

BORN.
Perkins - In Milton, on the 8th April, the wife of Joseph Peters, a son.

MARRIED.

Dawson - Scott - At the residence of the bride's parents, Alex. Dahlke to Nellie Scott, daughter of William Scott, all of Guelph.

Chowanay - Scott - At the residence of the bride's parents, Alex. Dahlke to Nellie Scott, daughter of Joseph Ed. John Cravallaw to Emily Jane Scott, daughter of James Scott, all of Guelph.

DIED.

Thomas - In Nassaguya, on the 15th April, George & Thomas Dentist, aged 35 years.

Larson - In Acton, on the 15th April, Alexander Larson, aged 60 years.

Jones - In Acton, on the 15th April, the infant son of Rev. Dr. Gifford, aged 6 months.

Jones - In Acton, on the 15th April, Jeanne, daughter of Angus Johnson, aged 9 years and 6 months.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

County Councils will have another year's existence in an unformed state, but at next session of the Legislature the efforts to effect a reorganization will be resumed. The London Advertiser remarks that this is a reform which will come some day soon. The County Councils may now take notice, that they are sooner or later to be curtailed.

Manitoba, according to the Winnipeg Free Press, is already a network of railways, but construction still continues. This season a large amount of work is to be done and by the summer the iron horse will steam into numerous districts now reached by horses and oxen. One of the most important works to be undertaken is the extension of the railway from Saskatoon to the Saskatchewan river. The extension will open a most fertile grazing district.

From the annual report of the Dominion Minister of Railways, it is shown that there were 14,000 miles of railway completed, of which 13,320 were laid with steel rails. The paid up capital amounted to \$78,447,-11. The gross earning of all these railroads amounted to \$46,918,85 and their working expenses to \$32,013,320 leaving the net earnings to be \$13,900,476 or a good deal less than 2 per cent. on the total. The passengers carried were 12,212,263 while 20,587,462 tons of freight were conveyed over these roads.

The use of anthracite coal is becoming very popular in England owing to its cleanliness and great calorific value. The coal mined there is almost entirely bituminous, very small quantities of hard coal being found. The large companies are beginning to import anthracite from America. Many persons in England and Scotland are buying American stoves and ranges, but find soft coal a hindrance. The shipments of hard coal will remedy this, and soon the smoky atmosphere so peculiar to the British Islands may be a thing of the past.

The practice of melting over old maple sugar and stirring in a little granulated or other sugar to give the product a little better color is sometimes practised. The Legislature at its recent session passed the following very strict law on the subject: No. 34 of the public acts of 1883, approved November 25, 1881, is hereby amended, as to read as follows: Any person who shall adulterate maple sugar, maple syrup, or bees' honey, with cane sugar, glucose or with any substance whatever, for purposes of sale, or who knowingly sells maple sugar, maple syrup or bees' honey that has been adulterated shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$200, for each offense, and one half of such fine on conviction shall go to the complainant.

There is a movement in the United States in favor of the issue of a fractional currency scrip. Many business men of the opinion that there ought to be a certain movement in Canada. In many lines a very large amount of business is conducted by mail, and it would be of some convenient form of mailing currency causa much annoyance. It is not safe to send silver, postage stamps are a poor substitute for a currency mail post office order, and it would be had every man to have time and trouble in obtaining them and getting them cashed. We have in circulation a very few 25 cent scrip issued in 1870, but what good reason is there for not issuing 10, 25 and 50 cent scrip in sufficiently large quantities to be of substantial advantage to all merchants whose business is largely a mail order business.

Mr. Gibson's bill in the Local Legislature to amend the law is certainly stringent enough. The close season for deer lasts from November 15 to October 15 following, and no moose or elk can be killed till 1897. No birds can be shot between sunset and sunrise. Persons living outside the province are to be taxed \$25 for a license to hunt. There are various other sections, providing for the appointment of a Board of Game and Fish Commissioners to enforce the laws and encourage preservation and increase of game. The bounty on wolves is increased from \$6 to \$12, and a bounty of \$1 each is placed on foxes. Some of the provisions of the bill are almost impossible of enforcement, but the bill as a whole is a step in the right direction.

In commenting upon our remarks respecting the present position of the well-known case "Halton v. G. T. R." the Georgetown Herald in last issue treats the writer with a flippancy altogether unwarrented and indulges in speculations unfair and we believe very remote from the truth. The presumption does suggest that the manufacturer is not interested in the bonus—but who has not for paid a share of the costs in the case—having nothing to say to the matter until the \$6,000 reaches the County treasury, is ill-informed and unreasonable. But the most palpably unfair sentence expressed is the following:—"It is believed that, on account of certain concessions exacted by a certain (then) chief officer in a certain corporation, in Halton, the costs have been unnecessarily prolonged and costs proportionately increased." Now, if the Herald had any desire to be honest in its inquisitions it would have had the temerity to give at once the name of the "certain individual" referred to. By its remarks the public is unaware whether it is Mr. Storey or Dr. Beck or Messrs. Graham, McLeod or Petri who is referred to, for they were all members of the County Council's Committee which had the case in charge, and the probity of each is consequently questioned. Surely the Herald is too cowardly to make its charges definite. The people of the county will see.

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HON. A. MACKENZIE GONE
The Ex-Premier of the Dominion Died on Easter Morning.

UNIVERSAL CARRIER IS FELT.

