

BORN.

Deasy—in Erin, on the 1st May, the wife of Mr. Thomas Deasy, a daughter.

MARRIED.

Jessie—In Erin, on the 11th May, Mr. W. E. Latta, a merchant, to Miss Jessie, a daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. John Latta, of Erin, Peacock, Ontario, Canada.

DIED.

James—In Lower Sackville, N.B., Alex. David Prentiss, aged 67 years.

Sarah—At Guelph, on 15th May, Sara Ann, only daughter of John Smith, a brewer.

Dairy—At Saginaw City, Mich., Mrs. Anna, wife of Ernest Dally, aged 71 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

According to the Detroit *Times*, the Patron of Industry in Michigan have decreased last year's time from 70,000 to less than 15,000. The reason assigned for the great falling off is that designing men sought to use the order for their own ends, thus produced dissatisfaction and disaster.

The prospects of our export cattle trade are decidedly promising at present. The "foot and mouth disease" is disappearing from Britain, the principal markets are again open for the transaction of business and the cattle from the continent being shut out, all bids fair for a good market for our Canadian cattle in Great Britain this season.

Referring to Mr. Henderson's address on the removal of the duty on binding twine, the Brampton *Conservative* says:—The speech on the Binding Twine Question, delivered in the House of Commons by Mr. David Henderson, M. P. for Halton, was one of the ablest addresses on the subject ever delivered in Parliament, and is being universally praised throughout the country. Halton has a representative of whom we can be proud.

The *New York Times* tries to ask why Uncle Sam cannot carry packages as well as letters and papers at first cost. Canada enjoys a department of the service which is called a "postal post." All sorts of packages, within reasonable limits, are carried by this service at a cost of 4 cents a pound. There is no reason why this business in the United States should be left to private express companies to charge exorbitant rates and accumulate fortunes therefrom. Let's have the postal post.

The Grand Trunk is run for the convenience of the public, and is not a vehicle for wrecking the spirit of a system of management that seeks to evade the responsibility of its own acts. Let the Grand Trunk do the baby act as much as it likes as long as the interest of Hamilton is not jeopardized. Nobody cares to make many kinds of a fool of themselves, and one who does is the principle in that "mother" that is weak. Just extend it for a moment. Suppose the same state of affairs as exists in Halton existed all along the lines of the Grand Trunk. What a mere waste it would be to have them!

The Provincial Treasurer has issued a circular pointing out some of the special clauses in the recent amendment to the Liquor License Act. The fees to be paid for transfers and renewals have been increased. Druggists are now liable to a fine for not advertising on their books sales of liquor, and increased penalties are provided for against those who purchase liquor for habitual drunkards. All brewers and distillers must take out a license, and the fee for the same is \$25.00. The following important clause of the amendment is particularly referred to: On the trial of any proceeding, matter, or question under any Act of the Legislature of Ontario, or on the trial of any such proceeding, matter, or question before any justice of the peace, mayor, magistrate, in any matter cognizable by such justice, mayor, or police magistrate, the party opposing or defending, or the wife or husband of the person opposing or defending, shall be competent and complete to give evidence therein.

The North China *Herald* has been reporting the record of suicide in the Peking districts. It finds that out of 67 instances 56 are ascribed to poison, 11 to hanging, 11 to drowning, 9 to cutting or stabbing, 6 to asphyxiation, and one each to shooting, leaping from height, and dashing the head against a wall. The poison in seven cases was opium and in six was gold in some form. One woman poisoned herself with brine, and another with face powder. Suicide under certain circumstances is regarded as meritorious in China. It is thought to be commendable for widows to starve themselves or to put an end to their lives in some way, although few of them display their grief in such an extreme manner. In the Western world suicide is the last resort of despair and pessimism, but in China it is often the work of malice or revenge. The Chinese believe that the spirits of the dead have extensive privileges, and an ill-used person may, by suicide, banish his mother-in-law or other objectionable persons, and thus inflict real punishment on the oppressor or the object of hatred.

Acton is blessed with a number of important manufacturers which give employment to numbers of our citizens and as a consequence are of great value to it as a municipality. But as no cash bonuses have ever been paid to secure them, and comparatively little given in the way of exemptions, there are many persons who fail to realize their benefit or appreciate their value. Other towns not so favorably situated, like Holly Jolly to the importance of manufacturers to the material prosperity of the place in which they are located, and are willing to sacrifice much to secure or retain them. Instances of this are frequently manifested. A case just referred to in the last issue of the *Newmarket Era*. The Novelty Company, a manufacturing concern employing fifteen or twenty hands, with a small capital, had been doing business for a couple of years and contemplated removal. With a view to retaining it for the town, the *Era* advised the stockholders to have their willingness to forfeit all they have paid if some responsible persons will guarantee to keep the business running in Newmarket for five years and employ an average of 20 men. Now, if a factory employing twenty men is considered of so much worth to a town, what must be the value of our tanneries and cloth factories which give employment to hundreds of hands? Their proprietors surely deserve more consideration than they are sometimes accorded by our citizens.

