

**BORN.**  
Kean—In Erin, on the 15th inst., the wife of James New, fifth baby, a son.  
Talbot—Born on Sunday, Feb. 5th, the wife of Mr. Thomas Talbot, a son.  
McTavish—In Acton on Monday, 18th February, the wife of Arch. McTavish, a son.  
Hunt—Born—in Kitchener Wednesday, Feb. 14th, the wife of Mr. Luther Overland, a daughter.  
Warren—In Elgin Village, on Thursday, February 16th, the wife of James L. Warren, a daughter.  
McTavish—At home on Friday, 19th February, the wife of Paul H. McTavish, a son.  
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Foster has given notice in the House of a resolution authorizing a loan of \$300,000 to put the defences of the country in shape.

The City of Bradford has brought an action against the London & Frank Railway to restrain them from carrying the ships to London, and to recover the costs of \$2,000 granted to the railway by the court in shape.

In the Manitoba Legislature Monday afternoon, Attorney-General Rifton gave notice that he would bring the House into committee on Wednesday to prevent what threatened to become a bill of the Ottawa Government in attempting to pass school legislation overriding that of Manitoba.

In a recent speech Hon. John Morley said that the British people might congratulate themselves when difficult moments arose that they had a press, English and Scottish, which was not built by military men in jackboots, which did not subdue upon odious blackmail, and which was not ready to sacrifice its soul almost to entrap.

Compare the following straightforward remarks of Councillor Francis upon the Licence By-Law discussed in Council last year with his utterances during the debate on this year's by-law:

"I think we are all agreed that we will do less harm than three. Everybody knows I am a temperance man from principle and I will always do my best to do what will help us to end our drinking."

Not satisfied with his firm stand upon that occasion in favor of reduction Mr. Francis demanded that the year and day be recorded.

There was a great popular gathering in Massie Hall, Toronto, on Saturday night at which the world was won over to the "Hands of Manitoba". The spirit of Canadian nationalism moved harmoniously throughout the address of the half score of prominent members of Parliament and others. At least six thousand men and women found hearing places in the big auditorium, and five thousand of them signed petitions protesting against remedial legislation or coercion in any form. Nothing could be more marked than the manifest feeling which pervaded the whole vast concourse of people that there was no desire to inflict the least injury on any section of the community. "We are all longing for liberty; all was the innocent freedom of every one, and no interference or privilege to or from any section, was the key-note of the meeting. "We have no disposition to light a torch of secessionists" expressed what every one felt.

The position in regard to the Remedial Bill was that 20 Conservatives from Ontario and three outside of Ontario have abstained from voting, and that they can not vote for the second reading. Mr. Henderson, M. P. for this county, is among the number and the World gives the following as a list of Conservatives from Ontario who declared against the bill are: Morris, Bennett, Calvis, Carcasson, Cookson, Craig, Denison, Henderson, Hodges, Hughes, Hutchins, Ingram, Maclean, McGillivray, McNeil, Rossmond, Smith, Sprules, Tyrell, Wallace and Wilson. If the opposition vote solid against a second reading of the Remedial Bill, as they declare they will, with one exception, 20 out of the 23 Conservatives who have declared against the bill, the Government will be defeated.

**ANOTHER CHURCH BURNED.**

Knox Church, Palmerston, Destroyed by Fire on its First Anniversary.

PALMERSTON, Feb. 24.—Knox Church was burned early Sunday morning. The building was erected only a year ago and was one of the finest churches in this part of the province, costing about \$10,000. Rev. Dr. MacKey, pastor, and his wife were at the service yesterday. While the building was on fire an invitation came from Rev. T. Albert Moore, pastor, and the officials of the Methodist Church, to accept their building for the purpose of the anniversary, which was gladly accepted. Dr. MacKey preached from the words, "Our holy and beautiful house is burned up with fire; have faith in God." Steps will be taken at once to rebuild the church. The Maus, adjoining, was saved. The church was insured.

**NASSAGAWAYA.**

The Halton Farmers' Institute held meetings in Brookville on Monday. There were afternoon and evening sessions. A good programme was provided and carried out, with success.

The Young Liberal Club of Nassagawa, held a meeting at Brookville in the township hall, last week, when the election of officers took place as follows:—Colin Cameron, President; Angus Kennedy, Vice-President; G. O. McNair, Secretary, and Neil McPhail, Treasurer. After the election of officers there was a good programme of singing and music. There was talent present from Guelph besides home speakers. Altogether there was a good time. The meeting was a credit to the Liberals of Nassagawa.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Knottscull, has sold his farm, a large short horn, bull, to Messrs. W. H. and J. McLeod, of Acton, North-West Territories. They are buying a cardinal of young cattle and will ship from Guelph on Monday March 4th.

## OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Annual Convention of Holt School workers of the country is looked forward to with keen interest by the Sunday School workers everywhere in Halton. The thirty-ninth annual convention of the County Association was held at Burlington last Thursday and Friday and was a most representative gathering. It is true the new blockade rules made many friends present who were not able to attend and interest was manifested in the proceedings, which means better service in future and the adoption of improved methods on the part of the teachers and officers present.

In the arrangement of the programme the aim of the executive committee was to provide for each session a list of practical subjects systematically ordered, and calculated to induce free and general discussion.

There were other sessions devoted to practical departments, to the school's office, and the home class department and home study of the word of God. The past year has been a successful one and the association, with a staff of experienced officers and enthusiastic membership, hopes, with the co-operation of the township associations and individual schools, to make the forty-fifth year one of unequalled success.

The convention opened with a good attendance at 10:30 on Thursday morning.

Mr. W. V. Hopkins, President, in the chair, Mr. Hopkins introduced the general session, taking for the theme "Thanksgiving".

Judge Peacock introduced an audience of four Georgetown thrives last week to four months in gait.

An "At Home," under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the Methodist Church, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Higginbotham, on Friday evening.

The financial statement of Elgin Town

ship for the year 1895 shows receipts of \$15,795.62 and expenditure of \$13,669.82, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,126.82.

The entrance examinations to the High School will be held in the Elgin school on Monday, April 1st at 2 p.m.

As far as the present state of affairs of the trusteeship of the school is concerned,

the trusteeship, in connection with the trusteeship of the church, seems to

be in a bad condition.

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