Toronto, April 15.—Early yesterday morning it was announced that Hon. Alexander Mackenzie had breathed his last. For several days his end has been ominously looked for. Though he had been suffering from gradual palsy for more than ten years, it was only within the last two months that his condition caused any special alarm. His already dulled senses have been growing credibly weaker during the last few days. He has been reduced almost to a living corpse, unconscious of all that passed around him.

Messages of condolence were received by the family from the Governor-General, several of the Cabinet Ministers and innumerable friends from all parts. One message from Sir John Thompson stated that the House would be asked to adjourn on Tuesday without transacting business as a mark of respect for the memory and public services of Mr. Mackenzie.

It is understood that funeral services will be held on Wednesday in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, of which Mr. Mackenzie was for many years a member. The remains will then be taken to the Union Station, to be conveyed to Saratoga, the former home of the deceased, where interment will take place in the family plot, Lakeview Cemetery, at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, late member for East York, in the House of Commons, was born near Dundalk, Perthshire, Scotland, January 25, 1822, his father being Alexander Mackenzie, a well-known contractor and builder of Logie's Castle. The third of a family of seven sons, young Mackenzie was intended for the business of a contractor, and began, as is the practice in Scotland, with a practical grounding in masonry. He attended school at his native village, and also at Perth. In 1836 Mr. Mackenzie, senior, died, and all of his seven sons subsequently emigrated to Canada.

In 1842 Mr. Mackenzie came to this country, settling in Kingdon, but after a short time he removed to Saratoga, where he began business as a contractor and builder. For some years Mr. Mackenzie attended assiduously to business, and it was not until 1853 that he entered the political field, then starting the Lambton Skid, which for two years he edited with marked success. In 1861 he was first elected to the Parliament of old Canada as a representative from Lambton. He made instantaneous success in the House; his style of debating being perspicuous and terse, a marked contrast to the turgid style of debate which was then fashionable in Canadian legislatures.

When the project of the confederation of all the Canadian provinces was broached, Mr. Mackenzie immediately gave it his enthusiastic countenance, but he was opposed to the coalition and declined the presidency of the Privy Council upon the retirement of Hon. George Brown from the much-shaken administration. From 1867 he was leader of the Reform party, and in 1873 he was elected to the House of Commons. Upon the arrival of Sir John Macdonald in 1873 Lord Dufferin appointed Mr. Mackenzie to form an administration. Mr. Mackenzie did so, taking the portfolio of Public Works for the Carolina Islands has been peacefully arranged.

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Salaries of the Judges.

Sir John Thompson gave notice of motion the other day to increase by \$1,000 the salary of each of the judges of the Provincial Court. This will increase the salary of Chief Justice Hastings, Chief Justice Armour, Chancellor, Boylston and Justices Sir Thomas Galt and Sir Wm. H. Dunn to \$7,000, the salary of Justices Burton, Oakey, MacKenzie, Valentine, Street, Meredith, George, Robertson, Rose and McNaughton each from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

An increase of \$1,000 a year is given to the Superior Court judges of nearly all the provinces, the exceptions being the 17 district judges, Quebec, who receive \$500 each, and the two assistant judges in Prince Edward Island, who receive a salary of \$1,000 each; but the fees herefore obtained by them are drawn.

Serious Shooting Frauds.

Ottawa, Ont., April 18.—Saturday morning two foreigners, John B. George and Daniel Eby, living in the township of Maryborough, about three miles southwest of Moorefield, quarreled over the removal of a fine fence. George objected to its removal by Eby and warned him if he did so he would shoot him. Eby proceeded to tear down the fence, which George ran back to his house and brought out a double-barrel shotgun, dropped it on his knee and took de liberate aim and fired. The shot struck Eby in one eye and the broad blade of his scimitar cut the skin of his forehead. Physician said it was a dangerous wound. Physician said it was a bad case of compound fracture of the eye. The reputation for a surgeon is well deserved.

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Cardinal Telesphore is said to be home mentally unsound.

Cora Maguire aged twelve, jumped a rope 500 times in a contest with school mates at Dorval, Que., and is now dying.

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OUR MUNICIPAL LEGISLATORS.
The Sunday Bazaar Piano Petitions are Finally Shelved.

About an hour sufficed for the despatch of business at the Council Chamber on Monday evening.

Members present: Rev. Mr. Lower, Coun-

cillors Harvey, Pearson and Boardmore.

The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A communication from R. B. Cook respecting the fence around Fairview Cemetery was referred to the Cemetery Committee.

The Council are evidently of the opinion that Officer Graham's duties are already numerous enough for him not to be asked to ring the town bell on Sunday.

Moved by J. B. Pearson, seconded by A. Boardmore, that as the Council considers the ringing of the town bell on Sunday unnecessary, and further, from the fact that the caretaker of the hall is sufficiently taken up by the lamp lighting on that day, we therefore most respectfully decline to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The piano petition was also dismissed, with the following motion:

Moved by J. B. Pearson, seconded by A. Boardmore, that whereas a petition has been presented to this Council by Mr. Wm. Turton and others, regarding the purchase of a piano, and whereas the same has been carefully taken into consideration, we therefore are of the opinion that in view of the increased demands made for school accommodation and other matters more urgent, the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

W. Smith requested the Council to replace the tree destroyed in Boweswood in moving the drill shed last fall.

The Council thought larger trees should be planted than usual but took no definite action.

Council adjourned at nine o'clock.

TALK OF THE DAY.

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

Welland Canal was opened yesterday for the season.

There is a foot of snow along the south-east English coast.

The United States whiskey trust earned last year \$4,629,827.

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