

## BORN.

Cook—In Fergusson, Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, the wife of Wm. Cook, of a son.  
Wilson—At Eden Mills, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, the wife of David R. Wilson, of a daughter.  
McKee—In Peterborough, on Thursday, Nov. 5th, the Rev. T. McKee, Editor of the York, of a daughter.

## MARRIED.

Chad—Jeanne—in Oakville, on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, by the Rev. G. C. Chad, Chas. M. Cross and Miss Joanne, daughter of William and Anna Brampton.  
Luard—Cora—in Oakville, on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, by the Rev. S. Cross, John L. Lewis of the York, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen, only daughter of John Cross, Sr., Oakville.  
Anderson—Cecil—By the Rev. Dr. Tompkins, at St. Paul's Church, Guelph, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Anderson, son and daughter of Mr. William Anderson of Newmarket, to Mrs. Matilda Colveren, of Eden Mills.  
Mackie—Thom—At the residence of the Rev. Mr. Mackie, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, by the Rev. Mr. Tozer, Mr. Charles J. Moore, of Lancaster, Ohio, to Miss Nellie Tiddie, of Monroe.

## DIED.

Fox—At Saginaw, Mich., on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, Mrs. Mary Catherine, wife of George Fox, formerly of Acton.  
Hawkins—In Fergusson, on Thursday, 8th Nov. 1892, Mrs. Hawkin, the only son of Robert Hawkin, aged 7 years.

## The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1892.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Vaughan, Toronto's assessment commissioner, would like to see church lands taxed and the buildings exempt. The present system, he thinks, discourages churches to acquire more land than they need for their use and to hold it out of the market free of taxation.

Trade returns issued by the British board of trade show that the exports from the United Kingdom to Canada declined from £4,344,455 in the ten months ending with October 1891 to £4,262,119 in the same months of this year, showing a reduction of £82,365 or over £40,000.

One of the objections urged by Hon. A. W. Harvey, of Newfoundland, against the union of his colony with Canada is the pre-emptive policy of the Dominion Government which he says would increase the cost of living in Newfoundland without adding to the productive power of the island or increasing the earning power of its inhabitants.

U.S. Consul General John C. New reports that Great Britain's foreign commerce last year was more than twice as great as that of the United States, although her population is but little over half as great! The States' total imports and exports were only \$1,733,000,000, while those of the United Kingdom were \$3,750,000,000.

The result of the late U.S. election seems to have given general satisfaction to Canadians at home. The Liberals are openly exultant. The Conservatives, while they feel that one of their pit theories received a black eye figuratively speaking, secretly hope that the new administration will be more manly and generous in its dealings with Canada—Yarmouth N.S., *Loyal*.

The Education Department calls attention to the fact that the public school drawing course is intended to be freehand, although the teacher may in certain instances allow the use of the ruler, but only to the extent that will enable the pupil to acquire the proper use of it. The compass should not be used. At the entrance examination neither the ruler nor the compass is permitted.

Prof. McEachern, chief veterinary inspector of the Province, states that nearly all the exports of the veterinarian service have treated the carcasses of the steers, heifers and calves to the farmers whence the animals were obtained have been received, and will be transmitted to England in a few days. They bear out previous statements that not a case of pleuro-pneumonia has existed or exists in Canada.

A Chicago paper says: The Nicaragua Canal company of opinion that if the United States government would issue \$100,000,000 in national bonds for the completion of the work, then this country would hold undisputed possession of the canal forever. However the thing is to be accomplished, two points are clear. One is that the Nicaragua canal must be constructed as soon as possible; the other is that the United States must control it.

Mr. Frederick Muller, mining engineer of Drammen, Norway, has arrived from Sudbury, where he has been inspecting the nickel mines, and especially those belonging to the Viscaya Mining and Smelting Company. Mr. Muller is much impressed with the mineral wealth of the region, and very much struck with the resemblance it bears, geologically, to the nickel producing districts of Norway. He does not, however, think that perfection has yet been reached in the methods adopted of mining and smelting nickel ore in Canada.

It seems that an effort is to be put forth in Toronto to enforce the law requiring shopkeepers to provide seats for their employees. Such an enactment ought to be willingly complied with by the proprietors of the retail establishments. In some of these places hundreds of young girls are employed, and they cannot be on their feet day after day without much physical exertion. The check-rein is a mild form of cruelty compared with the constant strain young women experience in standing erect and silent behind a counter for nine or ten hours a day. The shop girls should certainly be allowed to sit when their tasks permit it.

**THE M'KINLEY BILL.**  
Indications That It Will Be Repealed  
Next Session of Congress.

New York, Nov. 24.—The Herald has sent to the members elect of the House of Representatives of the 53rd Congress the following questions:

(1) Are you in favor of an extra session, and if so, why? If not, why not?

(2) Do you believe in the repeal of the McKinley bill, or simply a modification of it—a modification that would ensure a tariff for specific only?

One hundred and ninety-nine of the 335 congressmen have replied to the inquiry as follows:

In favor of extra session 79, opposed to extra session 61, non-committal 89; in favor of repeal of McKinley Bill 81, in favor of modification of the bill 46, opposed to any change in the bill 50, non-committal 12.

If the straws are an indication, the Herald says, the McKinley bill will be repealed at the next session.

A foughkeeper young woman is suing the Central Hudson railroad for \$1,000 because the man to whom she was engaged was killed in a collision on the railway.

## THOMPSON IS PREMIER.

Owing to ill Health Sir John Caldwell Abbott has Resigned.

## A NEW CABINET BEING FORMED.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The long suspense with respect to the resignation of Sir John Abbott is over and the expected change of Premiership has come.

