

BORN.
COON.—In Acton on Saturday, 12th May, the wife of Irish Coon, of a daughter.
WYSE.—At Limehouse on Sunday, 10th May; the wife of George Wyse, of a son.
BARTON.—At Hornby, on Sunday, May 12, the wife of Mr. Barton, of a son.
LAWSON.—At Newmarket on Monday, May 13, the wife of Walter Lawson, of a son.
SCOTT.—At Preston's Corners, on Friday, May 17, the wife of Joseph Scott, of a son.
JONES.—In Acton on Sunday, May 19, the wife of Mr. William Jones, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

NATSON-HANKEY.—At Lakeside, the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday, 13th May, Rev. Joseph Edge, Mr. John C. Natson, of Lakeside, and his daughter of James Hankey, all of Acton.

DIED.

KRUEGER.—At his father's home, in Rockwood, on Friday, May 11th, George Krueger, aged 50 years.
PAXTON.—At Roseau, Montana, 15th April, 1886, Mrs. Mary Paxton, widow, only daughter of Samuel F. and Blanche R. Paxton, aged 24, two months.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1893.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are not accustomed to seeing complimentary allusions to Canada in American newspapers, so that the *Chicago Herald* will permit us to congratulate upon a friendly reference to Lord Aberdeen's appointment and to the Dominion as "the beautiful daughter of the Empire in the American continent."—*Empire.*

An Ottawa gentleman saw the Earl of Aberdeen in Chicago last week who informed him that he had been appointed Governor-General of Canada. The Earl stated that the Countess and he would leave Chicago on Saturday and sail on Sunday from New York for Liverpool. They expect to return to Canada about September 1st.

According to the last returns for 1892, our most valuable export by long odds, was that of nickel. It ran at \$2,615,320 in value, while gold stands next only reached \$200,625. Strangely enough, iron ore is put down at a beggarly \$254,205. This will give force to the promise of the Government to introduce a nickel coinage.

H. M. S. Blake entirely eclipsed America as well as other war-ships at New York the other day, and now the British steamship Campaign has beaten the newly purchased American liner—which was a whip all creation—by crossing the Atlantic in 6 days, 17 hours and 42 minutes, as opposed to the New York's record of 8 days 19 hours and 15 minutes.

The exports of breedings from the United States last month were far below the record for April, 1892, the decrease being not less than 33 per cent. in value.

Even this rate of decrease shows a decided change for the better. In the four months ending with April the exports of this class, measured by market value, fell less than 16 per cent. short of the figures for the corresponding part of last year.

The Department of Agriculture has forwarded to China regular books for Canadians who visit the Dominion exhibit at the World's Fair. There is also a section in the book giving the residence of the visitors in the city so that any one who desires to find the party. The department is also desirous that the public should know that letters addressed to the Canadian Pavilion will be delivered to parties when called for.

An important amendment to the Public Health Act passed in the Legislature this week. The chief provision, which empowers municipalities to issue debentures and raise money for the erection of hospitals during the coming year, may be of great importance in the threatened violation of cholera should occur. It is evident that in the event of any such necessity there are few municipal officials who would not override the law in the interests of the people. But it is desirable that the widest measure of freedom be allowed during the time of peril.

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It demolishes at a blow every constitutional guarantee on which the Chinaman had a right to rely: it is *ex post facto* in its operation; it deprives the accused of the right to a trial by jury; it strips the prisoner and compels him to be a witness against himself. It is, of course, urged that the law requiring the Chinese to register visits upon them no essential hardship. They and their friends, however, contend that it is an inviolable and hostile discrimination, and that as the requirement of an unconstitutional act, it is void. It is their hope to have it so declared. It is, moreover, the earnest belief of those who revere human rights and a true Americanism that it will lead to the ultimate redress of grievances greater than it inflicts. It will infallibly call the attention of the American nation, always just and chivalrous, to the whole subject of our relations with China, a consideration of which will convince them that this policy has been unworthy of a great and intelligent people. Their keen intelligence will not fail to discover that it is unworthy.

If permitted to, it will prove a costly folly, the cost of which is immeasurable, the advantages of reciprocal commercial relations with some six hundred millions of friendly disposed people, our nearest Western neighbors, whose markets, within a century, will be among the most lucrative in the world.—*Harper's Weekly.*

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN.
His Appointment as Governor-General of Canada, Successor to Earl Derby, Officially Announced.

