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Fully seven-eighths of the export crop of last season's North-west grain has been moved over the C. P. R., and up to date over 12,000,000 bushels have been moved. The Northern Pacific road has carried at least 2,000,000 bushels. The total export figure is expected to touch 16,000,000 bushels. The grain is all of excellent quality, and the foreign demand for it has been enormous.  
Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson, and Mr. George E. Foster, accompanied by Sir Julian Pauncefote, called by appointment on Secretary Baine in Washington Monday morning with regard to enlarged trade relations between Canada and the United States. Mr. Baine informed them that as President Harrison was desirous of being present at the discussions, further negotiations must be postponed until after the President's return from his Southern tour.  
The various German Chambers of Commerce are about to make a very interesting experiment, with the idea of extending Germany's industrial resources in foreign countries. A fund has been raised, and several young men will be sent to different large cities on the continent and in England to open up new fields for German products. Among the cities for receiving the experiment in England are Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle and Swansea.  
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There is a strong feeling in the country in favor of increasing the efficiency of the militia force, and, as a means to this end it is felt that the whole force instead of half of it should go to camp every year. The Government is credited with the intention of inaugurating this change during the present season, and, as the increased appropriation for the purpose cannot well be made by Parliament in time to allow of arrangement for a camp in June, it is probable the annual drill will be delayed until September.  
Mr. Waters' has introduced a bill in the Legislature to amend the Municipal Act so that the qualification of voters for members of the Municipal Councils in towns and villages be reduced to \$100 (the same for townships), and a reduction of the qualification in cities by one half to \$50. A second clause of the bill declares the illegality of a Municipal Council diverting money levied or collected for the purpose of a sinking fund for the payment of current expenses. A third clause inflicted a penalty of personal liability and disqualification for five years for violation of the second clause.  
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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**  
The time for the dissolution of the Manitoba School Act expires on April 10th. It is understood that the government will not interfere, but will state that they believe the Act to be unconstitutional and will have it submitted to the courts. Should the Supreme Court declare it to be unconstitutional, the government will again deal with the matter.  
Fully seven-eighths of the export crop of last season's North-west grain has been moved over the C. P. R., and up to date over 12,000,000 bushels have been moved. The Northern Pacific road has carried at least 2,000,000 bushels. The total export figure is expected to touch 16,000,000 bushels. The grain is all of excellent quality, and the foreign demand for it has been enormous.  
Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson, and Mr. George E. Foster, accompanied by Sir Julian Pauncefote, called by appointment on Secretary Baine in Washington Monday morning with regard to enlarged trade relations between Canada and the United States. Mr. Baine informed them that as President Harrison was desirous of being present at the discussions, further negotiations must be postponed until after the President's return from his Southern tour.  
The various German Chambers of Commerce are about to make a very interesting experiment, with the idea of extending Germany's industrial resources in foreign countries. A fund has been raised, and several young men will be sent to different large cities on the continent and in England to open up new fields for German products. Among the cities for receiving the experiment in England are Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle and Swansea.  
The prospects are that the Dominion Parliament will have its hands full of solid work this session. Already notes are in of about 125 private bills, including half a dozen for divorce, compared with a total last session of 70, and a few more are certain to come in before the expiry of the first ten days after the session opens. It is understood that the time for receiving petitions for private bills will not be extended this session, as has been usual in past years.  
There is a strong feeling in the country in favor of increasing the efficiency of the militia force, and, as a means to this end it is felt that the whole force instead of half of it should go to camp every year. The Government is credited with the intention of inaugurating this change during the present season, and, as the increased appropriation for the purpose cannot well be made by Parliament in time to allow of arrangement for a camp in June, it is probable the annual drill will be delayed until September.  
Mr. Waters' has introduced a bill in the Legislature to amend the Municipal Act so that the qualification of voters for members of the Municipal Councils in towns and villages be reduced to \$100 (the same for townships), and a reduction of the qualification in cities by one half to \$50. A second clause of the bill declares the illegality of a Municipal Council diverting money levied or collected for the purpose of a sinking fund for the payment of current expenses. A third clause inflicted a penalty of personal liability and disqualification for five years for violation of the second clause.  
