

THE BUDGET PRESENTED

BORN.
John Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of Acton.
Assassination.—In Nassagawaya, on Thursday, May 14, 1905, the wife of Alan Anderson, of a daughter.
BURRIAN.—In Brampton, on Wednesday, May 15, May, the wife of Strickland Burhill, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GILMER.—Patterson. On Wednesday, May 14, 1905, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer, 119, Main Street, Guelph, Ontario, from George Gilmer, of Guelph, and Miss Marion Gilmer, of Georgetown, to Miss Hattie Postle, of Princeton, Ont.

QUID.

Taylor, in Nassagawaya, on Thursday, May 15, infant son of John Taylor.

ARMSTRONG.—Patterson. On Saturday, April 24, 1905, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, 204, Main Street, Guelph, Ontario, from George Armstrong, aged 72 years, 6 months.

HENRY.—Aterton. On Wednesday, May 15, John Aterton, aged 19 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

HENRY.—St. H. Atherton, on Tuesday, May 15, Rev. George Hurton, pastor Knox Church, in Guelph.

MACKINNON.—On Sunday, May 15, at his residence in Hillsboro, Angus Mackinlay, a native of Argyle, Scotland, aged 70 years.

The revenue for 1905-6, as actually accrued and estimated to accrue, will be \$37,000,000. The estimated betterment of revenue for 1906-7 in \$100,000. That is on the taxation as it exists to-day. That would make a revenue for both of 1905-6 \$40,000,000. As to the expenditures, Mr. Foster proceeded to divide the cities and towns between himself in the appropriations for the public services. The Government were going to contribute in every possible way, he said.

A DEFICIT OF \$4,500,000.

Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the budget last Thursday in the British House of Commons. The revenue for the past year, he said, had been £101,061,000. The expenditure had been £105,018,000. The surplus had been £176,000.

It is stated on the best authority that when the Legislature of Manitoba meets this week to deal with the Separate Schools Bill, the answer to the remedial order will be "No," and the Government will then dissolve the Legislature and seek an expression of opinion upon its action.

It is stated in Paris that Russia has invited France and Germany to sign a joint note stating their objections to the treaty of peace between China and Japan, and that the latter country will be notified that the fact of their ignoring this note will warrant armed interventions on the part of the power which it.

The Supreme Court this week dismissed the appeal of the Dominion against the Province of Ontario and Quebec. Under its judgment the sum of \$600,000 is now saved to the provinces, representing the excess of interest on debts to which the provinces were entitled half yearly for the period between 1893 and 1873.

Among the signs of the revival of trade is the increase in imports. At the port of Toronto last month the total duty collected was \$326,231, as against \$295,581 during the same month last year. In March the amount collected was \$367,403, as against \$316,671 during the March previous, and in February \$309,462 this year, and \$266,160 last. This shows a total increase this year for the three months of \$65,734.

On Monday night a rumour was circulated in St. John's, Newfoundland, that the Bank of Montreal had suspended. On Tuesday there was a run on every bank in the city. Each bank stood by the others, not hesitating to redeem each other's notes, and the panic was allayed. The business people took no part in the run, which was confined to the poorer classes. The rumour was traced to a number of anti-Confederate fanatics.

In the autumn of 1894 a law of divorce was passed in France. Up to the end of last month of eight years only came from the date of the passing of the act—nearly 40,000 divorce suits were instituted by dissatisfied husbands and wives. In about 40,000 cases decrees of divorce were granted, and the unhappy married couples set free to try their luck again. In the department of the Seine, which of course, includes Paris, no less than 372 out of every 100,000 married couples obtained divorces last year. For the whole of France, the proportion was eighty-one to every 100,000.

ACTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A Brief Session—Very Little Business Requiring Attention.

Council met on Monday evening at a short session in the chair. Councilor Francis A. Nicklin absent.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The sixth report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

R. D. Graham, postage

D. Smith, shoveling snow

J. V. Kainos, coal sent to streets

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Moved by John Williams, seconded by George Havill, that the report just read be adopted. Carried.

A letter was read from Councilor Nicklin requesting leave of absence from the Council for a couple of months.

Moved by John Havill, seconded by John Williams, that the request of A. E. Nicklin for leave of absence for two months be granted. Carried.

Moved by George Havill, seconded by John Williams, that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for the use of the park for July 1st, the highest or any tender not necessarily to be accepted. Carried.

Councilor Graham handed in his resignation.

The 10th Battalion of Hamilton and the Dufferin Rifles will visit London on the Queen's Birthday.

Of the 300 illegitimate births recorded in the province last year 194 were registered in the city of Ottawa.

The steamer Victoria arrived at Portage from Rainy River, last week the earliest arrival in ten years.

At the Toronto Assizes on Saturday Clara Ford was acquitted of the murder of Frank Westwood. The verdict was received with cheers.

The bronze statue which is to surmount the St. John's Macdonald Memorial to be erected in the Dominion Square, Montreal, was put in place yesterday.

REQUESSING TOWNSHIP'S ASSESSMENT.

The assessment roll for the township of Kingsey Falls released last week by N. Gillies, manager, the following facts are pleased: The total assessed value of personal property and taxable income is \$2,000,000, total acres of land, 66,079, cleared, 51,601; wood land, 8,356; waste, 11,162; in orchard and garden, 1,162; under fall wheat, 0,652. The population of the town is 1,701; dogs, 463; cattle, 6,370; sheep, 4,051; hogs, 1850; horses, 2,455.

