

MARRIED.
George M. Chapman, Satinale
Daughter of Capt. Chapman by Rev. Canon
Harrison of Windsor, William Pastor Scott
and his wife, the grand daughter of
W. A. McCullough, Esq., of St. John's,
DIED.
COPLEY.—In Grosvenor, on the 3rd May, John
Copley, aged 71 years and months.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

According to a report presented to the Dominion Parliament, the premium for life insurance in Canada during 1894 aggregated \$9,000,000, which is an increase of \$2,000,000 compared with the previous year.

According to the report of the Post Office Department, which was brought down in the Senate, the post-office handled 107,115,000 letters, 23,105,000 post cards, and 22,353,000 newspapers last year. There were 33,000 dead letters, 3,207,000 unclaimed letters, and the balance 107,115,000 letters, post cards, and papers in Toronto during the year, whereas in Montreal, which comes next, the delivery was 11,752,221.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin dealing with the crop prospects. The total of May 10th was great, and very large in the English section. The smaller districts, however, are having trees, and in some places fall wheat and spring grain have suffered extensively. Ryee is looking well all over; spring wheat suffered but little from frost; where pease had been sown and come up there received a drabback; corn also suffered and pasture grasses went rain hardy. In most places the crop crop is a failure but peas, pulses and apples promise well.

According to the returns which the insurance companies doing business in Canada have made to the Government the year 1894 will be the two immediate predecessors, was one of heavy losses. There are thirty four companies doing business here, of which six are Canadian, twenty one British, and eight American. The losses paid during the year aggregated \$1,601,119. But when this is contrasted with the previous year it will be observed that the business was highly profitable. The premium aggregate of \$6,711,869 or \$2,120,220 more than the losses. Thus the companies had 33 per cent of their receipts to pay cost of management and interest on investments. Since Confederation the fire insurance companies have recovered in premiums the enormous sum of \$11,021,078, and paid out in losses \$77,804,255, leaving a favorable balance of \$34,19,963.

The word "Dominion" as the title of united Canada was only adopted as a name in response to the wishes of the Earl of Carnarvon. He was not willing to take the suggestion made by some of the Canadian delegates to the conference of 1867, that the new federation should be described in the Union act as "the Kingdom of Canada." The Colonial Secretary was afraid the word would be retained as the name of the dominions, and so recently resented the attempt made by the French Emperor to interfere in the affairs of Mexico and establish in America what would be really a dependency of the Empire. It would, perhaps, be quite in order with the ambitious aspirations of Australians were they to substitute the words "United Australia" for a word of dubious republican significance.

From the report of the Postmaster General some information is obtained concerning an interesting branch of the public service—the Dead Letter Office. Altogether, 1,036,823 communications came under this head. By far the greater portion of these were restored to life, or to their owners, which in official language amounts to the same thing. The dead letters containing articles of value number 18,522 were delivered ad restitutio to the owners. There were 3,155 dead letters containing money amounting to \$16,130. Assuming the contents of other dead letters were 500,000 copies, 230 drafts, 861 money orders, 300 promissory notes, 161 deeds, 12 baptismal certificates, 9 death certificates, 2 certificates of Methodist ordination, 2 certificates of the P.P.A., 15 baby dresses, 10 cakes, 1 ashtray, 2 pieces of chewing gum, 1 church calendar, 7 dolls, 12 false teeth, 2 glass eyes, 223 insurance policies, 120 bills, 28 mortgages, 8 pawn tickets, 9 pills, 1 platter, 1 rattoons, 1 rattle, 1 box of needles, and 1 outfit each.

PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH.
CHURCH MEETING HELD AT
LAST WEEK

THE various principles of church in operation at the Union Conference, London, Thursday, of forty churches. Over half of them were fully represented.

The President, Hugh Black, of Rockwood, was undoubtedly absent and the vice-president, John Campbell, of Erin, filled in.

All the meetings were opened by Jesus and a verse and each session marked increased zealosity of the delegates.

