

BORN:
Helen, on July the 17th inst., the wife
of J. Parker, of a son.
Kurtin-De-Aston, on Tuesday last inst., the
wife of A. M. H. of a son.
Hicks-De-Aston, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., the
wife of A. De-Aston, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GRIFFITH-MURPHY. At the manor, Georgetown,
on July 5, by Rev. Dr. Purdie, James Grant,
and Mrs. Mary Griffith, of the same place.

KENNEDY-KENNEDY. At Windsor, Mass.,
on Friday evening, 11th inst., the Hon. John F.
H. and Miss, formerly of Ashton, to Miss Jane
F. Kennedy.

DIED.

HARRIS-In Regensburg, on the 20th inst.,
Harry Hufflin, aged 71 years.

WILLIAMS-In Milton, on Wednesday, July 17th,
Albert Williams, aged 80, in the 60th year of his
age.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS PROMPTLY RECEIVED.

For the very general renewal of subscriptions due July 1st, the Free Press desire to extend its best thanks. Several hundred subscriptions expire at this date, and the prompt renewal is always a matter of satisfaction and encouragement to us. A few subscriptions have gone as yet, been renewed, but we confidently expect to hear from all of them within a few days, for we are sure there are none who have been regularly reading the "Press" since every week during the year who desire that its valuable features should be discontinued. Prompt renewal of the subscription will ensure its regular and continued appearance in your address.

H. M. Moore,
Editor and Publisher.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Chicago is going to build a tower to compete with the Eiffel monument. It is to be 1,150 feet high, with a platform and telephones, electric elevators, and many other attractions for sightseers. It is said that practical steps have been taken to insure the carrying out of the project.

General Booth has decided to proceed immediately with the survey of his overseas colony. Mr. Lawson, surveyor at Basingstoke, Eng., arrived in Toronto last week, and in company with commandant Booth and other army officials, are now in the northwest laying out the territory.

The War Department of Japan, in its report on the war with China, gives the actual fighting strength of the expeditionary force which did the campaigning as follows: First army corps, 30,097; second army corps, 19,919; other troops, 1,983; total, 60,979. The losses were: Killed in battle, 751; died of wounds, 251; died of disease (including 1,402 by cholera), 3,114.

The Department of Agriculture is in receipt of information from Ebenezer Wells, Croydon, England, to the effect that the system adopted by shippers of binding Canadian hay with wire has led to the breaking the live stock to which it is fed. Mr. Wells is anxious that the master should be brought to the notice of Canadian agriculturists, with a view to remedying what he regards in our hay as "the only defect."

Trade returns for the fiscal year just closed were issued Friday. Exports for 1895 were valued at \$110,716,757, a decrease of \$4,672,251, compared with previous year. The greater portion of this decline took place last month, amounting to two millions and three quarters, principally in goods sent to the United States. The imports for the year just closed were valued at \$105,557,093, a decrease of \$7,371,709. The total collected amounts to \$17,880,672, a decrease of \$1,497,493.

Kingsland school board, at its last meeting, resolved to adopt the international series of Sunday school lessons for use in the schools, the most contributing to the study of the scriptural history logically and systematically. The school management committee was requested to arrange for the reading of the lesson each morning, when they resume after the holidays, and that the devotions be varied by the recitation of the apostles' creed, the Ten Commandments, the beatitudes or psalms, preceding the prayer prescribed by the education department.

At the Baptist Young People's Convocation held in Baltimore during the past week the following resolution was adopted: "To encourage the publication and circulation of the Sunday newspaper, the running of Sunday excursions, and the opening of places of public amusement, and that we extend our hearty sympathy to the people of Texas, who are now using all their powers to prevent the occurrence of the proposed Corbett-Pittman case in the Lone Star State, under the conviction that such a fight would tend to demoralize Texas and the whole civilized world."

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Women at Kingston is preparing to wage war against the manufacturers of cigars and tobacco for putting immoral pictures in their packages. They will also try to stem the tide of impure literature. They endorsed the action of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in requesting the employers of females operatives to provide seats behind a counter for those during the unemployable months. They took exception to the practice, moreover, in small stores, of giving prizes with chewing gum and candy. One of the members expressed her opinion that the practice was a small beginning to the Louisiana State lottery.

