

BORN.

WEDDING.—In Guelph, on Monday, March 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hooper, a son.
LAWRENCE.—In Guelph, on Tuesday, March 19th, to
Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, a
son, and Mrs. D. H. Hoffman, a daughter.

MARRIED.

SHANNON.—At Guelph, on Saturday,
March 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Bertie D. Shannon,
Bertie Miles Augustus Brady, daughter of Bertie
Brady, Esq., of Peterborough, identified
KATHARINE.—At the residence of the
bride's father, Weston, on Tuesday, March
26th, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, aged
thirty, of Weston, Ontario, Katharine Annie,
third daughter of William Murphy, Esq., of the
Town of Weston, and Bertie.

DIED.

GEORGE.—At Guelph, on Thursday, March 28th,
George, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McAvoy,
McAvoy.—In Guelph, on Tuesday, March 26th,
John, son of William McAvoy, aged ten
months.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The following pledge will, within a few days, be presented to every pupil in the Chicago Public Schools for signature:—"I solemnly pledge my honor, God helping me, that I will not smoke cigarettes." Mind you, this is to all smokers, and it will make a difference between the use of the same among all my acquaintances." A similar pledge in Canadian Schools might have a salutary effect.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech last week before the Canadian Club in London, recommending a policy of the Empire on the basis of revenue tariff, with duties against foreigners, creates much stir. Mr. Chamberlain explained that he spoke from his self-interest, as it was believed that he would propound such a radical change of British policy and suggest an Imperial conference without the assent of the Cabinet.

One serious law has already been drafted in the new liquor license enactment by the Provincial Legislators of New Brunswick at its recent session. No regulation seems more to the point than a place shall or shall not be allowed to keep open on Saturday night and Monday morning. In other words liquor can be sold continuously from six o'clock Monday morning until seven o'clock Tuesday evening.

The lottery is dead, the prize fight has been killed, obscene literature will soon be prohibited, because of the transmission through the mails all the result of legal enactments in obedience to the demands of a healthy public sentiment. Now let everybody go to work and arouse sentiment against the saloon and the love of strong drink. Wipe out these twin evils, and there will be no need to watch the mail bags, or guard our borders against human brutes. There will be nothing to hurt or destroy in all our happy land. —*Nashville Advocate*.

It is well to know that if you introduce a friend to a bank manager or anybody else in order that he may have a check or draft cashed, you make yourself personally liable for the amount. By making note of this information you may have occasion to appreciate its value. It may save all you pay in a lifetime for this and all other newspapers. For instance, it is only one of many. A week or so ago a chap in a town near Toronto, asked the landlord of a hotel which he usually stayed to introduce him to the local banker. The request was granted, and when "and my friend" got the cash, the draft was returned and the landlord heard of the trick. He took him aside with a gentle hint that the amount of cheques must be made good.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Meeting of the Public School Trustees Last Evening.

The Board of Trustees met in the Council Chamber last evening for the transaction of general business.

Members present, W. H. Storey, Chairman, and George Hynde, James McLennan, R. Holmes and R. Wallace.

The Committee on Finance presented their second report recommending payment of accumulated debts as follows:

J. L. & C. Warren, wood \$ 8.00
Robert Jackson, flour 7.31
Acton Park, Painting and Advertising 1.20
George Havill, supplies 1.20
Wm. Campbell, door checks 1.20
W. H. Walker, painting 1.20

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Moved by George Hynde, seconded by James McLennan, that the report of the Committee on Finance just read be adopted. —Carried.

The banking arrangements for the year were referred to by the Treasurer.

Moved by George Hynde, seconded by Robert Holmes, that the Treasurer of the Bank of Montreal be authorized to discount a note for \$500 with St. Christopher & Co., bankers, for current school purposes, until May 1st, and that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized on behalf of the Board to sign said note and stamp the seal of the Board thereto. —Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

TORONTO IN 1896.

The city press is congratulating itself on its industrious preparing for the bin of news in 1896. These are some of the big news events:

British Association meeting
Opening of the principal court house and municipal buildings.

Celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Canada by Cabot.

The Industrial Fair to be a Dominion exhibition on an enormous scale.

British Dairy Association meeting.

Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, of falling them, the Duke and Duchess of York.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GOLDIE.

On March 27th, Mr. John Goldie, of the Goldie & McMillan Co., died at his residence here last evening after an illness of several months from blood poison. Mr. Goldie was in his 75th year and had been a resident of Guelph for over 40 years. He was a most exemplary citizen and held the highest esteem by all classes of the community. He is to be mourned by his wife, two sons, Alex. H. Goldie, and two daughters who survive him. The deceased was a brother of Mr. James Goldie, of Guelph, and the late Mr. David Goldie, of Acton.

KURSCHINSKI GOES FREE.

The Jury After Five Minutes' Deliberation Acquits Him.

BRUNN, April 1.—The Kurschinski murder case was concluded yesterday. The address of counsel were able efforts, and his Lordship's review of the case, lasting an hour and ten minutes, was favorable to the prisoner. The jury, after five minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of "Not guilty" and the prisoner was discharged.

CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

The Negotiations of the Commission to Winnebago
Sign to Nothing.

RUMEOGA DUE TO GO ONCE.

OTTAWA, April 1st.—The conference with the representatives of the Dominion and Manitoba governments is at an end and nothing has been gained by the sessions of the past week.

It is reported that the province was willing to meet the views of the minority in regard to the question of religious teaching, etc., in schools as far as it was possible to do, without granting purely Separate Schools. In this regard there was every prospect of a satisfactory settlement, but the province only agreed to this on condition that the remedial legislation at Ottawa should be withdrawn.

Domestic conditions did not agree, however, and consequently there was a deadlock. It is said that the commissioners leave for Ottawa, tomorrow. Great regret is expressed here at the apparent failure of the negotiations.

Sir Charles Tupper left last night in the House that was now highly important that the bill should be proceeded with from day to day, owing to the short time remaining in Parliament. It was, therefore, the Government's intention to press this measure forward as rapidly as possible, and to give it the best of the attention of the experimental Union.

It is to be the general opinion that after the session, Howell will go to England on the cable conference and remain there as High Commissioner. Sir Charles Tupper will take charge of the campaign as Premier, assisted by Chaplin in Quebec and Hugh John Macdonald in Manitoba.

ESTER PROMOTIONS.

List of Promoted in the Various Departments of Acton Public School.

FIRST IN PARTNERSHIP.

Promoted from 3rd to 2nd department to 2nd Class.—John C. Gillies, Anna Grant, Lillian Ebbage, Eva Perryman, Bennett Clark, Amos Masson, Rosalie McDonald.

Promoted from 2nd to 1st department to Senior III.—Charlie Holmes, Willie Robbie, Harry Lovys, Willie Parsons, Fred Wilds, Joseph Brigham, John Arthur, Ernest Wilson, Kate Russell, Little Hazel, Minnie Arthurs, Mabel Moore, Ruby Wallace, Louis Ryder, Lotte Moore, Edith Warwick, Robt Smyth.

T. T. Moon, Teacher.

SECOND CLASS DEPARTMENT.

Promoted from 3rd to 2nd department to 2nd Class.—John C. Gillies, Anna Grant, Edna Newswanger, Ada Gurney, Edna Lovys, Ida Laird, Florence Super, Jessie Stephenson, May Weston, Ethel Mills, Maggie Harvey, Willie Harding, Ernest Wilson, Kate Russell, Little Hazel, Hazel Spring White, Frances, Mamie Cuthbert, Anna White, Emily Wilds, Lotte Moore, Edith Warwick, Robt Smyth.

Third Class Junior transferred, Maud Collins, Maggie Arthurs, Mabel McPhail, Eila Gamble, Clara Ebbage, Minnie McPherson, Anna Thornton, James Ballan, Lyne, John Perryman, Lyle Grindell, George Hynde, Frank Mason, Ormond Matthews, Fred Eastwood, Frank Gibbons, George McPhail, Teacher.

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