

BORN:  
Grove, At Linton, on Tuesday, 2nd August, the wife of James Grant, of a daughter.

DEAD:

Peter, In Reposing on Wednesday, 25th August, John Price, Jr., aged 10 years.

Deceased, In Action, Saturday, 28th August, Mr. J. A. and 2 months and 30 days.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The last French Parliament unanimously passed laws to suppress the sale of all liquors and beverages declared by the Academy of Medicine to be dangerous to health.

Sir Hubert Tupper has introduced an amendment to the election act to make the publication of false statements about a candidate, tending to dislodge the election, a corrupt practice.

From the published statement it is seen that Mr. Waldo's election expenses at the late Dominion election in this country amounted to \$111,117. Mr. Henderson's election expenses were \$165,35.

In reply to a question in Parliament on Monday, Mr. Laurier said that the taking of a plebiscite on prohibition is a part of the programme of the Liberal party. The Government intends to take a plebiscite, but the date is not fixed at this moment.

Mr. Layton, Mayor of Gravesend, England, whom the *Emancipated Victorians' Gazette* says "is an old member of the trade," at the opening of a new Home for soldiers and sailors said that "the great curse of the country is drink." Certainly a member of the trade" ought to know what the drink is and what it does.

A meeting of the judges appointed to divide the county of Halton into county council districts will be held on September 24th in the court house at Milton. The different municipal councils and others interested can offer suggestions regarding the proposed changes. The same judges will meet at the court house, Brampton, on September 22nd, for the purpose of dividing the county of Peel.

The Manitoba Government's emigration agent at Toronto, has returned from a trip to Manitoba and the Northwest, where he went in charge of the last laborers' excursion. He reports that the needs of the farmers for hired men in those districts are quite supplied. Altogether 2300 farm hands have gone there from Ontario. The crops this year till report, will be far in excess of what was expected a short time ago.

It is stated that Sir Mackenzie Bowell will not be the representative of Canada at the Pacific Cable conference in the fall, but that he will be succeeded as Canadian commissioner by Sir Richard Cartwright. It is also rumored that Sir Richard will afterwards make a trip to Australia, and when the cable scheme is completed, and he is relieved of the duties of Minister of Trade and Commerce, that he will succeed Sir Donald Smith as High Commissioner.

The vacancy caused by the lamented death of the Hon. W. D. Balfour, has been filled, the past week by the appointment of Hon. E. J. Davis, the member for North York, who has for some weeks held a position in the Cabinet without portfolio. As the Legislature was as well in his capacity as the head of the department he is to continue. Mr. Davis has displayed business qualities of a high order, and it is a matter for congratulation that these are now to be placed entirely at the service of the Province. As a debater and as chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts, Mr. Davis has achieved a reputation which made his entrance into the Administration only a matter of time.

MORE SIDEWALKS WANTED.

A Deputation Which Put off Its ReQuests Late for Fulfilment.

The Municipal Council met on Monday evening.

All the members were present, Reeve Hawill presided.

A communication from the Board of Underwriters, reciting the requirements to secure rating in class D, was presented.

The chairman of the Fire Committee was instructed to write the underwriters' inspector and to Mr. Ronald in the master.

The thirteenth report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending payment of accounts as follows:

W. Smith, use of wagon	\$ 1.00
H. Thompson, work	10.00
H. Moore, printing and advt	11.00
C. Cook, 130 loads gravel	10.00
C. Cook, 130 loads gravel	15.00
J. A. Spedding for coal cart, per handles, &c.	2.00
	50.00

Moved by J. H. Matthews, seconded by Wm. Brown, that the 13th report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted.

It was reported that Duncan Campbell's accident at the Bower Ave fire had lost him ten days work as a result, in addition to his physician's bill.

Moved by A. E. Nicklin, seconded by Francis, that George Campbell, farman, be granted fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to go towards defraying expenses and payment of lost time from injuries received while on duty at the fire on Bower Avenue.

Carried.

Mrs. B. W. Nisbitt and Misses Thos. C. Moore and Adelia Cook waited upon the editor, requesting that the congregation promises to build a wide walk on the west side of Main Street from Mill Street to Church to connect with the new side walk just finished from Church Street to Agnes, be fulfilled.

The Committee on Streets and Walks was instructed to bring in a statement of their expenditures for the year. If the balance in hand will warrant it the walk will be built.

Council adjourned at 8:45.

MANITOBA'S GREAT CROPS.

The Official Crop Report Reveals Some Surprising Vistas.

Winnipeg, Sept. 1st. — The Manitoba Government Crop Bulletin, just issued, gives this estimated yield for the province:

Wheat, 250,400 acres, 16,565,196 bushels.  
Oats, 442,445 acres, 16,658,222 bushels.  
Flax, 20,325 acres, 285,161 bushels.  
Rye, 3,190 acres, 68,852 bushels.  
Pars, 1,103 acres, 22,151 bushels.

New land broken, 361,610 acres.

Hay crop very heavy. Native grasses, 1.9 tons per acre, cultivated grasses, 1.7 tons per acre.

Two thousand extra harvest hands are wanted, these to be supplied from Ontario.