Mr. William Bradley, reeve of Greenock township, died suddenly of apoplexy at Paisley, Saturday night. He was in town on business and while at the Royal Hotel met his sudden end. He has been reeve of Greenock for many years.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Canon Charges—The Revenue and Debt—The Session Warning.

AROUND THE LOBBIES.

OTTAWA, May 11.—It looks as though the business of the session is now about to be pushed forward with a rush in view of adjournment at an early date. Sir John Thompson gave notice Monday night that he would be taken for Government business. This will leave only Monday for private business, and is done in order to expedite work as much as possible. The Government claims to have done everything in their power to bring the session to a reasonably early close. The close of the present month will probably be the members at their homes.

THE CANADIAN CRIMINAL.

Last week the charges against the Post-Master-General, Mr. Adolphus Caron, were disposed of in a way. A Royal Commission was appointed to inquire into the matter. There are rumors of a disagreement in the Cabinet regarding the treatment of the affair, but report says the Premier insisted upon the granting of a commission. Men who are supposed to know, say that Abbott told his colleagues plainly that he would not allow a hasty burking of the inquiry.

THE REVENUE AND PUBLIC DEBT.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for last month shows the revenue for the month \$316,234, and the expenditure \$2,15,580. For the 10 months of the fiscal year the revenue is \$2,901,180, and the expenditure \$25,724,844, showing a surplus of \$4,202,332. The debt, \$2,003,725; assets \$54,061,669; net debt, \$235,472,537 which is a reduction of the debt of \$2,365,773 since June 30th last. These two statements make a most satisfactory showing.

THE GREAT SPLIT.

The great question of the impeachment of Judge Eliot occupied the attention of the House all Monday evening and at a quarter past 12 the dinner bell rang, the members were called in and Mr. Lester's bill was introduced. The bill was voted down by a vote of 123 to 93, according to G. J. Hayes. The speakers have been Messrs. Mellick, Fraser, Lester and Davies for the motion and Messrs. Tisdale, Macdonald (Victoria), Weldon and Sir John Thompson against it. None of the arguments adduced were particularly new.

AN INDUSTRIAL STATE OF THE UNION.

A score of anecdotes and incidents of the debate and division of last week could be given, but space will suffice. In an election of the House of Commons the law declares that a candidate must poll one-third of the whole vote cast or lose his deposit. When the vote was declared Liberal to 125 Conservative, Dr. Chas. Ferguson cheerfully called across to Sir Richard: "Old boy, two votes less and you would have lost your deposit." The speaker who had a conference with the company's solicitors could not be named. For a time he had proposed to delay the trial, presenting the company's case to the Council and made proposals to compromises, which were summarily rejected by the Council as unworthy of consideration. But at the request of the solicitors a committee was appointed who met and had a conference with the company's solicitors in their rooms at Toronto, where proposals were again made and rejected; but a cost to the county of \$90—the committee's bill of expenses—and nothing accomplished except costs and costly delay. This followed up by the article in the *Fairfax* press, manifesting much anxiety as to the matter of cost, possibly resulting in any good, but may do a great mischief.

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THE RUSSIAN FAMILY.

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JOHN WARREN.

Esquinton, May 9, 1892.

The foregoing letter refers to the article in the *Fairfax* of the 7th April last, giving a history of the case and suggesting to the County Council the justice of making some equitable arrangement as to the payment of the costs, seeing that only a section of the county will be benefited if the ultimate decision is against the railway company. It is evident that Mr. Warren's opinion as to the wisdom of our remarks is not coincident in general by the people of this county, for the editor of this journal has been repeatedly thanked for the information given, and the position taken with reference to the costs has as frequently been declared feasible and reasonable.

Notwithstanding Mr. Warren's lengthened experience in public affairs he cannot be credited with adhering very closely to the line of argument laid down, and attacks a man of straw.

The *Fairfax* does not accept the contention of the case, seeing that only a section of the county will be benefited if the ultimate decision is against the railway company.

Again, if discussion on public reference is not good for the case, it surely cannot be a very meritorious one. But is Mr. Warren not violating his own exhortation to others, to keep cool and refrain from doing or saying anything that has in it the tendency of raising any difficulty or of prolonging the contest. All of which is respectfully submitted in the public interest.

Alex. Jamieson, a Chatham young man, has been arrested on two charges, one of stealing a letter from the post-office and the other for unlawfully detaining a letter.

Cold Option at Stouffville.

SCOTSTOWN, Ont., May 9.—Voting on the local option liquor by law took place here yesterday, resulting in a tie between a majority of four votes. The contest was unusually keen, one nearly every vote being polled. A much larger majority was anticipated as the temperance sentiment was very strong here for years, but questions aside from the real issue account for the small majority.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

WINDSOR, May 8.—Elt. P. Ede, son of Mr. Ed. A. C. Cockshott, farmer, met his death in a horrible manner on Friday. In removing a large stone he had dug a pit beside the hole the stone slipped back, crushing him against the side of the pit. He remained in this position nearly an hour, until救出 by C. S. Balkwill, who managed to extricate him. He died shortly afterwards. His eyes have been marred next week.

