

BORN:

STEWART.—In Paesbury, on Tuesday, April 3rd, the wife of James Stewart, of a son.

HIS MARCH.—In Georgetown, on Saturday, 10th March, the wife of Mr. James Dunn, of a daughter.

PROTEST.—At Guelpherville, N.Y., on Sunday, just before the sale of Mr. P. J. Powers, formerly of Acton, of a daughter.

MARRIED:

DR. HENRY DUNN.—At Guelphville, on Wednesday, March 28th, by Rev. L. C. Ridge Prebster, Dr. Ferguson, eldest daughter of Peter Ferguson.

HIS MARCH.—At the residence of W. H. Walker, Northgate, on Thursday, 29th March, by Rev. J. E. Bell, all of Nelson.

WALTON, ERIC.—At the residence of the Rev. Dr. Macmillan, Mr. William Walder, March 29th, by Rev. Dr. Ernest Mr. Richard, all of Nelson.

PENSHURST RAMSEY.—At the residence of the Rev. Dr. Macmillan, Mr. William Walder, of Penhurst Town, March 29th, by Rev. Dr. Ernest Mr. Richard, daughter of Andrew Crox, Esq.

DIED:

HALL, OAKVILLE.—At Oakville, on Tuesday, March 28th, Henry G. Hale, in the 70th year of his age.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The return of the plumb on prohibition in Nova Scotia show a very large majority in favor of prohibition. Of the 32,786 votes cast 11,459 were in favor of prohibition. Inverness is the only county that has not sent in returns.

The London League for the abolition of the House of Lords has issued an announcement that three hundred and fifty political associations in and near London have signified their intention of taking part in the demonstration in favor of the abolition of the Upper Chamber, in Hyde Park on White Monday.

A despatch in the London *Times* from Teheran, the capital of Persia, says:

"The Government has officially announced that the mint will no longer coin silver for the public. It also declares that the importation of silver is prohibited for the future, and that a month hence the customs authorities will treat as contraband all silver not endorsed by the mint."

It is a matter of singular interest that Japan is now manufacturing modern war material for the use of western nations. Six guns manufactured at Osaka have just been supplied to the Portuguese Government. A month or so since a British firm took the first step in the establishment of a watchmaking concern in Japan for the manufacture by Japanese workmen of watches for western markets.

Here are some of the latest statistics which will probably amaze the people of Great Britain and perhaps some of our own residents, who may see the new map just issued by the Ontario government. The area of the Province is given as 227,050 square miles, of which 187,000 square miles of land remain undeveloped. The whole area of Great Britain and Ireland is only 121,115 square miles, or over 65,000 miles less than the portion of Ontario still in the hands of the Crown.

The official comparative statement of receipts and expenditures of the United States for the nine months of the current year, issued Monday, shows that the expenditures have exceeded the receipts by \$5,312,000. To last March the expenditure was \$1,000,000 less than the receipts. The aggregate receipts for the nine months were \$22,117,365, and the aggregate expenditures \$27,854,412. The decline in receipts is attributable almost exclusively to customs duties.

The first impression created in Great Britain by the changes in the Canadian tariff, is most favorable and cannot fail to encourage Imperial support in the Canadian projects of theistic and socialistic, says a London editor. The Times in its editorial, the following morning heartily applauds the retreat of the Canadian Government from its attitude of high and dry protectionism and congratulates both Canadian and English business communities. The *Westminster Gazette* says that the new Canadian tariff is a distinct sign of the times.

The protection of the economy, if not trade, is a matter of justice, the Young leaders seem to be a matter of safety to several widely parted States. Even Greece in her insolvency has returned to start a Governmental cabinet, and the *Advertiser* says:

"The Cabinet has decided to submit the French treaty to Parliament for ratification. Sir James Grant, M.P., left for Paris Monday night to attend the marriage of one of his sons."

Lord Aberdeen has taken a residence at Halifax in which he and his wife will reside part of the coming summer.

Mr. Mulock gives notice of a bill to the Assembly the revenue of tariff bill, or the surplus has not yet been passed, owing to a state of affairs resembling a deadlock, and there is intense excitement and much speculation regarding the outcome of affairs.

BURLINGTON'S POSTMASTER

His Post Office and Municipal Accounts Alleged to be "Short."

BURLINGTON, March 30.—The talk of the village this morning is the disappearance of W. G. Neill, the postmaster and village treasurer. He left the village mysteriously on Monday morning, but the fact was not generally known till yesterday. Although he has been absent for two days, it is believed that there is no considerable danger.

A special meeting of the council was held last night to discuss the situation, but adjourned till the books are audited. His services are naturally in a state of suspense.

In March 21st the Postoffice Inspector visited the office here to investigate the cause of delay in remitting the funds. Neill paid all dues up to that date. He held the position of postmaster for about eight years. He did all the banking of the village through the Bank of Hamilton.

On April 2nd—The defalcations of W. G. Neill, a postmaster at Burlington, amount to \$100. His deficit as town clerk will exceed that, but the exact amount cannot be fixed yet. The bonds of his services were not renewed last year and the Town Council will likely have to make good the shortage individually.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Tariff Debate Continues and the Members Rehearse Their Campaign Speeches.

A NEW INSOLVENCY BILL

Ottawa, April 1.—The tariff debate has opened during the week with more than 600 speakers and many members have addressed themselves in meetings men in the House.

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