

MARRIED.
ALLEN-DUNN—At the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. O. J. Love, Rector of All Saints, Mr. Charles Allen, to Miss Alice Dunlop, all of Ontario Place.

DEAD.
GOODERHAM—At Toronto, on Thursday evening, the Rev. William Gooderham, aged 60.

TRAVELING.—In Enquiring on the 19th September, the Rev. William Gooderham, aged 60.

Home.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Kingston, on Saturday, 18th September, Miss Rose, beloved wife of Rev. William Gooderham, aged 60.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1889

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The official announcement of the independence of Bulgaria will be proclaimed on Friday.

Daniel McLean, M. P. for Dennis, Minn. has been sworn in as Provincial Secretary for Manitoba.

There is no reason to suppose that the Prohibitionists will cease their agitation. It is with them as it was with the old anti-slavery men, a moral crusade, and they are afraid neither of a defeat nor of a probable minority.

Hon. S. Prowse, a member of the P. E. L. Government, without portfolio, has been called to the Senate, in the room of Hon. J. E. Carvell, appointed Lieutenant-Governor. The new senator has been a prominent figure in Island politics for many years.

British Columbia is turning out to be a magnificent fruit-growing province. One of the provincial papers declares that there is a market for all the fruit that can be produced, and every person who will come and engage in the industry will be welcome.

The Executive Committee on the site and building of the World's Fair, which is proposed to hold in New York, has decided to offer \$30,000 for the best plan for the five principal buildings. It is to be supposed that this competition will be open to the world and not restricted to the Americans alone, as is frequently the policy of our neighbors.

Toronto is unlovely this summer. Their champion carman has been vanquished; their lacrosse team wiped out; their baseball team batted all over the outfield grounds, and worse still, Hamilton beat our cricket team. To cover up the blotting men have allowed hundreds of thousands of nimble chinks to leave town. Oh for a champion of something.

The next session of the Quebec Legislature will see a redistribution. So at least rumor says. The necessity for a change in the principle of representation will be apparent when it is mentioned that while one member now represents 67,000 people another speaks for but 9,000. Should Mr. Mercier redistrict the St. John MacDonald may follow suit, although Quebec constituencies have never yet been touched by the Federal Parliament.

If a newspaper were to run down the town in which it is published, how soon would everybody find it out and how quickly would they be kicking the editor at the first round. But he is not kicking town day after day and sing his praises in seven different languages, and some people never seem to know it; think nothing has been done anyway. Yet as a matter of fact no single thing begins to work as much for a town's prosperity as its newspaper.

The Benfew Mercy says:—Don't you notice how quiet and peaceable everything is, now that the Scott Act is dead, and anybody can get all the whiskey wanted without "muzzing" after it? Everything respects such a "reasonable" law as this now have! The constables have nothing to do or when they have, all the whiskey sellers hasten to assist them! Nobody gets drunk! Nobody quarrels! There are no assaults! All the hotels obey the law and don't sell after hours—there's "respectable" places now, you know! The magistrates and officers have no trouble in enforcing the law! Oh, none at all! In fact everything is lovely! and all because the Scott Act is dead.

MR. GOODERHAM'S WILL.

Among the bequests of the late Mr. William Gooderham, of Toronto, were \$10,000 to the Salvation Army; \$10,000 to the Home for Incurables; \$30,000 to the Methodist Missionary Society; \$10,000 to the Episcopalian Missionary Fund; \$125,000 to the building fund of Victoria College; and \$75,000 for the endowment of the College—payment of the two latter sums being made contingent upon the removal of the College to Toronto. These splendid gifts to the College will, we presume, cause the University scheme to be accomplished with all possible speed.

The Anti-Federalists will, we dare say, have the wisdom to yield gracefully now that their principal objection to Toronto has been done away with by Mr. Gooderham's liberality. Once more we shall see the educational authorities of the great Methodist Church meeting heartily together as of old—a communion devoutly to be wished. That Mr. Gooderham provided for this reunion of his brethren will be long remembered as the crowning beneficence of his good and generous life.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

A Flouring Mill Boiler, Wrecked—The Proprietor of the Mill Recently Injured.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 16.—The boiler in the brick engine-house of the Hamilton Flouring Mills exploded with a terrific crash at 7.30 a.m. Saturday, shaking the whole village. The only person injured was the proprietor, Mr. J. L. Hamilton. He was standing in the engine-room, and miraculously escaped instant death, as the boiler's wheel, and nearly every particle of the engine-house was carried away in all directions, a large piece of the boiler, weighing several hundred pounds, going through the roof of George Squire's barn, a couple of hundred yards distant.

