

HORN.  
Peter—In Mittie, on the 31st March, the wife of Joseph Peter, of a daughter.

M. TAYLOR—In Nannie, on the 15th April, the wife of Andrew McTavish, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

PATRICK—STEWART—At Chegog on the 31st March, to the Rev. Mr. Webster, Dr. John D. Webster, of Hamilton, of a daughter, the Rev. Mrs. Webster, daughter of W. H. Storer, Esq., Acton, Ont.

DIED.

MATTHEWS—At Markdale on the 13th April, David Matthews, of Acton.

ANNESTON—At Fergus on the 15th April, Lester Anneston, beloved son of Fred Annetson, aged 35 years.

TAYLOR—At Waterdown, on the 30th April, Sarah Taylor, beloved wife of Henry Taylor, aged 35 years, and a mother.

ST. JOHN—On Friday, April 8, 1892, at 154 Dunn Avenue, Parkdale, Jennie A. beloved wife of J. W. St. John.

### The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1892.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The proposals to put all municipal taxation on land, buildings and income, exempting personal property, which have been agitated in mercantile circles and have been incorporated in bills introduced into the Ontario Legislature, will stand over for a year as the Government thinks the master demands further ventilation.

No time is to be lost in filling the vacancy in the representation of Toronto at the Legislative Assembly. The filing of the nomination on April 15th and the election for the 20th means that the campaign will follow immediately after nomination, and will be brief. The probable result does not admit of enough doubt to make the contest an exciting one.

The English Registrar General's annual report of births, deaths and marriages in 1891 shows that the birth rate was 30 per 1,000 living, and was the lowest for fifty years. So far as can be judged moreover, from the figures at hand, 1891 will show no improvement in that respect. The death rate was 19.5 per 1,000 highest than in the preceding three years, but still comparatively low.

Mr. Greenway's redistribution bill proposes to reduce the membership of the Manitoba Legislature from thirty-eight to forty. One effect of the rearrangement of the constituencies will be to reduce the number of seats controlled by the French vote. The Winnipeg Tribune admits that the French representation will be reduced from six to four, while an unfriendly critic says that the change will be greater.

A bill to regulate the use of Steam Engines has been introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Clancy. He proposes to compel owners of engines used for threshing or other agricultural purposes, to provide apparatus which will admit of its being operated at least 100 feet from any building, steel, or other combustible substance. A penalty of \$50 per day will be imposed for violation—half to informer and half to local authority.

It is rumored at Ottawa that Her Majesty will confer the honor of knighthood on Premier Abbott on the occasion of the seventy-third anniversary of her birthday, on May 24th next. Of course, no rumor of what Her Majesty may intend to do can be confirmed until the time for the great ceremony, but in this case there is some foundation for this rumor, and that the next celebration of Her Majesty's birthday will see the addition of another name to the list of Canadian knights.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act has been submitted to the Ontario Legislature by Mr. Kirkwood, who by his proposal that lands purchased from the Crown, and which has been expropriated to the Crown to secure payment, shall be assessed, and shall be deemed to have been liable to be assessed to the extent of the interest of the owner. If the taxes are not paid, the treasurer or sheriff shall sell the said lands for taxes shall only sell the equity right of the owner to redemption, and give a deed accordingly.

The experimental shipment of live cattle from the Northwest to Japan may mean the opening up of a trade of enormous benefit to Canada. Since the East proves it is better to ship all the larger animals which the Canadian market will not produce a double advantage will be secured. Our western territories will secure a convenient market and Ontario cattle raisers will not be subject to the keen competition which would result from sending stock from there to Great Britain.

The result of the plebiscite taken recently in New Zealand, on the question of the length of the school holidays is worthy of note. The authorities had decided to cut down the holidays; but, on an appeal to the parents, a vote was taken, and the proposed reduction of holidays was overthrown by a vote of 245 to 66. This is significant. It means, we believe, that the majority of parents undoubtedly think that both scholars and teachers deserve a good holiday at the end of the year's work such as is now required.—New Zealand Schoolmaster.