Mr. Gauthier's bill in the Local Legislature to amend the Assessment Act deals with the exemption from taxation of farms, live stock and implements. At present, under the law of 1898, all a farmer's live stock except, but his implements are liable to taxation. Complaints have been made that this is in some cases excessive and unfair to many farmers and other taxpayers. As a more equitable arrangement this bill proposes that there should be a substantial, but not excessive, exemption granted for both live stock and implements, and that it should be up to a fixed amount, namely, \$1,000 in all. The principle of partial exemption has already been adopted in the assessment law in exempting incomes up to a fixed amount and in other cases. The second provision of the bill seeks to render non-resident taxpayers liable to the same burden by way of extra percentage as is imposed on residents for failure to pay their taxes at the time by law appointed. At present non-residents escape payment of this percentage, while resident taxpayers may be subjected to it.  
The following amendment to the Public School Act is now before the Legislative Assembly:—The board of public school trustees in every city, town and village shall immediately after the 15th day of December in each year publish a detailed statement of the year ending on the 15th day of December. The said statement shall be signed by the chairman and treasurer of the board and shall be published forthwith in one or more newspapers of the municipality (if any) and in each other newspapers circulated in the municipality as the board may direct. Instead of publishing the said statement in any newspaper the board may cause the same to be posted up, not later than the 15th day of December, in the office of the clerk of the municipality and the treasurer of the board as well as at not less than twelve other conspicuous places there. The treasurer of the board shall procure not less than one hundred copies of the said statement and shall deliver or transmit by post to the electors who first request him to do so one of these copies not later than the 31st day of December in each year.  
Elections for the Nova Scotia Legislature were held Tuesday in Cape Breton, Antigonish and Tazewell Counties, the vacancies being caused by Liberal members resigning to run in the Dominion elections. The Liberals carried all three counties.

### THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Municipal Council is becoming somewhat accustomed to the visits of representatives of electric light companies and their preliminary requests for the privilege of erecting poles on the streets. Electric light was one of the topics which came before the members on Monday evening. The franchise requested was granted, but no contract for electric light on the streets will be entered into at present. Test lights are promised to be erected shortly and if satisfactory no doubt the matter will afterwards receive due consideration from the Council.

### COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and from Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.  
Mr. Samuel Johnson has returned from Toronto, and will make Acton his home.  
Mr. Lampan, of Eastwood, was a guest at the home of Mr. L. Francis this week.  
Mr. H. Gummer and wife, of the Guelph Herald, left on Monday on a trip to England.  
Mr. Robert Crech, of Woodstock, was in town over Sunday returning acquaintances.  
Mrs. E. Thurlall spent a day or so in Acton last week, while on her way to Harrison.  
Mr. John Keady, of Nasaragawa, intends leaving this spring for British Columbia.  
Mr. John S. Lawson, of Harrison, has returned to Acton and will make his future home here.

### TALK OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.  
"Dr. Duggis, M.P., is held to be dangerous by the C. P. R. station at Chippawa was burned on Sunday night.  
One-seventh of the miners at Candelaria, Nev., have died from a gripple.  
The assessment of Winnipeg for 1901 is \$90,000,000 and its population 37,000.  
Several large plantations along the Mississippi river have been ruined by floods.  
The customs duties collected at the Port of Toronto for March amounted to \$384,408.  
Queen Victoria and Emperor William will meet at Darmstadt at the end of April.  
Rev. E. J. Redford has received the appointment of principal of the Montreal High School.  
The C. P. R. has discovered a favorable route through British Columbia, south of their present line.  
The annual session of the Dominion members of the new Australian Parliament will be 2,000.  
The King of Greece is about to become a guest of the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House.  
The waters of the Seine at Paris have been restocked with 40,000 California salmon.  
The health of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, is again causing anxiety.  
P. T. Barnum self-styled, "The Prince of Hamburg," died at Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday evening.  
Mrs. B. L. Hudson, warden of the Manitoba Penitentiary, has been superannuated on account of ill health.  
Mr. L. H. Masse, formerly M. P. for Richelieu, is lying at the point of death at his residence at Verance.  
The three-year-old daughter of Joseph Soave fell into an old well Tuesday, at Cambellville, and was drowned.  
A St. Petersburg correspondent says another conspiracy against the life of the Czar has just been discovered there.  
