

HORN.

WILLIAMS.—In Action, on Saturday, 25th October, the wife of Captain William Williams, of 40m.

CLANS.—At the Campbell House, on Saturday, 25th October, the Head of the Clan, Mr. Campbell, and his wife, Mrs. Campbell, were present.

GUTHRIE.—On Tuesday the 2nd October, at the Victoria Hotel, Guelph, Ontario, died Mr. D. Guthrie, D.A., of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MARIE.

ALAM—GAVIN.—At the Princess Methodist Church, on Friday, 25th Oct., Rev. Thomas Grady, R. P. Allen, of Guelph, Miss. Miss Sarah Grady.

THOMAS.—At Jarvis Street, Eastgate Church, Guelph, October 25th, 1901, Rev. Dr. Thomas, pastor of the church, Ernest M. Thomas, son of the deceased, Jas. Thomas, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

DIED.

MURKIN.—In Kitchener, near Conestoga, on Friday, 25th October, Matt Sutton, in his 50th year.

LAWRENCE.—At Elm Grove, near Georgetown, on Saturday, 26th October, Mr. Lawrence Laidlow, L.L.D., pastor of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Ont., aged 76 years.

The Actua Free Press.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 31, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles H. Tupper arrived in Washington Monday, to take part in the Balfour Bee Convention, which opens this week. The Canadian Minister are the guests of Sir Julian Pauncefote.

H. S. Secretary of the Navy Herbert has decided that in view of this agreement between the United States and Great Britain in respect to war vessels on the great lakes, he could not award the contract for the construction of one of the gunboats authorized by the last Congress to the Detroit Dry Dock Company.

One good result of the enforcement of the Sunday closing law in New York City is seen in the lessening number of cases brought to the city hospitals for treatment. The last year under saloons there were \$10,000 new deposits. The next year under prohibition \$500,000. The last year under saloons \$61 new accounts were opened in the raving banks, while in the first year under no houses 992 were opened.

The Manitoba Free Press says the plan adopted by the C. P. R. of taking wheat for land sold to settlers is working well. It enables the farmer to hold his wheat at all events until the very day his payment to the company is due. If he had to raise the cash, he might be obliged to sell several days earlier, and possibly miss the benefit of an advance which might spring up in the meantime.

The representatives of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the South American colonies held a meeting Tuesday in Sir Charles Tupper's office in London, to discuss the Pacific cable scheme. The colonies are willing to bear their share of the expense of the cable, and upon return to Canada a committee will be appointed to embark on a similar project. It might be well for Halton county council to take the same question into their careful consideration.

Out of the total revenue of \$300,000,000 Germany spends \$150,000,000 for army and navy, England \$180,000,000 out of \$480,000,000, and France \$174,000,000 out of \$670,000,000. Dr. Munro, who gives these figures, estimates the military expenses of the United States at \$60,000,000 but this omits \$140,000,000 for military pensions. When these are included, its total military expenses are greater than those of any other country, with the possible exception of Russia.

There were more sheep shipped last week from the port of Montreal to the Old Country than during any previous week in the history of the port. A leading shipper was most anxious because prices were high, and he replied that the sheep were good after all. In the season, the prices were not very high and that the secret of the present heavy shipments was found in the fact that there were a great many sheep in the country and they had to be got rid of. Up to Saturday, 21,934 sheep had been shipped.

Among the interesting items that go to make up Canada's Public Accounts for the year ending June 30th, the report having just come from Mr. George M. Elliott, is that pertaining to Chinese immigration. During the year the tax on Chinese, £50 per head, amounted to £18,491. This shows an increase of about 3% per cent over the previous year. Now it is admitted that the Chinese colony in Canada is not growing. The situation, briefly outlined, is this. The United States has taken the immigrants, Canada the fees. Chicago, Canada, America.

PRIZE SHORT STORIES.