Although this change has been partly expected and looked forward to, still at the last it came rather suddenly. His Excellency came to his office in the eastern block about noon, as he usually does on Friday, and shortly after his arrival his secretary called on Sir John Thompson, who at once accompanied him to His Excellency, with whom he was closed for over an hour. About 3 o'clock the following statement was given out by Major Sir. A. Abdy, His Excellency's secretary, for publication:

The Governor-General has received with great regret a letter from Sir John Abbott, intimating that he is compelled by the state of his health to resign his office.

Acting upon the advice of Sir John Abbott, His Excellency requested Sir John Thompson to form the new Cabinet. Sir John Thompson has accepted this duty, but it is possible that a few days will be required before an accurate list can be given.

Immediately after this statement was made a public representative called on Sir John Thompson, but could get no information from him beyond the fact that it would probably be the end of next week before he would be in a position to announce who the members of the Cabinet would be.

His Excellency and Lady Stanley leave for Toronto to-morrow morning to spend a week with Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, fulfillment of an engagement made some time ago and Sir John Thompson said that it would only be after His Excellency's return that the Cabinet could be announced.

All sorts of rumors of who will be taken in and who will be left out are ripe here to-night, but it is all pure speculation, and the new cabinet which will probably be telegraphed away to-night by entering correspondents will be purely speculative.

There is a general impression, however, that neither Mr. Chaplin nor Mr. Carling will be in the new cabinet, and it is quite possible that one or more of the late ministers may be left out.

Mr. Ives, of Richmond, was here yesterday and his claims for a portfolio as English-speaking minister from Quebec are considered good now that Sir John Abbott has resigned.

At the moment, however, it is all a matter of speculation and it will be a day or two before anything definite can be even guessed at. In the meantime the present ministers remain in office as heads of departments, but cannot meet in council with His Excellency's advisers.

The twenty-first report of the Committee on Finance was presented and the following amounts recommended to be paid:

D. H. Miller, \$100; D. G. G. Graham, \$100; Grindell & Wright, \$100; T. C. T. and care of Edward Dryer, \$100.

The report was adopted.

Moved by J. B. Pearson, seconded by Mr. A. E. Alexander, that the Council adjourn to meet on Thursday evening, 15th December, —Carried.

The School Board met at eight o'clock. All the members were present except Robert Wallace, Jr., Wood, 41. 00.

Robert Brunt, work on grounds, 15. 00.

Moved by Thos. H. Harding, seconded by G. B. Cooke, that the report be adopted. —Carried.

Moved by G. B. Cooke, seconded by James McLean, that the Secretary be instructed to advise for tenders for supplying ten cords of dry hard wood, maple and birch, four feet long, part to be delivered at once, and the remainder during slighting. —Carried.

The architect was instructed as to various details in the completion of the new school building.

The Secretary reported that he had been treating the teachers of the various departments and they had each signified their willingness to continue in their present positions the coming year at their present salaries.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 o'clock.

**GONE OVER THE BORDER.**  
Close Upon One Million Canadians In The United States.

New York, Nov. 23.—The number of Canadians in the United States, according to the census of 1890, was 940,941, as compared with 717,157 in 1880, an increase of 262,784, or about 36 per cent.

The number of Canadians in the New England States in 1890 was 380,167, down from 175,429 in 1880, showing that in 10 years the number has considerably more than doubled.

The division of population of Canadians in the New England States is: English, 174,600; French, 40,561.

In Massachusetts the increase is very marked, the number of Canadians residing there in 1890 being 207,601, as against 74,203 in 1880.

The gold fever has resurpassed at Marquette and the Keweenaw mining region.

Hamilton coal miners cannot agree as to the price of coal. The present rate is 40 cents a ton, and some want to "boot" the price.

The French Cabinet has resigned, having been defeated on Monday in the Chamber on a vote in connection with the Panama scandal.

Elgin Myers, "The Martyr," attempted to talk sensation to the people of Montreal last night, but the McGill students, who were present in a body, hooded him.

A foughkeeper young woman is suing the Central Hudson railroad for \$1,000 because the man to whom she was engaged was killed in a collision on the railway.

## NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS.

The Result of the Teachers' Efforts at the Public School Last Month.

The following report gives the standing of the various departments of the public school at the monthly examinations last Friday:

1ST DEPARTMENT.

SUN. IV.—Rollo Smith, 270; John McGill, 274; Fred Smith and Wm. Gurney, 268.

JUN. IV.—James Towell, 288; Charles McCann and Eric Quilter, 276; John Cooke, 274.

JUN. III.—Rollo Derryman, 278; Roy McIntosh, 272; Eddie Laird, 268.

Total Marks, 500. T. T. Moore, Teacher.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

SUN. Fennell Smyth, 185; Nellie Fortune, 178; Joe Stewart, 171.

INTER.—Willie Arnold, 215; Nellie Holmes, 222; Hattie Oram, 193.

JUN.—John Moore, 250; Bella McDonald 235; Jennie Smith, Mabel Rae and Mary Toombs, 219.

Total Marks, 500. T. T. Moore, Teacher.

THIRD DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

FOURTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

FIFTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

SIXTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

SEVENTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

EIGHTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

NINTH DEPARTMENT.

SUN.—Maggie Harvey and Geo. Cooke, 197; Orval Miller and Ardie McDonald, 193; Bertie Smith and Wesley Vanwyck, 190.

INTER.—Ettie McDonald, 184; Irvin Wright, 181; Edna Swackhamer and Mabel Seper, 170.

JUN.—Mary Mason, 175; Mabel McPhail, 171; Josie Stephens, 169.

Total Marks, 500. T. P. Teacher.

TALK OF THE DAY.

An Estimate of the Various Doings During the Week.

Good sleighing is reported in many portions of Ontario.

The British House of Commons will meet on January 20.

Coal miners of Wilkesbarre, Pa., are reported to be in