

BORN.
Died—In Acton on 1st Nov., the wife of V. E. Welch, a daughter.
Laverty—In Erin, on the 2nd Oct., the wife of James Henry Laverty, of 45 years.
Linton—At Ottawa on the 1st Nov., the wife of a Mr. Linton.

MARRIED.
H. A. and M. L.—In Winona, on Thursday, 2nd Nov., Rev. John Remond, Joseph H. Harting, formerly of the First Methodist Church, and Miss Acton, Devereux Postmaster, All, of Winona.

DIED.
T. G. and S. At Newark, N.Y., on Saturday, 2nd Nov., Daniel Thurston, aged 72 years.

Dixson—In Paquaming on Tuesday, 8th November, infant daughter of Wm. Dixson, aged 10 months.

Anthon—In Brantford on Thursday, Nov. 12, Mrs. Jane Kee, wife of David Anthon, aged 59 years, formerly of Brantford.

M. A. and M. J.—In Ottawa on the 11th Nov., James McKeown, brother of the late David McKeown, of Erin, aged 38.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The popular amusement in the United States for the next few weeks will be the payment of ridiculous election bets, and the performance of outlandish capers, according to promises made when the fight was on.

The Toronto *News* says it is generally understood that Ontario provincial elections will be held next year and that the Dominion general election will not be postponed beyond a year later than that date, while they may possibly come on a good deal sooner.

The Waterloo *Advertiser* remarks that the man who digs a ton of coal gets about 75 cents, and the man who burns it pays \$6 or \$7. It argues that coal should never go above \$4 per ton in Canada, which would give \$1 to the miner, \$1 for freight, \$1 to the home dealer and \$1 to the consumer.

It is stated that President Harrison, referring to the recent election, said that the defeat of the Republican party was mainly due to the position of the party on the tariff question, the Republicans having forced the issue to an extreme which evidently did not meet with popular approval.

A joint commission from the United States and Canada will investigate and report recommendations for the protection of fish and fur fisheries in the inland lakes bordering on both countries. An exchange thinks it is an admirable commission except for one thing. The members are allowed two years to investigate and report. Perhaps by that time there will not be left many international fish to be protected.

Senator McKinley has sold his residence here and intends returning to Toledo at an early date. He has been a familiar figure on our streets for many years—*Milton Reformer*. He is Senator for life unless this useful appendage can be abolished, therefore what does he care for Halton so long as he pockets the \$1000 a year for merely putting in his time—Brampton Times.

South Dorchester has fallen into line, and at its municipal election last Friday the ratepayers of the township will be asked to vote on a by-law providing for the abolition of the state-labour system. To all intents and purposes the by-law is similar to the one which will be submitted in Yarmouth, with the exception that the state labour is to be commuted at sixty cents a day.

The Clinton *New Era* is evidently not one of the "hide-bound" political organs which can see evil and injustice but one side of the political fence—it says: "Mr. Mowat is weakening the hands of his own supporters by allowing the Middlesex Registration to remain vacant as long as it is. How can Liberals fight against those on the opposite side when they are tolerated in their own midst."

Some idea of the value of the cheese industry is got from the fact that nearly 30,000 boxes were offered at the "Listowel" board on October 20, equivalent in value to \$25,000. This is an enormous sum of money to distribute among a comparatively small number of farmers for three months. There can be doubt that any other industry to maintain the prosperity of this country.

The Milton *Reformer* is badly worked over the appointment of License Inspector and Police Officer that require men were passed over in order to give the position to a Roman Catholic. In referring at length to the appointment the *Reformer* says: "It looks as if the Government at Toronto had completely abandoned all idea of ever redeeming Halton, and our opinion is that the county may be considered safe for the Conservatives for the next ten years."

One of the chief reasons given for the scheduling of Canadian cattle is that numerous cases of pleuro-pneumonia had been discovered among United States herds. Those who consider that is a good ground for inflicting injury upon the Dominion forget that Canada and the United States are different countries. There are lots of epidemics, strikes, and cyclones on the south of the international boundary which never trouble the people to the north of it. It is hardly fair to hold Canada responsible for its neighbor's bill of health—*Mail*.

Now that the fishery season on the Atlantic coast is drawing to a close the cruisers which have been out all summer will shortly be laid up. From the reports received at the Department at Ottawa it appears that, with one or two exceptions, the Yankee fishermen have respected the law, and have confined their operations outside of the three mile limit. A few vessels were warned, but no seizure for infractions of the law this year have been made. The catch of the Canadian fishermen this season has been about an average one.

It has been reported that the poor of Great Britain will this winter suffer from famine. The causes alleged are the partial failure of the crops and the depressed state of commerce and manufactures. That Britain's poor will be poorer this winter is evident, for very many are out of work, but with the great sterilities of the world fall, and the wealth of Britain ready to purchase food, there is little danger that a famine will affect Britain. Our people are forever complaining of hard times, and the prices are relatively low—but we have plenty to eat, and the scarcity across the Atlantic may make things more difficult.

THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

LIMEHOUSE.

The Methodist Church here is to be renovated, painted and papered.

A number of the residents of our hamlet were up to Acton on Sunday to hear Conductor Sulter's sermon.

MILTON.

The waterworks system here was inspected last week and owing to the small quantity of water in the reservoir the class of insurance in the town was reduced from D. to E. This will considerably increase the rates.

