

BORN.

Carmel Atkinson, on June 6th, the wife of Arch. Campbell, of a son.

McDevitt—In Faneuil on June 6th, the wife of Wm. McDevitt, of twins, son and daughter, both stillborn.

Garrison—At 12 University St. North, Hamilton, on Saturday, June 6th, 1891, the wife of F. Garrison, of a son.

DIED.

Ernest A. Milton, on May 31st, Letitia, the widow of the late Andrew Robinson, aged 75 years.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is said that a large number of members of Parliament are signing a petition to the Government asking for the reinstatement of Mr. H. T. Perley, late president of the Public Works Department, who is still lying in his bed, dangerously ill. This is not done with the idea that Mr. Perley should ever resume work, but in order that he may be supernumerary. In this connection it may be mentioned that it is currently reported that Mr. Louis Coste, who has been acting as chief engineer for nearly two years, will be appointed chief engineer on July 1st.

An American exchange says:—The present generation will live to see a railway running from the northwest corner of the United States to the Argentine Republic. The preliminary survey for the road is already well in hand. The United States commissioners for the intercontinental railway are Messrs. A. J. Cassatt, H. G. Davis and R. C. Keens. They report that there are three routes which are considered practicable. The surveyors believe the road can be constructed at an average expense of \$30,000 a mile. Economy in congress ought not to take the direction of cutting off appropriations for continuing this survey.

Among the hints on the lack of the new registration receipts are the following: a person posting a registered letter should not leave the Post Office until he has obtained his receipt. The letter should bear stamps to the full amount of the postage and registration fee. The sender should attend to the due prepayment of his letter himself. A postmaster is only responsible for doing that which it is his duty to do, and is not his duty to place stamps on letters for other people. Letters for registration should be brought to the Post Office some time before the mail closes. Persons receiving registered letters that call for acknowledgement would frequently save trouble to themselves and to the Post Office by acknowledging them promptly.

IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD CHILDREN.

In the centre of the clerk's table when the House of Commons met Monday stood a handsome China bowl of generous dimensions heaped high with large bunches of glorious Marigold, saffron and blush roses resting on a thick bed of maple leaves. From the bowl descended two long broad white satin ribbons on which in purple immortelle appeared the words: "In Memoriam, June 6th." That was all, but almost every Conservative member of the House wore in his button hole a red rose backed by a maple leaf, and there was not one in the House but remembered that just a year ago the slow rolling of the bells of Ottawa proclaimed that Canada's great statesman had passed away. The rolls were presented by Mrs. White, wife of the Speaker.

Each day brings fresh evidence that Canadians who have forsaken their native land for the United States are greatly disappointed in their new surroundings. The latest proof to admit that he made a mistake in crossing the border is a Cornwall man, who writes to the Standard from Oregon, as follows: "I find that Canadians here with they were in Canada again. Trade here is most pitifully dull and seems to be getting worse and worse, and this too in spite of a good harvest last fall. The whole Pacific coast seems to be suffering from depression, except perhaps British Columbia, which is having quite a boom over the discovery of valuable mineral fields. I would advise Canadians to stick to our own country and not come to the United States, even though things don't look as promising as they could with in the land of the maple."

PROSPEROUS INSTITUTIONS

Albert College and the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville.

Many of the educational institutions of the country close their year's business with the present month, and their annual reports are now being presented.

It was the privilege of the editor of the Free Press a week ago while on a visit to Belleville to spend considerable time at Albert College and at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

The annual meeting of the Board of Management of the former was held at the time and the report for the year was one of the most encouraging in the history of the college. The attendance was larger than any previous year, reaching the large number of 215 students. These include ladies and gentlemen and their spouses embrace commercial, collegiate, theological, music, fine arts and various other studies. At the departmental and other examinations the students have taken a very high standing, creditable alike to the college and its teaching faculty.

Students in attendance from all parts of the country and the success of the college renders it generally popular and Rev. Principal Dyer is to be congratulated upon the prosperity which it presents.

The institution for the Deaf and Dumb, presided over by Rev. Mr. Mathewson, Esq., is the most important school for the class intended in the province and its splendid equipment renders it a valuable institution for the deaf and dumb and secures to them an education which ably qualifies them for the duties of life. The institution occupies a commanding location, overlooking the Bay of Quinte, and is a building of commodious proportions and fine architectural design. The school rooms are large and convenient; the dormitories well lighted and cheerful; the grounds spacious and all the surroundings attractive. The pupils are given a good education and have the option of learning a useful trade.

