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The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1902.
SIR JOHN THOMPSON DEAD.

The news has just reached us, on the eve of going to press, that Sir John Thompson, President of the Dominion, died suddenly at Windsor Castle, London, yesterday morning. Particulars are being ascertained and will be given in our next issue.

The duty of the formation of a new Government will not be necessary. It is probable the Governor General will name Mr. McKenna as Chief Minister, to advise with him in the matter.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
In his speech last Friday at Niagara Falls, Ont., Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals, stated that the Dominion general elections will take place within a year. This means that the Government will go to the country by December, 1903. A good many have the impression that it will take place some months earlier.

Mr. Ker, M.P., has been confirmed as representative in the Local Legislature for the county. A notice for the withdrawal of the election petition in this case has been filed with the Registrar of the Court of Appeal. The people generally of this constituency will be well pleased at this result. We have had enough of election petitions for the present year.

The Toronto Public School Board have under discussion the following resolution:—That this Board memorialize the Minister of Education for the purpose of securing legislation for the purpose of securing normal training, including domestic economy of the prescribed Public School course, in every township, village, town or city, in which a majority of the ratepayers are prepared to make the necessary provision for its introduction.

The Milton *Times* says that the race for the Wardenship of Milton is likely to be between W. G. Pettit, reeve of Nelson, and Dr. Webster, reeve of Knapton. The contest is likely to be a close one. It is not probable that all former precedents will be overlooked and the Wardsmanship 2 years in succession. However, Dr. Webster or Mr. Pettit carry an assurance that they will be elected for 1903.

The importers in New York are said to be of the opinion that the consumers in America will suffer next season from the Chinese devaluation in the present war, there being a possibility that if the Chinese are compelled to pay a heavy War indemnity they will impose a heavy duty on tea. Such a move would of course cause an advance in the price of the Chinese product, but this would be surely be to the advantage of importers in India and other countries.

In his annual message to Congress last week President Cleveland advocated, in the section devoted to the tariff, free coal and free iron, and intimated that, as the very substantial protection afforded to sugar refiners does not keep the sugar industry from languishing to the extent of closing down the refiners and throwing their employes out of work, they had better be dropped for good. He strongly advocates the taking off of the duty.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for November appears in the last issue of the *Canadian Gazette*. The revenue is \$1,082,222 less than some months ago, but the expenditure shows the large decrease of \$1,045,779, and the net result for the month is a betterment of nearly half a million dollars over November of last year. The figures are: Revenue, \$2,775,566; expenditure, \$2,045,742. For the five months of the fiscal year the total revenue has been \$13,665,353; expenditure, \$12,040,819, showing a surplus of ordinary receipts over the expenditure of \$1,624,534. For the same period last year the receipts were \$12,500,027, and the expenditure \$11,636,221 showing a surplus of \$863,806.

London has a new illustration of earth, which is based on the most modern scientific knowledge. The usual frontage of a city is, in fact, very over and over and it is only in the very poorest sections that there are two houses on each lot, and even there the buildings are 10 to 20 feet back from the sidewalk, and on streets 100 feet wide there are only five blocks of connected tenements to the width of only 50,000 to 60,000 feet, and these are the best houses and bring the highest rental per foot. What London is today almost every city on the continent should be in ten years when the spreading influence of the electric railway has become fully effective. The days of narrow lanes and huddled tenements will soon be over. The day of the broad lot and garden about each house even the poorest is rapidly coming.

An article appears in a recent issue of *Harper's* on the experience of Canada during the panic in the United States. Canada, says the New York *Evening Post* and others, what has been said, and makes the following summary: "In the first place, Canada had no panic, because she had no cause of panic. She had no Sherman silver law in operation, pouring millions of Treasury notes into the circulation whether they were wanted or not. The banks, and not the Government, supplied the currency of the country as it was wanted, and so demand it when it was not wanted. The results of the two different systems were in glaring contrast to each other. The deposit on the banks of the United States fell off 20 per cent between May and September, 1902, while those of Canada fell off only three per cent. The loans and discounts on our side of the line fell off 12 per cent, while on the other side the shrinkage was only 11 per cent. In fact, the only trouble in Canada was due to its proximity to us. It was a sort of induction from the great disturbance in the neighborly land, but Canada fortunately had the means for administering over this. Her bank system was so arranged that the demand for more currency could be met on the very day and hour when it came."

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Jubilee Year Was Celebrated in the Methodist Church Last Sunday.

SERMONS BY REV. DR. THOMAS.
Anniversary services were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday, when Rev. Dr. Thomas, reeve of the town of Acton, preached able sermons, inspiring and encouraging. The Dr. is one of the most able and careful bible students of his day. His comments upon the morning and evening services were interesting and particularly instructive.

The congregation were large at both services. In the evening the audience included the congregation of King's Church, and several other churches. The Dr. is a country observer for several years in both churches on anniversary occasions. There were about eight hundred in the evening audience.

The following is a synopsis of Dr. Thomas' sermon on the anniversary of the church, which is based upon the 10th verse of the 1st chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews. "I have a goodly heritage," he referred to the anniversary occasion and drew it by way of illustration from the life of the church. The church is a heritage, and it is a heritage of the people of God. The church is a heritage of the people of God, and it is a heritage of the people of God. The church is a heritage of the people of God, and it is a heritage of the people of God.

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