Mr. Hamilton was severely scalded and had several cuts and bruises, but it is thought he will recover. The damage done is about four or five thousand dollars. The cause of the accident is supposed to be a deficiency of water in the boiler.

Storehouse Destroyed at Kincardine.

KINCARDINE, Ont., Sept. 15.—At 11 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the storehouse stable on Harbour street, quickly spreading to the adjacent grain storehouse owned by B. T. Walker. These buildings, together with about 500 bushels of grain, were totally destroyed. Mr. Walker's loss on the buildings and grain is about \$2,000, insured in the California for \$1,000.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A Bill for the Dominion Alliance, introduced in the House of Commons.

The Dominion Alliance held its annual convention at Toronto last Thursday and Friday under the presidency of Senator Vidal. Reports were adopted in which are formulated demands for radical reforms in the House of Commons, tending towards prohibitory restrictions.

Dr. J. J. MacLaren presented the report of the Committee on Legislative Action. The first clause emphatically recommends the speedy introduction of the usual Prohibitory resolutions in the House of Commons. In the evening a warm passage occurred when F. S. Spence charged that the House was used as a piece of party patronage.

Mr. G. M. Rose promptly denied that any party entered into the allotment of Toronto licenses when he was on the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Spence said that his charge was against the system.

Mr. J. R. Donald presented the report of the Committee on Political Action. It set forth that electoral work must devolve on county organizations; that such County Alliances should pledge as many voters as possible to support for municipal and Parliamentary positions. Prohibition candidates; that action be taken by the Executive to appeal to all organized friends of Prohibition to make every effort to get new voters registered; that it is desirable to secure the election to the House of Commons of a number of independent Prohibitionists charged with the responsibility of addressing the voters; that the Executive be authorized to select in agreement with county organizations a number of favorable constituencies where such candidates shall be nominated and supported under the auspices of the Alliance; that each Provincial branch be urged to appoint a Standing Committee on Legislation.

The report was adopted without amendment.

Mr. R. G. Gifford argued that the Dominion Alliance should be organized so as to present a petition to every elector and all within one day, with which to overwhelm the Commons.

Senator Vidal did not think that individual petitions would do much in Parliament, but thought more weight would be attached to resolutions of influential bodies.

A strong resolution on law enforcement was passed. A resolution was passed that all organizations sending delegates to the Alliance should be requested to contribute towards the funds of the Alliance for the purpose of doing aggressive temperance work.

The report of the Committee on Political Action was read and adopted. It suggests that steps should be taken to secure memorials to the Dominion Parliament in favor of total prohibition from representative bodies, and that action should be taken in 1891. It was decided that the next meeting of the convention should be held in Montreal.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. A. Vidal, President; F. S. Spence, Corresponding Secretary; J. H. Carson, Recording Secretary; W. H. Orr, Treasurer; Hon. J. C. Aikens, W. H. Howland, J. R. Donald, S. A. Fisher, M. P., Vice-Presidents, together with the President of the Provincial Alliance.

DEATH OF MR. GOODERHAM.

A Good and Generous Christian Man Dies in the Harbor.

The whole country was moved last Friday morning when the news was spread that Mr. William Gooderham, the well-known Christian worker and philanthropist, was dead. He had attended the Exhibition in the afternoon in company with a party of ladies and died at home at 6.30. Then he visited the Haven in Seaton street, where he was wont to conduct a religious service every Thursday evening.

He complained of feeling tired and requested Rev. James Matheson to open the service. Mr. Matheson was reading the Scriptures when he noticed that Mr. Gooderham was ill. Mr. Gooderham closed his eyes, threw back his head and slipped from his chair to the floor. Dr. J. E. White was summoned, but his services were of no avail as Mr. Gooderham expired almost immediately. The body was removed to the residence of Mrs. Gooderham and carried to the residence of the funeral took place on Monday. The cause of the death was heart disease.

In his death Toronto loses one of her foremost philanthropists and prominent workers, and many charities and religious bodies in the city will miss a warm and influential friend. A very wealthy man, he was in a position to give and he gave with unstinting hand. Churches, mission halls, homes for the fallen and many other institutions engaged in reclaiming the lost profited by his contributions, and several of them were almost entirely sustained by him. The Christian Institute erected by him a year ago at a cost of \$25,000 is a monument to his Christian generosity.