LIBERAL PRIZES.

Those of our readers who are of literary turn of mind will appreciate the liberal offer made elsewhere in this issue by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., who announce a series of prizes to be given to \$100, \$50, \$25, five best short original stories submitted to the editor. The amount offered is, we believe, the largest ever awarded in a competition of this kind in Canada and any part of it will be a liberal recognition for a story of the laugh name. We will be glad to hear that any of our readers have succeeded in capturing one of the prizes.

Wm. Stark, Acton, Ontario.

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THE DISTRICT MEETING.

List of the Ministerial Delegates and the Homes Which Will Entertain Them.

The annual meeting of the District of the Methodist Church will be held here next Monday and Tuesday. The list of ministers and probationers to be present and their hours during the two days is as follows:

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Henderson, Guelph, at the Parsonage.

Rev. Dr. Spiller, Toronto, with W. H. Story.

Rev. Isaac Craine, Woodstock, with James Murphy.

Rev. John Hough, Guelph, with Josie Norrish.

Rev. Wm. Savage, Guelph, with John McLean.

Rev. Samuel Miller, B.D., Guelph, with Thomas Moore.

Rev. James H. McLean, B.D., Guelph, with Misses Nelson.

Rev. Julian Tracy, Penetanguishene, with P. G. Mackay.

Rev. John C. Stevenson, Kincardine, with H. J. Moore.

Rev. Samuel Poor, Huron, with Mrs. P. Thurston.

Rev. W. W. Spelman, Fergus, with A. Stephenson.

Rev. Matthew Swaney, Fergus, with Theo. C. G. Macmillan.

Rev. Thos. Grandy, Kincardine, with N. P. McLean.

Rev. F. M. Hartman, S.T.B., Amherstburg, with J. C. G. Macmillan.

Rev. W. J. Bradburn, Waterloo, with James McLean.

Rev. Wm. Ottawa, Waterloo, with John Brown.

Rev. Thos. Amy, Nassagawaya, with Thos. Eaton.

Rev. J. Sabine, Rockwood, with D. G. McLean.

Rev. Henry Gandy, St. C. E., Kincardine, with William Brown.

Rev. J. Howard, M.A., Acton, at the Parsonage.

Rev. D. M. McLean, B.D., Georgetown, with James Moore.

Rev. D. Auld, Toronto, with Wm. Colman.

Rev. D. B. McLean, B.D., Nottawasaga, with John R. Cameron.

Rev. W. A. Stoumen, L.L.C., Kincardine, with A. Clever.

NOTES ON SUGAR AND WHISKEY.

On May 4, The Minister of Finance brought down the Budget on Friday and this has since been the all absorbing topic. Mr. Foster's budget speech was a very able one and he faced the deficit of the year with a courage and boldness calculated to inspire his followers with confidence in the country and the government in power. The estimate of revenue, he said, for 1905-6, a difference of \$16,700,000, a deficit of \$1,700,000, was in custom, excise, and stamp duties from a total of \$1,700,000, of which \$1,255,330 was in customs, excise, and stamp duties were in coal, cotton manufactures, iron and steel manufactures, paper, soap, wood and woolen goods, while the increases were not large. The revenue for 1905-6, as actually accrued and estimated to accrue, will be say, \$37,000,000. The estimated betterment of revenue for 1906-7 in \$100,000. That is on the taxation as it exists to-day. That would make a revenue for both of 1905-6 \$40,000,000. As to the expenditures, Mr. Foster proceeded to divide the cities and towns that had been included in the appropriations for the public services. The Government were going to contribute in every possible way, he said.

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Three Hundred Dollars Offered in Prizes.

BY THE DR. WILLIAMS' MEDICINE CO., OF BROCKVILLE, ONT.

The above amount will be divided among the writers of the best five short original stories submitted in the competition Open to All Boys.

With a view to assisting in the development of literary talent in Canada, The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., will award prizes amounting to \$300 among the writers of the best five short original stories submitted in the competition Open to All Boys.

The competition is open to residents of the Dominion of Canada, who have never won a cash prize in a story competition, and is subject to the following rules:

Each story to contain not more than three thousand words.

The writer of the story shall affix a pen name, initials or motto to his/her manuscript, and shall seal it with the man's name, initials and address. The name, initials and address must be attached to the pen name, initials or motto contained in the story, and containing inside the full name and address of the writer thereof.

We impose no limitations whatever as to the nature of topic written upon and the scene of the story need not necessarily be laid in Canada, although competitors must be residents of Canada as above stated.

Stories entered in the competition must be written on one side or the paper only, and when possible should be typewritten. Manuscripts to be sent flat or rolled.

All stories for competition must reach the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., or before the first day of July, 1905, so that it should be marked "For Literary Competition."

Donations will be made as follows: All stories submitted will be referred to a committee who will decide which are the best five stories. Those stories will then be published in pamphlet form, which pamphlet will be distributed throughout the Dominion. The author of the best story will receive \$100, the second highest number will be awarded second prize, and so on until the five prizes are awarded.

The voting will close on the first day of December, 1905, and the committee will then publish the names of the successful competitors and the order of merit.

Unsuccessful manuscripts will be returned when stamps are sent for postage.

The five stories selected are to become the absolute property of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., with their copyright in perpetuity.

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