There is good authority for stating that the British Government has agreed to grant a subaid which, in conjunction with the aid granted by the Canadian and other governments, will enable the Halifax and Bermuda cable to be laid to the West Indies. This information is supplemented with the statement that detailed details are being now finally arranged for the grant. This matter is of the highest consequence to Canadian trade with the West Indies, which is now altogether dependent upon the American cable channels. There is also reason to believe that Mr. J. Huddart's scheme for the fast Atlantic and Pacific mail services is making headway at last. Lord Ripon, before becoming殖民官, left a memorandum strongly urging the latter upon Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, his successor. The latter gentleman expresses even sympathy with all proposed movements for improving the inter-imperial relations. The new Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is more sympathetic with the idea than was Sir William Harcourt.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED

The Session lasted thirteen and half weeks, and a "Censure Speech" was delivered.

MCCARTHY'S MOTION DEFEATED

OTTAWA, July 22.—The fifth session of the seventh Parliament of Canada was prorogued this afternoon by his Excellency the Governor-General, after a session of thirteen weeks and a half, during which time the House adjourned six times. The session, which began at the hour of noon, occupied the crowd outside the building, not nearly so large as usual, and the attendance on the floor of the Senate was very small, although the galleries were fairly well filled. The Ministers present in uniform were Sir McKenzie Bowell, Sir Frank Smith, and Sir Adolphus Caron. Lady Aberdeen was present, and after protracted an informal reception was held by their Excellencies.

The House had adjourned to close on Saturday and was dissolved the following day. The Opposition censured the Government for introducing an important bill so late in the session; Senator Scott then gave Mr. Bowell a certain lecture, but the latter rebuked. There was drafted a measure a rearrangement of the scheme, making the money payable in two parts, one half on the completion of the construction of the first half of the road, and the other half on the completion of the road. The motion was given its third reading after a speech by Senator Scott to the effect that she was responsible for the passing of the bill.

Admiral Martin, Minister of Marine, has ordered an inquiry to be made into the affair to place the responsibility of what had been done.

On Monday afternoon it was evident that the session was drawing to a close. Very few, either members or Senators were present to take part in the proceedings. The faithful Commons had been summoned to the Senate. His Excellency delivered the following speech from the throne:

"My dear friends, I have the honor to inform you that the session of the Senate, gentlemen of the House of Commons, is bringing to a conclusion. I have to congratulate you on the industry and zeal which have marked your labours."

"The necessary legislation having been passed, the treaty of commerce with France from which favorable commercial results may be expected, will, as soon as ratified, be put into force by proclamation.

The negotiations with Newfoundland, to whom reference was made in my speech of the session, have not, I regret to say, resulted in any agreement for the present.

The reply of the Provincial Legislature of Manitoba to the remedial order issued by my Government of the 21st of March was considered of such a character as to justify postponement of further action until next session.

I am pleased to observe the grant of a sum of money for the relief of the poor of the city of St. John's, which has been voted, as all the members had voted to give, and the fact that the wind was blowing out into the lake was the only thing that saved the entire end of the Beach between the scenes of the fire and the pier. Nearly all the furniture and effects were got out of the hotel and hurriedly piled on the beach.

The arrival of the Hutchinson party, the arrival of the first ship of the season, the first appearance of the steamer, the first appearance of the steamer, as a number of steamers were soon plying on all buildings in dangerous proximity. The Ocean house was built of wood, and was about 25 years old. It was owned by a Birley estate, and was under the management of Birley Bros. The insurance on the building was about \$13,000, and this is where the principal loss will come in. At 6 o'clock all danger of further spreading of the fire was over, and the blazing pile of ruins was all that remained of the hotel. As near as could be learned, no accident occurred, and as all the men had tried to get themselves and their effects out of the house.

The commission appointed to examine and report regarding the ancestors and relatives of Shirotsu, the Valleyfield man, state that the insanity is hereditary and witnesses examined state that he was considered "non compos mentis."

