

MARRIED.

CARTON-HOGG.—At 45 Grace Ave., Toronto, on Tuesday, 28th June, by Rev. J. A. Turnbull, D.D., Mrs. Jessie Carton, daughter of Mr. Carton, to Mrs. Jessie Hogg, Limehouse.

DOWNEY-COOKMAN.—At the R. C. Church, Guelph, on Saturday, 25th June, by Rev. Father Kenney, S.J., assisted by Rev. Father Marie, S.J., Joseph P. Downey, to Nellie M., second daughter of Thomas Cookman.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The German Foreign Office expects that Russia will forthwith open a commercial war against Germany. The officials attribute the failure of the negotiations between Russia and Germany to Francophile and Pan-Slavic influences in St. Petersburg inducing the Russian Government to demand impossible conditions.

The unanimous declaration of the British House of Commons in favour of a proposal to refer arbitration all disputes between the United Kingdom and the United States, and expressing the hope that an arbitration treaty would be adopted, is an example to the world. What a blessing it would be if Europe could be brought to the adoption of such a peaceful way of settling international difficulties!

The Canadian Pacific Railway has a novel and patriotic scheme, with a side of personal interest, perhaps, for the upbuilding of the North-West. When a settler in the western wilderness wants to go back to Ontario or the farther east to get married, the railroad sells him a round trip ticket at the usual rate, having a matrimonial stub attached. On presenting the return coupon, a stub, and a marriage certificate, the road furnishes free transportation for his bride to their western home.

Canada's cheese seems to be the cheese. If we are to believe the reports, the American judges at the World's Fair at Chicago thought few cheeses there but Canadian were worthy even of a diploma. All but nine of the hundred and thirty-five prizes awarded were adjudged to Canada, and Ninety-one entries of Canadian cheese reached higher in the highest American exhibit. Canada did not do better, too, for although there are no cheese exhibits, thirteen of them won medals. In dairy produce Canada easily leads them on this continent; that is plain at all events.

After July 1st the new Criminal Code comes into force. Under it an accused person may be compelled to convict himself—or confess guilty. The experiment of docking a defendant a compellable witness was tried under the Scott Act and in many instances proved of value in securing convictions. The British Commons have several times voted to make the change, but the Lords have always killed the Bill. A Bill is now being put through the Commons, however, which is likely to be accepted by the Lords. The experiment will be watched with interest in Canada, by the bar and bench.

Great preparations are being made in Montreal for the approaching convention of Christian Endeavorers. A committee of 150 will greet visitors, and choirs of 250 and 300 voices respectively are arranged for the Champ de Mars and Drill Hall gatherings. Twenty-five paid canvassers, at a cost of between \$2,000 and \$3,000, are working to have all the necessary accommodation secured. Up to date \$3,700 has been contributed to the entertainment fund and \$5,800 has been expended. The total expenses of the convention are estimated at \$18,000 more than half of which is already subscribed.

An order-in-council has been passed designating the ports at which petroleum for illuminating purposes may be imported in tank cars under the act of last session to regard to the duty on oil. The Ontario, Lake Huron, St. Lawrence, St. Catharines, Whitchurch, Galt, Kitchener, London, St. Thomas, St. Catharines, Guelph, Galt, Berlin, Sarnia, Cornwall, Prescott, Smith's Falls, Peter, Ottawa, Kenmore, Kingston, Belleville, Port Hope, Peterboro, Brockville, Napage, Port Elgin, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Stanley and Port Arthur. The order also permits petroleum in packages of 50 gallons or less to be entered at any duly established custom port. At all such ports when no customs officer is present or available the duty of inspection shall be performed by and under the supervision of the collector of customs for such port, which officer may be authorized for such purpose.

ACTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A Brief Session on Monday Evening.—The Estimates Next Meeting.

The regular session of the municipal trustees was held on Monday evening. Proceedings commenced at 7.30 o'clock. Reeve Pearson in the chair, all members present.

The committee on finance presented their tenth report and the following accounts were passed:

David Mills, work on streets..... \$10.75
N. J. McCallum, work on streets..... 3.50
William Stewart, gravel..... 3.50
Angus Johnson, work on streets..... 3.50
Total..... 6.75

Moved by J. Anderson, seconded by John Williams, that the tenth report of the finance committee be adopted.—Carried.

The estimate of the Public School Board of their receipts and expenditures were submitted and the sum of \$1650 requested for school purposes.

