

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wife.—A. J. Wilson, on Tuesday, April 23rd, the wife of Mr. Wilson, of a son.
Wife.—In Guelph, on Thursday, April 25th, the wife of George P. Wilson, of a son.
Husband.—At Horatio, Ontario, on Friday, April 26th, the wife of Mr. Horatio, of a son.
Particulars.—In Eden Mills, on Thursday, April 26th, the wife of Alexander Plummer, of a son.
Husband.—At Guelph, on Friday, April 27th, Mr. John H. Hodder, of a son.
Kinswoman.—At Spanish River, on Monday, April 30th, the wife of Duncan Edmiston, of a son.
Husband.—In Mount Forest, Ontario, on April 30th, the wife of Mrs. George C. Moore, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Wife.—In Guelph, on Wednesday, April 24th, at the residence of his brother's father, Mr. Madison Avery, Toronto, by Rev. W. H. Green, D. D., of Detroit, to Maggie Griffin.

Husband.—On April 25th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green, 11, Washington Street, Guelph, to Mrs. Eliza, daughter of Mr. J. W. Nibley, aged 18.

Husband.—On Monday, April 26th, Dennis Barry, Esq., Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Montreal, formerly of Rockwood, and

DIED.

Wife.—In Belgrave, yesterday, with April, the wife of Mr. John Wilson, of a son.

Wife.—In Kitchener, on Friday, May 1st, April, Jane Wedder, widow of the late Captain W. Wedder, of a son.

Wife.—At Rockwood, N. J., on Monday, May 1st, Anna, only daughter of Mr. J. W. Nibley, aged 18.

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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1865.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The final decision of the British Government is to refrain from active interference in the China-Japan treaty, but with the passive support of Great Britain Japan feels strong enough to resist the demands of Russia, Germany, and France.

A despatch from St. John's, Newfoundland, states that negotiations are progressing with representatives of the British Government, Canada, and Newfoundland respecting the starting of an export colony on Newfoundland codfish, and that this is regarded as the most expeditious method of settling the French difficulty.

A despatch from a reliable source at Hiroshima says that the Japanese Ministry have adopted a resolute attitude against Russia's demands. That Russia might interfere and even contemplate a defiance of Russia, bearing Russia's military forces in the rear, are not powerful enough to enforce her demands.

Great Britain took possession of Corinto in Nicaragua last week, for an uneventful affront. A proportion of compromises and immediate evacuation of Corinto by the British, under consideration in London, Washington, and Manchester. It is proposed that Nicaragua pay Great Britain \$77,000 in London in two weeks, the British forces to be immediately withdrawn, and the other claims to be submitted to a special committee.

The news from Newfoundland this week is of the greatest interest and importance. The immediate entry of the island into the Dominion and the independence of its resources, the possibilities if both the Dominion and Newfoundland governments are bold enough to act promptly and decisively, that the union may be ratified by both the Dominion Parliament and the Newfoundland Legislature in the session which both are at present holding.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell introduced the bill in the Senate on Monday. In doing so, he reminded the House that the bill was so far advanced last session, and so thoroughly worked out, that it would not be necessary to refer it to a special committee. The present measure was introduced in compliance with a promise made last session. It was almost identical with the bill that passed the Senate, except in some slight details.

Mr. Foster presented his estimates for the next fiscal year to Parliament on Monday. The great feature of the proposed expenditures is that the amount of money to be expended with the estimate of \$1,375,000 for last year, and a reduction of \$1,375,000 in the debt. A pretty good indication that the last session of Parliament is evidenced by the proposed vote of \$145,000 "to meet expenses of elections." The indemnity to members is reduced to \$125,000 as there will only be 312 members of next House. The estimates provide for total expenditure of \$41,345,177.

Another Liquor Man Pays a Visit.

The suit of Bert v. Johnson did not come up for trial at Toronto Assizes, it having been settled out of court. The plaintiff, William Bert, of Brampton, was suing James Johnson, a saloon and restaurant keeper at Guelph, for the seduction of his daughter Millie, who was in Johnson's employ. It is understood Johnson, who is a married man, agreed to pay \$700 to have the case settled.

HALTON LIQUOR LICENSE.

One License Cut Off and Four Left Over for Consideration.