SAD REVOLVER ACCIDENT.

ROCKVILLE, Ont., May 8.—A very unfortunate accident which happened last evening was the result of the discharging of firearms inside the corporation limits. Some ladies were engaged in revolver practice in the room of Mr. John Smith, who one of the bullets, missing the target, penetrated the summer kitchen of the next house and lodged in the corner of the eye of Mrs. Youcon, who was engaged in washing dishes at the time. It is feared the sight will be destroyed.

I ONLY HAD CAPITAL.

"If I only had capital," a young man said as he puffed at a 10 cent cigar, "I would do something."

"If I only had capital," said another as he walked away from a dram shop, "I would go into business."

Young men with the cigar, you are smoking away your capital. You from the dram shop are drinking yours and destroying your body at the same time. Dimes make dollars. Don't wait for a fortune to begin with.

Men of power and influence do not start with fortunes. You, too, can make your mark if you will. But you must stop squandering your money, and spending your time in idleness.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla.

I have taken it now pretty regularly for ten years and have no more pain and can get around right. I have given away many a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

R. D. Wheeler, Deputy Sheriff, Winooski Falls, Vt.

Hood's Pillis cure Liver Ills.

HALTON vs. G. T. RAILWAY.

Editor *Fairfax*.

Dear Sirs.—My attention has recently been called to an article which appeared in the *Fairfax* a few weeks ago, editorially, in so far as concerns "Halton vs. G. T. R. Co.", urging that a "halts" should be called, and that the Council should by resolution, or by law provide that those sections of the property for which they are fighting should pay all costs in the case. Now I submit that it is bad policy to call a "halt" in the middle of a race or fight to provide for small contingencies, that before entering into the contest was the proper time to settle all questions as to route, etc., and not at the present advanced stage, and, seeing that the question was not dealt with at the first, it is extremely unfair and may be damaging to release a public discussion on a point which may create dissension in the county and without the possibility of accomplishing any good in the end. It ought to be known that the powers of Councils are defined by the law in such cases, and it is very questionable whether the Council has the power to settle by resolution or by law that group from which the bonuses were created an infurious law should, or should not pay the costs, especially as the matter was not settled at the outset.

It should be understood that the group is not a corporate body, and therefore cannot perform any corporate acts; that the ratepayers within the bounds of the group could not consent to or forbid the Council to enter the action under the bond; that the bond was given by the R. R. Co. and taken by the County Council for a double purpose: first, to secure the vote of the ratepayers of the group for the bonus and also to secure to the county—not to the group only—an independent competing line of railway. Moreover, the railway passes through more of those portions of the county outside the group than inside, so that the ratepayers outside derive as much benefit from the road as it is a benefit to those within the group. Thus it will be seen that the payment of the costs should not alarm those portions of the county whose cause you are advocating to the extent of raising a public cry at a time when it may do much toward prolonging the fight for it is difficult to see after three judgments against the company what other hope they can have except that of prolonging the struggle to the extent of inducing the county to throw up the sponge. To that end the company will avail with delight every proposal from the county for delay in judgment for the purpose of coming to a settlement; every proposal to compromise, as every sign of discretion, it must suggest to the company that the confidence in the faith in the cause is weakening. That months of delay and considerable costs to the county have already resulted from the company's failure to deal with the matter.

President Harrison and his Cabinet have accepted Chicago's invitation to attend the inauguration of the World's Fair in October.

William Wilson and John Flanagan, attorney for Edward Upton, were declared "not guilty" on Saturday.

Mr. Kerr of Dumfriesshire, aged 80, was run over and instantly killed at a crossing of the M. C. R. near Stamford on Saturday night.

Mr. Ernest Hart and Lady Aberdeen have succeeded in their efforts to have a realistic trial Industrial village at the World's Fair.

A report from western Kentucky is that Buffalo grates are causing great losses. It is estimated that 1,000 horses have been killed by them.

A meeting of leather men was held in New York on Saturday to consider whether to demand a tariff on leather products.

The World's Fair commission at Chicago has run short of funds, having only \$1,000 on hand to pay claim now due for services, etc., amounting to \$10,000.

Bacon Fairs at Paris are now for Washington.

Paris has expressed great satisfaction at being able to resume diplomatic relations in the United States.

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Cold Option controlled by any one party.

Surly it cannot be that Mr. Warren is so free in making suggestions and preparing ammunition for the gun of some other journal that he considers the *Fairfax* to be his.

He is easily mistaken, and for his benefit, and, as well, that of others who are influenced by such erroneous impressions, we are free to say that the editor of the *Fairfax* jealously guards his editorial columns, and, while free to admit at any time publications of general interest to the public, the editorial columns express his individual opinions and not those of outsiders.—Ed. *Fairfax*.

John Warren, Esq., of St. Thomas, Ontario, has been re-elected to the House of Commons for the constituency of Esquinton.

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