

MARRIED.
McMILLAN-HOTCH.—At Valley House, Etobicoke, the residence of the bride's father, George Hotch, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Munro, assisted by Elder J. Thompson, Wm. E. McMillan, of Erin, and Mary E. Horne.
DIED.
CENTER.—At his brother's residence, Peru, on the 20th inst., Speratus Center, aged 77 years. He was born at Penetanguishene, Ontario, June 26th, 1818, and died at Peru, only son of A. O. Buchanan, aged 20 years.

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With this issue the Free Press enters upon its sixteenth year of publication with prospects satisfactory in every respect. Our list of subscribers is larger to-day than it was ever before in the history of the Free Press. As a consequence we are enabled to continue improvements and keep our journal abreast of the times in point of beauty in typographical appearance, and today our readers will observe that new headings have been adopted throughout and considerable new type has been introduced.

It has for many years been a source of gratification to us to present our readers, regularly every week, with a paper filled with interesting local and general news, good family reading, pure in moral tone, cleanly printed on a superior grade of paper, and each issue completed in itself, thereby being no harassing continued series breaking off each week at the most interesting point. It is equally gratifying to realize the reception accorded the Free Press by its readers, and to observe the feelings of pride with which our citizens refer to their local paper. The public can rest assured that the features which have won for the Free Press the degree of success it enjoys, will be continued without interruption while the present management has the helm.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If General Middleton is to retire from the command of the Canadian militia force in October, as some ministerial organs allege, the government should look around for some competent Canadian to effect to his place. Canada ought to be able to manufacture her own generals.—*Ottawa Free Press.*

The Earl of Carnarvon died on Sunday. It was his introduction and carried through the House of Lords, being Colonial Secretary at the time, the bill for Confederation of the British North American Provinces in 1867. Lord Derby's administration was then in power. In 1871, when the Disraeli Government was formed, he was again appointed Colonial Secretary, and remained in office till 1875.

The American customs authorities have decided that Canadian postcards imported through the mails are dutiable at the rate of 35 per cent ad valorem as printed matter. Business men have hitherto been able to import the cards in "500 lots" without payment of duty. This authority may now have to decide what the intrinsic value of a postal card is. It can scarcely be said to be worth its stamped value, except in the country of issue.

It costs less than \$160,000 a year to keep the streets of the city of London, England, clean, and about a tenth of the amount comes back by the sale of sweeping and refuse. The rubbish amounts in a year to 65,000 tons, about 25,000 tons of which is burned, and yields 4,000 tons of coke and cinders. In Chicago it costs \$40,000 to keep the streets and alleys clean, and they are—dirty from one year's end to another.—*Chicago Paper.*

Never since history records were there such colossal enterprises in the industrial and economic world as there are now. Manufacturing and mercantile establishments whose capital runs far up into the millions are so common as to excite no remark. But when one thinks of it he will notice, that the machinery itself used in this age of great enterprises represents the gigantic ideas of the time. Engines, driving wheels, manufacturing machinery of all kinds are tremendous. Ocean steamers have grown so large that they even approach the size of the Great Eastern, that wonder of the world twenty-five years ago. Single engines will no longer drive them, so the compound engine has been introduced and the twin screw. Blast furnaces turn out as much metal in a day as they did in a week twenty years ago.

General Middleton's Resignation.

OTTAWA, July 1.—Gen. Middleton's resignation took effect to-day. He states that the announcement that he intended to move to the south of France is untrue. He intends to devote a large portion of his time to writing on military matters. His pension from England is \$5,000 per year.

Victims of the Johnstown Disaster.

JOHNSON, Pa., June 30.—Three bodies of women were found yesterday in the river just above the stone bridge where the great mass of wreckage lay last summer. They were in a fair state of preservation, only one was identified. This was Mrs. Roberts wife of Howard J. Roberts, cashier of the First National Bank. Mr. Roberts, his wife and son were all drowned.

Funeral of Lieutenant-Governor McLellan.

HAMILTON, June 29.—The funeral of the late Lieutenant-Governor McLellan took place yesterday afternoon. The streets through which the funeral cortège passed were lined with thousands of people. The Halifax Garrison Artillery formed a guard of honour at the Government house, while the G.S.C. were stationed for the parade. The west riding men and sailors formed a guard of honour at the depot. Minute guns were fired from the citadel and ships as the funeral cortège wended its way to the depot. A special train conveyed the body to London yesterday.

