

BORN.
GUNNER—In action on Friday, Nov. 20, 1903.
The whole family of a daughter.
EUGENE M. MARSHALL, President, died on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. His wife and two sons, Joseph and Edward, are still living.

MARSHALL.

BEACH, GUY—At the house of the bridegroom, Webster, Oct. 23rd, by Rev. R. J. Power, to Kalle A. Quist, of Winchester, Mass.
BELLAMY—Wife of the deceased of the former, on Wednesday Nov. 1st, by Rev. J. C. Bellamy, Minister of the First Congregational Church of Montreal, to Bellamy, deceased, of Clinton, N.Y., son of

DIED.

DARLING.—Inquest on Tuesday, Oct. 28th, Margaret Darley, relict of the late David Darling, deceased.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1903.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE Montreal Miner takes up the defense of the Separatists against the attacks of the Patrie, contending that France, being a neutral power, was the duty of the Separatists to remain loyal to Great Britain, which granted the Catholics their longer liberty than it enjoyed before.

The Australian colonies display great interest in the visit of Mr. Mackenzie, and the coming conference with Gladstone, reported as being of much importance. It is said in Melbourne that it will be held early next year, and that Great Britain will send a delegate to discuss the Pacific code project.

A large number of ballot boxes have been ordered by the Dominion Government from a Montreal firm. The Quebec Conservative journal thinks this may mean a return to the people after next session of Parliament. Sometimes a straw shows which way the wind blows, however, so we must determine its direction by means of a ballot box. *End.*

Fourteen years ago the Argentine Republic did not supply her home demand for wheat, importing 6,000,000. This year she has already exported 38,000,000, and has a surplus of about 10,000,000 bushels for export yet. Only about one twentieth of her wheat area is under cultivation, so that for a long time to come she will be a continually increasing factor in determining the price of this cereal.

Several brewers have testified before the Commission that they sold more beer in Hoot Act counties than law was in force than before its adoption or after its repeal. If prohibition improves their business, why do they ask compensation of property and business should a probability arise?

ACT imposed trade, why did they spend money in repealing it? There seems to be a screw loose somewhere.

The cigarette is to be banished from Georgia if the House of Representatives has the power to enforce its will. A bill forbidding the sale of cigarettes in the state was passed by that body last Friday morning, and the bill only made it unlawful for any person to sell cigarettes, but the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, in which it was referred, emphasized the rigid moral sense of the House by amending it so as to include under the ban cigarette tobacco and cigarette paper. Then the house passed the bill by 101 to 15.

The Post Office Department has issued a notice prohibiting cigarette smoking.

The fact that requests on the cover of newspapers and book packets for direct return, if not delivered, cannot be complied with, but that only letters can be thus treated. The Deputy Postmaster General has sent out further instructions to Post masters relative to "clipping" circulars. They are to the effect that care should be taken to exclude from the mails all correspondence posted by collecting agencies on which the "clipping" character of their business is prominently indicated.

Speaking of advertising and advertisers the Barron Advertiser says: "Of all business men the printer is the easiest victim of the deadbeat and the grifter. He does more for the success of all business enterprises in the community than any other agency, and gets less cash and more regard for his services than anyone else. And he is the last newspaper in the same to fit his pocketbook, every issue of his paper a yard or two off the mark to the drygoods man or a dollar's worth of soap to the grocer. Nobody thinks of going

to the library and asking for such articles to be given to them and the ground that they occasionally purchase an article or two at these shops. There are hundreds of people who try to get space in the newspaper to aid in some money making scheme, regarding themselves entitled thereto because they or their fathers subscribe for the paper."

HALTON'S CONSERVATIVES
Harmonious Annual Meeting held at Milton on Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association for the County was held at Milton on Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers, and was attended by a good delegation from all parts of the county. The following officers were elected:

W. Clements, president; A. W. Peart, vice-president; James Gillmire, treasurer; S. Dose, secretary.

The following were elected chairmen of various committees: Dr. Urquhart, Burlington; Dr. J. P. McLean, Acton; W. H. Sturz, Georgetown; John P. McLean, Milton; G. A. Hemstreet, Tralee; William Palmer, John Deering, Nelson; F. D. Peart, W. J. Brocken, Nassawango; W. L. Elliott, William Bates, Esquimalt; James Newton, Thomas Chipalin.

