

BORN.
FIRE.—At Oakville on Saturday, 2d December, the wife of W. D. Trick, of a daughter.
WAWNEA.—In Ontario on Saturday, 2d December, the wife of William Warwick, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

MURKIN.—Tuck & Oakville, on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdoch, of Kirkcaldy to Miss Jessie Tuck, both of Oakville.

DIED.

LAWRENCE.—In Milton, on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, George Lawrence, son of George and Martha, aged 20 years, 4 months and 2 days.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The York County Council, representing the leading municipality in the Dominion, unanimously voted the other day in favor of a Federal law making the maximum railway passenger rate two cents a mile. Other counties will follow the example of York, and members of Parliament who are in doubt as to their position on the matter will no longer be in doubt as to the views of their constituents. We'll all be riding at two cents a mile before another general election.—Toronto World.

It is noteworthy that all newspaper comments on Jay Gould's death, there is no reference to any kindly act or generous deed committed by this man who was a millionaire a hundred times over, and who might have been a tremendous power for good in the world, had it not been that he elected to be a tremendous power for evil. His whole life was devoted to the aggrandizement of Gould and the piling up of patriotic dollars. Money was his only goal; wealth his only standard of excellence. He goes down to history as one of the just hearties of men of whom the world has knowledge, and humanity has not benefited by his grasping, avaricious life and example. We have yet to see or hear one expression of regret at his death.

Newspapers all over the country are commenting on D'Alton McCarthy's action in Toronto the other evening in advancing his allegiance to Sir Oliver Mowat because Sir Oliver's stand on the loyalty question. The opinion seems to be that the member for Simcoe will make of a free lance than ever in the House next session, away at both parties when there is no party for it. It is refreshing to see men of Mr. McCarthy's standing and ability taking an independent attitude, and the only pity is that he has not more of the following. This may not go to Ottawa to become a mere satellite of his party. They seem to think that they owe their party everything and their country nothing. Mr. McCarthy has a higher idea of his mission there, and the country is grateful to him for it.—Hamilton Herald.

Electricity is rapidly coming to the aid of the farmers. Permission has been given by the County Council of York to run trolley cars on a part of the King Street road. Railways will soon be running all over the country. The enterprising physicians in several parts of the province have telephone connections at central points among the farmers, and in one of the farming districts of Michigan the farmers have provided themselves with a telegraph line which connects the scattered farms within a circuit of eight miles with the village store. The whole cost of the enterprise was only \$200, and the expense of maintenance and service, which is considerable, is assessed on the farmers who use the wire. The village storekeeper, who is also postmaster and express agent, acts as telegraph operator, and finds the increased business brought to him in this way ample compensation for his labor.

An act was passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature in reference to bees and spraying fruit trees. The Act states that no person, in spraying or sprinkling fruit trees during the period within which such trees are in full bloom, shall use, or cause to be used, any mixture except Paris green or any other poison, other than those referred to beees. This Act comes in force next January. Among the insects which did largely in this interesting process are the many small beetles which were, where imperfect fertilization has taken place fruit is incompletely developed in size and form, so that the quantity and quality are affected. Careful investigation has shown that the fruitfulness of many plants is largely influenced by bees, and such insects as search for the nests of pollen of flowers. Scientific investigation indicates more and more as the question of fertilization is considered, that bees are important factors in the production of fruit, and thus become co-workers with fruit-growers.

The following dispatch from Duluth shows the value placed upon Canada's great waterway by our neighbors over the line.—Secretary Thompson, of the Chamber of Commerce, had prepared his letter calling for a convention to consider the construction of a ship canal through American territory, from the great lakes to the Hudson river, and thence to the sea. In it he says: "Commercial considerations sink into insignificance in comparison with the importance of this waterway as an essential portion of national defences and a guard to national honor." Since then, while there are more than 150 warships in the English navy, which a depth of 17 feet would suffice to bring into the lakes from the sea. It is not best that a convention should be held after the Canadian legislature in Washington, so that the action of Congress may be directly and forcibly called to the necessity for immediate action and needed legislation secured before the present Congress expires by limitation.

