

**BORN.**  
BROOK—At Wainfords, on the 1st inst., the wife of H. C. Stover, a son.  
MATTHEWS—In Acton, on the 11th inst., Mr. Edward Matthews, of a daughter, Mrs. Anna Weston, beloved wife of Mr. Alf. W. Weston, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Matthews.  
**MARRIED.**  
T. S. COOPER—Drum—At Banff Hotel, Banff, on the 11th May, by Rev. J. Ball, Mr. Malcolm MacEachern, to Miss Isabella Dulear.  
PRUSS—On Tuesday, 11th May, after five days' illness, Mrs. Anna Weston, beloved wife of Mr. Alf. W. Weston, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Matthews.  
**DIED.**  
MATHERSON—At Freeman, The Easterbrook, age 83 years.

### The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1892.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

So Halton has to fight the great Grand Trunk and "Hamilton's influence." The Grand Trunk is really afraid of Halton and asks Hamilton for its influence to help them out.—Oakville Star.

Prohibition sentiment is far from dead in Quebec. A recent return shows that local option is now in force in one hundred and seventy municipalities. In three counties the sale of liquor is entirely prohibited. Besides there are several places where no licenses are issued, although prohibitory laws are not in force.

The Basque Government is about to permit the resumption of the export trade in wheat, corn, and oats which has been prohibited for several months past. This may be taken as notice to the world that the worst of the famine is over and that enough food is in sight to insure the destitute inhabitants of the afflicted provinces against starvation.

As will be seen by a dispatch from Montreal the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway has withdrawn his order canceling trains in Halton, and the time table is in operation as before. Mr. Sergeant admits that he had not taken the situation fully into consideration before Halton was boycotted. It remains to be seen what the next move of the big corporation will be.

Here are some of the latest statistics which will probably amaze the people of Great Britain who may see the new map just issued by the Ontario government. The area of the Province is given at 222,630 square miles, of which 187,000 square miles of land remain unclaimed. The whole area of Great Britain and Ireland is only 121,115 square miles, or over 63,000 less than the portion of Ontario still in the hands of the Crown.

Among the evils which afflict this country politics occupy an important place. The Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and King's College have given its opinion as to the hindrance to religious life. It asserts that they are chiefly to be found in the tendency to speak disparingly of the services of the Church, interlopement, late evening parties and dancing, heated election contests, development of evil in high places, and the bitterness of partisan feeling. Out of the six great evils the politicians have to answer for at least three.—Mail.

The Prohibitionists of Manitoba will, at the next general election in the province, vote on the question of outlawing the liquor traffic within the boundaries of their young domain. The history of the movement there is an inspiration to the temperance army throughout the Dominion and contains many lessons of great practical value to the workers for prohibition in this Province. It is heartily to be desired that the high hopes and courageous work of the united temperance organizations of Manitoba may be crowned with success.

Yesterday's dateline had the following dispatch:  
"A bill has just been introduced by the Finance Committee of Ottawa Town Council proposing a deduction amounting to \$3,000 at a premium of 1 per cent. The deduction were made payable in equal installments extending over 20 years, bearing interest at 5 per cent. The town is to be congratulated on its high fiscal reputation."

The same day Acton's 39 year, five per cent, debentures for \$5,500 sold at a premium of 7 1/2 per cent. Congratulations will consequently be in order up here as well as at Oshawa.

The Egyptian Government is now surveying a route for the extension of its railroad along the Nile as far south as Wady Halfa. It is estimated that it will cost £100,000 to build a narrow gauge road from Girgeh to Wady Halfa, the distance being the present southern frontier of Egypt. When the railroad reaches Wady Halfa it will not be difficult to extend it further south to Dongola. The establishment of rapid communication between Cairo and upper Nubia would enable the Khedive rapidly to transport an Egyptian army to the frontiers of the Sudan, and many British officers now in Egypt believe that so soon as such an improvement is carried out the Sudan will fall again into the hands of Egypt and without a blow."

In his discourse on Sunday evening, Rev. N. A. McDermid, of Peterborough, took occasion to refer to the Canadian press, which he characterized as the clearest, from a moral standpoint, in America. He also had a good word to say for the reporters and the criticism often made of the public which they are from time to time called to perform. He spoke of the object and nine good acts performed by them, and thought it not right that when through accident or want of thorough details of information, a paragraph is inserted which should not appear all the good acts are forgotten, and condemnation and censure without mitigation is heaped upon them. Anonymous writers and serial writers who buried themselves in novel seeds of discord were headed in a manner that would prove a profitable lesson to any such who happened to be present.

The President of the G.P.R. took occasion, at the annual meeting of this company, last week, to negative the induction made by Mr. Henry Tyler, in London a few weeks ago, to the effect that the G.P.R. was endeavoring to quietly secure control of the rival line, the G.T.R. These minors, he said, were only a source of amusement to the directors. Such a scoundrel had never entered their minds, and even if the country would stand such a thing, he did not think for a moment it would. The directors could not recommend anything of the kind. They believed that the interest of the shareholders could be best served by continuing to cultivate the most friendly relations with and to deal with that company as a friendly competitor. Their relations with the Grand Trunk, had greatly improved the past two or three years, and there was a feeling of sincere cordiality between the officers of the two companies, up this side of the Atlantic at least.

### FROM THE CAPITAL:

A Bill in the Parliament Building—  
"The Dual Language Bill."  
Thrown Out—Premier  
Robson in Town.

**NOTES ABOUT THE LOBBIES.**  
OTTAWA, May 18.—The House of Commons considered Sir John Thompson's criminal law bill yesterday, and then went into supply. The Kingston dry dock item met with a good deal of obstruction, but finally passed. The Lunenburg post office item followed, and was still under discussion at 2:30 p.m., with a prospect of continuing till morning.

A READING IN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.  
A fire took place Saturday in the basement of the justice department, but very little damage was done. Carpenters were at work in that part of the building making shoveling, and it is supposed that a stub of a lighted cigar was accidentally thrown among the shavings, which was the cause of the fire. The Privy Council was in session at the time. They were smoked out. The Dominion police fire brigade promptly extinguished it.

FRANKEN BURGON IN TOWN.

Hon. John Hobson, Premier of British Columbia, is expected here this week. He is on his way to England to confer with the Imperial Government as to the creation of immigration movement, and to give effect to the provincial Act of last session relative to the British Columbia Commercial Company. Mr. Hobson will attend the Imperial Trade Conference in London as one of the representatives of the British Columbia Board of Trade.

FULL LAND & HILL THROWN OUT.

The House was treated to a surprise the other evening by the sudden collapse of Mr. D'Alton McCarthy's Dual Language and Separate School bill without a word being said in explanation of its failure by either its sponsor or any of its friends, by 3:30 p.m.

The vote was extremely tight, as a division was not expected before 2 or 3 o'clock and a large number of members were at session; dinner and a speech at the opera house. At the latter place a sign "Division" on at the House" was shown on the stage and several members left in a hurry. Mr. Henderson, your member for Halton, voted with the majority.

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