

HORN.

SMITH In Action on Wednesday, 23 March, the wife of Wellington Smith, of 4, Bentinck Street. In Action on Monday, 28 March, the wife of John Smith, of 4, Bentinck Street.

FALCONER At Aberfoyle, on Sunday, 12 March, the wife of P. Falconer, of 10, Bentinck Street.

MARRIED.

DYSON Dyson, at Toronto, on Saturday, March 22nd, by Rev. D. C. Hawkes, Mr. Frank Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hart, both of Guelph.

DIED.

MURKIN Mrs. Elizabeth, 75 years old, Mrs. Murkin, of 10, Bentinck Street, on Tuesday, 19 March, Maggie, daughter of Robert Park, aged 17 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is stated that Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy will require the insertion of a clause in the treaty of peace between Japan and China, providing for the opening of the principal Chinese ports to European commerce.

An order in Council has been passed for a Government loan of \$2,000,000 to the Hudson Bay Railway Company, the Government to take as security the first mortgage bonds of the company, and to retain the land subsidy.

The Government of New Zealand has agreed to be represented at the suggested international monetary conference, and has also decided to accept the proposal to send delegates to the commission which is to consider the plans for laying the Pacific cable.

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The bill introduced in the Illinois Legislature to levy a tax upon bachelors deserves them as "all male persons of the age of thirty-two years and over, being of sound mind and limb, who are single and never have been married." It is further proposed that the amount of the tax, when they have reached \$60,000, shall be applied to the erection of a home "which to care and provide for worthy and indigent single women who have reached the age of thirty-eight years and upward." The home is to be managed by three unmarried women of not less than sixty years of age. A home for old maid wives will be maintained by further proceeds of the tax.

We published last week a synopsis of the report of the Minister of Education respecting our County schools. None of the general statements made in the report are worthy of mention, as showing the progress of education in Ontario. The average attendance of pupils of school age in 1867 was 163,974, in 1893 it was 259,129, in the former year the number of Roman Catholic Schools was 161, in the latter 313, number of High Schools 103 in 1867, in 1893, 123. The number of Teachers' in 1867 was 42, in 1893, 71. Ninety two Manual Training Institutes reported in 1867, in 1893, 202, the same dates respectively the number of Free Libraries was 1 and 11. In 1867 the total number of public schools was 7,362, being an increase over the above date of 142.

MANITOBA'S POSITION.
The Remedial Order not Likely to Have a Cordial Reception.

WINNIPEG, March 23. It is understood the Provincial Government will lose no time in replying to the remedial order. The belief is general that Premier Greenway will reject the suggested legislation, and that the Government will remain in opposition to interfere with the schools, and will then immediately move and bring on the provincial general election.

The Tribune, the organ of the Greenway Government, says that a monster mass meeting will be held, at which resolution will be passed condemning the Dominion Government's action, and declaring that no interference will be tolerated. Many prominent public men here, however, are refusing to express any opinion until the contents of the communication are made public.

Elizur's Millions Case Ode, etc.

HALTON LIBERALS.

In Convention Unanimously Choose Mr. John Walde as their Candidate.

HE DECIDES NOT TO ACCEPT.

A very enthusiastic convention of the Liberals of this constituency was held at Milton last Thursday. Every leading politician, with one exception, was represented.

At two o'clock the President of the Association, Dr. J. McTammam, called the meeting to order, and asked the Secretary to call the roll of delegates, the following answering to their names:

RAVENING, John Warren, Geo. Irving, Wm. H. Green, John C. Hart, W. H. Morris, Wm. McLean, John C. Hart, J. Wilson, James Condon, Geo. Hardy, R. C. McCullough, J. H. Lumsden, D. Little, Wm. Moore, A. Walde, G. McNaughton, W. H. Morris, J. Ingoldsby, T. McNaughton, E. Dixon, Henry Robinson, John Dickie, Arch. Jarvis, F. McNaughton, J. Stevenson, W. H. Green, Clark, H. H. Hart, W. H. Morris, C. Right, P. Sleath, W. Hardy, J. W. Orth, James McNaughton, Robert J. Johnston, J. Lower, Wm. Cuthbert, George H. Hart, J. Wilson, Thomas Hartman, J. H. Hart, W. H. Morris.

MILROY, D. T. Gillan, Geo. Martin, T. Glenn, D. W. Springer, J. Miller, W. Stevenson, W. H. Morris, J. Wilson, W. H. Hart, W. H. Morris, W. T. St. John, Chas. Head, Fred. Ross, Benjamin Clark, Porter, W. V. Fisher.

NICHOLAS, J. M. McNaughton, J. Wilson, W. H. Morris, J. Marshall, U. Agnew, Dan Cuthbert, J. Donaldson, J. Lower, Arch. Kennedy, J. McNaughton, James Logue, Arch. McGregor, W. H. Morris, J. Wilson, Thomas Hartman, J. H. Hart, W. H. Morris.

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