

HORN.

BRADLEY In the Hall of the 22nd July, the Hall of H. L. Huntford's son.
WILLIAMS At Acton, on Monday, 10th August, the wife of Captain Williams, a widow.

MARIED.

BRADLEY Womack, in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Toronto, on Thursday, 29th July; by Rev. Dr. Parker, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, deacon.

DIED.

PENNOLE In Guelph, on Friday Aug. 1st, Mrs. Pennole, wife of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pennole, aged 5 months.

PLAISANCE - Drawn at Muskoka on Wednesday evening, 28th August, by Mr. and Mrs. Plaisance, Esq., of Guelph, aged seventeen and two months.

The Actor-Free Press.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1893.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The income of the United Kingdom from liquor taxes shows a fall in the first three months of the year of over \$300,000, while the income from tobacco used in public institutions declined nearly \$600,000. The trade depression is evidently severe, felt on the other side of the water as well as in America. When John Bull lets up on his shrinking the need of economy is strong.

The late Senator Montgomery, who died in Prince Edward Island last week, was public life continuously for fifty five years. He was eighty four years old and was first elected to the Legislature in 1867. Mr. Montgomery was returned either to the assembly or legislative council at each succeeding election up to the time the Island became a province of the Dominion in 1873, when he was called to the Senate.

At the Interior Department a telegram was received from Hon. T. M. Daly, who is in the Northwest. It must be understood that the telegraph to the Thimble Islands has been stopped for the present. Last week, in consequence of opposition in the press, it was announced that only half of the Islands would be sold to the Indians. At the time the Hon. Mr. Daly had not been fully advised regarding the situation, and he has now decided to hold over the matter altogether for the consideration of Parliament.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The officers of the Department of Marine and Fisheries are at present engaged in preparing the statistics of the value of the fisheries of Canada for the past year. The total value given at \$14,911,171, a decrease of \$36,307 as compared with the previous year. This decrease is less than half leaves 1892, with the exception of last year as the most important in our history so far as the products of our fisheries is concerned. The total value of fish exported last year was \$9,677,398.

The attention of the Department of Justice having been called to the practice which exists at some ports in the case of goods of small value imported by express, for the purposes of duty any parcel of a less value than fifty cents and of charging duty on a value of one dollar upon all parcels of a value of one dollar or over. Controller-General has issued a circular, and it is inferred that this practice is not sanctioned by law, and that for the future all parcels coming by mail or express must be entered at the exact cost to the importers for the same, and duty must be collected on such fractional parts of a dollar in each case.

Sunday closing of the Works Fair has now become a very common practice. It appears that the gates are closed on Sunday, the directors are guilty of contempt of court, and if the gates are open they are guilty of contempt of Congress. Because the order of the Chicago judge was ignored, fines aggregating over \$5,000 have been imposed upon directors. This has been appealed and an almost endless amount of litigation seems probable. On the other hand, the price which Congress may exact for the disobedience of its orders goes into the millions. The re-opening of the Fair on Sunday last proved a complete failure, for the majority of the exhibitors have decided that six days work a week is enough for them.

A number of the leading citizens of Alberta gave a banquet the other evening to the Earl of Aberdeen, the new Governor General of Canada. The Earl in a speech dilated upon the energy with which the Canadians had built up their institutions. This energy was all the more creditable, said, that it was a foreign people, though but a small part, that finally set up the United States of America, which had great wealth and a vast population, and which enjoyed special facilities for rapid progress. Canada, he added, under stood and would prove the advantage of a steady and safe, if gradual, advance. She also understood and appreciated the benefits arising from simple autonomy, combined with a vital but absolutely unbroken connection with the British empire.

The increase of President Cleveland in the Congress of the United States, now meeting in special session, deals with the financial situation over the border in a manner that is at once clear, concise and courageous. In a few words the entire story of the commercial collapse is related. It is pointed out that while a combination of causes has produced the lack of confidence, and the chief factor in the panic has been the silver legislation, which requires the Treasury to increase rapidly large quantities of metal to pay for it in gold. The net process has been enormous wealth to the silver miners, and a continuous drain of gold via the Treasury, from the panoply. Mr. Cleveland says the purchase of silver has in three years taken no less than \$11,500,000 in gold from the national store house, leaving in the place the depreciated and depreciating silver. Mr. Cleveland, the honest party, is reluctantly touched by the silver bug, more superior to interests other than those of the nation, and calls for this critical reform.