James Attwells put in a tender of \$3,000 for the grass in the park, provided on condition that the portion inside of the track be cut by July 1st.—Carried.

The estimates of receipts and expenditures for the present year were given due consideration. They will probably be completed and the rate struck at the next meeting on July 1st.

Council adjourned at 8.10.

NORTHWEST LIEUT.-GOVERNORSHIP.

A Statement That C. H. Mackintosh Is Sure of the Appointment.

Ottawa, June 28.—It is learned on good authority that Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, M.P., who has just arrived from England, has got the appointment of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest in his pocket. He saw Sir John Thompson in Paris and secured this promise from the Premier. The result of this will be the opening of Ottawa at once.

The construction of Knox church at Ayton, on Sunday contributed a special collection of \$2,227, in response to a call from the pastor, Rev. John Thomson, M.A., for a debt of \$2,000. The \$2,000 will be paid off at once.

Rev. Mr. Griffiths' garments.

HALTON C.E. CONVENTION

An interesting, instructive, and encouraging gathering of Christian Young People.

MOST CORDIAL FELLOWSHIP.

The first annual convention of Halton Christian Endeavor Union, embracing the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and kindred societies, was held in Knox Church last Thursday and Friday. It was a pronounced success in every respect. The weather being delightful attendance was large at every session; the spiritual influence powerfully felt; the enthusiasm unabated, and the hearty fellowship was realized by all. About 150 delegates were present representing twelve or fourteen societies. The following attended from points outside of Acton: They were heartily welcomed and entertained during the convention in the homes of members of the various churches—Rev. W. B. Smith, President, Trafalgar; Rev. S. S. Craig, Oakville; Miss Patterson, Conestoga; Rev. F. E. Clark, Guelph; Rev. J. T. Nisbet, W. D. Robertson, Waterloo; Rev. J. J. Diacon, P. S. L., Mrs. Dexon, Miss Desco, Miss Hemstreet, Mr. J. Peter, Rev. J. P. McQuarrie, Tansey; Rev. J. Argo, Norval; Rev. M. L. Pearon, Brampton; Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt; Rev. H. C. Christie, Elora; Rev. W. J. Robinson, Guelph; Rev. J. W. Kenney, Oakville; Mr. J. G. Wilson, F. W. Hollister, Milton; Rev. J. E. Patterson, Galt; Rev. J. Argo, Norval; Rev. Fred. C. Watson, John McKay, D. Turner, Galt; Rev. J. W. Robinson, Guelph; Rev. W. B. A. Mills-Wren, Nassagawaya; Rev. F. E. Clark, Conestoga; Rev. F. E. Blair, Nassagawaya; Rev. W. Dillon, Elora, Trafalgar, and Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt, which, owing to limited space, we are unable to report. They were all enjoyed by the large audience. The following resolutions were presented and carried unanimously:

Resolved, that the officers are due to the C. E. the influence of the C. E. organization, and to all those who have added him to our strength, the present history of our society for the past year, the work which the Church has done in the various needs of young people were referred to. They were an enjoyment and recreation to the fathers. In concluding his beautiful and inspiring address he said: "Because of the interest the Christian Endeavor takes in the Church, and of the interest the Church takes in the Christian Endeavor, I with it Godspeed."

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, appointed the Convention, but the vacancy was ably filled by Rev. S. S. Craig, who gave an excellent address upon "How to make the best of Life." Among his strongest points were these: No life is necessarily successful because of the accumulation of wealth, many mighty in the Lord have no earthly possessions. Life is not necessarily a success because of a good education, back of it all lies the heart. God would dwell in the heart, not in the head, not in the body. Young man make the best possible use of life. In spiritual life growth never stops. Every day Christ can give to satisfy us.

The session closed with an anthem by the choir and a benediction.

REVEREND DR. DICKSON.

The proceedings opened at 9 o'clock, with a sunrise prayer meeting conducted by Rev. H. C. Christie. It was well attended and a gracious influence was felt throughout the service. The young people took part freely.

The regular session opened at 9 o'clock, Rev. F. E. Clark, Guelph, presiding.

Mr. Diacon, Trafalgar, Miss Patterson, Galt, Rev. J. W. H. Milne, and Walter Miller, Osgoode, and Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt, who had rendered us valuable services, also to Rev. Mr. Craig of Oakville, who had rendered us much needed help to reach an excellent address.

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