

BORN.  
Gandy—At Milton, on Wednesday, 11th May, the wife of John Gandy.

MARRIED.

Elliott—Cameron—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday, May 16, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, merchant, of Hamilton, to Miss May Carrigan, of Georgetown.

DIED.

McLean—in Waterloo, on Friday, May 16, Dennis McLean, aged 31 years, son of Dennis and Anna McLean.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Dr. Hyatt, of New York, a bacteriologist whose specialty was consumption, died last week of that dread disease, which he had contracted through inhaling some of the germs while conducting laboratory experiments. Science has its many modern martyrs.

Toronto has finally decided to follow Detroit's example and cultivate potatoes on the prairie lands in the city. This week 100 lots of one quarter acre each will be allocated. The city will look after the seeding and plowing.

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An inventive genius out West struck upon the idea of making direct telephone connections with the barbed wire of the phones that run along the prairie. He tested a line between Webster and Danvers, Iowa. It was a success, and now he has an incorporated company, which has sprung into existence and is getting rich.

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The Pan American Congress of Education and Education will be held at Toronto, July 16th to 25th, next. The Congress will be composed of representatives from every County, Province and State in North and South America, including Protestants, Roman Catholics and Hebrews. The Congress will consider the great moral and social questions of the day. Many of the highest dignitaries of Church and State, and prominent philanthropists, have promised to participate.

Essex had more marriages and births, according to the population, than any other county in the province in 1893. There were 112 per 1000 of the former and 272 of the latter. Renfrew and Aboues, however, gave the French county a close shave in the matter of births, the first having 269 per 1000 and the second 264. The total marriages in Halton were 113 per 1000 and the births 163.

It is from A. G. Hobson's newspaper in whole-clothes stores at Toronto that is fairly satisfactory. Merchants are pleased with the outbreak and they fully expect to make increased profits. The strength and higher prices for leading products is the encouraging feature. Farmers are obtaining good prices for their live stock and the season now opens so encouraging to shippers. In due course the feature is the advance in value reported by most dealers and they very probably realize buying.

Wheat is now at 75c. per bushel, a rise of 25c. per bushel above the average price paid for the bushels he bought. Japan gets what she started out to fight for in China, asks for Port Arthur, the island of Formosa, and a few other slices of Chinese territory, and demands \$400,000,000 for going to the cost and expense of chasing her Mongolian neighbors out of their own country. More than that, know what? China has nothing but silver, Japan wants that the debt must be paid in gold.

Important despatches were received last week by Newfoundland from the English Government relative to Confederation, and it is likely favorable action will be taken in the matter. The most important point submitted to the Imperial authorities was Canada's proposition that England assume Newfoundland's debts. The completion of the railroad across the Island of Newfoundland would be willing to give legislation to settle the French shore question in return for England's acceptance of this proposal. The Daily "Chronicle" in speaking of the terms of the union says: "What does concern Great Britain is, that there will be a strong body of public opinion in British America to repress the local irritation of Newfoundland fisheries. Regarding the traditional rights of the French fishermen, as well as the imperial power, remains to be done, but France's attitude in her demands.

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IN HOUSE AND LOBBY.

HON. MEMBERS INDULGE IN PERSONALITIES—A REMARKABLE DEBATE PREPARED BY DUNLOP

McCarthy.

DUNLOP—GOV. SCHULTZ SCORED.

OTTAWA, May 16.—Three weeks of the session has gone and the business before the House has received comparatively little attention. The Budget, the Manitoba School question, and the general and winding of innumerable questions are the bulk of matters which have been laid aside.

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Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, are making preparations for the celebration of the Queen's Birthday on May 24 at Ottawa on an extended scale. Last year on that day their Excellencies entertained the members of the Royal Household, a luncheon and dinner, and the reception will take place at a state ball to which a large number will be invited. A large margin will be exercised in close proximity to the house so as to provide the necessary accommodation for the guests.

PERMANENT FORCE TO BE REDUCED.

It is about decided to reduce the strength of the permanent corps from July 3. It is expected that at least 250 men will be discharged at the end of the fiscal year, which is to exceed \$400,000, a very moderate allowance to pay, ratios, uniforms and transport out of the money of \$100,000. This amount, added to the appropriation which may be specially voted, if expended in drilling the city and rural corps will, to a certain extent, remove the reproach that the volunteers are "starved." It is held in the general interest of the force that a reduction of the permanent corps must not be too sweeping.

MORANT AND LIGHT GOV. SCHULTZ.

The question of the action of Dr. Schultz, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, in consulting Dr. Horatio G. Parker, the school question and the ministerial question, was raised on Thursday. Mr. McCallum, who had intimated on Wednesday, called the attention of the House to the question and proceeded to give his opinion of the Hon. Dr. Schultz. He made some reflections and implied motives to the Governor, and suggested that he had made a deal with the Dominion Government. He called the matter a conspiracy. Hon. Mr. Foster defended the action of the Lieut. Governor.

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