DEATH OF DAVID PORTER, M.P.D.

The Member for North Bruce succumbed to pulmonary consumption.

Hereward, Ont., Aug. 7 - David Porter, M.P.D., for North Bruce, who had been suffering from pulmonary consumption for several years, died this morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Guelph, where he will be buried under the auspices of the O.P.P.

Miss Jessie Fleming of Brampton was drowned on Wednesday last evening, while bathing in a pond at Yarmouth, Island, near Cleveland, Lake Huron.

The census of Warion has just been taken with a view to its incorporation as a town. The population is 2,360, an increase 370, since the official census was taken.

TALK OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

Canada has steadily won.

In Russia there are 615 new events of history every year.

Grasshoppers are doing damage in the neighbourhood of Milwaukee.

Hugh E. Spratt, of Toronto, succeeded at New York Saturday.

The Ontario Grand Lodge of Oddfellows is in session at Niagara Falls.

Russia has the greatest amount of live stock of any country in Europe.

A financial crisis prevails in Costa Rica due to the caption of the silver market.

Judge Davis, of London, died from heart disease at New Carlisle, Quebec, on Friday.

During the year ending June 30 there were 107 criminal prosecutions in Michigan.

The total loss incurred through the Panama Canal swimmers is estimated at \$200,000.

Reports show that of the whole the quota in Quebec this year are better than last year.

Alfred Butler Murray, editor of Harper's Young People, died on Sunday in New York of typhoid fever.

Canada's fisheries exhibit at the World's Fair is said to be among the finest, rivaling that of France.

Mrs. R. G. Barrett, of Toronto, missing since Wednesday, was found dead at Rosemont Saturday morning.

The Toronto had their revenge on the Bhamrocks Monday at Chico, defeating them five games to four.

The Italian Government has decided to fund all pilgrimages to Rome in the event of a general strike.

After 100 days of strikes from Aldington and Penetanguishene the Ontario Agricultural College opened last Thursday.

The World's Fair gates were open on Sunday 631, the attendance was 1,000,000. More than 200,000 visitors were crowded.

It is said Lord Dufferin is to receive the Order of the Garter in recognition of his success in the Sino-Japanese negotiations.

In good daylight on Saturday robbers stole \$800 worth of watches from William Scott's store on the principal street of Woodstock.

The body of Clement Huff, who was drowned on Saturday in Whittaker lake, 14 miles from Ingersoll, was recovered the same night.

Mr. Samuel Wulff, of Paris, Ontario, lost his fingers and part of his left hand by a cutlass stroke at Adams & Son's wagon shop in Waterloo.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

Magazines and New Works Just Issued or in Press.

Harper's Magazine for September will contain Mr. William McLeavane's account of the life and adventures of Dr. John Evans, the man who stalked through the fire and blood of Dr. A. C. Conant's story "The Refugees," lately published in book form after its completion as a serial in the Magazine. For this article Mr. G. Remond has made four illustrations.

An important contribution to Canadian literature is announced for early publication by the Methodist Book Publishing Board. Toronto, Ontario, Sept. 1. - "Sons of John Macdonald," by G. J. Johnston, whose pen is familiar to Canadian readers, has prepared the master for publication. The book will be illustrated and include extracts from the writings and public addresses of the late Senator, and will be issued in a popular edition, selling at \$1.00.

The July number of The Canadian Engineer issued monthly by the Canadian Engineer Company, in the interests of the Mechanical, Electrical, Marine, Locomotive, Stationary and Sanitary Engineers, the manufacturer, the contractor and the merchant in the metal trades, has been received at this office. It is the best number yet issued and those interested in every department of mechanical engineering will find valuable and interesting matter will find valuable and interesting matter in this paper commanding their attention. It is published in Toronto and illustrated.

No other paper in the July magazine was so widely quoted, perhaps, as that which the Rev. Herbert Stead contributed to the Review of Books.

The description of the World's Fair by the author of "The Story of the Fair," which brought down the curtain on the exhibition, gives his impressions of the civic life of the city of Chicago.

The article is a well-reduced metric value

and gives a remarkable power of quick observation and generalization. Chicago will read it with avidity, and so will everybody else.

"Stephen Mitchell's Journey" is now illustrated. This book from the fertile pen of Mrs. G. R. Alden has just been brought out by William Briggs' Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto. It is the well known copyright edition of the "Pansy series." Like previous works of this class it is well-reduced metric value

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