

BORN:

OUR S. S. WORKERS

Frances and Esquering Township's Successful Conventions.

AT EDEN MILLS AND HORNBY.

The annual Convention of the Township of Erasmus Sabbath School Association was held in the Presbyterian Church, Eden Mills, on Friday, the 18th inst. It was in point of interest and numbers, the best convention yet held. The first session began at 11:15 a.m., and was composed principally of teachers and officers. It was opened with devotional exercises, led by the President, Mr. J. R. Harris, and Rev. D. Strachan. Mr. Alfred Day, Provincial General Secretary, then spoke until 12 o'clock to the teachers upon the character of their work. The address was full of practical hints to the teachers.

At 2 p.m. the church was well filled, and devotional exercises were led by Mr. W. Scott and Mr. L. Cann. The Sec. Treasurer, Mr. John Strachan, then read his report for the year. There are 14 schools in the township, with a total of 115 teachers and officers and 934 scholars on the roll. The average attendance for the year was 610, and the money collected for missionary and other purposes was \$342 75 with no revenue from two of the schools. There are 6 Methodist schools, 4 Presbyterian, 1 Friends, 1 Disciples, 1 Church of England and 1 Congregational, all working together harmoniously. One principal feature of the work is the visiting Committee. Committees of two each are appointed to visit the different schools in the fall of the year, and these committees report on a blank-slip to them. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$660, after all accounts had been paid.

Rev. D. Strachan gave an able address on "Methods of Teaching," outlining the different modes and pointing out the advantages of each. Rev. G. B. Cook, of Acton, then gave a short address on "The Instruction of Children in Fundamental Principles." This was eloquent, and was one of the best things of the Convention. Mr. A. Day, then gave an address on the necessity of having trained teachers in the Sabbath School, and the great benefits of illustrations in teaching. The speaker eloquently pointed out the advantages in teaching through the eyes as contrasted to teaching through the ear. Sight is the most acute of all the faculties. Mr. Day is a splendid conversationalist. He never allows the interest in his address to flag, but judiciously alludes to appropriate anecdotes with the facts.

At 7 p.m. the church was jammed to the doors, many not being able to gain admittance. The following are the officers elected for the year 1894-5:

President: Mr. Wm. Hodgkinson
1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. J. W. Burns
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. W. Leslie
Sec. Treas.: Mr. John Strachan

The following Committee was nominated to arrange for the annual excursion to the beach last year, and was to be upon the old party lines but two candidates were in the field. Ed Wardens Husband, the standard-bearer of the Reformed and 1st Co. Kirtle, who has served as the local member for two full terms.

At a meeting of the Patrons of Industry at Milton last week to consider the question of nominating a candidate in their interests it was concluded not to be advisable to put a representative in the field.

No name has yet been mentioned by the P. I. A.'s nor is it likely they will put forward a candidate.

The candidates in the field are both good men and have served the county in various positions with unselfish attention for many years. As before stated the coming vote in Halton will be almost entirely a test of the strength of the respective parties in the constituency.

The first public meeting of the campaign was held on Monday evening at Oakville, in the interest of Mr. Husband. The Town Hall was crowded with electors from town and district. Mr. S. D. Marlett presided. Short speeches were made by the Liberal candidate, who spoke confidently of his election, Dr. McGregor, president of the Halton Reform Association, Mayor Young, J. C. Walsh, of the Toronto Young Liberal Club, and D. O. Cameron. But Hon. G. W. Ross was given most of the evening, and he spoke forcibly and exhaustively on the questions of the campaign dealing principally with the economy and efficiency of the Mowat Administration. Separate schools, and the denying that Catholics were given any preference in public institutions. He stated that the Mowat Government was in favor of sustaining Government House, but if the electors thought best it would be abolished. Burial services were condemned, as the saving of thirty or forty thousand would not affect the security of newly-constructed cemeteries. Mr. Ross declared the Government for prohibition so soon as their power was tested and spoke highly of the encouragement given by the Government to all agricultural institutions. The meeting was most appreciative and closed with cheers for the candidate Sir Oliver and the Queen.

At the afternoon session three highly interesting and practical addresses were given, in which the Sunday School was shown to be an important factor in the home, the church and the nation. Rev. L. Ferris B.A., spoke upon "The Sunday School, the Nursery of the Church." His address had many excellent points. Rev. A. E. de St. Dallas kindly took the subject allotted to Rev. Mr. Mor, and gave a characteristic address upon "The Sunday School, an adjunct to the Home," and Mr. J. T. Deacon, P.S.L., gave a carefully prepared paper on "The Sunday School, and National Life," placing the school in a high position in this relation.

Profitable discussion followed each address.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: W. H. Scott
1st Vice-Pres.: Robert Watson, Acton
2nd Vice-Pres.: J. L. Warren, Acton
Sec. Treas.: Wm. Alexander, Acton

The next convention will be held at Union Church, above Glenwilliam, the last week in May, 1895.

