

BORN.
FATHER—In Wrenville, on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1891, Mrs. F. R. PARSONS, of the REVERE.
MARRIED.
NICHOLAS NICKEL—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on the 10th September, by Rev. Mr. G. H. COOPER, son of Edward Nicholas, of Acton.
WALTER—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on the 14th Sept., by Rev. Mr. Edgerton, Mr. Harry Bassett Wheler, to Mrs. Catherine Walter, daughter of the bride's father, Whately Townshend, on the 18th September, by Rev. Mr. Joseph Edge, Acting Mr. James W. of Cheltenham, Acton, Mr. James.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The European capitals are greatly excited over the report that England has landed a force at Sigrí, on the west coast of Mykines, an island belonging to Tórshavn, within easy striking distance of the Dardanelles, and that she is busy fortifying the place and protecting the channel with torpedoes.

An exchange remarks:—If all the money expended in recent military displays in Europe were added to the vast product of the military idlers, if put at useful work, how much of the world's suffering might be relieved! Hundreds of millions for the machinery of slaughter; not millions of men in crowding ghettos, while women and children toil and starve!

Australia is developing quite a navy. Five new cruisers for the coldest have been received from British shipbuilders, and still the ambition of the Australasian for naval power is not satisfied. They will be able at the rate things are going, to rule the South Seas in ten years more, and France is likely to receive, soon, a New Caledonia and give up the New Hebrides altogether.

Prof. Macoun, of the Geological Survey, has returned from his trip to the Banff National Park, whither he went about ten weeks ago, to organize a Government museum. Prof. Macoun said he had scored over 150 species of Rocky Mountain birds, 1,000 species of plants. It is intended shortly to secure a collection of minerals, fish and animals of that part of the Dominion. Prof. Macoun speaks in the most glowing terms of the Manitoba and North-west harvests.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto school board, a resolution was passed favoring the adoption of a public school curriculum which should only include what is absolutely practical and useful in the way of education, leaving higher but less immediately essential branches of education to be dealt with by the high schools, which will afford an opportunity for the more general teaching of hygiene in the common schools, and relieve the pupils from the murderous forcing system now in vogue.

The estimated cost of the Chicago World's Fair at the day of opening, on present plans, is \$10,000,000. The Chicago paper, that pledged the word of Chicago not to ask the Government for a dollar, are advocating the theory that the Government should contribute \$6,000,000 of the estimated cost, and declaring that it is a poor national Government that cannot give half as much as the city of Chicago. This, says the N.Y. Press, is begging the question. Chicago agreed to raise all the money, and so far as Congress is the Government that argument secured the location of the Fair in Chicago.

The Prussian Ministry of Public Works has issued an "Archive" containing some interesting figures concerning railway extensions throughout the world during the years of 1885-1890. As might be expected, the increase was the smallest in the United Kingdom, where, however, the railway system has reached a higher stage of development than in any other country. The largest additions have been made in Canada and the United States. In all Europe railways have increased 12.5 per cent., and in America 32.1 per cent. Of European countries the German Empire has shown the greatest energy in this respect. It is estimated by the compilers of these statistics that the total amount of capital invested in the railways of the world is about six and one-half billions sterling.

Chinese enterprise and industry on the Pacific coast and especially within the Canadian border, is not confined to the laundry business, and where circumstances are favorable and prejudices not prohibitive the Celestials are making a showing that is a surprise and a shock to some preconceptions of the Chinese. Two Chinese capitalists, Cheo Lai and Ugo San, who arrived in Victoria, B. C., from Hong Kong last week, are of erect a big salmon cannery on the Fraser River. All arrangements are completed and the cannery will be built in time to begin packing next season. A syndicate of Chinese, with ample capital backing it, has purchased a site near Victoria for a rice mill, and work on the erection of the mill will begin at once. The syndicate proposes to put up a mill large enough to supply the whole interior country with rice. The raw material will be brought from China. There is a large demand for rice throughout the country, and the syndicate expects to make lots of money.

THE WAR OF 1812-14.
Remains of British Soldiers Unearthed at Lundy's Lane.

DURKINVILLE, Ont., Sept. 8.—Great excitement prevails here over a find in a sand pit opposite the cemetery where a large trench in which were found the skeletons of British soldiers. Some of the red coats were in perfect condition, and buttons without number were found; also tobacco pouches, jack-knives, buckskins, vests and officers' braid. Up to the present time about fifteen skeletons have been unearthed. The numbers of the regiments were not known. The regiments were the 6th and 10th. The Historical Society has taken the find in hand and is collecting the bones and will have them buried in the grounds in the cemetery. The members of the society are collecting what relics they can, and will have the trench covered further.

DEATH FROM CHOLERA.
11,000 Pilgrims Have Died From Cholera Already This Season.
LONDON, Sept. 15.—Letters from Jeddah state the death rate from cholera among the pilgrims to Mecca has been unprecedented. The authorities estimate that 11,000 pilgrims died during the season. As the date of the fete was set, Aug. 24th, no signs of the epidemic had disappeared.

It is said that mothers in Boston expose their offspring to diphtheria, preferring to risk the risk of disease than starvation.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The McGreevy Scandal to the Fore Again.—The Fraud Amended.

NOTES ABOUT THE LOBBIES.