Henry Labouchere thinks the Nationalists who support Mr. Gladstone will derive great benefit from the rupture in Ireland.  
Edward Bowes fell from a trapeze in the High School gymnasium, Collingwood, on Saturday afternoon and fractured his skull.  
By order of the Revenue Department, \$16,000 worth of smuggled whiskey was sold at public auction at Quebec this week.  
Driven frantic with pain caused by a cancer, James Davis, a Benfew farmer, cut out his tongue with a knife and bled to death.  
Capt. O'Brien hints that the O'Shea-Parnell divorce case may be reopened, when further revelations damaging to Mr. Parnell will be made.  
Chinese merchants in San Francisco have decided to formally protest against the appointment of ex-Senator Blair as Minister to China.  
Two farm laborers named C. Hodges and Ben Hubbard quarrelled on Saturday in London township, and Hubbard was fatally stabbed by Hodges.  
Desnon D. Deakin Fitz, an old time anti-slavery agitator and temperance reformer, died at Aburdule, Mass., on Saturday, aged 84 years.  
Near Pembina, a man named McConnell was shot by two brothers whose sister he had betrayed, and afterward one of the brothers committed suicide.  
The Russian Government will issue passports to an International Congress, to be held at Moscow in 1902, to consider matters relating to education.  
It is reported that Rev. Mr. F. H. Herring, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, has received a call to a New York church at a salary of \$7,000.  
It is understood that the Government, at the opening of Parliament, will move that the McGreevy scandal be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.  
Chief Justice Galt refused to quash the conviction against Hans Goebel, the Waterloo county barber, whom Otto Klotz, J. P., fined for selling liquor in his barber shop.  
The immigrant inspector at Vermont, N. H., complains that many residents from foreign countries under contract for entering the United States at that port via Canada.  
The many friends of Rev. Dr. Laing, moderator of the General Assembly, will be glad to learn that he is improving in health and is expected home from his southern trip shortly.  
Hector McLean, farmer, was walking home from Orillia to Uptergrove on the track. Before reaching Uptergrove he was struck by the steps of a passing train. Death was instantaneous.  
Mrs. Dulmage, wife of a grocer over the Don, Toronto, was kicked almost to death by a horse in her husband's stable as she was feeding it. Her right leg, right arm, bones of her left cheek and several ribs were fractured, and her recovery is doubtful.  
**THEY PLAYED BARBER.**  
Two Children Frightfully Hack a Baby With a Razor.  
WALTON, N. J., April 6.—Mrs. James MacNesney, of Kearsville, left her three children, aged 9, 7 and 2, the youngest a girl, at home while she went to the store yesterday. When she returned she found the girl lying on the floor in the kitchen covered with blood. A razor was by its side. The child was not dead, though she was very weak from the loss of blood. Her little face was one mass of cuts and on the neck was a large gash that barely missed the jugular vein. The other children were not to be found for a long while. They were finally discovered in a closet fast asleep, their little hands covered with blood. They explained to their mother that they had been playing barber with the baby, who would not keep still, and so was cut. They became frightened at the blood and hid themselves.  
No matter how slight a citizen's importance may be, he feels when he gets into a street car filled with ladies that he is a man of standing.  
"To my many customers in Acton and vicinity I would respectfully call your attention to my immense stock of cheap New Spring Goods, which I can confidently say, are the finest I have had the pleasure of showing. As I have made special bargains in the purchasing of them I am offering special inducements for spring, and will be pleased to meet all my old customers and many new ones, and as I am giving my special attention to the cutting, I can assure you of perfect satisfaction and good fitting clothing every time. R. E. NELSON, Guelph.

### ESQUEUING SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Township Association Arranging for a Convention in May.  
An enthusiastic meeting of the executive of the Esqueving Township Sabbath School Association was held in Georgetown on Monday to arrange for a township convention. There was a good representation present, and much interest manifested in the work.  
Mr. G. H. Kennedy, President, occupied the chair.  
It was decided to hold a convention at Norral, on Friday, 20th May.  
The programme will include the character of an institute during the day sessions, and the various subjects will be treated from that standpoint.  
The programme has been arranged as follows:—  
**MORNING SESSION.**  
Opening at 10 o'clock.  
Institute Exercise—"S.S. Organization,"—Rev. W. E