The evening session was a fitting terminus to a very successful convention. The Church was crowded to its fullest capacity and the interest was unabated from the opening exercises at 7 o'clock to the closing at ten.

Rev. Mr. Argos, the retiring president, made a brief address, brimming with hints and suggestions for successful Sunday School work. He introduced his successor Mr. W. H. Scott, who accepted the position in a very happy and appropriate speech.

McWherrell was to be hanged at Brampton to-morrow. Public Executive Radcliffe arrived on Monday and reported to Sheriff Boddy. He engaged a carpenter and commenced the work of erecting in the jail yard the scaffold for the execution.

MacWherrell's counsel, Mr. Blundstone, was notified of the respite Tuesday evening and was naturally jubilant. MacWherrell was notified of his extended lease of life yesterday morning.

It is probable that an application for a change of venue will be made in the case of Walker.

Mr. H. T. Moore gave an interesting bird's-eye view of the International and World's Sunday School Convention at St. Louis, Mo. Much valuable information was imparted and numerous interesting incidents in connection with the great convention were vividly rehearsed.

A man supposed, from papers in his pockets, to be W. L. Hunt, of Berlin, Ont., a veteran surgeon, was cut to pieces at Portage la Prairie while attempting to board a moving Canadian Pacific train. Joe Landry, a Winnipeg hotelkeeper, who has been missing for two weeks, was found in the Red River. It is supposed he committed suicide.

The steamer Cambria, from Galtie Bay, Marie, for Marquette, was missing near Muskegon Friday. The passengers were safely removed.

MARRIED.

LaVallée—At Pleasant Valley Farm, Elgin Mills, on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, by Rev. Ed. Hartman, Philip J. F. LePenseur of the town of Jersey, to Jessie Jane Hart, of Millbrook.

KENNEDY—At Ironton, Thursday, May 22nd, 1894, by Rev. R. L. Collier, of Palermo, David Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Austin, of the same place.

MARTIN—Austin—At Ironton, Thursday, May 22nd, 1894, by Rev. R. L. Collier, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Collier, Rev. Mr. J. C. Young, and Rev. Mr. J. C. Young, to Miss Tillie M. Adams, third daughter of Dr. John G. Adams.

DIED.

McLellan—At Ripley, on Sunday, May 25th, Simon McLellan, formerly of Action, aged 70 years.

WILLIAMS—At Oakville, Ont., on Wednesday, May 26th, Mary, wife of J. D. Williams.

For the residence of Major T. W. Fox, Truro, N.S., May 26th, James Fox, aged 61 years.

Pattison—At St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, May 27th, Agnes McFarlane, wife of Wm. Patterson, of Rockwood, aged 60 years and 9 months.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1894.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A memorial is being prepared by the friends of the Whiteway party in Newfoundland, for submission to the Imperial authorities, asking that Governor-O'Brien and Judge Winter be relieved from office, the charge being that the former is acting contrary to the will of the mass of the people, and that the latter is not an impartial judge.

According to official returns there was \$172,000 invested in dairy farming in Canada last year, and as it is admitted that a gross return of \$15,000,000, or nearly 8 per cent., was made to farmers by the manufacture of cheese alone, besides the return from butter, eggs, milk and live stock, it can readily be seen that the times of the dairy farmer in Canada have fallen in prosperous places.

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox in Chicago, the Canadian Customs authorities have been requested to co-operate with the Ontario Health Department to secure the examination of vessels going into port, so as to prevent as far as possible the introduction of the disease into Ontario by that means. Arrangements have been made also for a system of public vaccination in Toronto.

All America will wish the Japanese good luck in their great national exposition which is to be held at Higao next year. Japan has been advancing steadily in civilization since 1854, when the American fleet under Commodore M. C. Perry, opened up the country to intercourse with Western nations. The Japanese have progressed at a rate that is without a parallel in the history of so-called barbarous nations.

There is to be an official investigation into the destruction on the 24th May of an American flag on the United States Consular building at St. Thomas, Ont. Consul-General Riley this morning received an official communication from Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, stating that the District Deputy Adjutant-General had been instructed to proceed to St. Thomas at once and hold an investigation into the affair.

The great coal strike in the United States is seriously affecting the railways of the country, and has already resulted in the closing of numbers of railway shops and many manufacturing establishments. Unless the strike is speedily ended the effect will be very far-reaching and serious. The railways decline for the present to carry any of the heavier freights such as lumber, wood, etc., owing to the scarcity of coal for their engines.

Captain Edward Palliser suggests in a letter written to the London, Eng., Times, that Canada is, in passing a patriotic militia act, a splendid chance of manning the navy. She occupies, he says, a most important strategic position in the Empire both on the Atlantic and on the Pacific Coasts, and has 40,000 hardy seamen, from which reserves of trained men could be formed to maintain that position. A leading Canadian statesman, Captain Palliser asserts, assured him that the formation of naval schools in Canada would be a most popular move.

