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SURRY. In Erin, on Monday and July, the wife of John Smith, a daughter.

MATTHEWS. An Action, on Sunday, 30th July, the wife of Samuel Matthews, son of a man.

DIED.

PETERSON. Mr. Milton, on Saturday, July 13th, Mrs. H. Peterson, second daughter of H. H. Franklin, aged 21 years.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Parliament is now in session and may require another week still to complete the business of the session. The subsidy to the fast Atlantic steamship service has been passed. Something over \$500,000 in railway subsidies has also been voted this week.

In Iceland the temperature work has been greatly aided by the active influence of the women who are allowed to franchise equally with the men. The drinking habits is nearly "disappearing" from that country and crime is disappearing with it. In 1886 only eight persons were imprisoned in the whole island, with a population of over 300,000.

It is a reminder of what a marine is growing up on the great lakes that the newest steamers launched for service between Lake Erie and the Northwestern ports are larger than the average of ocean vessels sailing from Britain, are swifter and are built on lines identical with those that plow the high seas. Ten years ago 5,000 ton steamers on the lakes were thin, now dreamt of.

Chicago will have to pay dearly for her inability to prevent the destruction of property by rioters. An act passed in 1887 provides "That whenever any building or real or personal property, except private dwellings, shall be destroyed in connection with a mob, or riot composed of twelve or more persons in the city, or if not in a city, then the county, in which such property was destroyed, shall be liable to an action by or on behalf of the party whose property was thus destroyed or injured; for three fourths of the damages sustained by reason thereof. The cost of the strike will amount to over \$500,000."

Discussing the fast steamship project for Canada, the *Boston Journal* observes: "One object of the promoters of the line is to open a market across the ocean for perishable products. It must be confessed that the Canadians are full of pluck and enterprise. If half their enterprise were shown by the congress of the United States we should soon control the carrying trade to and from our Atlantic ports. With a population of about 6,000,000 Canada is undertaking commercial ventures which would appall the average congress man. While the Canadians may not succeed in adding greatly to their trade or resources, something will be accomplished."

The fast Atlantic service, in aid of which the Dominion Government has granted large subsidies, will it be claimed, be of importance to the country generally than it might at first seem. It is not a movement tending to benefit few at the expense of the many, as zealous partisans have declared, but the new communication will aid in the work of making for Canada a future. The Australian says "Canada has always gone by way of New York and New York because the New York Atlantic service was a fast one, will soon go to Canada route to Britain while the cold streams will promote the dairy industry and furnish a measure of shipping perishable freight. That is the tripod in a chain that will bind the British Empire more firmly together."

The Canadian *Gazette* is noting the remarkable fact that many more emigrants are returning to Europe from the United States than are going thither, remarks this wide difference between the United States and Canada. That in the United States saturation point may already be said to have been reached; the immigrant wanted, and there are not the inducements that once attracted to him westward. In the case of Canada the suitable immigrant is wanted as much as ever he was and the inducements which the western regions hold out must attract an increasing flow of settlers when the tide of immigration returns, as return it will. The moral is an obvious one for Canada. The surging population of the United Kingdom must be auger for their emigration where they will go to that land whose attractions have been most effectively kept before them.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Estimates of the Current Year Slightly Lower than in 1890.

The Board of Trustees of Action Public School met on Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber at the call of the Chair.

Members present T. H. Hardinge, Chair,

G. B. Cooke, Geo. Bradbury, Robert Hodges.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Finance presented their third report recommending payment of accounts as follows:

J. B. Pearson Supplies 6.99

A. Steader Trimming Iron 4.52

Davis Mills 2.30

E. Matheson Trimming Iron 1.00

Moved by Geo. Hynde, seconded by G. B. Cooke, that the report of the Finance Committee as read be adopted. Carried.

Your committee on Finance present their estimated receipts and expenditures for the current year as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Government Grant 100.00

Municipal Assessment 100.00

Balance 10.00

Expenditure 100.00

Balance as on hand 10.00

Moved by Geo. Hynde, seconded by G. B. Cooke, that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to request the Financial Control to provide the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) by Assessment, in addition to the Government Grant of \$151, being the estimated requirements of the Board for the current year. Carried.

The Property Committee was instructed to have the school well put into proper condition.

Board adjourned at nine o'clock.

Gaudier offers to row *Hansbury*, the Australian, in England or America, but says he will not go to Australia.

It is reported that the Czar will pardon a large number of political prisoners on the occasion of the Czar's wedding.

A JOYOUS REUNION.

LARGE GATHERING OF SCHOOLMATES. After the Separation Quarter Century by More.

PUPILS OF THE LATE R. LITTLE.

"I was invited to the village, Tom, Upon the schoolhouse playing ground, But more were there to greet me, Tom, And few as old as I can see, Then the old master Tom, Ninty Twenty years ago.

The boys and girls at play, The old master Tom, A good boy at play.

With a smile he said, "How do you do?"

But the strict master upon the hill, Offered us a shilling upon his cap.

He was a strict master, Tom, A strict master, Tom.

He had no time to play, The old master Tom, A good boy at play.

He taught us many things, He was a strict master, Tom.

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