

**BORN.**  
John A. Thompson, Thursday, 19, 1894.  
At the residence of Mr. T. P. Ford, at a meeting  
of the Royal Canadian Legion, on July 21st, the wife  
of George William Cook, of a son.  
**GROWN.**—In Nasauwauy, on Friday, July 20,  
the wife of Mr. John Gordon, of a son.

**MARRIED.**

Cyrus—Moses—At the residence of the bride's  
mother, on Wednesday, July 21st, by the Rev.  
D. MacLean; Mr. Edwin Cripps, Minister, in  
the presence of many friends.

**DIED.**

Hannah—On Monday, July 20, at 101 Major  
Street, Toronto, Mrs. Hannah, widow of Major  
John J. Hartshorn, aged 1 year and 10  
months.

Taken—On Monday, July 20, at the residence  
of her son-in-law, Jaspeh Towell, Toronto  
Junction, Margaret Stewart, relict of the late  
Henry Palmer of Guelph, in her eighty second  
year.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1894.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

From the way the protests are coming  
in there is reason to suppose that Ontario is  
on the eve of another general election. No  
longer than four hours ago have already been  
called and it is rumored that there are more  
to follow.

The Dominion Government has sold  
over 300 of the islands in the St. Lawrence  
located between (Annesque and Brockville)  
and realized therefore about \$40,000 which  
is a little more than the up-ice price. Al-  
together there are about six or seven hun-  
dred islands to be sold.

The Indian Appropriation Bill of the  
United States this year calls for an ex-  
penditure of \$10,27,800. Uncle Sam has been  
gradually abolishing the civilian Indian  
agent, and this year one-third of the re-  
mainder will be retired and the work  
given to army officers.

Mr. Greenway has been styling the  
army of the West to go into mixed  
service. He points out that so long as  
they rely on wheel, just so long will they  
get poorer. Stock raising and dairying  
are the lines he recommends, and if the  
farmers adopt his suggestion he believes  
they will make money.

It is estimated that Florida's crop of  
pineapples this year will aggregate \$500,  
000,000. The crop last year was \$300,000.  
Last year's crop averaged \$10,000 crates. The  
growers have been doing as well financially  
that the average set 100 "pines" is increas-  
ing very rapidly, and it is expected that the  
crop of 1894 will amount to 100,000  
crates.

An example of the manner in which  
farm property has decreased during the  
past four years is the Markham Economic  
Review. The value of land in the town  
has fallen \$100 per acre, while the value of  
a good farm of 100 acres, lot 15, con. 5, Bar-  
boro' for \$4,000, or \$40 an acre. It is  
stated that \$0,000 was offered for the same  
property three years ago.

The New York Herald observes that the  
newest Washington is simply whether a  
tariff law shall be passed for the good of  
the people or the benefit of the Rich Trust  
and the great corporations. The action of  
Congress shall be in accordance to the  
will of the majority or the dictation of a  
Senatorial canal; whether the Democratic  
party shall serve the masses who  
call it to power, or shall surrender to a  
ring who menace its ruin.

The influence of the circus and similar  
aggregations, is recognized as evil upon the  
communities with which they come in  
contact and in numerous towns throughout  
the province action has been taken or is in  
process of being taken to prohibit their  
habitual appearance in them. At the  
last meeting the Barrie Town Council very  
wisely raised the license fee from \$00 to  
\$300 per day. Lindsay has done likewise  
and passed a by-law making the fee for a  
circus \$500, for a side-show \$100 and for a  
merry-go-round or similar fair \$100.

Almost every prominent British railroad  
company shows a gain in its gross receipts  
for the first half of the year over the figure  
for the corresponding period last year. The  
Cleveland Leader does not believe that  
there is a single important railroad in  
the United States of which the same state-  
ment can be made unless the mileage has  
been very much increased. Such facts  
throw a good deal of light upon the tend-  
ency of the stream of population which  
has long been flowing from Europe to the  
United States to turn back to its source.

A writer in the  *Globe* the other day  
made the following interesting comparison:  
"We are apt to speak of the immense  
financial loss that has been made through  
this unfortunate disagreement between  
labor and capital, the railway strike. The  
sum has been placed at \$10,000,000, but in  
the United States, the seat of the trouble,  
the cost of the liquor traffic to that country  
is \$1,386,941,336 yearly. Contrast the  
amount of the consumption of Chinese  
liquor, which is said to be 100,000,000 but the  
amount of yearly spirits export from  
China, namely \$705,000,000, in liquor."

The right of a telegraph or telephone  
company to cut lines from trees to prevent  
their interference with the wires is to be  
tested by the United States Supreme Court.  
The case of R. J. Dally and others against  
the State of Ohio, which arose out of the  
attempt to cut and seize the wires of the  
Pacific Telegraph Company for cutting  
TRADE Tariffs Committee, along the line of  
the Long Distance Telephone Company,  
was carried to the highest tribunal in the  
country. The owners of the trees had the  
workmen fined \$100 for the damage done.  
The company resisted on the ground that  
it had the right to trim or cut the trees  
because it was expected to transmit Gov-  
ernment messages. This was not upheld  
by the State Supreme Court.

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