

**DEED.**  
Kirkpatrick, Mr., in Guelph, Jan. 2nd, Mrs. Charlotte Kirkpatrick.  
Gifford, Mr., Esquire, on Wednesday, 10th January, 1893, his wife, and two sons.  
Acheson, Mrs., daughter of Robert Acheson, died 4th January, in Guelph, on Friday, 24th January, her soul (yours).  
George C. Munro, publisher of the *Post*, Postman, in the full joys of life.  
Davidson, Mr., deceased, New York, Saturday, January 10th, 1893, aged 60 years, and of late John Davidson, of Elgin Mills, in his 51st year.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1893.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Mantles' school law decision, following so closely upon the publication of the decision, is calculated to impress the government with the fact that the cases of statelessness are not pure blissful reigns of pleasure. Since the Chinese peace envoys are expected to arrive in Japan today, The St. James' Gazette publishes a despatch from Shanghai, which keys that the Japanese Government will not receive the Chinese peace envoys until they are clothed with full power to conclude peace...

The Pall Mall Gazette says the naval programme of Great Britain, which has been approved by the cabinet, involves the construction within the ensuing five years of four dreadnaughts, four second class and two third class cruisers, twenty six torpedo boats and twenty torpedo destroyers. The cost of these vessels is to aggregate £60,000,000.

The Globe puts out that at time of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's proposal in Paris, a resolution "that it is the duty of the Government to propose a measure at least a day as possible to carry the principle of protection into effect." Sir Mackenzie is in office now and has the unquestioned power to carry such an act.

At the regular meeting of the Hamilton town council Monday evening the proposed bill to limit the number of liquor houses was defeated. The bill had been brought in a report recommending that the taxes and saloon license be reduced from 25c to 10c and all bars closed at 8 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion a motion that the council request the Licence Commissioners to cut off such houses as the police report unfavorably upon was carried by a vote of 13 to 8.

The death last week under mysterious circumstances of Lord Randolph Churchill at the early age of forty-five, is said to be a most distinguished one. His public career was one made up of a series of brilliant efforts. After sitting in almost all saloons in the House of Commons for five years he blazed forth in 1890 in public speeches of the most violent but yet telling character against the Liberal Government of Mr. Gladstone, which was altogether too conservative for the fiery young Tory democrat. He instantly became the darling throughout the country of the aggressive Conservative politicians of the land.

A cable on Tuesday gave the important information that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has allowed the appeal of the Roman Catholics of Manitoba in the case of *Brophy vs. the Attorney General of Manitoba*, but they refuse to give the costs to the appellants. This judgment, which was delivered at great length, means that the Dominion Government has given up its plan of having the Roman Catholic of Manitoba control legislation in the support of their separate schools, abolished in 1870 when the Manitoba School Act was passed, dawning day with all but state schools. The scene of the conflict in this connection will henceforth be on the floor of the House at Ottawa.

**GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH.**  
The Head of the Salvation Army in a Great Meeting at Guelph.

Gen. Booth, the originator of the Salvation Army, which has extended with such remarkable protest and successful results throughout the world, during the past twenty five years was greeted by very large gatherings at Guelph on Thursday evening last.

The General and party consisting of Commandant Booth, Colonel Lawley, A. D. C., Major Malau, the General's private secretary, Brigadier Magritte, Staff Capt. Jewell, Capt. Taylor, international War Correspondent, Brigadier, and the Rev. Dr. McMillan, and at the evening train from Berlin, by the local officers, Ensign Carr and Lieut. Bryan, and conducted to a cab in waiting, which led the procession of band and corps to St. George's Square. The soldiers were hand some welcome sashes and welcome badges were also worn by friends. The General was driven to the residence of Mr. Charles Raymond, where he made his home during his stay in Guelph.

The Ministerial Association tendered the General a reception and tea in Chalmers Church, on Friday evening, a large audience attending in Norfolk street Church who held about 1200 persons were in attendance.

General Booth gave a vivid and interesting rehearsal of the organization of the Army and its subsequent growth. He dwelt especially upon "Darkest England Scheme," and his work in the great cities of the world. His address was most effective in breaking down existing prejudices against the Army.

William Booth was born in Nottingham, April 10th, 1829, and his education was a simple chapter, and no doubt to his healthiness and training well must attribute his earliest religious impressions. Acting as unshaven he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church, and was for sometimes a successful pastor. Evangelistic work had a peculiar charm for him, however, and he ultimately resigned from the ministry and gave himself up to work for the salvation of the poor.

The General is first a man of deeds, then of words. That which has distinguished him above other great men has been his capacity to grapple with the almost hopeless difficulties, and to make them to attempt better things. With a wonderful genius for organization and direction, with the gift of inspiring great enthusiasm in his followers, with the power of convincing large throngs, he has in a few short years circled the world with "knobs" of varied "nobs and wangs" who count their lives well lost that they may devote them to the service of their less fortunate fellowmen. And all the multitude of practical aids for helping the poor and degraded, the thousands of benevolent works in every land, the individual character...—Gen. Booth rightly recognizes that all outward means are but aids to giving the ideal for personal righteousness.

### THE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

County, Township, and Village Councils Meet and Do Much Business.

### A POOR HOUSE TALKED OF.

The County Council did not seek for organization, but the last week Mr. Webster, the elected Warden, and president of the members were present.

The standing committees for 1893 are as follows:

Finance, Robertson, Barker, Moore, Richards and Pearson.

Roads and Bridges, Lawson, Marshall, Atkin, McDougall and Andrew.

County Building, P. H. Buck, Robert

McDonald and Wigleworth.

Printing, Buck, Elliott, Upton,

Sage and Marston.

Police, Pearson, Harter, Moore,

Andrew and Wrightsorth.

Special Communications, Richardson,

Hopkins, Hayes, Allen, and Marshall.

Railways and Legislation, Roberts, Moore, Buck, Pettit and Lawson.

Matters in Grant and Thomas Howard, were appointed auditors.

D. W. Campbell was elected Credit Valley Railway director.

Dr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr.

Marshall, that the sum of \$25 be granted to the Halton Teachers' Association, payable to the Treasurer of said Association.

Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Mr.

Hayes, that this council grant the sum of \$25 for the benefit of the Halton Farmers Institute, and that the Warden issue his check for the same, payable to W. F. Fisher, treasurer of the above institute.

Carried.

During the meeting it was resolved to use all the houses of Commons to prohibit the use on all Canadian Railways of the "patent steel cattle guard" which is to be used for the protection of cattle.

It was decided to have a committee

to be formed to consider the matter.

Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr.

Robertson, that the Secretary notify the Board of Education to take steps as required by law to fill the said vacancy.

Carried.

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