

BORN.

Wilson—In Niagara Falls, on Sunday, 29 April, the wife of Robert Wilson, of a son.

REINHOLD—In Kincardine, on Sunday, March 29, the wife of Rev. J. Reinhold, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

Bessie McLaughlin—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Waterloo, April 11, by Rev. P. J. Healey, a Methodist minister, of Waterloo.

Harold A. Macmillan—At the residence of his parents, at Waterloo, April 11, by Rev. G. McCulloch, Minister of Waterloo.

Percy Johnson—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Waterloo, April 11, by Rev. G. McCulloch, Minister of Waterloo.

WILLIAM—At his residence, Niagara Falls, on Wednesday evening, April 11, by Rev. G. McCulloch, Minister of Waterloo.

Dorothy—At St. James Villa, Burlington, Ontario, April 11, by Rev. G. McCulloch, Minister of Waterloo.

John J. Doherty, aged 24 years and nine months.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1894.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Bryson has made up his mind to withdraw his bill amending the railway act by providing for a maximum passenger rate, read as follows: "Nothing in any law or regulation of any railway or railroad company, whether approved or not by the Government, and it is likely to undergo considerable revision. Notes—see there so many delegations of influence now and manufacturers' blocking the railway and seeking changes more favorable to their interests. The Government is finding, as has been pointed out in the debate, that the industries in Canada are in a disturbed condition, and that they must either recall some of their changes or make still other ones, so that the industries unperilled may obtain some relief. There will consequently be a number of important modifications. The question of revenue must also be considered."

The Peterborough Advertiser defends the coal oil duty of 7½ cents a gallon in this former fashion. It says the result that it is only a cent a pound, their being 6 pence to the gallon, while better oil is found in the farmer's interest four cents a pound, cheape, three cents a pound, salt half two cents a pound, and a general tax on fresh meat not otherwise specified of three cents a pound.

The writer for the last general Provincial election says that on the 20th of April, 1890. The law says those for the next must be sent out later than four years and fifty days from that date. This term will expire on the 20th of June, so that the poll must be delayed beyond the middle of July. In all probability it will take place about the middle of June.

That's right. Bang into Sir Oliver Mowat's armchair and say to him, "Arrange for commissioners who will draw up the new laws. Most folks will be in sync with that. But what about the secret sessions of the tariff commissioners? If the mere suggestion of secrecy is so very naughty in Sir Oliver Mowat, wasn't the real thing the little bit left naughty in Sir John Thompson and Minister Foster? Let's have a little fair play—Hamilton Herald.

Scotland is to have some rules of the British House of Commons can arrange matters, and the logical sequence of this is to give it to Wales and Ireland as well. If a home rule bill for Scotland is introduced it will be interesting to note what the House of Lords will do with it. The Lords have already put themselves on record as being opposed to the principle of permitting people to manage their own affairs in their own way, but perhaps this applies only to Ireland.

According to the official reports, the grain exported from the port of New York during the year 1893 amounted to 55,704,720 bushels, and not a single bushel was carried in an American craft. British vessels took away 34,259,650 bushels, and the remainder was divided between the Belgian, Dutch, German, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Norwegian vessels. It is remarkable that the great republic should still be entirely dependent on foreign nations for the carrying of her principal product to the foreign markets.

The report of the Inspector of Prisons and Charities shows a gratifying decrease in crime during the year 1893. The number of commitments for crime was 392, the lowest since 1873. The commitments for drunkenness in 1892 were 378 less than in the preceding year and 84 were cut off from the record in 1893. The total commitments, for adults for 1893 were 6,610, as against 6,601 in 1892; of boys under 18, 339, as compared with 116 in 1892. When it is considered that we are annually by legislation increasing the number of offenders which may be committed the showing is a very encouraging one.

By the provisions of the law ratified by the bill now before the Legislature, \$67,005.50 will be distributed for school purposes to the H. & N. W. group in the county as follows:

Section of Fergus... \$4,000.00

Nelson... 1,000.00

Trafalgar... 1,000.00

County of Wellington... 1,000.00

Town of Milton... 1,000.00

Village of Guelph... 1,000.00

... 8,000.00

The balance of the money received from the G. T. R. after paying costs, including the costs and for outstanding H. & N. W. debentures and the \$1000 to the Grand Trunk Railway will be placed to the credit of the general funds of the county.

The Hamilton correspondent of the Mail on Monday said: "The political situation in Wentworth is uncertain, owing to the possibility of North Wentworth being gerrymandered. It is commonly rumored that Heverly, a Reform stronghold, and Dundas will be gerrymandered into South Wentworth to insure the re-election of Mr. Nicholas Avery, and that East and West Flamborough will be put into Halton as a gerrymandered district." Col. Kerensky, who is a Halton, is concerned we want no such gerrymandering business here by either Liberal or Conservative. The Government is in no position, has such well-defined outlines, and, whilst, has the popular necessity for a constituency, that no change is desirable.

Not only was the 90th birthday anniversary of Ned Dow last month celebrated in many places in the United States and Canada, but the English temperance people held 200 meetings throughout the country to do their best to induce a general meeting at Astor Hall ended an elaborate message to Gen. Dow with this: "We pray that your 90th birthday may be rounded to 100, and that you will leave us with us until the mother country shall enable her people to put the liquor traffic under the ban of law, and make home protection the watchword of her policies. We feel sure that no birthday has ever been so universally observed, without distinction of nation, sect or party, and we argue from this that the temperance cause has universal support when the race out of child hood has grown."

It is announced that the Massey Music Hall, Toronto, will be formally opened by a grand musical festival on June 14, 15 and 16.

TARIFF TO BE MODIFIED.

Deputations from many Points and the Question of Revenue will necessitate Changes.

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