There is at present a very large attendance and a more contented and happy lot of children it would be difficult to find anywhere. Superintendent Mathewson, by his genial manner and fatherly interest in the pupils committed to his care, is not long in winning their esteem and confidence, and while strict discipline is observed, the teachers are all kind and considerate and do all in their power to advance the pupils in their silent studies.

The institution is sustained by the Ontario Government and deaf and dumb children will be welcomed from all parts of the province.

Little things console us because little things affect us.

GUELPH CONFERENCE.

AN OPEN LETTER.

The Annual Session at Guelph During the Past Week.

AN INTERESTING GATHERING.

The annual session of Guelph Conference of the Methodist Church was held in the above city during the week, closing Tuesday afternoon. As usual the attendance was unusually large, greater in fact than that of any previous conference since the union of the various Methodists.

From the time of the Conference prayer meeting at the opening up to the hour of closing the sessions were full of interest. The services of the various services were largely attended and the addresses generally full of power and eloquence. The Lord's Prayer and Union service on Sunday was a service of great beauty. Rev. Dr. Carter, General Superintendent, preached the ordination sermon. It was able, logical, definite and convincing interpretation of the gospel message and will be fruitful in materially helping both ministers and laity in their efforts toward the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. The discourse was based upon Isaak 53:5, and dealt largely with the person of the coming Messiah and the atonement. The evening sermon by Rev. J. W. Holmes, ex-president, and the administration of the sacrament, conducted by Rev. E. S. Rupert, M. A., were profitable to all.

The election of Conference officers was accomplished on the first ballot. For the first time in the history of Guelph Conference the laymen are represented on the platform, and the radical change in思想 was received with unanimous sanction. The officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT.—Rev. John Scott, M. A., St. Mary.

SECRETARY.—Rev. Andrew Cunningham, Guelph.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Rev. Wm. Smyth, Seaford, and W. G. Smith, Esq., Guelph.

JOURNAL SECRETARY.—H. P. Moore, Esq., Acton.

In the ministerial appointments Free Press readers will be more particularly interested in the following:—

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph (North Street)—James Hannan, D.D., N. R. Willoughby, M.A., D.D., Isaac Crane, John Hough, Superannuated.

Dublin Street—Guelph—Andrew Cunningham, Secretary of Conference, James Harris, Superannuated, Walter M. Patton, B.D., Professor of Church History and Hebrew, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

Guelph—Paisley Street—Wesley J. Macwood.

Pinsonby—Henry Caldwell (Mardon), Elora—Wm. W. Spartin, Samuel Fear, Wm. Savage, Superannuated.

Cambridge—Jabez J. Noble.

Aberfoyle—Gerald A. Willoughby, Ferguson—Gordon A. Gifford, Ph. D., Matthew Swan, Superannuated.

Marsville—Henry Berry.

Bethel—Thomas N. Cosen, Nassagawey—John W. Robinson.

Rockwood—John Hart.

Everton—Herbert D. Christie.

Acton—Joseph Edgington.

Georgetown—Thomas Gee, Herbert S. Mac—Edward Earl Harvey, left without a station at his own request.

Elgin—Wm. A. Strongman, Ph.D., L.L.D., John Kitching.

Brudenell—W. H. Hincks, LL.B., to Owen Sound.

Ervinton and the Brick Church have been formed a circuit with a young man, under the Chairman, and Paisley Street, Guelph occupies a similar position.

The very kind hospitality of the people of Guelph was much enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated, as also the hearty reception by President and Mrs. Mills at the Ontario Agricultural College on Saturday afternoon.

The final business of the Conference was the balloting for the chairman of Districts and appointment of Financial Secretaries, as follows:—Guelph District—chairman, Dr. Egerton Galt; District—chairman, Dr. Griffin; financial secretary, J. C. Pomery, B.A.; Stratford—chairman, J. W. Holman; secretary, Dr. Corinth; St. Mary's—chairman, John Scott, M.A.; financial secretary, B. L. Huston; Goderich—chairman, J. E. Howell; M.A.; secretary, Joe Galloway; Kincardine—chairman, W.C. Henderson D. D.; secretary, W. F. Campbell Ph. D.; Listowel—chairman, E. B. Rupert, M.A.; secretary, J. G. Gordon; Palmerston—chairman, Wm. Williams; secretary, Robt. Walker; Owen Sound—chairman, Mac Daye; secretary, A. W. Tong; Waterloo—chairman, Geo. Boggin; secretary, S. H. Edwards.