A committee was appointed to draft and present a letter of condolence to the family of their late president, Henry Watson, also to the family of H. late Cal and Murray, an old and trusted member of the association.

A memorial service was held by Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., and George, M. P., and the present prospective leader before the country were funeral services.

The voters' lists for the county have all been revised, and the Conservatives feel they are in a good position.

FIRE FROM NATURAL GAS.
Considerable Damage Done to the Methodist Church at Ruthven.

RUTHVEN, Ont., Nov. 7.—The Methodist Church here was damaged very badly by fire to night. The cause of the fire was through natural gas having been put in a new underground pipe and through mis-

management when erecting the furnace in the church. The heat and cold air pipes were leaking under the floor and sleepers which heated through the heat from the gas. Loss, \$700 or \$800; fully covered by insurance.

TALK OF THE DAY.

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

George H. Smith has succeeded Harry Johnson of Chicago.

The break in the Welland Canal has been repaired.

Mr. Wm. Birkin, of Kingston, father in law of Rev. Dr. Pitts, is dead.

He has been proposed to establish a State Bank of Quebec in Russia.

A movement has started Monday in the Midland Counties of England.

President Cleveland has set aside November 20th Thanksgiving day.

Sir Andrew Clark, the well known Eng. physician, died Monday in London.

Rev. Joseph Martin will be the Liberator candidate for the Commons in Winnipeg.

Rev. D. E. Silby, who has been pastor of Embro Congregational Church, has resigned.

The east trade between the provinces the year shows the large increase of 100,000.

Sir John Thompson is alleged to have stated that Parliament will meet early for January 1.

Pasteur M. Moulton of Belleville, was 86 years old Monday, and had been 46 years in office.

It is stated that Archibald Tait has written a letter to the Premier charging him with despatch.

Ottawa Presbytery has sustained the call from Knox Church, that city, to Rev. Mr. Johnson, Lindsay.

General report from Mackenzie Bowell indicates that his mission to Australia has been successful.

The election in Winnipeg for the seat vacated by Mr. Hugh John Macdonald has been set for the 22nd inst.

By an explosion of dynamite on board a vessel at Santander, Spain, 165 persons were killed and 190 wounded.

The Inspector of Penitentiaries has received an inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Hamilton Gaol.

The first raid of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Brantford Gaol turned Tuesday a short distance east of Hamilton.

Newfoundland elections appear to have resulted in the return of 20 Government and 16 Opposition candidates.

Wellington County politicians met at Brantley Tuesday and organized for work in connection with the plebiscite.

Burgars got away with about \$200 worth of cutlery from the store of Thomas Law in Lucknow, Ont., last Thursday.

Prudger, the murderer of Mayor Hartson, of Chicago, is to be tried November 27th, and the defense will be in sanity.

At Halifax, on Tuesday, Richard Savage, aged 27, a New York street car conductor, shot his wife and child and then committed suicide.

Andrew Wagner, a well do to farmer near Carlsruhe, Ont., while whitening his team Monday, was fatally struck by one of his horses.

Albert Wilson, who murdered Miss Marshall in Warwick, and was acquitted on the charge of insanity, has been brought to Toronto Asylum.

At Brockville, Charles Chapman, accused of murder, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to seven years in pententiary.

Julius Frobel, the well known statesman, has died at Zurich. He was a nephew of Dr. Frobel, the founder of the kindergarten system.

During the six months of the War 7,397,167 pieces of mail matter were dispatched from Jackson Park and 7,121,167 pieces of mail matter were returned.

The total number of people enrolled in the public schools of the United States for 1891-92 was 12,234,103, the average daily attendance being 8,552,934.

President Perito has received word that the Governments of England and France will maintain positions of strict neutrality with regard to Brazilian affairs.

Mrs. Warick, an old resident of Woodstock, Ont., who is now living in Toronto, has donated a site for a hospital in Woodstock.

Dr. George, a medical student at the University of Michigan, has been granted a leave of absence to study medicine in Europe.

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