—Who weeps when you are sad, and laughs when you are glad, and smiles when you are mad? The editor. What has to do with both kind and wise, and never (hardly) ever lies, and when he does creates surprise? The editor. Who owns a heart as well as cheek, possessed of spirit yet is meek, and lives on 40 cents a week? The editor.

—The following interesting conversation was overheard in the street the other evening:—"But I can't marry you, Charlie," she said sadly. "Don't say that, darling! Oh, don't say that! Why can't you?"

—Because, Charlie, I am neither a minnie nor a magistrate, and have no authority. The editor. Charlie was quieted and a slight smile found him.

CANADA'S 23rd BIRTHDAY

Its Celebration in Action by a Large Gathering of Visitors.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Tuesday was the twenty-third anniversary of the birth of the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces. As usual it was celebrated here with a public demonstration. The character of the celebration has not been in all respects what could have been desired, but if success is measured by the securing of a big crowd in town, success attended the efforts of those who had the proceedings of the day charge.

The programme opened with a base ball match at eleven o'clock, between Erin and Acton, resulting in a victory for the home team in a score of 18 to 12.

At 12.30 the Lacrosse match between the Almas, of Georgetown, and the Young Canadians, of Acton, was opened. The Acton boys were too much for the visitors and won in an hour and a half of hard play by five goals to one.

A good deal of interest was centered on the foot races as well as the boat race, the winners in each being as follows:

FOOT AND BOAT RACES.

Quarter-mile foot race—1st A. McQuarrie, 2nd G. Miller.

100-Yard race—1st A. McQuarrie, 2nd H. Sennett.

150-Yard race—1st W. Miller, 2nd A. McQuarrie.

Boat race—1st G. Miller, 2nd T. Brent Jr.

Recent rains have made the crop prospects in Manitoba still better.

Russian newspapers are angry over the results of the Heligoland to Germany.

The London Chronicle observes there is a re-becoming of the British Ministry.

Count Von Moltke, the hero of the Franco-Prussian war, is said to be dying.

Appearances indicate that the hay crop will be the largest gathered in Ontario for years.

Empress Frederick and party arrived on Monday at Windsor castle on a visit to the Queen.

Manitoba is making arrangements to be well represented at the world's fair at Chicago.

The indebtedness of Louis Meyer, an abounding Montreal clothier, is placed at \$100,000.

London, Ontario, now boasts a population of 27,230, an increase of 450 during the past year.

The first sod of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway was turned Saturday at Hamilton.

Wm. Johnston, of Delaware, was drowned in the five Thames on Sunday morning while bathing.

The United States Congress has granted a pension to Mrs. Parnell, the mother of the Irish leader.

The Provincial Convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor will meet in Hamilton next October.

The Senate of McMaster University, Toronto, is considering several vacancies in its professorate.

The Presbyterian General Assembly declared by a large majority the liquor traffic unconstitutional.

Senator Dickey's name is mentioned in connection with the vacant Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Dewdney will act as Minister of Railways during Sir John Macdonald's absence from Ottawa.

For eight years I was afflicted with constipation, which at last became so bad that I could not get along with me for me. Then I began to take Ayer's Pills, and soon the bowels recovered their natural and regular action, so that now I can sit in the evening crooked to the hall. At eight o'clock there were over 600 people in the hall, and more confined to come nearly 200 persons were unable to gain admittance. President Duff took the chair shortly after eight and the following programme was carried out. Mr. Fox and Miss Strong, old friends to Acton audiences and pleased their hearers just as fully as on former occasions, they were repeatedly encored. Mr. Matheson, the Scottish dancer repeated his dances given at the last concert. The Cummings family of juvenile performers rendered a number of pieces in excellent style. Messrs. Sharp and Duffield gave a number of organ and violin duets. Miss Annie McLean was the accompanist.

By the recent convention with Germany the area of the British Empire has been increased two million square miles.

The governments of Germany, Italy and England have united in the establishment of a joint court of justice at Zanzibar.

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