Extradition of C. E. Davidson.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Some weeks ago Charles E. Davidson, of Burlington was arrested in Mexico on a charge of obtaining about \$10,000 from the Bank of Hamilton at Hamilton by drawing forged orders for money stock. Justice Murray, who is trying to get him back, has written to the provincial authorities complaining of what he considers wanton delay in the extradition proceedings. The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario represented the matter to the Governor General and on Saturday, H. H. John, British Minister to Mexico, asking him to use his good offices to expedite the extradition so far as it was possible to do so.

Over 65,000 settlers have gone into Manitoba and the Northwest this year.

THE NEW CABINET.

Sworn in by His Excellency the Governor-General Yesterday.

THREE NEW OFFICES CREATED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The following is the personnel of the new Ministry submitted for His Excellency's approval and to be sworn in this afternoon:—

SIR JOHN THOMPSON—Premier and Minister of Justice.

HON. MACKENZIE BOWELL—Minister of Trade and Commerce.

HON. J. P. CARON—Minister of Finance.

HON. JOHN COSTELLO—Secretary of State.

HON. C. H. TURNER—Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

HON. JOHN HAGART—Minister of Railways and Canals.

HON. J. A. QUIMBY—Minister of Public Works.

HON. J. C. PATTERSON—Minister of Militia.

HON. R. H. ANDREW—Minister of Agriculture.

HON. W. H. IVES—President of Privy Council.

HON. JOHN CARLING and HON. FRANK SMITH—Ministers without portfolio.

The above form the Cabinet.

HON. J. CURRIE—Solicitor-General.

HON. N. CLARKE WALLACE—Controller of Customs.

HON. J. F. WOOD—Controller of Inland Revenue.

Mr. Clarke Wallace and Mr. Wood will administer their respective departments under the direction of Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, and Mr. Curran will sit in the Department of Justice under the direction of the Premier. Mr. Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Curran are to be under one head—Trade and Commerce—and under him there is to be a controller of Inland Revenue and a controller of Customs, the partitioning of these offices to be without a wait in the Cabinet. In addition to those of the Solicitor-General, has been created, the person occupying the office also to be with a seat in the Cabinet.

THE NEW DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. Clarke Wallace and Mr. Wood will administer their respective departments under the direction of Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, and Mr. Curran will sit in the Department of Justice under the direction of the Premier. The Methodists, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the reception committee, was filled to the doors.

The chair occupied by G. W. Broome, who filled the position admirably. After singing the opening ode, Bro. Rev. D. L. Breerton delivered an address of welcome, which was replied to by Bro. Dr. Christie of Flesherton, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. P. Conner, accompanied by Mr. Conner on the piano.

It is stated in Montreal that the Seminary of St. Sulpice has decided to give \$100,000 to Laval University.

The poor denes that he has any idea of establishing a legation at Washington, and expects pleasure at the rumor.

J. W. Gavin, principal of the Woodstock Public Schools, has been appointed Inspector of Peterborough schools at a salary of \$1200.

Ogilvie's elevator at Virden was completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon with 23,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is \$30,000.

The London city council decided last week to submit to popular vote the question of closing bars at 7 o'clock every night of the week.

The Lake Huron, which received the disabled steamer Spruce, claims \$125,000 salvage, and a bond for that amount has been given.

The Manitoba Government has decided to proceed at once with the erection of a courthouse at Winnipeg, to cost eighty thousand dollars.

It is reported in Ottawa that there is a project of Mr. Carling before long receiving the K.C.M.G., which will make him Sir John Carling.

Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance, arrived at Halifax from England Saturday night, and proceeded to Ottawa on the mail train.

The demand for Canadian apples at Liverpool last week was active. A special cable to the Globe states that prices advanced one to two shillings per barrel.

The other day a man called on Mr. Nathan Jones, of Tyndale's township, and paid him \$20, the balance of a debt contracted by his father 50 years ago.

It is rumored that General Manager Sergeant and Mechanical Superintendent Wallace of the G.T.R. has been asked to resign, and that W. J. Spicer and H. Roberts of the Chicago & Grand Trunk are to succeed them.

The Christopher Columbus, the largest excursion steamer afloat, with a capacity of 5,000 passengers, has been launched at West Siberia, Wia., for the World's Fair between Chicago and the fair grounds.

MR. CARLING'S RETIREMENT.

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