

BORN.
HESSEY—On Sunday, 13th May, the wife of John T. Hessey, of St. John's.
DIED.
LAWRENCE—At Georgetown, on Sunday, May 13th, Mary Lawrence, mother of Mr. John Lawrence, in her 86th year.
BRENTON—In Nassau, on Saturday, May 13th, John Stewart Brenton, aged 35 years, brother of Christopher Brenton, of St. John's.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is announced that on the 16th of June 200 pulps in London, Eng., will be occupied by men who will discourse in favor of religion, temperance, social purity and the abolition of the opium trade, and in opposition to horse racing.

A cable despatch of Saturday says: The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council yesterday gave Sir Oliver Mowat, Ontario's Attorney General, special leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada's judgment regarding prohibit.

In compliance with the agreement under which the British colony of Newfoundland had to give up its fisheries, thousands of small money was paid last week into the Treasury of Great Britain, on behalf of Newfoundland, by the Minister in London of Salvo.

The law defining the legal right of neutrals was passed to protect unfortunate debtors. A man may agree to pay more than one cent per annum and he may give his note accordingly, but he cannot be compelled to pay more or an account or sign a note excepting a greater amount than six per cent.

The failure of the negotiations which have been pending does not mean that Newfoundland is to remain permanently outside the Dominion. The true place of that island is in the family of British commonwealths united in the Dominion of Canada. In this union alone is it likely to prosper.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* expresses much regret at the failure of negotiations for the federation of Newfoundland with the Dominion of Canada. The *Globe*, however, has believed most liberally, that Newfoundland has acted in an extremely liberal fashion towards Newfoundland, which has correspondingly perverse. The *Globe* expresses hope that Great Britain, Canada, and Newfoundland will jointly reconsider the negotiations.

As the Queen's Birthday is at hand the birthday hours that may be expected to grace the occasion are being eagerly discussed. It is generally expected that knighthood will be conferred upon Ontario's recently appointed Chief Justice, Sir William Meredith, will sound well, and the honours will fall on worthy shoulders, whether it be recorded within the next few days as is confidently expected, or in the more distant future. London, *Pall Mall Gazette*.

The advancing price of wheat in China and the world's markets generally will be appreciated by all whom the frost does not force to contribute a portion of their crop to it. Ontario farmers seem to have reason to be satisfied, as a result of some of the advances due from will be at their expense. It is to be hoped that the New West wheat fields have escaped with as little damage. In this province the all effects of the fall in temperature have for the most part been confined to fruits and vegetables. *Mast.*

The following is a summary of the information respecting the trial of the three greatest cities will be held with interest. New York, by the census of 1890, city 1,000,000 inhabitants. The population of London is 4,000,000, that of Paris is 2,000,000. The area of London is 75,000 acres, of Paris 16,700, of New York 21,000. London has 600,000 houses, Paris 90,000, New York 115,000. London averages 7 residents to a house, Paris 25, New York 18. London has 1,300 miles of streets, Paris 600 miles. New York, 675 London has 2,300 miles of rivers, Paris has 410. New York has 444. The water supply of London is 175,000,000 gallons a day, of Paris 100,000,000 gallons a day. Of New York 100,000,000 gallons a day.

It is announced that the defendant John Wayper will appeal from the finding of the Grand Jury which gave Widow Crane damages for the loss of her husband whose teeth occurred while under the influence of liquor illegally sold him by the defendant. It is also said that the Licensed Hotel Keepers' Association are taking up the case and seeking to secure a verdict. It is of course a personal matter to the trade (I) to be held responsible for damages to the case of Crane, and it is not surprising that they propose to make it breaking down the "defection in '97" *now*. This is an excellent opportunity for the friends of the widow and of the temperance cause to go to the rescue in defense of the liquor men's appeal.

THE HYAMS MURDER CASE.
The Celebrated Case Which has so Keenly held Public Interest
Nearing its Close.

Toronto, May 22.—The trial of the Hyams murderer, which has been suspended since the 1st of April, will resume on the 2nd of June. The evidence in rebuttal will be put in, and an effort will be made to give the case to the jury to night. If the trial should not be concluded by Queen's Birthday arrangements have, it is understood, been completed for proceedings to continue on the 1st of July.

The defence has all along contended that the tragedy took place about 9 or 9.15 o'clock. It is accused an hour or two later the entire fabric of the defence collapsed. To say the Crown will seek to prove that it did not occur until nearly twelve o'clock.

No fact or evidence has been introduced to weaken the stand case as to time established by the Crown. This may be done to day.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

The House Adjourned Until Next Tuesday—Monteagle School Quiescent—Newfoundland Backs Down—Increase in Exports and Imports.

WANT A NEW NATIONAL FLAG.

OTTAWA, May 22.—Parliament will adjourn to night for a few days' vacation. By agreement of both sides of the House, it was decided to adjourn to night until Tues day of next week. The occurrence of two legal holidays this week Ascension Day and the Queen's Birthday renders the adjournment necessary, and Monday was added to the vacation so as to prevent the members from being absent from their homes and get back to the re-assembling of the budget debate, as ordered by J. G. Moore, president of the Committee on Finance.

The budget debate has been dragging along since May 3rd, and the end is not yet in sight. From present indications it is not probable that the discussions can be brought to a conclusion until after the recess, for there is a large number of members who desire to express their views upon the trade question before the leaders wind up the debate.

THE MAXIMUM QUESTION.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the present conference on the maximum question. Judging from the utterances of the principals in the conference, a new law is in the making.

It is the opinion of many that a new law is in the making.

Nothing in this world is more distressing and unfortunate than to be in a position of this kind of ours, with its extremes of climate and the want of means to meet the emergency.

There is no room for a new law.

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