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—The special committee to which was referred the charges of corruption in East Northumberland preferred against Mr. Edward Cockburn, brought in a majority and minority report yesterday. Both reports admit and condemn the sale of offices under the Government, but while the minority report decides that Mr. Cockburn had a guilty knowledge of such sales, the majority report entirely exonerates him.

NOTE FOR THE NEW LIST.
In the House of Commons Friday afternoon [Hon. Mr. Laurier] suggested to Sir John Thompson that no re-election, unless in the case of a member accepting office, should be held until the new voters were ready. In the case of any member accepting office and having to get the consent of his constituency, the election should take place immediately. Sir John Thompson thought that the suggestion of the leader of the Opposition was one worthy of consideration. On the other hand Mr. Dalton McCarthy maintained that to pursue such a course might end in discrediting a constituency.

THE TAXES-MOVEMENT CASE.

All hope of an agreement between the two political sections of the sub-committee of the Privileges and Elections Committee, appointed to draft a report on the Taxe charge, has been given up, and the two Opposition members, Messrs. Mills and Davies, are now engaged in drafting a report of their own. They expect to have it completed to-day; Sir John Thompson's report was ready yesterday. The two reports will be printed and then the full committee will be called to consider them, so that it is not likely the report will reach the House before the end of the week.

THE PRAYER BILL AMENDED.

The funds bill was passed through committee in the Senate last week. Hon. Mr. Abbott made two amendments of consequence to the bill.—The first example from the penalties of the Act case where presents are made to the wives or families of officials by persons having dealings with the Government, under express written permission from the head of the department to which the official belongs, proof of which permission is to be with the donor of the present. The second amendment directs under the penalties of the Act persons who seek to exact a commission, under pretence of influence with the Government, from those desirous of obtaining settlement of claims to meet present requirements.

It is still believed that the Grand Trunk has serious intentions of entering the North via Lethbridge and Winnipeg.

W. T. O'BRIEN, supreme treasurer of the Knights of America, is reported missing. His accounts are said to be \$25,000 short.

The only child of the late Major Ryerson, who was drowned in Lake Erie last July, was killed on the railway track at Simcoe on Friday.

A collision has occurred in the Mediterranean area between Italian and Greek steamships, in which the latter sank and over 100 lives were lost.

There died at Lin Ching, China, July 24th, of malarial fever, Donald Marshall, son of Rev. Jonathan and Rose Gorham, missionaries of the Canada Presbyterian Church, aged 19 months and 6 days.

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THE DICKENS' ESTIMATE.

There was little discussion on the immigration estimates Friday evening. Sir Richard Cartwright said he thought it was time the Government ceased paying out a quarter of a million dollars a year for an immigration which was either mythical or useless, inasmuch as the great majority of the immigrants leave us for the United States. In the past ten years the Government has spent nearly \$3,000,000 on immigration. They have reported an immigration of 665,000 persons, but the population has increased by only 504,000. A vigorous and sagacious speech was made by Mr. Fraser, of Plymboor. Mr. Watson gave a clear account of the reasons which have retarded the growth of population in Manitoba and the Northwest.

CARLTON'S CASE.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Love, informed your correspondent Monday that in response to a request made by the Government of Germany the British Government had requested the Government of Canada to ascertain what quantity of rye the Dominion could possibly export this year. The Deputy Minister says that Germany, having been excluded from purchasing rye in Russia, is looking to the United States and Canada for a supply. Mr. Love states that the latest advice received to-day places the total rye crop in Canada, at two million bushels, which, although it has been raised to meet the demands for local consumption, he believes might be available for export if the price was made an inducement.

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HON. OLIVER MORSTON occupied a seat on the floor of the House Friday night. He was here on business connected with the unsettled accounts between the Province and the Dominion.

A dispatch says there is every indication that the indemnity of Senators and M.P.'s will be raised to \$1,500.

SENATOR LACOUE, who is now Speaker of the Senate, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province of Quebec, in place of the late Sir A. A. Dorion. Senator Lacoue was appointed a Queen's counsel in 1880, was barrister of the bar of Montreal, and is a professor of law in Laval University. Senator De Bourchier will likely be appointed Speaker of the Senate.

It is understood that Mr. Justice Tessier of the Quebec Court of Queen's Bench has resigned owing to age and ill health. The retiring judge was at one time Speaker of the Legislative Council of Canada and a prominent politician.

The Toronto Telegram gets off this scuffle.—Senate, the Bad, Badder, will be painted in life size upon the canvas of the panoply of wickedness which Grit eloquence will scroll before the eyes of an upright electorate in the "buy" elections.

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GREAT STRIKE AT OTTAWA.

The Strike Has Been Called Out to Suppress the Strikers.

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—The strike of the mill hands here which took place yesterday, assumed a new phase this morning. About fifteen hundred strikers held a meeting at the Chambre and after listening to inflammatory speeches moved across to the Hall side, where they compelled the hands at Eddy's oil factory and Wright's garment works to quit work. Three companies of the 45th Battalion and two of the Government Guards have been called out to preserve the millionaire's property. A conflict is feared.

A delegation of strikers waited on Sir John Thompson to-night to urge him to cancel the order calling out the militia to-morrow.

Sir John replied that he had nothing to say in the matter, that the magistrates were simply following the statutes in the matter in acting as they did, and that the Militia Department could not interfere.

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