultural Show was held in the town hall. The meeting was largely attended not only by residents of Acton and vicinity, but by many representatives from the townspeople of Esquemeau, Napanaway, Erin and Erromosa. After a thorough discussion of the subject, it was unanimously decided to organize a Union Agricultural Society with headquarters at Acton, open to all.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Joseph Laty.

1st Vice-Pres.—John D. St.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Robert Adams.

Secretary—W. H. Storey, and Robert Agnew.

Treasurer—John W. Waddington, Wm. Shortill, A. Walid, and W. Fisher.

Management—John Wilson, Robert Living, W. Jackson and Arch. McClelland.

Ex-Servants—A. Cory, Samuel Johnson,

John Sanders and Tom Sutton.

Erromosa—Wm. Sharp, John Taylor,

David Bea and Ernest Perkins.

Acton—D. Henderson and T. H. Harding.

The first exhibition of the new society will be held this fall in the Exhibition Park here; the date to be fixed at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

At the close of the meeting a large number of members were enrolled, and the directors are now canvassing with member tickets. The prospects are most encouraging.

Detective Fidley has been sentenced to sixteen years in the Penitentiary for the robbery of the Grand Trunk railway office.

Mrs. Stonehouse, wife of the Machinist preacher, before joining her husband in Michigan will return to her husband's home town of Hull, and remain there until the trial.

Penganglum on Saturday carried a sum of over ten thousand dollars to supplement the winter wants of that town.

Toronto City Council and the railway authorities have agreed to erect a grand Union Depot at that city.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

How the Debates are Reported.—The National Matter.—Militia Committee.—The Reciprocity Petition.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

From our own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, April 3.—Parliament having had a recess from last Wednesday till to-day, the week has been a dull one, but an interesting letter from the Capital does not depend on the House of Commons for many sittings of that illustrious body, and as dull as a case in court. There is nothing to write about at the tail end of a long debate. Fancy listening to forty-five speeches day and day out on the one topic. It was as bad as the minister who forgot his manuscript in the audience, and repeated his discourse of the morning. The House itself might on many occasions be counted out, so few members are in their seats. The comfortably cushioned chair and private desk are, however, fatal to the expediting of public business. Here members can sit yoking their correspondence and reading their dialect papers or a book from the library desk to the number of fathoms who is talking to the member from Oshkosh who is talking to the Harvard reporter. In a few days the aforesaid member will receive a precious volume of Hansards containing his speech and mail them to his admiring constituents.

Now the debates are over.

The official reporters of the Commons are six in number, and are all skilled shorthand writers. There are a small table on the floor of the House midway between the Ministerial and the Opposition.

The reporters work in the Chamber in "tents" of ten minutes. Time keeper in the details room sends the first man in when the speaker takes the chair. The entrance of the speaker, by the way, is announced by the ringing of electric bells in all parts of the building.

At the end of the first ten minutes a second reporter enters and sits down at the second table. The first reporter concludes the session by writing, "It is not too long, and then leaves his colleague to the top, or takes down the chair of the disputant, refusing to the debaters whom his amanuensis is a typewriter. Each reporter is supplied with an amanuensis, and is half an hour the typewriter "copy" is handed to the man whose duty it is to type it for the printer. It is deposited immediately to the printers who are sitting typewriters all night so that the early specimens are up and locked in the form before the concluding speeches are uttered. In this way the editor of a long sitting is held on the table next day by two or three hours after the House adjourns. Fifty minutes later the first reporter enters again and takes off his colleague to the top, or takes down the chair of the disputant, refusing to the debaters whom his amanuensis is a typewriter. 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