The wealth of the late Mr. Gooderham is estimated to be at least \$1,000,000. He was the eldest son of a family of thirteen. He refused to go into the distillery business, established by his father, and never had any connection with it. On the contrary, all his life he was a consistent advocate of temperance. His wife died about four years ago. He leaves no family.

SUICIDE NEAR STRATFORD.

A 16-Year-old Boy Ends His Life with a Revolver Rather than Face Starvation.

STRATFORD, Sept. 15.—Alfred Gadaby, the 16-year-old son of James Gadaby, marble dealer, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. A companion named Dunham had been arrested in the afternoon on a charge of stealing among other things a shaving case and revolver from the house of George Bennie. These he handed over to young Gadaby for safe-keeping.

On Gadaby's hearing of Dunham's arrest he left his city, walking on the railway track towards St. Mary's, and when about four miles out shot himself. He was found about 7 o'clock and his parents and a physician were summoned from the city. The boy was unconscious when discovered and lingered till 10 o'clock this morning, when death occurred.

A note addressed to his father and mother was found pinned to the face with a jackknife near where he was lying, in which Gadaby asked for forgiveness, blamed Dunham for getting him into trouble and maintained his innocence of any robbery.

Death of Mr. Attorney-General Clarke.

WINDSOR, Sept. 14.—Mr. Attorney-General Clarke, who was on his way to the Pacific coast in the C. & N. B. boat, died near Medicine Hat, and died in four minutes.

Mr. Clarke was Attorney-General of Manitoba from 1871 to 1878, and previous to that period recorder of the city of Montreal.

A full stock to select from at satisfactory prices at Kenny Bros., Boot & Shoe store, Acton.

Repairing promptly, carefully and neatly effected at Kenny Bros., Boot & Shoe store, Acton.

VILLAGE OF ACTON BY-LAW NO. 1.

A BY-LAW to acquire certain lands for a Public Park and Drive, and to authorize the issue of debentures to the amount of \$3,000 for the purpose of paying for the same.

WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable that the Corporation of the Village of Acton enter upon, take, use and acquire an estate in fee simple in the lands hereinafter mentioned for the purpose of a Public Park and Drive;

AND WHEREAS the said lands are the property of William Edgar Smith, who has agreed to execute a conveyance thereof in fee simple to the said Corporation, which it is expedient to accept;

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NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of a proposed By-law which will be taken into consideration by the Council of this Municipality after one month from the first publication in the Acton Free Press the date of which first publication was Thursday, 29th August, 1889.

THOMAS T. MOORE,
Clerk of the Municipality of the Village of Acton.

Dated at Acton, the 29th day of August, 1889.

TWO GOOD PAPERS.

The best paper for your family or your friend's family is the Montreal Witness, which, while it is abreast with the news, is notable for its exceptional family reading and for its adherence to the great principle which it has consistently advocated for a generation. It has been during all that time the uncompromising foe of ecclesiasticism, of the drink traffic, and all forms of oppression, among which it counts protection. It has devoted itself much of late years to the promotion of reciprocity with the United States and has recently been filled with the coolest and most earnest aggression, on which little doubt is, as might be expected, the foremost and most fearless champion. The question and answer departments of the Witness have grown into an institution in the country, and the paper is well known as an old friend and instructor of the farmer "Linden bank" and "Burlington" being still constant contributors. The children look for their special stories and for the puzzle department. The yearly subscription to the Daily Witness is \$3.00 and to the Weekly Witness \$1.00, which should be addressed to the publishers, John Doogall & Son.

The Northern Messenger, issued by the same publishers, is still the cheapest illustrated paper published, and is full of the best of family reading as well as reading for the young. The subscription price is only 30 cents a year.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

Prof. W. G. Blake, D. D., in Harper's Magazine for October will call the attention of the American traveler to "A corner of Scotland never known"—a corner which is, however, rapidly becoming known to sea-side visitors as having the most bracing climate to be found, perhaps, in the British Isles. He refers to North Berwick, on the southern coast of the Firth of Forth, and the glory of the place, he says, lies "in its beach, and its links, and its air, and its sea view, and its law, and its incomparable fresh air." Joseph Pennell and W. Small in their accompanying illustration, keep pace with the author in revealing the beauty of this "curious little conglomerate of a place."

Alfred Gadaby, a lad of sixteen, living at Stratford, Ont., committed suicide on Thursday evening because he was afraid of being accused of the theft of some articles which a companion stole.