The above appointment concluded the business before conference, which was then closed by Rev. Dr. Griffin, who offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Conference will meet at Owen Sound next year.

It is expected that the work of the ladies of Canada will be well represented at the World's Columbian Exposition. Competent judges will be appointed due time to make the necessary selection of articles, and it is understood that arrangements will be made in connection with all the leading exhibitions throughout the country by which the finest specimens of work may be chosen for Chicago. Canadian ladies will, however, bear in mind that it will be necessary to show their choicest productions at this provincial or local fair, in order to have them selected for the World's Fair. Arrangements will be made whereby the judgment of a competent committee may be had of the articles chosen so that only the very best examples of the trade and of Canadian ladies may be sent to Chicago. In this way an exhibit in every respect creditable to the country may be obtained.

Romantic Eloement.

An elopement took place from Berlin, the principals belonging to the highest families in that place and the event causing surprise. For some time past the young man concerned has been showing attention to an estimable young lady there. On Thursday evening the couple proceeded to Galt, attended by a number of their friends, and were married.

Hildegard E. A.

At the Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition held in London on May 2d, 1892, Mrs. W. G. Dunn & Co., of Croydon, London, and Hamilton, Canada, obtained the highest award for Baking Powder.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

To W. H. Storar, Esq.:—

In justice to myself and to the public, I desire to address a few words to you in reply to your letter in the Acton Free Press of last week, whose chief characteristics appear to me to be egotistic, its impudence, and worse than all, its untruthfulness.

Allow me to inform you at the outset, that when I want advice such as you tender at the opening of your communication I shall seek it from an authority whose public life, &c., has been less of a farce than, in my opinion, yours.

Respecting your supposition that I wrote to the Acton Free Press a few weeks ago, mentioning your name in my letter because of some of your personally or religious affiliations, I beg leave to state that you are entirely mistaken as I assure you that neither your religious nor your political professions have ever given me, (and I think no one else,) cause for that unenviable spirit of which you accuse me. I cannot but think that this assertion was prompted by a spirit in yourself that is certainly not found in the realm of religion and should not be mixed in with your politics.

As to the question at issue, it is necessary for me to make some statements to show you evident intention to cover up your sins, and to do so at some one else's expense. I don't propose that you should do that at mine. You say that "the offer of the Railway Company to negotiate for a compromise, was favorably considered by the Council." They gave it no consideration at all, there being no one in the Council who hinted at a compromise.

Again, when you say that "I thrust myself on the delegation, &c.", you may know, to be untrue. I never would have appeared on the delegation if it had not been the express request of the chairman of the delegation, and I would not have appeared with the committee before the Canadian delegation had I not been pressed to do so by the committee itself.

I had no thought of going, was averse to going, and only went under the urgent request of members of the committee. This "why" I want, and is a standing objection that you, a model (?) in politics and religion, should make statements as intentionally untrue. Respecting this you say that you did not write the "Company's solicitors on this question," I reply that you did. When at a meeting of the Council subsequent to the Committee meeting, with the solicitors, the chairman reported to the Council and was asked to state what was the cause of delay, he remarked that this question was taken by the Committee, of Mr. S. H. Blake, the Company's counsel, and he replied by reading yr letter and holding it up before the Committee saying "that's the cause of delay, gentlemen," which requested nothing more or less than a compromise. In the face of this, I say, that your pomposo claim to having the country's interest at heart are on a par with other of your claims that when sifted are unworthy of notice.

You say you favor a compromise. It was time that you publicly admitted it. The railway's solicitor knew it long ago. But what have you to compromise? Did you ever pay a cent of the bonus? And now don't want to pay a cent of the cost. How absurd to have as chairman of the first Committee a man whose only fee in the case seems now to have been that his corporation (in which the way the bulk of his property is exempt) should have to pay an item of costs. Your motto seems to have been "Action first, the County afterwards," even though the county placed its interests in your hands.

The distribution of the money need not trouble you. That is a matter that can be settled more easily than you appear to imagine. I have no doubt but that you would like to be driven home in a carriage. I immediately applied MINARD'S LINIMENT freely and in \$8 hours could use my leg as well as ever.

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