Rev. C. O. Johnston will deliver his popular lecture, entitled "Human Nature," in the Methodist Church on Monday evening, Nov. 21st.

Mr. James Cantelon has purchased the 90 acre farm of the Hustler estate. Mr. Cantelon will have a timber sale in November.

In consequence of the engine breaking down at the works the town was without electric light last week.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance will meet at Milton on the 5th of December and following days.

ERIN.

The Directors of the Township of Erin Agricultural Society held a meeting at Adelphi Hotel, Ormiston, a week ago when the treasurer paid over to many of the prize-winners their money. The secretary treasurer stated that the proceeds of the fair of 1891 far exceeded that of any previous year, and the society would have a large sum to their credit after all debts were paid.

The Village Council will hold their next meeting on the 15th Dec.

A social was held at the residence of Mr. Wm. Sutton, in the Village of Erin, on Tuesday evening in aid of the Parsonage fund.

A meeting of the management of the Erin Ploughing Society will be held at Hamden's Hotel, Erin, on Saturday.

Several cows have died throughout this neighborhood recently, and the cause of death is attributed to the feeding of rotten potatoes.

OAKVILLE.

Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, preached morning and evening last Sunday in the Methodist church on the occasion of the missionary anniversary. His sermons were able expositions.

F. W. James left last week for Stratford, where he will open a drug store. Walter Ashton of Beeton, takes his place.

The Dorcas Society in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Jude's church have just sent a two hundred pound bundle of clothing to the North West mission.

License Inspector Reynolds has entered upon the duties of his office.

R. M. Chisholm was arrested on Monday evening by Detective Davis on a charge of attempting to poison his mother and brother at Oakville by putting arsenic in his tea and on their bread.

He was brought back to Oakville in charge of Chief of Police Summer Tuesday. The man has been adjudged insane and will probably be committed as a lunatic.

NASSAGAWAYA.

The quarterly meeting service was conducted by the pastor, on Sunday morning, 6th inst., in Ebenezer church. There was a large attendance, the church being well filled.

Thanksgiving services were held in the church above on Thursday.

The Bethany tea-meeting was quite a success, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 2d, although very wet and disagreeable, still there was a large attendance. A number of the people of Norfolk St. Church, Guelph, favored the audience with choir music, recitations, and readings. Rev. Mr. Robinson gave an address on "How to succeed in life." Proceeds \$25.

Miss Maggie McPherson leaves for New York this week, on account of her health. We hope she will soon improve, and again stand in our midst. Miss McPherson is intending to accompany her.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Easterbrook, are visiting their daughter, at Orillia.

Mrs. Will and George Laing are improving, after an attack of diphtheria.

ASHGROVE.

Mrs. R. S. Hall, of Weston Toronto Junction, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Wriggleworth.

Mrs. Will and Alex. Warren, visited their parents here, during the week.

Mr. James McCartney, of Georgetown, formerly of Ashgrove, visited friends here on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Stafford preached in the Methodist church here on Sunday morning.

Mr. Rich. Nixon, of this place, has re-engaged for next year, at Tallmore public school. If we are to judge from his re-engagement, Mr. Nixon has been very successful in his work there as '93 will be his fifth year in that place.

A little hummer bird, lit on my left ear the other day, and whistled a song of wedding bells and orange blossoms.

As we intimated two weeks ago, several days from the Sons of Temperance wended their way to Meadowvale on Tuesday evening, and gave a programme there. The Meadowvale brethren and sisters gave them a right royal welcome and treated them to a fine supper. There was a report of some being some clods in one of the loads, but we think it was a false alarm.

KNATCHBUHL.

The funeral of Harrison, son of John W. Hubbard, took place on Wednesday of last week, from his father's residence on the Guelph road, to the Ebenezer cemetery. The pall bearers were William and Albert Adamson, Elwood Wilson, Charles Wood, Herbert Taylor, and George Wilson. The Rev. J. W. Robinson conducted the service, his text being in St. John, 18th chapter and 7th verse. The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of the community in this sad bereavement.

Thanksgiving day passed off very quietly. Some of the boys were doing some great skirmishing that day. They were making lots of noise with their guns, but by all accounts came of without much game. Some of the hunters ran onto a porcupine that day and got their dogs filled with quills, and had to go home to take them out before they could proceed with their "fun" as they called it.

The Rev. J. W. Robinson commenced special services in the Methodist Church, Corwith, this week.

There was a shooting match at the Smith boy's place on Thanksgiving day. It was a good success. After the shooting match there was a raffle at night when a number of the remaining turkeys and ducks were disposed of.

The Council invites tenders for the drill shed for a skating rink.

GEORGETOWN.

Thanksgiving Day passed off very quietly here. Service was held in the Presbyterian church in the morning and was well attended. In the evening the Evangelical League of the Methodist Church held a musical and literary entertainment in the lecture room of the church. The programme was rendered mostly by the young people of the church and was given in a manner that was very satisfactory to the audience. Mr. H. W. Kennedy, B. A. of Albert College, Belleville, occupied the chair in this usual pleasant manner. The entertainment was a success financially.

On Friday evening old frame buildings on Black St. owned by Mr. F. Barber were badly damaged by fire. Although the fire had gained considerable headway before the firemen arrived and the building was very dry they succeeded in saving it from utter destruction.

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