Rev. Mr. Cunningham, of St. Thomas, addressed the meeting and appealed to the people for more heartiness in operation in the service and deeper work of grace in the local congregations.

A narrow majority on Saturday evening was devoted to anxious the little schoolroom with Rev. T. L. Fowler as principal.

The election of the Board of Managers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Hugh Black, Rockwood, vice-pres. Mr. John Campbell, St. Thomas, recording secretary, Mr. W. B. Kilgour, Guelph, corresponding secretary, Mr. T. L. Fowler, Guelph, treasurer, Mr. John McNaughton, Elora, and Mr. H. N. Price, St. Thomas. The Whitehead, Walkerston, John Black Rockwood, R. T. McKee, Erin, and George Moore, Hamilton. Mr. Price takes the place of Mr. A. J. Thompson of Haltonburg. Some mission receipts for the year were \$2,154.99, expenditures, \$2,053.31, balance

minus four receipts were \$107.75. Miss Weston's name, lawed legacy account receipts were \$4,572.44, expenditures \$1,622.22, balance, \$407.22.

The convention closed on Monday and ended to meet next year in London.

It is reported that Oscar Wilde, who was recently sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Pentonville prison, at hard labor, after having been convicted of gross indecency, has become insane, and is confined in a padded room of the prison.

AT THE CAPITAL.
Cartwright's Amendment Defeated
by 400 Votes.

OTTAWA, June 5.—Last Thursday morning, after 11 days' discussion, Mr. Richard Cartwright's amendment in favor of a bill for revenue was defeated by 117 to 71.

A question of great importance to manufacturers and importers of cheese and butter was brought before the house on Saturday. To brand the cheese or not to brand it was the theme of considerable discussion. Canada at the present day has an excellent market for her cheese and English markets are becoming somewhat saturated. To protect the trade, and thus preserve a continuation of the market, it has been thought that by branding the cheese with the word Canada, date, and place of make and a government seal supplied each factory in the Dominion, the unlawful practice of branding July cheese as September cheese, etc., would be avoided.

The proposal received great opposition by a number of manufacturers present. Even Prof. Robertson, of the Royal Technical College, who had spoken in favor of the bill, declared that the cheese was not as valuable as some of the other cheeses.

As well as all others agreed to label cheese on all boxes, but not the month of cheese. Mr. Sprout

announced that circular letters had been sent out to the cheese factories throughout the Dominion asking for opinion on the branding question. Out of 345 replies received, 311 were in favor of branding, while 34 were against it, and nine were doubtful. The master will receive future consideration.

The figures giving the population of the North West was presented to the House, which showed that there had been an increase of 55,000 there during the past three years. It was also shown that owing to the ravages of the smallpox the Indians there was a great decrease in number. These figures were submitted by the Mounted Police who were detailed to take the census for Her Majesty.

A deputation of members of the Ottawa and Canadian Legislative Association called upon the Premier, Mr. Laurier, this afternoon to advocate the eight hours bill.

They were introduced by Sir James Gray, who was accompanied by Messrs. W. F. Macdonald, M. P., and A. Ingram, M. P. The Government was represented by the Premier, Mr. Laurier, Sir Charles H. Tupper, and Mr. Costigan. The principal spokesman of the delegation was Messrs. G. S. O. Headress, president of the Typographical Union, Antoine Chouquette, past president of the Union, who referred to the fact that the men who worked in the printing office had been raised to the rank of master printers.

The report of the Ontario Legislature, which had just come out of the council chamber, was read by Rev. Mr. Bellamy appointed Rev. F. E. Nugent, Palmerston, and Mr. W. J. Waugh, Hamilton, Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. T. Albert Moore, Journal Secretary. Rev. Mr. Macneill responded in behalf of the Typographical Union, and Rev. W. Wright was appointed.

Mr. Headress, the new president

of the Typographical Union, spoke in favor of the bill.

A motion was introduced by Rev. Mr. Van Wyck, Hamilton, "Abstaining from political bills," and was carried.

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