

**BORN.**  
Winnipeg—At Lethbridge, on Tuesday, 2nd April, the wife of Robert Wheeler, a son.  
Mackay—In Esquimalt, on Tuesday, 2nd April, the wife of James McNaughton, of 24.  
**MARRIED.**

Louise—Harrison—At the Methodist Parsonage, Thompson, on Tuesday, April 11th, to George H. Harrison, of the Hotel Legion, Dept., 10, Margaret Rutledge, Bluffville.

**DIED.**

Vernon—At home, St. Marys, on Thursday, 11th April, Joshua French, aged 83 years.  
Hammond—At Guelph, on Wednesday, 11th Inst., Mr. John Hart, aged 53 years, 4 months and 2 days.  
Harrison—At T. Grant, 111, Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday, 11th April, Thomas Thompson, founder of the *Pink Press*, aged 80 years.  
Pearl—At "The Homestead," Nelson, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Vickers, April 11th. Ann Rose, widow of the late Vickers Pearl, aged 80 years.

### The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1895.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Dominion government has been requested by the Imperial authorities to send an agent to London to discuss with them the points raised in connection with the Canadian copyright question.

The Ontario Commissioners of North Oxford have ordered that all bars within their jurisdiction be closed at 9:30 each evening. Halton Commissioners would gain for themselves the exalted opinion of many if a similar order were passed by their Board.

The announcement that a Russian fleet will visit Portsmouth, and that a British fleet will visit Cromer, this summer, is an indication that the growth of a new power in the East is forcing ancient enemies to unite for mutual protection against what threatens to be a most formidable rival.

Three years ago it was thought Canada was doing a big thing in exporting nine and a half million dollars worth of cheese, but last year our exports in this line were valued at \$15,400,000. The industry of which the Speaker Ballantyne is the head continues to be one of the greatest and most progressive in the Dominion.

Humor has it that the President of France will visit Canada, the Duke of Windsor, Castle, and that the Prince of Wales is contemplating a trip to America and a visit to Newport during the season there. The latter story is hardly likely to prove correct, but its circulation is sufficient to cause a flutter of excitement among numerous circles.

The Prohibition Commission's report has been presented to the Government. The majority of the commissioners have formed conclusions which are in the main unfavorable to the immediate enactment of a prohibitory measure. Some people think these conclusions were fully developed long before the investigations of the commission. A minority report in favor of prohibition will be put in.

The *Mail and Empire* says the results of the war between China and Japan may ultimately lead to the building up of the empire in the Far East, and that this country, in the way it is now, the discarding of the empire and the development of America built up the great empire of Britain. The two Eastern nations, revolutionized by our trading and industrial methods, would speedily become to America what America became to Europe.

The New York charitable associations are considering the plan so successfully carried out in Boston, of giving some of the poorer people clothing, food, and the necessaries of life in the city limits. There are said to be 17,322 vacant lots in the city, containing more than 1,000 acres. Detroit had about 7,000 vacant lots representing 430 acres, which were handed over for cultivation by their owners last year. The result was a production of \$14,000 worth of potatoes for the poor.

Canada's chief market now for eggs is Great Britain, and it requires a good deal of skill to overcome the distance and keep the eggs in good order, but all the care and skill is vain if the egg is not fresh when it reaches the packer. Farmers will do well to realize the importance of marketing their eggs promptly and regularly while they are at their best, and merchants should dispose of them promptly and regularly and not impair their value by waiting for larger shipments, or holding for a rise in price. The volume of the business is now large, and with the co-operation of packers, local dealers and exporters, it can be indefinitely increased. In three years Canada's exports of eggs to Great Britain have increased from \$85,000 to \$305,000.

Canadians do not need to be convinced that Newfoundland will prove a valuable province of the Dominion. They are well aware of the worth of Canada. First and foremost, there are its two hundred and seventy thousand industries, frugal, hardy, of the same stamp, same religion, same speech, same ways of thinking, same powers of self-government as ourselves. Newfoundland will take their part in governing the Dominion as naturally as ducks take to water, and we will have no cause whatever for fear any new or embarking measure such as would be certain to arise will, for instance, contemplate annexing the Sandwich Islands, or the United States does. A quarter of a million of British men and women, who will be Canadians from the start, make a very welcome addition to the Canadian people.

