

BORN:
—Is Action, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. F. C. Maddock, of a son.
MULLIN.—Is born, on the 1st Dec., the wife of William Mullin, of twin daughters.

MARRIED.

WOMER—GLOVER.—At the manse, Willow St., Acton, on Tuesday evening, December, by Rev. J. W. Mac, M. H. H. Warden to Miss Hannah Glover, both of Acton.

DIEDS.

CARLSON.—At Thorsness, on the 14th December, John Kneeney, wife of Rev. Leachian Carlson, formerly of Acton.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1890.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The United States and Germany are making a new postal arrangement by which all mail matter passing between the two countries will be sorted on board the steamships. A considerable saving of time will thus be effected at small expense.

As had been predicted the steamship companies have decided that ocean racing is a poor advertisement and have arranged their schedules for next summer on a much better basis. The crack ships will now alternate with each other, and the objective point will be the rapid delivery of the mails.

Speaking of the probability of an early Dominion election an Ottawa Conservative said: "We have won a by-election in each province since the passage of the McKinley Law. An election will take place in Portion one of these days. If we win that, look out for a general election within six weeks thereafter!" —Mail.

England and France have arranged for a conference of the Newfoundland models vivendi, the English Government undertaking to settle any difficulty during the interval. The exchange of France's right on the French shore for the British peninsula has been hinted at as a solution of the question, but it is not at all likely to be considered by England.

The execution of Lamontagne and Blanchard at Sherbrooke excited more than passing notice. They recall the fact that this was a hangman's year. The record is a long one—Sauvill at London, Davis at Belleville, Dubois at Quebec, Spencer at Kampong, Birchall at Woodstock, Day at Welland, and Blanchard and Lamontagne at Sherbrooke. It is to be trusted that the epidemic of crime preceding these events will now be stayed.

We are informed that the license commissioners will make no exception to the rule they have laid down to renew no licenses for hotel-keepers who have been convicted of more than one offence against the License Act. The rule is a good one and the Clausius, as an uncompromising opponent of prohibition, hopes that it will be carried out. Law-breaking by license holders has a great deal to do with the passing of the Scott Act here, and though we have happily got rid of that abomination, similar law-breaking in future would be apt to bring about the passage of another prohibitory law. We want no law-breaking hotel-keepers licensed in Halton—Milton Champion.

The Presbyterian church in Canada; the general conference of the Methodist church in Canada, and other churches, have taken action in the line of petitioning the house of commons and senate for a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of all alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in Canada. Petitions to this end are already in circulation, and all members and adherents of churches sixteen years of age and upwards, will be at liberty to sign them. It is requested that public meetings be held in each congregation and community, when the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic may be discussed and information given. Rev. D. L. Brethour, Thorold, general secretary of the standing committee of temperance of the Methodist church, and Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, Springvale, Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, convener of the permanent committee on temperance of the Presbyterian church, have charge of the work. Over thirty thousand petitions will be sent out to the different denominations. This is the most extensive movement that has yet been inaugurated for taking the cause of the Canadian people on this vastly important question, and will result in a closer estimate of a public with than anything yet done in the same direction. The committee have every arrangement perfected for a thorough distribution, and the petitions will be presented to parliament in such shape that it will be difficult to ignore them. It is expected that upwards of a million names will be received. Interested parties not in receipt of petitions can secure them on application to either of the above.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MILTON.

A Well Known and Respected Farmer Meets an Awful Death.

On Tuesday morning about 10.45, a terrible accident occurred at the C.P.R. station, Milton, which resulted in almost instantaneous death of Mr. Wm. Harrison, Jr., a prominent farmer living about half a mile from this town. Mr. Harrison is engaged in shipping milk to Toronto, and had come to the station to deliver his load. There were several freight trains at the station abutting so as to make room for the passenger train which was then due, and Mr. Harrison was obliged to carry his milk across the tracks to get to the shipping platform. Whilst he was recrossing he did not observe a freight train which was backing up past the station, and which struck him and knocked him down, dragging him along the track about 20 feet, and afterwards three cars passed over him before the train could be stopped. When picked up by the bystanders he was still breathing but as his head was crushed and his body horribly mangled, he died in a few minutes. The terribly sad occurrence caused a great shock to the community, as Mr. Harrison was well known and highly respected. He was a member of the Methodist church in Milton, and was an upright and industrious man. He leaves a wife and one child, besides a large circle of other relatives in this town and neighborhood, all of whom have the profound sympathy of the entire community. An inquest was held in the evening by Coroner Freeman.

DAY EXECUTED.

WELAND, Ont., Dec. 18.—Arthur Hoyt Day was executed in the jail yard here at 6 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife Desirah in July last. He walked calmly to the scaffold, uttered a simple good-bye and died so apparently easy death by strangulation. There was no delay or hitch of any kind. Promptly at 6 o'clock, or perhaps a minute or two before, the minister had said the last consoling words, the hangmen had pinched Day's arms, and the procession started from the cell to the yard. Day walked with a swag, and notwithstanding the constant praying and singing of the early morning, was in outward appearance the least affected, most jaunty of the party.

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

Miss Jessie McCal is home from Toronto.

