

BORN.

PATON—On Tuesday, 12th inst., the wife of Wm. Paton, 31, of Guelph, gave birth to a son, Robert Paton, who died yesterday, the wife of John Kennedy, Jr., of Guelph.

KRUEGER—In Rehbein, on Monday, Sept. 10th, the wife of Mr. Joe Krueger, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

LAWRENCE—At Johnson's, N.Y., on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, by Rev. C. H. Merrill, Samuel Lawrie, son of Samuel Lawrie, Jr., Actor, and his daughter of Conductor John, John Lawrie.

DIED.

WILLIAMS—At Prospect Lake, B.C., on Friday, Sept. 13th, Mrs. Williams, aged 60 years.

SHARPE—Newell Sharpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, son of John Nickel, aged 2 years, 6 months, 10 days.

CHESTER—At Dixie, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, Mrs. Chester, daughter of Christopher Cheyne, aged 30 years.

KENNEDY—At Mapleton, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, Mrs. Kennedy, formerly, daughter of Alvin Kennedy, Georgetown, aged 20 years.

NICHOLAS—At Harrison, Monday, Sept. 13th, Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pilkington, in the tenth year of his age.

The Acton Free Press.

TUESDAY, SEPT. EIGHTEEN, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Foreign Office announces that China has renounced the commercial treaty between that country and Great Britain concluded in 1864. The treaty expires by limitation on September 3, 1896.

A despatch to the *Post-Mill Gazette* from Shanghai says that the entire province of Chekiang has again been accorded with anti-Christian proscription, "leaving much uncertainty among foreign residents."

Rev. Principal Grant's letters on the Manitoba schools are highly interesting. But the reverend principal is no nearer to finding an all-round satisfactory solution of the problem than the rest of us. Hamilton agreed.

A plot on the part of the Macdonalds to blow up the Sultan's palace is reported to have been discovered by the Sultan's police.

The circulation of petitions asking for the pardon of persons convicted, after fair trial, of the gravest offenses, is becoming an abuse. Petitions are often at the bottom of them, and if the Department of Justice does not check the evil public opinion must.—*Ottawa Free Press*.

The trade returns for the past two months indicate a gratifying increase in the trade of the country. The exports are valued at \$35,476,190, as against \$29,559,410, or an increase of \$6 million and a quarter. The duty collected for the same period shows an increase of \$19,000. Imports for the two months manifest a falling off of exactly two million dollars.

A despatch from London says: "With the departure of Mr. Hall Gage on the Tenth, the Canadian copyright question has been transferred to New York and Ottawa. Publishers here do not believe that a compromise can be effected. One of the most astute publishers remarked yesterday that the Canadian contention was that the Dominion needed cheaper books and could have them only by employing printers on the part of the frontier."

An effort is being made to take from a tribe of Indians called the Matakashas an island in Alaska which in 1861 was deeded to them by the United States Government. The land is in Northeast Alaska and is known as Annette Island. The natives have improved the land, erected public buildings, churches and sawmills. A few months ago men prospecting discovered a gold ledge and immediately staked out claims and applied to the government for mineral patents. The Indians entered protest which was favorably considered, but if money and influence can overrule the Indian mining operations will be com-

menced.

The Toronto *Argonaut* gives currency to the following unlikely prediction: It is said by some Liberals that the Conservatives in the Local Legislature have been making overtures to Patron Fraser Day, now looking toward a new attitude of Mr. Martin's followers. It is said, the rumor of Sir Oliver Mowat's illness, Word has come from England by way of Conservatives, that Sir Oliver has serious thoughts of retiring. The provincial Conservatives see in this retirement the veteran Premier and the succession of Mr. Hardy, possibilities that may land them on the right side of the speaker.

Three hundred New York saloon keepers crowded into the Court of Special Sessions last week pleading guilty to selling liquor on Sunday, and paid fines aggregating nearly \$6000. This remarkable change of front on the part of the law-breakers was due to the announcement by the Court that next month the fines of guilty saloon keepers would be increased and jail sentences imposed. On Sunday, the saloons of members of the liquor dealers' association were closed as required by the law. As honest and decent-headed head of the liquor department and honest council have thus brought about a complete reversal in the attitude of the liquor traffic toward the law.

There is some talk in Paris of bringing about the adoption of an international postage stamp, says the *New-York World*. It is proposed to invite the nations composing the Postal Union to adopt a special kind of stamp for international communication. The postage stamp will be used for the creation of the new stamp as follows:

A FORTUNATE MINE OWNER.

Mr. Dan Mann, a Former Army Boy, Opens a Rich Mine.

The Victoria *Colonist* in a recent issue says: "D. Mann, of Mann & Holt, the well-known firm of railway contractors, has arrived in the city and is at the Land. Mr. Mann is very cheerful at the present time because of the results of the smelting of two carloads of galena ore at the Everett smelter. A couple of years ago, with other Montreal capitalists, he purchased the Victoria smelter, which is situated on the St. Mary's river, East Kootenay, about five miles west of Fort Steele. This year the company have also built a road to Jennings on the Great Northern R.R. for the purpose of providing a means of getting the ore to a smelter. This road cost about \$10,000. The first two carloads of the gross return per ton of ore is \$64.70. Hence Mr. Mann's cheerfulness.

The ledge is a most remarkable one. There is 25 feet width of shipping steel which the whole deposit averages from 50 to 60 feet in width, but lies outside of the steel galena being concentrated ore. The returns from the two carloads are quite up to the expectations and the working of the mine will probably pay 50 per cent per annum on the money invested.

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