

BORN.
Gibson—John Mills, on the 15th Oct., the wife of William Gibson, Langley, B.C.
Stewart—John Stewart, 15th inst., the wife of James Stewart, Carpenter, of a daughter.
DIED.
Lester—John Mills, on the 15th October, 1892.
Trotter—Sir Paul Rose, on the 15th Oct., J. R. Trotter, editor of the Times, aged 75 years.
Eaton—At Guelph, on the 15th inst., Mr. Thomas Eaton, formerly proprietor of the American Hotel, aged 82 years.
Farrar—In Dows' township near Florence, on the 15th inst., Robert Farmer, son of John Farmer, originally of Acton, aged 27 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Information comes from Ottawa to effect that although the precise date of the meeting of Parliament for the dispatch of business has not been decided upon, it is expected that it will meet much earlier next session than usual, either on the 12th or the 15th of January. This will give reasonable opportunity for completing the business of the year before the winter weather comes again.

The statement of the public debt of the Dominion as it stood on the 30th September has been published. The total net debt was \$234,651,482, a decrease of \$11,531,200. The expenditure on capital account for the quarter was \$1,150,504, against \$604,413. This increase due principally to payments on account of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, and also of the Esquimes canal.

An exchange remarks that it is becoming generally acknowledged that by hills or wind breaks of trees crops are better and safer, and orchards are decidedly benefited, in addition to amelioration of climate. At the Ontario Tree Planting Act has been taken advantage of to a very limited extent. It is believed that more encouragement is necessary, and some propose that land planted or preserved in wood should be exempted from taxation.

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In Manitoba it is possible to go through an election campaign with very little effort, if the voters paid by the agents are correct. Seventeen candidates whose expenses have been published averaged one hundred dollars each, while one spent only fifteen dollars and another twenty. This is somewhat different showing that there made in the Quebec constituency, where a candidate returned by acclamation spent \$1,500 in the constituency. But Manitoba is not Quebec.

From the Government report relating to the export of horses to Great Britain, which has just been issued, it appears that during the year the export was as follows:—To Great Britain, 1,363 horses valued at \$214,753; to the United States, 936 horses, valued at \$1,094,461; to British West Indies, 232 horses, valued at \$28,695; to Newfoundland, 151 horses, valued a \$13,967; to all other countries 24 horses, valued at \$2,550; making a grand total of 16,033 horses, valued at \$1,354,027.

Japan is going to rival the United States in her navy. She has ordered a man-of-war 320 feet long, 46 feet wide, with a draught of 16.5, and displacement of 4,200 tons. The ship will have a 15,000 horse power locomotive, and a speed of 25 knots. She is to carry four 6 inch, and eight 4.7 inch quick firing guns, besides 25 smaller and machine guns, and will be provided with two broad and four launching tubes for torpedoes, will carry 1,000 tons of coal and will indeed be quite a formidable cruiser.

Milton is a trifling little town. A Hamilton train went up there the other day, got drunk on Molasses whisky, and filled the air with blasphemy and filthy language. He richly deserved a term gaol. But the Magistrate found the fellow had no money, so let him go. As the Milton Champion rarely prints, when it was found that he had no money, nothing could be got out of him by fines him he was allowed to make out an account and down the G.T.R. track toward the ambitious city. Milton morals seem to run on a cash basis—Orville Pickett.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney has resigned the portfolio of Interior and Indian Affairs to accept the position of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, vice the Hon. Mr. Nelson, whose term of office has expired. Mr. Dewdney's successor in the Ministry and in the same departments will be Mr. T. M. Daly, member for Selkirk. Manitoba. Mr. Daly was born on Monday and is now on his way back to the Prairie province to seek re-election at the hands of his constituents. It is expected that he will be returned by acclamation, his majority at the last election being nearly 500.

The neatness of the World's Fair under-taking may be imagined by a consideration of a few of the figures involved. Capital stock, city bonds and exposition bonds, \$14,699,000; construction, \$19,000,000; operation, \$1,000,000; total liabilities \$37,699,000. The receipts are estimated as follows:—Capital stock, city bonds and exposition bonds, \$14,099,000; congressional appropriation and premium on souvenir half dollars, \$5,000,000; gate receipts, \$12,000,000; salvage, \$1,000,000; ceremonies, \$150,000; admission from now until May 1, \$500,000; privilages, \$5,000,000; total, \$34,100,000. It will thus be seen that the management expect not only to come out without a loss, but they anticipate a profit on the capital stock.

