

**BORN**

PALMER—In Acton, on the 16th August, the wife of Mr. Charles Palmer, of a daughter.

HARVEY—In Acton, on the 20th August, the wife of Mr. John Harvey, of a daughter.

**DIED**

DRAGO—In Milton, on the 1st August, John Kenneth, posthumous son, 4 months and 11 days.

JOHN DELL, in the 2nd year of his age.

WATT—At St. George, Guelph, on Sunday evening, 20th August, Mrs. Mary Watt, Great Grandmother, daughter of James Watt, Barbadoes, aged one year, seven months and one day.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1883.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The retaliatory policy comes ten years too late to hurt Canada very much—Chicago Canadians Americans.

A Baptist Church at Coals, Fla., has expelled all its members who have signed petitions for liquor licences.

It is reported that the Hon. J. Chapman, Hon. Oliver Mowat, Hon. J. C. Abbott, mayor of Montreal, and Mr. Macleod Stewart, are to be knighted.

There are in Canada 84 loan- and building societies, of which 66 have their head-quarters in Ontario. The submitted capital of the Ontario companies amounts to \$72,878,315.

The conduct of the Yankee officials who allowed lobsters to come in free but placed a duty upon the cans has been edited by the action of the Dominion government, who have decided that peaches, grapes and other fruits may come in free, but that duty must be paid upon the crates, baskets and boxes containing them.

The steamship Great Eastern, the largest ship ever which floated, and whose history has from the start been one of financial failure except in the matter of laying Atlantic submarine telegraph cables has made her last voyage and been broken at Truro, Nova Scotia, on the Mersey in England, where she will be broken up and sold for old iron.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, of Hamilton, has been appointed to the vacant chair of Agriculture at the Provincial Agricultural College at Guelph. The appointment is an excellent one in every respect. During his career, Mr. Shaw has taken a keen interest in every way in the welfare of the farmers, using every means in his power to give to all the special knowledge possessed.

Tuesday, the 6th day of November next, may well be called Election day in the United States this year. There will be elections in every State of Presidential electors, and in every Territory of a delegate to Congress. In thirty-five States additional elections of some kind will be held, either of executive officers, members of the Legislature or members of Congress. There will be also mayoralty contests in some large cities, as New York, so that the American citizen will not likely do much that day but vote.

An Iowa saloon-keeper lately challenged the vote of a minister on the ground that, being subject to removal by his Bishop, he can not be a citizen of any town. The case has gone into the courts. Whatever the courts may say, the stern, stubborn fact remains that the preacher referred to has been far to numerous a citizen for the Iowa saloon-keeper. That's what troubles the bar-tender. The person is apt to be the cruelest kind of a citizen, a citizen of no mean city, free-born and holding his rights of citizenship only less than his religion, if not indeed a part of it; whatever the saloon-keeper may think or desire, it is likely that the person will keep right on voting just the same, and when "the people" and "the saloon publicans" and the soldiers likewise" come to the pulpit for their politics they will get it without any trouble, smile reform, or gin-mill influence. The saloon-keeper will have to sell his shop to pay the costs. The person isn't half through voting yet. He's just begun.—R. J. Berdette.

### A ROW AT BURLINGTON.

BURLINGTON, Ont., Aug. 20.—A disgraceful row occurred in our quiet little village this afternoon. Ever since the Scott Act has been repealed and the license granted, the evil effect of the sale of liquor has been manifested. Two young men, who had been drinking freely all day, were ejected from one of the hotels. One of them took off his coat and hat and went for the windows, making a total wreck of them. The other took to throwing stones through the windows. On the village constable appeared on the scene, they made off. The one who had been doing the stones throwing on seeing he was being overtaken, attempted to draw a revolver which he had in his possession. The constable overpowered him and secured the revolver, and brought him to the village Justice of the Peace office, and then went after the other, whom he soon secured, and the rowdies were fined \$15 each.

### Honoring Bobby Burns.

ALBION, N. Y., Aug. 21.—A memorable Scottish event occurred here yesterday afternoon. The life size bronze statue of Robert Burns was unveiled in Washington Park at 4:30 p.m. Scottish societies from all parts of the United States and Canada were present. The parade before the unveiling was participated in consisted of several hundred Scottish societies clad in the Highland costume; military organizations were also in line. At the park the Rev. Dr. Colyer, of New York, made a brilliant speech reviewing the life of Burns.

### The Guelph Junction Railway.

The contractors are again at work on the Guelph Junction Railway, the right of way having been at last secured and the road will soon be finished to the terminus at Goldie's Mill. The Canadian Pacific Railway commenced running a train on Monday which connects with all trains on the main line at Campbellville.

### An Empty Jail.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 1.—There is not a single inmate, male or female, confined in Elgin County jail at present, the female inmate having been released this morning. This is the first time in the history of the county since 1853 that there has been no one confined in the jail.

### A Youthful Alpenader Ought.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 2.—Arthur White, a youth of sixteen, who absconded with \$10,000 belonging to the banking house of Kline & Co., has been arrested at Victoria, B. C., and \$1000 of the money recovered.

The large amount of books and papers recovered at Victoria.

### THE OFFICIAL RETURN.

The following is the result of the official count held last week of the vote polled in the recent election on the 22nd ult. The total vote is given in each polling subdivision in the country.

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