Some months ago the Dr. Williams Medical Co. of Guelph, Ont., announced a literary competition in which they offered \$300 in prizes for the best five short stories written by Canadian writers. The competition was well received, and the interest which the competition created may be judged by the fact that more than seven hundred manuscript were received from story writers in all parts of the Dominion. These stories were placed in the hands of thoroughly competent judges, who after much labor and earnest consideration, handed into the Company the names of the five writers who were deemed best worthy of the prizes. These stories have not been printed in the form of a handbills pamphlet called "Prize Short Stories," and a very interesting and readable little book it is. In the preface to the work it is announced that the ultimate decision as to the merit of the stories is left to the readers of the pamphlet, and a voting paper is given upon which they are asked to express their preferences. A copy of this pamphlet will be mailed post paid, to any of our readers who send their address (plainly written) to the Dr. Williams' Medical Co., Guelph, Ont.

"King" Callahan, the professional bridge jumper, leaped from the Poughkeepsie bridge into the Hudson River, about 100 feet. He was probably fatally injured.

Lord Lansdowne, the new Governor of Quebec, will travel to his post by way of Canada. He will start next month.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**NEWS OF THE DAY.**

The Annual Provincial Convention at Toronto Attended by 750 Delegates.

YEAR OF PROGRESSIVE WORK.

An account of the proceedings of the first two days of the annual convention of the Habsburg Holstein Association of Ontario, held in Toronto, last week was given in last issue.

The last day of the convention was largely occupied with the hearing of reports, the election of officers and with consideration of the ways and means for the coming year's operations. The attendance was equal to that of the previous two days and the attention manifested a deep interest in the work of education and training.

The work of the General Executive Committee was read by Dr. J. MacLean, of Thorold, who had appointed Corresponding Secretary, with a salary of \$600 per annum, and an office obtained for her in Manning Avenue, Toronto, at a rental of \$100 per year. The financial position of the association was one that had caused great anxiety to the committee throughout the year. At the close of the year, Oct. 1, 1901, the association had a balance of \$600.00 after payment of all liabilities. In 1901 the deficit had increased to \$1,130.44.

A careful review of the situation at the half-yearly meeting in May, it was resolved to make special efforts to equalise income and expenditure. Various means for this were taken by the General Executive, by the Central Executive and by the officers of the association. After a very careful consideration of the whole question the committee was compelled to come to the conclusion that an immediate policy of retrenchment was the only course, and so recommended it to the association. The committee were of the opinion that the accumulated debt should be dealt with at once. It recommended that the greater part of it be allotted according to schedule to the various countries and cities, and the balance paid out of the regular income for the coming year. It was also recommended that the office of Primary Secretary be combined with that of Corresponding Secretary. This view was concurred in by the convention and the report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. McLean gave a brief history of the work, and offered his services for any institute work as often as they might be required.

A number of gentlemen expressed their appreciation of his services as normal teacher.

Encouraging reports of their various departments were given by Messrs. George D. General Secretary; Rev. John McEwan, Secondary Secretary; Mr. J. J. Corcoran, Treasurer; Miss Jessie Munro, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. T. T. T. Primary Secretary.

The report of Dr. George M. Elliott, editor of the new organ of the Association, The Sunday School, was most gratifying.

Notwithstanding that this is the first year of its publication it has been financially self-sustaining and has secured over 3000 paying subscribers.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions tendered the thanks of the convention to the pastor and management of Cooke's Church, to the Sabbath school teachers, committees, the various companies and to the press; to the ex-President, Mr. H. P. Moore, for his faithful and efficient labors during the past year; to Dr. J. J. MacLean, Dr. Pitts, Rev. Dr. Galbraith, James N. Abbott, Thomas Caswell, George Anderson, Wm. Hamilton, G. M. Lee, J. J. Woodhouse, A. Blue, Miss E. Mairdum, Mrs. T. Pe L. Latus, Miss C. Lawson, R. J. Scott, W. B. Blaikie, J. K. Macdonald, H. S. H. Blaikie, Alfred Day, Rev. Mr. McEwen, Rev. J. C. Tibb, W. E. Tilley, Rev. J. McLean, Scott, A. Donnelly, Miss Jessie Munro and Mr. A. B. Powell.

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