The Liquor Commissioners for Halton at the Court House, Milton last week to consider the applications for license for the ensuing year. The members of the board were all present, Col. Campbell in the chair. The following are the applicants:

Milton—M. E. Mitchell and John Bent.

Georgetown—H. T. Squires, J. Travers and A. G. Coffin. Mr. Coffin's application has been withdrawn.

Oakville—M. Williams, C. H. Birrell and Geo. Keeney. Laid over W. Wynne.

Burlington—W. Birrell, R. Ashbaugh, laid over Jas. Rochester.

Action—R. Agnew, G. C. Clark. Laid over J. P. Muller.

Campbellville—E. Bellive.

Horseshoe—Mr. Ostrander.

Palmer—Cut off.

Stewartstown—B. H. Biddle.

Ballymud—A. P. Thompson.

Brantford—John Jackson.

Norval—M. E. Mitchell.

The *Reformer* says: The commissioners are bound that the hotel of Halton be properly conducted and the license law obeyed or else run the risk of losing their license altogether. In this the commissioners will be backed up by the public sentiment of the country.

A leading church member of Whitchurch happened to be out late the other night, and when passing his church going home was astonished to find the organist in his place, playing lively music, to which the members of the choir were holding a dance. A new organist and chorister have been advertised for.

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Manitoba—Budget, Cost of Administration of Newfoundland—The Hon. Report—Cost of the Voters' Lists.

NEWS OF THE CORRIDORS.

Ottawa, May 1.—Considerable progress was made in the House yesterday. The session was unusually active and several spirited discussions took place. The ministers claim there will be no unnecessary delay on the part of the Government in answering the Island's terms. At present the Cabinet is in session twice daily, nearly all day Saturday, so that the Ministers are pretty well occupied.

MONTREAL, May 1.—

So far as the Commons is concerned the Manitoba School may be considered as solved for the present. A number of returns bearing on the case have been asked for, and will be laid on the table, and now that the address has been passed, the matter is not likely to come up again until after a reply has been received from the Manitoba Government. The impression is gaining ground here that the reply may not be exactly what the House expects. It has been telling the people of Ontario it would be, and the Hon. Mr. Greenway may be inclined to act in the remedial order as it stands, not refuse to obey it, but may suggest a conference between the two governments with a view to the adoption of a compromise.

THE ADMISSION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The despatch from Newfoundland to the Montreal *Gazette* which appeared in that paper on Friday, was read in the House the same afternoon by Mr. Davies of Prince Edward Island, who is very anxious to get some information from the Government to assist him in his negotiations with regard to the admission of the Colony. Hon. Mr. Foster in his reply stated that the negotiations were not yet completed, and therefore the terms which were being discussed could not be communicated to the House. He assured Mr. Davies, however, that the Government would take the House into its confidence at the earliest possible moment, and he ventured to express the hope that the negotiations would result in the admission of Newfoundland.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

At last the Municipal Commission has arrived in the Upper Town. The arrival of the liquor traffic has made its report. Whatever differences of opinion there may be as to the utility and practical result of the Commission there can be no question as to the industry of its members. In three years they have managed to collect enough evidence, and compile a sufficient long report, to occupy any ordinary mortal who tried to read it for the balance of the century. The report itself makes fifteen hundred typewritten pages, or about half a million words, while the evidence collected fills five volumes, each of which averages about 3,500 pages of 2,000 words. The cost of the commission has been about \$70,000 so far; and there is a good deal more yet to come. As to the conclusions at which the commissioners have arrived they were foregone. The majority of the Commission reports against prohibition as it was expected they would.

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There is also a "short" report of about 500 typewritten pages from Dr. Dr. McLeod, the member of the commission who dissent from the finding of the major in the report. The report of the Royal Commission and against high license, the adoption of a Gothenburg system. He gives it as his opinion that the time has come for the Dominion Government to pass an act prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of intoxicating liquors in the Dominion of Canada except for medical, sacramental and scientific purposes. Mr. Flint, M.P., who is the leader of the prohibition party in the House, has given notice of a resolution in favor of a prohibitory law, as suggested by the Rev. Dr. McLeod; but Mr. Flint has been a little more vocal than the Doctor, and has included "manufacturing" in his example.

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PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.

The Pupils of Acton Public School Successful at the Annual Examinations.

The annual examinations for promotion were held in all departments last week. The names of the various pupils who took a step higher are given in the order of merit as follows:

EDITH THOMAS, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324,