

BORN.
ROBERT—At Georgetown, on the 13th inst., the wife of J. Roemer, Rev. of twins.
TROPIC—At Erie, on the 28th December, the wife of B. Thompson, of a daughter.
STAPLEY—At Erie, on the 28th December, the wife of H. Stuppis, of a son.

MARRIED.
McLACHLAN—At the Manor, Acton, on the 26th December, by Rev. J. W. Mac, Mr. Neil McLachlan, of Erie, to Miss Jane McArthur, of Erie.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1889.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Attorney-General Martin, of Manitoba, suggests that a conference be held to consider the scheme of uniting Manitoba and the Territories in one Province.

The Ontario Government has given up all hope of ever following the Gall poisoning case. Detective Murray is morally certain that he could put his hand on the scoundrel who murdered poor little Meta Cherry, but there is no evidence which would be relied upon to convict him before a judge.

The amount of money returned to Paris by the Exposition is estimated at \$3,000,000—\$100,000,000 from the French people who came from the provinces; and \$100,000,000 from the 1,500,000 foreigners. There were 300,000 Englishmen, 200,000 Germans, 150,000 Americans, and 120,000 French in the list of those who attended.

The information as to Stanley's brilliant discoveries is as yet very meagre, though we know that his report to the Royal Geographical Society has reached London. We simply know that they surprise in extent and interest the most sanguine expectations of the geographers, and that the most recent maps of Central Africa will now require considerable revision.

The farmer is getting a good deal of attention from Governments in these days. Great Britain and the United States have recently established Departments of Agriculture. The British Minister is to have \$200,000 a year to spend upon the Department. Germany spends \$300,000, and France, 150,000. These are enormous liberality by France, whose yearly expenditure is a million and a half.

It was noticed by many who journeyed to Philadelphia to attend the late convention of the United Society of Christian Workers that no smoking cars were called for on the longest train. One train that contained nearly a thousand delegates, hundreds of them young men, had not a single smoker on board, "even in the baggage car," a fact which speaks well for the attitude of the young people on the tobacco question.—New York Herald.

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The question of abolishing stamp duties is having a free and general discussion through the press as well as in the sessions of the various religious organizations of our province, and the outlook appears favorable to an early change in the law on that question. If all men were free and equal under our constitution why should the man who has one particular faith, or no faith at all, be compelled by law to support for institutions peculiar to the man who has a different faith?

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EXECUTION OF HARVEY.

A Beating Hangman—The Kilt Slipped and the unfortunate man who was slaying Strangled to Death.

DECEASED RESIDE WIFE AND DAUGHTERS.
The last act in the Harvey tragedy was enacted on Friday morning at a o'clock. During the night, Archdeacon Dixon and Rev. G. B. Cooke of Acton, passed a few hours giving the doomed man consolation, and in the morning again visited him. Harvey bid the good officials good-by and spent his few remaining hours in spiritual conversation. He slept fairly well during the night and ate a hearty breakfast. At quarter to eight the Sheriff went to his cell. He showed the Sheriff he had wrapped two pieces of paper around the middle finger of his left hand. One of the pieces was a few lines of a letter from his youngest daughter Geraldine, in reference to a birthday anniversary; the other was the last of a letter from his son, in which the latter forgave him for all the trouble he had brought him to.

At 7.55 the hangman went to the cell and plucked his arms. A moment or two before the hour appointed by the Judge the solemn march started from the cell, Rev. G. B. Cooke leading, followed by the Archdeacon in his gown; then the condemned man with Sheriff McKim at his side, then Gaelic Mace and finally the hangman. As the procession entered the jail yard, the Archdeacon started to read the burial service of the Church of England which he continued until all the

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When the procession reached the gallows the doomed man took his position under the rope. The Sheriff asked: "Have you any statement to make?" He answered: "I have not." The black cap was then drawn over his head, his legs tied with a strap, and the noose loosely adjusted by the inexperienced and verdant hangman. The executioner then started the lever, and when the words "Thy will be done" were reached at 8.04, the executioner with a sharp chisel cut the small governing rope, which released the heavy weight. As it dropped the condemned man shot and rebounded with his feet nearly a foot and a half from the ground. It was at once seen by the directors present that the gallows was not properly erected, and instead of the unfortunate man's neck being broken, or his being suffocated at once he was slowly strangled to death. The noise and movement made by the poor man were a cruel contrast to the heartless laughter of the young men and boys who came from the tops of some trees near the jail yard, and which grated most harshly on the ears of those who were witnessing the dreadful spectacle within the walls.

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