Mr. J. Perkins, of Berlin, is home for a few days.

Miss Boni left on Tuesday for her home at St. Mary's.

Mr. D. Taylor left on Tuesday to visit friends at Ripley.

Mr. W. Kaudwin is the guest of his brother this week.

Miss Lettie Hemstreet visited friends in Milson during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Frick and daughter are here for the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Smyth, of Midford, Mosko, is visiting Acton relatives.

Mr. Thos. Akins, of Erie, was in town on a pleasant mission this week.

Miss Julie Cleveland left on Friday evening on a visit to friends in Chatham.

Mr. David D. Wren, of Nassagawey, left Monday for Chillicothe, to visit friends there.

Miss L. Huey and Miss M. Forgrave, of Georgetown, were guests of Miss Dorcas Weston over Sunday.

Miss Kirk, who has been visiting Acton friends for some weeks, has returned to her home in Rochester, N.Y.

Miss Blanche Orr, who has been in Georgetown for some time, came home this week.

Mr. J. Shaw, formerly of the Elora Express, has bought out the Midland Free Press and possesses Monday.

Mr. J. Arch. Campbell, of Kincardine, who was in Toronto hospital undergoing a surgical operation, spent a couple of days last week with his grandfather, Arch. Campbell, Elora, ex route for home.

The Hunt Club extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson and wishes them many happy returns of the day. That Christmas is their silver wedding day.

Mr. Harry Blake and family removed last week to Johnstown, N.Y. Mr. Blake has been a resident of Acton for some eight or nine years and many friendly ties were formed. His removal leaves a blank in St. Albans' Sunday School of which he was the superintendent.

The secretary has sent in for publication the following list of guests who attended the assembly in the town hall last Friday from a distance. The local list was not appended. Our readers will perhaps be interested in seeing who were there:

Miss Holmer, Goderich; Miss Lavrie, Point Edward; Dr. Brennan, Peterborough; the Misses McFarlane and W. Bachman, Novell; W. Lamont, Stewartville; Miss Huie, St. Thomas; Dr. Ghent, Ingoldale; Miss Thompson and M. Thompson, Erin; Mr. McDowell, Berlin; T. Thompson, Salmonville; Dr. Heggie, McEachnie, Mr. Hull, Mr. Kasmith, Mr. Crook, Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Elihu G. Reid, Miss Ansley, Mr. Gilbrath, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. McLeod, C. C. Ho, F. Rastor, Miss Foote, Mr. Credman, Georgetown.

Mr. Phain, Dr. Stirkton, J. McLean, Mr. Jeffry, W. A. Clark, W. Herod, B. Armstrong, Miss Moore, Mr. Neid, Mr. Reid, S. M. Grange, Miss McTaggart, Mr. Morris, Mr. Gandy, Mr. C. Strachan, D. Brandon, Guelph.

Miss McLean, D. Robertson, the Misses McLean, M. E. Mitchell, W. John, Miss Duff, J. J. Zealand, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, E. J. Wilson, Miss Dewar, H. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kooce, Miss Pearson, C. White, M. J. Dewar, Miss Little, Miss Shuey, Jarvis Dewar, Milton.

Dr. Sibley, Miss J. Aborn, Miss Mackay, Arthur Smith, W. Burns, Mr. Keith, Mr. C. Dempsey, E. C. McFayden, Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn, C. C. Henderson, J. Hendr, Mr. Guise, Miss Dryden, J. Dewar, Toronto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Last Meeting of the Public School Trustees for the Year.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met on Monday evening.

Present, Messrs. A. E. Nicklin, chairman, J. Francis, James Matthews and George H. Dill.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by George Hynd, seconded by Isaac Francis, that the note of \$700 issued by Mrs. Gray against this Board be liquidated. Carried.

The seventh report of the committee on Finance was presented and the chairman instructed to issue his cheques as follows:

Note and interest.....\$1,000

200 lbs. of cords of wood.....\$100

M. P. Morris, writing, stationery.....\$10

Postage.....\$10

Board then adjourned.

TALK OF THE DAY.

Five Indian murderers were hanged at Mississauga, Mont., Friday.

Mr. Schuyler, Shirley, ex-M.P. for the County of Addison, is dead.

The British Columbia Legislature has been called to meet on January 16.

A peculiar disease is carrying off many horses in parts of Kansas and Missouri.

Very Rev. Vicar-General Laurent, of Toronto, died suddenly Friday afternoon.

Barr Weismann accuses Emily Paine of disobeying orders, and has recalled her.

The estimates of the Toronto Public School Board for next year amount to \$232,000.

Carl Kortz, treasurer of Pierces Bank, Waterloo, was arrested yesterday for embezzling \$31,000.

Nearly three hundred excursionists left Wapping for Utica last night to spend the Christmas holidays.

Sir John Pope Hennessy's majority in Kilkenny against the Parnellite candidate was 1,171 in a total vote of 3,882.

Lucius and Moosejaw deputes say that Indian rumpers from Dakota are stirring up excitement among the Sioux refugees in Canada and among Piota-Pota band of Crees.

Michael Dumont, nephew of the notorious Gabriel, was finally stabbed at Noche, North Dakota, in a drunken row.

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