London, May 11.—It is officially stated that the Earl of Aberdeen has been appointed Governor-General of Canada in place of the Earl of Derby, formerly Baron Stanley of Preston, who is about to retire from the office of Governor-General, to which he was appointed in 1886.

If you want first-class Guelph ass and foals at Guelph prices, T. Eason, can fill your order, at his planing mill.

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TALK OF THE DAY.
An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

The Ontario Coal company has made an assignment.

Thomas Ford was trampled to death by a steamer near Isthmian on Saturday.

Mrs. McLaren, who lives in London township, was 103 years old on Saturday.

Polling on the question of repealing the Scott Act in Bruce county will take place on June 16.

Mr. Alexander Cameron, a well-known and wealthy citizen of Toronto, died Monday morning.

Geo. Fred. Jells has been appointed police magistrate of Hamilton to succeed the late James Cahill.

At Exeter on Monday, George Armstrong of the Thames road, Osborne, was killed by a kick from a horse.

A Toronto waiter, W. B. Bird, confined to bed by taking carbolic acid sometime during Friday night last.

The local directorate of the World's Fair have decided to open the exposition on Sundays in all departments.

Mr. Waters' bill to amend the assessment act was discussed in the assembly and referred to a special committee.

Eight Cabinet Ministers are present absent from Ottawa, and are not expected to return before the end of the week.

George F. Clark, assistant manager of the African chair, was found dead at a Woodstock Hotel Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. R. Booth's large mill at the Chaudiere began the season's sawing yesterday morning with a gang of nine hundred men.

John H. Beck, for many years a merchant in Brampton, died Monday of consumption. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Miss E. M. Fairclough, of Hamilton, has been appointed to a post-graduate fellowship in Greek in Bryn Mawr college, Pennsylvania.

Bombardier Hall, an Englishman, and an ex-member of the British Army, committed suicide in the guard room at Quebec Citadel Monday.

Dr. Frank, reform, politics and the social evolution of women were the chief topics of discussion at the sessions of the World's congress of women in Chicago.

The amount of Dominion currency in circulation on May 1 was \$18,414,000, an increase of \$285,000 on March, and a decrease of \$700,000 compared with February.

Eleven of the thirteen distilleries at Peoria, Ill., will be shut down the first month by order of the whiskey trust officials, because of two much stock on hand.

There's a scheme to celebrate the opening of the twentieth century of the Christian era by a great international world's fair or something of that sort at Jerusalem in 1900.

Ten men were dashed 3,000 feet to the bottom of a shaft in the Calumet and Hecla mine at Houghton, Mich., on Sunday. The breaking of a coupling pin caused the disaster.

Judge Benedict, in the United States court, at New York, has handed down a decision quashing the indictment against John C. Eno, who recently gave himself up to the authorities.

The report on drainage shows that 68 municipalities in Ontario have borrowed \$2,692,576 from the Ontario Government under the Municipal Act and the Ditches and Water Courses Act.

Frankie Cook, the three-year-old son of Samuel Cook, formerly proprietor of the Commercial hotel, Hamilton, was drowned in a cistern a little off Mr. Cook's house in Waterloo on Saturday.

The West Shore road has decided to terminate the arrangement whereby it uses the through line of the Grand Trunk to Chicago and will hereafter run its trains over the M. C. R. tracks.

Toronto's City Treasurer has made his estimate of the expenditure for the current year. He places it at \$41,400,000, exclusive of expenditures on capital account, which will amount to about \$750,000.

At the Canadian pavilion in Chicago, a register is to be kept, in which Canadians may sign their names and place of residence in Chicago, and how long they intend to stay, for the information of friends.

Sidney Moore, aged 12, had his foot caught in a catch-gear on the Grand Trunk Railway at Belleville Tuesday, and before he could get out of the way the lad was run over and killed by an express train.

While moving some boards from in front of a circular saw in Card's saw-mill at Elginburg, Tuesday, John Kort, a prominent farmer, slipped and fell on the saw, being cut to pieces before any assistance could be rendered.

The English war ships, which have been so much admired while lying in the North River, left on Friday and set sail for Bermuda. Directly that the Blake made a start the other visiting ships ran off the coast of New York.

The Blake, with a branch doing business on the East Coast, is a fleet of business operation in the United States, which will study with more perplexity than pleasure.

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