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HORN.—In Action, on Friday, 6th November, to Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McNaughton, a son.
MILTON.—At Milton, on Wednesday, 11th November, to Mr. and Mrs. David Kenna.
KENNEY.—In Action, on Thursday, 12th November, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenney, a daughter.
DUFF.

ROTT.—At Brantford, on November 6th, William Foster, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Foster, of the firm of Justin & Foster, aged 20 years.
COPPER.—At Markham, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, John Copper, son of John Copper, aged 20 months. Today only daughter of H. R. Copper, of the family.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The prospects for higher wheat, "aided by a prominent grain buyer in Toronto on Monday," are "better than at any time since the advance began, though we, of course, will have reservations." Wheat is going up rapidly in England. India is bordering on famine.

Mr. David Mills and Mr. George A. Cox have been appointed to places in the Senate made vacant by the death of Sir David Macpherson and Hon. Dr. Ferguson. If the Senate is to be continued these gentlemen will make worthy additions to the ranks there.

The migration returns, just issued for Great Britain, show that during the month of October 300,000 persons sailed for Canada, against 270,000 in the preceding October. For the ten months of the year the number was 2,316; for the same period last year it was 21,184.

Prof. Coleman's report on the Sudbury coal field emphasizes two things: first, that the cost of coal is so high that it is too great to make it financially competitive with anthracite coal, save locally; and second, that the extent of the deposit is, in all probability, very small. It was the present mining history that gave the field rather more importance than it deserved.

The Court of Appeal on Tuesday gave judgment in the case stated for the determination of the court to whether the Province or the Dominion Government have the power to regulate the price of coal on all points, and the effect of the unanimous opinion of the court is that, as far as the courts of this Province are concerned, the Provincial Government, or rather the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, acting upon the advice of his Council, has the exclusive right to appoint Q. C.'s.

It is said that Mr. Mulock, the new Postmaster General, among other changes in his department which he has in contemplation, has a scheme for scaling down the tasks of the postmasters, and that the work by deputy, and the scaling up of the stipends, of the rural custodians of Her Majesty's mails, who in many cases perform the duties of their office for \$1 a month and board themselves. This is what should be done, as the salaries of many of the city postmasters are now entirely out of proportion to the allowances earned by postmasters in small towns and rural districts.

The *Herald* says: "The Fox Pass is in error in its statement: 'Exposing Agricultural Society, like numerous others has adopted the plan of retaining \$100 of the prize money of each successful exhibitor at the fair of the present year as membership fee for next year.' No such plan as this has been adopted by the Exposing Agricultural Society, although nearly fifty members have already renewed their membership for next year." The *Postmaster* article is not standard, we suspect. The information was tendered to us, however, by a member of the Exposing Agricultural Society. He must have misunderstood the writer.

John F. Wilson, a patternmaker, of the village of Parkhill, wanted to vote at the election for reeve held there on the 6th January last. Edward F. Manse, the returning officer, refused his vote, and Wilson sued him and recovered \$40. The defendant, not applying to the court, judgment to the Provincial Court. Wilson was assessed as a tenant, but between the assessment and election bought and removed to another house. He was aware at the polls and demanded that the path of freedom be put to him. This Manse refused to do and declared he must take the oath affixing to tenant.

A cablegram from Great Britain says: The election in the United States has completely overshadowed all other events during the past days, and will do so during the winter. Englishmen have never before known before to take such an interest in foreign event, and the newspaper of the metropolis have never reported so fully, in addition to the most voluminous, prompt, accurate, and in every way effective report cable from New York to the Reuter Telegraph Co., nearly all the London newspapers had long special cables messages on the same subject, and published diagrams and maps, in order to assist in explaining the political situation to their readers.

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