Henry Clews, the New York banker, thus refers to the new upward impulse in American trade and finance in his last circular. He says: "All that was needed to a fresh upward spurt was some new and spontaneous stimulus to the already existing confidence. That has been forthcoming, in the form of a sudden and remarkable rise in the prices of cotton, petroleum, wheat, corn, and especially articles which supply forty per cent. of the entire value of our exports. There has been some difference of opinion as to how far these advances are due to speculative influences and to natural causes. There can be no question that, in the case of each article, there are legitimate causes at work, and there is little doubt that those causes have been turned to account for speculative purposes. The feeling, however, is general that, providing the steadiness of the financial situation can be depended upon, this country is on the verge of a series of very unusual prosperity."

—Thirty-six lbs. bright yellow sugar for \$1.00. "Hinton's Rockwood."

—I make cash postages \$0.00 per box. A smaller size mastick cabinet, at \$1.00 other sizes reduced. H. Kastaway.

### PARLIAMENT OPENED

The Speech from the Throne and the Usual Debate. The House adjourned.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS NOTES.

Ottawa, April 24. The first session of the new Parliament of Canada was opened yesterday by His Excellency the Governor General with the usual ceremonies. The weather was magnificent, the first genuine spring day this year, and the attending bolts mud and outside the Parliament buildings was larger than usual. In the Commons fully two thirds of the members were present, which is much more than the average at openings.

Hon. George E. Foster took the chair of the late Sir John Thompson, as leader of the Opposition. Hon. John Abbott, Mr. Charles Hibbert Tupper and Hon. John Jaeger.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Finance presented their fifth report as follows:

James Frostbrook, Jumper for

stout & H. R. Hobart, books

Moved by John Williams, seconded by

A. E. Nockin, that the report just read be adopted. Carried.

An application was received from H. A.

G. Durfee for amount of railway fare re-

turn from Acton to Toronto. Mr. Durfee intended going to Toronto last week but had to remain here three days in order to act as witness on the Dunsmuir Ferguson & Co. case.

Moved by A. E. Nockin, seconded by G. Hawill, that the Council grant R. A. C. Durfee \$100 dollars on account of being delayed in getting to Acton as a witness in the Ferguson & Co. case.

Mr. John Chisholm participated in the Council to make a drain on Park Avenue. The Council did not think it advisable to do so at present.

A couple of representatives of the Lacrosse Club waited upon the Council as to their decision respecting the position opposite the Grand Stand in the park opposite the club this season.

The lacrosse boys requested this same time that the Council grant their demand because it was early in the season and the club was not then organized.

Considering that the lacrosse boys are the only ones who have requested the Council for the ground it was moved by Hon. William Williams and seconded by G. Hawill, that they be remembered as having occupied the same ground they occupied last year & carried.

The Council then adjourned.

### THE BYE ELECTIONS.

Montague, Ont.—Hon. Dr. Montague, Minister of State, Can., majority about 576.

Acton—Hon. Dr. John Thompson, man's old constituency, J. McMillan, Lib majority 130.

Quinte West—Dobel had over Hon. Tom McCreary, 7 majority. Mr. Dobel was supported by the Liberals. Later a recount gave McCreary a majority of 7.

Vancouver—Geo. Gourneau, Lib, majority 100.

TEACHERS TOO YOUNG

A Petition Against Youths Under 18 Entering the Profession.

That the age of candidates for admission to the teaching profession be no less than twenty-one years, and that one of the recommendations urged upon the Minister of Education by a deputation of teachers, consisting of Messrs. H. McMillan, A. McMillan, and Mr. Parkinson, of Toronto, and A. McQueen, London, and W. Linton, New Haven, which waited on him last week.

The Minister did not object to the suggestion, saying it would drive all young men out of the profession.

Several suggestions, regarding the entrance examinations were also brought to the view of the Minister, including those of the Royal Society of Arts, and others who favor a limit with their patronage are ensured entire satisfaction.

### THE EDITOR'S STORY.

A SUFFERER FOR SEVERAL YEARS FROM ACUTE DYSPNEA.

Fool Distressed Him and It Began with a Reference to the Death of Sir John Thompson, expressing regret at the loss sustained. He dictated on the late Professor's abilities and record that he had lived, Sir John in all probability, would have made a reputation as an Imperial Councillor. Mr. Bennett pronounced Sir John a talented parliamentarian, a brilliant premier and a patriotic man. Mr. Bailey seconded the address and a spirited debate followed in which leading members of both sides of the house participated.

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