The personal bitterness which some years ago characterized the controversy between prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists is passing away. It is being seen by those interested in the liquor traffic that with the advocates of prohibition it is not a matter of persons at all but of principle. They are in opposition to the liquor traffic, and intend to overthrow it, but have no feelings of persons ill will towards those whose interests lead them to take a different view. On the contrary they look forward to the time when their excellent personal qualities and business talents will be employed in channels profitable to themselves, while helpful to the community. —London Citizen.

TALK OF THE DAY.

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

Mr. A. A. La Riviere, M. P. for Provincher, has resigned.

The Dominion W. C. T. U. convention opens in London on Friday.

Since October Australia has sent to Great Britain 11,765 tons of butter.

The Queen has knighted Hon. Frank Smith and Judge Casault, of Quebec.

Sir Francis G. Johnson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Quebec, died in Montreal Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Smith, M. P. P., died at his residence in Camden Township last week after a brief illness.

Frank Mulvey, a well known young barrister of Winnipeg, was drowned in the Red River on Saturday night.

Near St. Hilaire, Quebec, on Saturday morning Alme Bremius a well doffer committed suicide by hanging.

Felix Morris, aged 70, an hotelkeeper in Malton Township, near Amherstburg, hanged himself last Friday evening.

The body of an unknown man, about 60 years of age, was found in the Welland Canal at Thorold on Saturday evening. He fell to the depth of two feet in the northern section of Oxford on Friday. Great damage to the crops is reported, and several washouts on the railways occurred.

John Gauthier, who set fire to St. Patrick's Orphanage, Ottawa, a few weeks ago, has been sentenced to penitentiary for three years.

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A FORTUNATE GIRL.

The SUBJECT OF SINGERS CONGRATULATIONS FROM HER FRIENDS.

Was Thought to Be Sinking Into a Hospital Bed, Now Rescued to Health Wins Praise About An Example Worthy of Imitation by Other Young Ladys.

We have just received a new stock of

DURNO & CO.
Acton.

Dress Goods.

42 in. Bedford Cord worth 65c, for 40c.
38 in. Colored Whip Cord worth 60c, for 40c.
42 in. Fancy Dress Goods, all wool, 65c, for 40c.
42 in. Colored cashmere worth 50c, for 25c.
Light Grey and Fawn Dress Goods for 15c.

Prints.

Light and Dark Chalices, 5, 6 and 8c.
12c. Prints 10c, 12c. Ginghams 10c.
Extra wide Factories 41, 5, 51, 6, 61, 7, 8, 9, and 10c. per yard.

TRY US.

BOND'S
Hardware Store,
GUELPH.

New Advertisements,

ELECTORS OF HALTON !

John Husband
Candidate for the
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF ONTARIO.

D. G. H. COOK.
DRINTON
Cor College and Reading Ave.,
TORONTO.
Will visit Action on the first and third Saturday
of each month.
OFFICE: Agnew's Hotel.

MONEY TO LOAN.
FARM or village property at reasonable rates
APPLY TO
MELAN & MCLEAN
Town Hall, Action

Public Notice.

I BEG to notify the public that I have rented the right to fish on lots Nos. 27 & 28 in the 5th concession of Esquering, and that trespassers will be liable to prosecution. — FRED W. BARBER.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE is hereby given that fishing and shooting of game is prohibited through the entire part of lots 28, 29, 30, and the west part of lot 31 in the 5th concession, as provided by law. Trespassers will be prosecuted under the Ontario game laws. — STAFFORD, for Lessors.

ELGIN ..

WATCH WORKS

We have just received in our Elgin Watch Factory 30 gentlemen's and ladies' Watch movements made to our special order.

SAVAGE & CO.
GUELPH.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP.
WILLIAM MASON.

Has opened a new blacksmith shop on Church Street, near Main Street, and is prepared to do all kinds of general blacksmithing. HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE

THE undersigned hereby offers for sale his house and lot on Main Street, and the west part of lot 22 in the 5th concession, containing a comfortable house, boarded outside and plastered inside, one and a half stories high, with a large front room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, one washroom, two fireplaces, etc. The house is in a good state of cultivation. Title available. For particular apply at the office of D. Henderson, Action, or to W. C. STAFFORD.

JERSEY BULL
FOR SERVICE

1 Mr. undesignated has for service to Action Flour Mills a bull weighing 1,000 lbs. and a bull weighing 1,200 lbs. These bulls are a crossbreed. They have a good conformation. — YORKSHIRE BOAR

For service Terms \$100 cash CHEESE JONES

Valuable Property in Action FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

THE undersigned offers for sale his property, located on Main Street, Action. The house is a comfortable house, convenient and in good repair. The property is situated in the most desirable locality in the town. For class title, terms and particular terms apply to ALICE REED, Action.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of John Arthur, of the Village of Action, in the County of Halton, Retail Merchant.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named John Arthur has made an assignment to me under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

A meeting of the Creditors of the above estate is fixed for the 1st day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 2nd day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 3rd day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 4th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 5th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 6th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 7th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 8th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 9th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 10th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 11th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 12th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 13th day of August, 1894, at the Hotel, in the village of Action, the 14th day of August, 1894, at the 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