The enormous traffic of the great lakes may be realized from the following figures. During the season of 1890, the Detroit Plate Canal and the "Soo" Canal were open for navigation 224 days, and the Soo Canal for 365 days. The total tonnage which passed through these channels was:—

"Soo" Canal 1,000,000 Tons
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Detroit River 4,710,000 " "
And the average tonnage per day:—

"Soo" Canal 1,874 Tons
Detroit River 1316 "

It is apparent that the average daily business of the "Soo" Canal is twice as great, and the Detroit River five times as great as the traffic of the Soo Canal. The tonnage passing through the "Soo" Canal is of course of a different character from that passing through the Soo; it is not so important for ton—Winters.

TALK OF THE DAY.

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

Alfred Mean, of Port Arthur, dropped dead Sunday.

The Lacoste club at Montreal Saturday cleared \$3,025.

Thos. Watson, Aylmer, Que., was buried yesterday, aged 104.

Detroit has excluded Catholics from being Public school teachers.

George's old citizen, Dr. Warren Allen, aged 83, is dead.

An Anglican Sunday-school convention met at Ottawa last week.

A partial solar eclipse will be visible over North America Oct. 20th.

Chicago capitalist, with \$100,000, will conduct mining operations in Frontenac county.

Emperor William will oppose Prince Metternich's proposed marriage to an American lady.

It is said that the next Congress will put into effect the Higgins Retaliation Bill against Canada.

The body of John Anderson, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been found mangled on the G.T.R. near Niagara Falls.

At a Newark, N.J., Catholic Convention it was stated "We are Catholics first, Americans afterwards."

Throughout the Province of New Brunswick on Saturday nominations were made for the Local Legislature.

JAMES MITCHELL, a retired farmer, aged 80 years, admitted sick at Port Hope on Monday by cutting his throat.

Saturday a memorial fountain was presented to Niagara to commemorate the opening of the first parliament there.

The mastodon bones unearthed at Rodney last year are being sent to the World's Fair at Chicago by their Chatham owners.

Emperor William has sent \$12,500 to Hamburg to assist in relieving the distress among the families of those who died of cholera.

According to official figures there have been 77,962 cases of cholera, and 7,598 deaths since the outbreak of the disease in Hamburg.

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Mr. James McLean, of Smith's Falls, attempted to take her own life in a fit of dependency this week. When she endeavored to end her existence by slitting her throat with a razor, but happily she was not successful. When discovered she had a gash in her throat about two inches long, which was bleeding freely, but which was not deep or dangerous.

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THE COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Required but half an hour's Consideration Monday Evening.

Council met at eight o'clock. Members all present except the Reeve and Councillor Beaumont.

Councillor Pearson was moved to the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read a letter from the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company stating that they had under consideration the reconstruction of some of their lines. They will then decide something definite as regards placing of poles, and promise to do what they can to meet the views of the Council.

The Committee on Finance presented their eighteenth report recommending payment of accounts as follows:—

Adam Cook, grav. \$80.00
Chas. Brown, work on trees 1.50
Thos. Hunt, work on trees 1.50

The report was adopted.

The Council adjourned at 8.50.

PROVINCIAL S. S. CONVENTION.

The Great Gathering of Sunday School Workers at Guelph Next Week.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARREN, in the Editor's Study in Harper's Magazine for November, will give expression to some pertinent thoughts on the responsibilities of literature and especially the moral recklessness of so much of our popular fiction.

"It lies with the writers of America," he says, "to open wide the new day, to infuse hopefulness into life, to fight materialistic tendencies, to possess to express the world better by the exhibition of its beauty and nobility, and to hold up an ideal for inspiration. It is believed that literature needs only to apprehend its responsibility to accomplish this."

The citizens of Guelph extend, through the Executive Committee, a hearty invitation to the Annual Provincial Convention to be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and will cordially welcome to their chrisian homes, Pastors and Sabbath School Workers throughout the Province.

The Executive Committee have endeavored to prepare a programs suited to the growing needs of Sabbath School Workers, and they have been met with ready promises of assistance from many Christian gentlemen whose high position and attainments eminently qualify them to deal with the various topics announced.

Besides many prominent Canadian Sabbath School Workers and friends the Rev. A. F. Schaeffer, D. D., of New York; Rev. John McCarthy, of the China Inland Mission; and Mr. Wm. Reynolds, General Superintendent of Organization (International Sabbath School Convention), have agreed to take part in the proceedings.

Those interested in Sunday School work in this vicinity should embrace this grand opportunity of hearing some of the world's best speakers.

There are to be meetings arranged for a coach to leave Guelph by the G. T. R. on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings after the convention to run as far as Earlston at

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