On the prisoners committed to the Central prison last year 215 were married, and 229 were single, and 173 were entered as temperate and 271 as intemperate. Ten per cent and matrimony appear to be potent influences in making a man a good citizen.

To day the ceremony attending the raising of the monument now erected by the Government will take place at Niagara Falls.

For about a quarter of a century Canada has been represented by twenty picked men at their competitions, and not until now has the coveted trophy of the annual competition been won except in the distinguishtion of those who lost their lives at Lundy's Lane on July 24th, 1813.

Mr. Stewart Jones, born in Grantham, Townships was burned, with a lot of live stock. A colored man named Hogan, employed by Mr. Jones, is missing, and it is feared that he set the premises on fire and committed suicide by drowning in the canal near by.

The officials of the Board of Trade at Hamilton have been informed by the committee appointed to select a location for the Hospital for Consumptives that it will probably be built in Muskoka. The board, however, recommended the mountain spot as a suitable spot.

A frame barn belonging to Robert Miller, Bull street, Woodstock, was struck by lightning and has past four yards, burning a large portion of the roof and totally destroyed, with the contents. His residence, which was quite near, was also damaged. Loss, \$400, no insurance.

Mr. Foxton of Guelph, was hunting called Saturday to attend a son of W. M. Gray, who was frightfully kicked by a horse while attempting to harness him.

Besides having a fracture of the skull and a broken thigh he received several body wounds. He lived only two hours after the accident.

About 1 o'clock Thursday morning he took the train from Guelph to the station, and was soon blown down the framework of the rolling mill in course of erection on the hillside, and was severely injured, and died shortly afterwards.

Mr. Tuck, a boy of 12 years, and James Danaher, of Guelphville, and David Nelson, of Luther, were on the top of the bank, and the others were below, raising the last trestle that supports the roof. All the men below managed to get clear although some of them were surrounded by falling timber. The men above were less fortunate. Tuck was found wedged between two huge beams, with his left leg badly smashed. Danaher was also injured being bruised about the head and body. Nelson fell clear of the trestle and escaped with some slight injuries.

The framework of the building is a complete wreck. The raising of the timber by block and tackle has been in progress since last Friday. The structure is 128 x 100 feet, and some of the beams were very heavy. The contractor, Mr. Robert Dixon, of Grand Valley, and the building is being erected for the Guelph Norway iron and Steel Company, recently organized. The collapse of the framework will be a serious loss to the contractor, and will delay the commencement of operations by the company probably a couple of weeks.

A bill introduced by the Forsters to authorise them to issue \$5,000 insurance policies was withdrawn until oral session.

Mr. Geo. E. Smith has been appointed sub-collector of Customs at Southampton.

"Cannibals" are invited to participate in the Mexico Exposition in 1896.

Lieut. Governor Daly, of Nova Scotia, who took office on the first of this month, has been appointed to the position of Indian Affairs, entitled "John Kilburn's Port," by James Ouse, illustrated, and a "With by Hoye," by the Rev. Dr. Hinckley. Harper & Brothers, Publishers, New York.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE

Captain Charles King has written for "Harrington's Round Table" a serial story of the National Guard and the riots, entitled "Corporal Fred." Its publication will begin the number of the "Round Table" dated July 23d. The same number will contain a story of Indian warfare, entitled "John Kilburn's Port," by James Ouse, illustrated, and a "With by Hoye," by the Rev. Dr. Hinckley. Harper & Brothers, Publishers, New York.

REGGIE'S BOWLING leaves on Thursday for the North West to be present at the opening of the Territorial Exhibition at Regina next Monday.

148 PASSENGERS DROWNED.

Steamers Collide in Italy and Nearly all on Board Perish—Asleep in Their Bunks at the Time.

LA BRESCA, Italy, July 21.—A terrible accident occurred in the month of the Gulf of Spezia, today. At half past 1 o'clock this morning the steamers "Ottago" and "Maria P." ran into each other, and the latter vessel so badly damaged that she sank in a very short time. The "Maria P." had on board, in addition to her crew, 178 passengers bound from Naples for River Plate, by far the larger part of whom were immigrants.

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