The Dominion Government has decided to go to the Supreme Court, and, if necessary, to the Privy Council, on the question as to whether the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario has a right to exercise the pardoning power and remit sentences for offences against Ontario laws. Hon. Mr. Mowat claims this right for Ontario. Excessive arguments had taken place for four months before, and counsel for the Dominion Government held that the prerogative of pardon was vested only in the Sovereign power of the country.

The Western Fair managers are said to be decided in favor of acting on the recommendation of the Canadian Paire Association and will probably only appoint one judge in each class at their next exhibition. It is thought by a good many exhibitors that one really competent man will give better satisfaction than three or four ordinarily selected—oftentimes where three are chosen, two indifferent men overrule the third, although an expert. If equal satisfaction can be secured, the one judge system will be a great saving of expense and save work. It is worth considering for township and county shows.—Newmarket Era.

#### They Were Not Smokers.

A circumstance that is somewhat unusual occurred in the Rosedale Room, Toronto, on Friday last. Twelve newspapermen, representing the executive of the Canadian Press Association, were there attending a meeting, when one member pulled out a well-filled cigar case, and offered it to each of the others in turn, but found that between the only smoker in the room—Colonel New Kra.

An officer is said to have arrived in Montreal with a warrant for Mervier and two of his late colleagues.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

### TALK OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

The M. C. R. station at Cayuga has been burnt out.

The population of Wimipeg is now estimated at 80,000.

General Booth is opening a matrimonial bureau in London.

The French vote for the World's Fair has passed both houses.

Capt. Peter H. Cox has been appointed postmaster of Paris, Out.

It is said that Mr. Abbott will be knighted on the Queen's Birthday.

During 1891 15,123 settlers entered Manitoba with 153 cases of stock.

Charles Glicksberg, city clerk of Montreal, died Saturday afternoon.

It is estimated that the total cost of the World's Fair will be \$22,200,000.

The girls of Owen Sound Collegiate Institute have formed a cricket club.

Rev. Mr. Corbett, who has been ill for 16 years, died at Cressy, Ont., aged 82.

No proceedings will be taken against Mr. Merle by the Quebec Government.

William Chambers, a Waterloo veteran, is alive and well at Dresden, Ont., aged 106.

P. M. Martin in his 100th year, died at Ottawa Sunday with a pipe in his mouth.

A laborer named Daniels was drowned in the flame at Eddy's mill at Hull yesterday afternoon.

The Kerby House block at Bradford has been sold by Mr. Palmer to Peter Wood for \$50,000.

The wife of Rev. C. R. Clark of St. Matthew's Church, Hamilton, died very suddenly on Sunday.

A parcel containing fifteen dynamite cartridges was found Tuesday beside a railway track near Barrowclough, Spain.

The writ for the Welland election has been issued. Nomination will take place on April 23 and polling on April 29.

The Grand Frank contemplates an extension of his big bridge at Montreal by adding a carriage-way and foot path.

The dead body of a man was found in the Queen's Hotel stable at Bathurst last Friday morning. The affair is a mystery.

Two hundred thousand white fish fry were deposited in the Bay of Quinte near Picton Tuesday by Fisheries Inspector Rod. Wood.

Rev. N. H. Martin, whose ended departure from Chatham caused such a sensation, is now in Belmont, Mass. He will become a school teacher.

A storm in Chicago Sunday destroyed a portion of the World's Fair building, causing damage to the extent of about ten thousand dollars.

James Murray, a G. T. R. engineer, was killed while attempting to board a freight train which was leaving Black Rock for Fort Erie on Saturday.

It is reported that Emin Pasha has recovered the immense stores of ivory he was forced to abandon when he left the equatorial provinces with Stanley.