Cattle of all kinds are doing very well and various breeds are being vigorously attacked.

The condition of the crop is much better than was expected earlier in the season.

ORDAINED AND INDUCTED.

Rev. Hugh A. Macpherson given to Charge of Knox Church With Interfacing Ceremonies.

MOST AusPICIOUS INAUGURAL.

The induction of Rev. J. W. Hart at Toronto Junction created a vacancy in the pastorate of Knox Church, Acton, and on Sabbath, May 11th, last, Rev. Mr. Strachan, as moderator of the session, officiated at the pulpit vacant. After a brief service the congregation, with their apathetic during the afternoon and evening, and the drowsy tones of Messe, Main and Children were also much enjoyed.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

Who Wrote at the Departmental Examinations in July?

The result of the examinations at the various High and Model Schools and Collegiate Institutes throughout the province, upon the papers prepared by the Education Department, were made public last Friday.

A marks made at the examination will not be furnished to candidates from the Education Department. Unsuccessful candidates may apply for their marks in absentia to the Principal of the High School or to the Inspector in the case of other centres.

On account of the objections in the paper, 20 per cent, instead of 354 per cent, was accepted for passing. No candidate was rejected in Algebra, even on the reduced percentage, till after his standing in the other mathematical subjects was considered, together with his grading in the confidential report of the staff.

More than the usual percentage of candidates were successful at the junior leaving examination.

Matriculation certificates give no right to the Ontario County Model Schools, only those who have passed the primary, the junior leaving or the senior leaving examination, and who will be at least eighteen years of age before the end of the year, are eligible for admission to those institutions.

The following is the list of successful candidates who wrote in the County of Halton:

GLENMORVEN.

First Form: M. Barber, Kathleen Bradley, Richard Chisholm, John Cole, Robert Conley, Maggie Gardner, William Hartstone, Anna Hartstone, Mabel Lovell, Marion McLean, Helen McLean, Edward McLean, A. H. Thomas, Preston, Frank, D. A. Nasawaya, and Wallace Alme. The various examiners proceeded to examine the candidate in Hebrew, Greek, Church History and Systematic Theology, and the orders was passed with much satisfaction to the Presbytery and credit to the candidate.

Dinner was served by the ladies of the congregation in the basement and the members of the Presbytery spent an enjoyable hour together before gathering for the ordination service at two o'clock.

Long before the hour for beginning the processional the people gathered outside the door. The congregation embraced many visitors from out-side points. In fact, it appeared as if almost every family belonging to Knox Church had invited visitors from a distance to participate with them in the services of the day. There were over a score of visitors present from K. of R. Guelph, which congregation will on the 15th have the induction services for their new pastor, Rev. W. A. Martin, of Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Robertson presided. The following young ministers were present, making correspondence members of the Presbytery and invited to take part in the ordination ceremony. Revs. J. W. Rae, Toronto Junction; J. E. Howell, A. M. and William Bryers, Acton; Donald Morrison, Iron Mountain, Mich.; D. L. Campbell, Haltonfield; W. McKay, Norval; and Mr. Ross, Churchill.

The ordination service was preached by Rev. Mr. McVicar, of Fergus, on the text Lev. 26: 3. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect accordance with the law of the Spirit, because he is in Christ." The discourse was an able one and impressed the minds of divine peace, the rest of God.

At its conclusion, the moderator recited the history of the vacancy, stating that the Presbytery was unanimously confident, as the late pastor, Rev. Mr. Rae, was, that his call to Toronto Junction was divinely ordained. The delight felt by the Presbytery when the commissioners came to them so early with such a hearty and unanimous call to Mr. Macpherson, was reflected in the faces of all.

The minister elect was then called to the pulpit, the moderator reciting the words of the Presbytery, and the congregation, with a neighboring minister, responded.

Mr. Macpherson, a graduate of the University of Cambridge, and a member of the Royal Society of Arts, was admitted to the Presbytery.

Primary: A. Beaumont, S. Little, L. McColough, J. McFarlane, G. McGuire, M. McLean, Louis Prentiss, John Storey, Robert Clancy, G. Dayhoff, M. Goodwillin, E. Harron, Minnie Holmes, O. Holmes, Louise Howell, E. Kennedy, M. Kirkwood, G. Lindau, N. Malcolm, Eliza McQueen, Wm. Mond (passed in physics), John Moore, M. Norton, P. Parsons, Art. Pike, Frank Reed, Duncan Sinclair (passed in physics), F. St. John, James Torday, H. Williams (passed in physics); J. Wilson.

Second Form: Part I.—H. Barber (passed in physics), L. Gillies, R. McMillon, H. Peter, Yen.

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Second Form: Part I.—R. Bennett, L. Reid.

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Senior Leaving: M. G. Currie, H. Dayhoff, C. Ford, G. James Gordon, C. Kennedy, J. Laidlow (also passed in German and Latin), W. Matheson (also passed in English, history and German), J. P. Wilkins (also passed in German and Latin).

Primary: J. Adamson, A. Chisholm, B. Dines, E. Earl, F. Finnie, E. Hartley, F. Hunter, I. Lavery (honors, first), J. Reid.

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