Hon. John K. Porter, senior counsel for the people at the trial of Galtos, President Gladstone's murderer, and for the defense in the Beecher trial, died Monday at Waterloo, N. Y.

Montreal militia are preparing for the celebration of Queen's Birthday. A number of outside regiments, including the Queen's Own, will take part in the day's maneuvers.

CIVIL RIGHTS AGAINST THE BOOLOOERS.

The April Assizes, at which the criminal cases against Nicholas K. Connolly and Thomas McGreevy, John R. Arnold, Horace Talbot, and C. L. Lance come up, will begin a week from next Tuesday. Sir John Thompson is proceeding, too, in his own cause.

The proprietor of the Commercial hotel, Clinton, was recently fined \$24 and the proprietor of the Grand Union hotel, of the same town, was fined \$40 and costs for contravention of the liquor act.

Power to Hold Her Audience.

The diverse Committee of the Senate on Friday morning consisted of J. A. M. Atkins, son of the Ex-Lieut. Governor of Manitoba, a divorce from his wife, the daughter of the late Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia. Mr. B. D. Oder, Q. C., appeared for Mr. Atkins and proved a vigorous marriage in New York between Mr. Atkins and one Blanchard.

THE ROYAL AGENT.

The first Royal assent during the present session was given yesterday to bills which have passed both Houses of Parliament and are ready for that august formalities in the Senate Chamber which makes them law. Chief Justice Sir William Hetherell of the Supreme Court, as Royal Governor, appears for His Excellency the Governor-General and gave the Royal assent.

CAPITAL NOTES.

An order in Council has been passed amending the general safety regulations for the province of Quebec as follows:—In the province of Quebec no one shall fail to catch, kill, buy, sell or possess any species within the first day of October and the 30th day of April, both days inclusive. Doctors subsequently appointed made for her.

Lost His Arm.

DURKIN, Ont., April 9.—James McDonald, employed at Prentiss & Jordan's, was working near a single saw, and while his back was toward the saw proceeded to pull on the bark of a shingle block, when his left arm was thrown in contact with the saw and in an instant the elbow joint was severed, leaving the arm hanging by only a little of the skin on the fleshy side.

Doctors subsequently amputated it.

Mr. Metcalfe, M. P. for Kingston, is on the road to recovery.

Mr. B. G. Beard, Q. C., of Woodstock, Ont., has been appointed deputy judge of Oxford county during the leave of absence of Judge Hinckley.

The appointment of Judge Hinckley has been gazetted.

It is intended to follow up the recent abolition of the franking privilege hitherto enjoyed by the members of the Civil Service by abolishing the unlimited franking privileges of members of the House of Commons, who will be paid each session a fixed sum for the defraining of their postage expenses.

Four new census bulletins will be issued in a short time. They will be taken up with the classification of the population of the Dominion according to religion and according to the nationality of each person's father, with the manufacturers of the Dominion, and with its area.

The Baroness Macdonald proposes to return to Ottawa immediately after the session to visit the Canadian Parliament.

The following article was read in the old Perfume buildings closed on Tuesday with "God Save the Queen," and three cheers for everybody. Prorogation will take place on Thursday at 5 p.m.

CLOSE OF SESSION'S BUSINESS.

The Ontario Legislature Will Be Prorogued To-day.

TORONTO, April 11.—The last session in the old Perfume buildings closed on Tuesday with "God Save the Queen," and three cheers for everybody. Prorogation will take place on Thursday at 5 p.m.

The nature of the northern part of the new British empire that Mr. Cecil Rhodes is establishing in South Africa is well described in an article in the Review of Reviews for April, entitled, "What Rhodes Thinks of Meekness." It is an account of a long journal trip that Mr. Rhodes, the Premier of Cape Colony, had just completed, the remainder now being a tour of inspection of the Kimberley diamond fields, over which there is so great an excitement. The article is illustrated with several portraits, including a full-page picture of Mr. Rhodes at home.

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