

MARRIED.
At the instance of the late parents of Webster, 25th November, by Rev. Dr. Webster, eldest daughter of Richard Webster, and wife of George Webster, of Waterdown, May 1875. Mrs. Webster, wife of James Gibbons, M.D., died at Webster's home, Oct. 1875. Webster, 1875, in her 21st year. Mrs. Webster, widow of George Webster, aged 25 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1896.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Persons having claims against town and township councils should present such under the Municipal Tax before the last day of December. No claim can be accepted after that date. No claim can be accepted to know the validity of claims presented by predecessors.

The Elgin County Council in session last week appointed a committee to wait upon the Legislature to have a law amended so that actions for damages against municipalities shall be disposed of by a Board of Arbitrators, and that no lawyer's fee allowed.

Ald. Boustead, of Toronto, has announced that he will move at the next meeting of the City Council for the abolition of all exemptions, and also that the membership of the Board of Control be increased to five, and that the Mayor have only one vote, instead of two, as at present.

The Paris Press on Monday commented upon the relations between the United States and Spain on the Cuban question as follows: "The American newspaper which are urging the United States to war with Spain, should reflect that war with Spain means war with Europe, and, in the interests of the United States itself, it is to be hoped that this eventually will not arise."

The terms of the Manitoba School Question settlement may be summarized as follows: First, They are in accordance with the declared intentions of the Manitoba Government. Second, They protect the Roman Catholic children from infidelity while insuring religious instruction from their own church. Third, They extend advantages to Roman Catholic children over non-Catholic children. Fourth, They preserve to the Province its autonomy, in matters of education and leave untouched the principle of one school for all.

The railway authorities, in conjunction with the Government detectives and the Provincial Constables' Association, are collecting data with respect to the hundreds of burglaries and more serious offences which have been committed by tramps during the past few months. This information will be embodied in a petition to be presented to the Minister of Justice asking that certain amendments be made to the criminal code applying especially to these pernicious wayfarers. One of the changes suggested will be the insertion of a clause providing that every tramp who carries a pistol or revolver or other weapon be found, be liable to six months' imprisonment and fifteen applications of cat-o'-nine tails.

The statement of the chartered banks of Canada just issued is a very favorable one. The important feature is the large increase of \$3,000,000 in the note circulation, indicating a free movement in popular funds. The average amount of last year was only \$3,000,000. The total note circulation is now \$35,955,000 as against \$31,671,000 a year ago. Deposits increased \$5,000,000, while the commercial paper under discount increased \$4,200,000. This discount line, \$211,559,000, is the largest in the history of the banks. A year ago it amounted to only \$201,753,000. It indicates heavy stocks carried by merchants and manufacturers, who are under greater obligations to the banks than formerly, as off sets the theory that Canadian business is increasing and is engaged in an increased cash business. On the other hand, it may be consistently assumed that the business of the country is growing.

SIR DONALD SMITH ON CANADA
The Great Resources of the Dominion Pointed Out to Englishmen.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Sir Donald A. Smith, Canadian High Commissioner in London, delivered an address before the Newcastle Geographical Society last night upon the resources of the Dominion of Canada. The address embodied a comprehensive view of the great resources of Canada, including John Cabot on the coast of Newfoundland in 1497, and described the growth of lumbermen and inter-urban water and railway communications, her industries, agricultural, mining and fisheries.

In conclusion Sir Donald said: "More advantages can be obtained by emigrants of the right class in Canada than in any other quarter of the world. Canada does not want anybody unless he has a capacity for hard work, energy and enterprise. Given these noblemen can succeed so rapidly and easily. The Canadians are proud of their connection with the Mother Country and are constantly endeavoring to make their beloved Queen the least important in a family of nations all under one flag, which seems to be the ultimate destiny of the Empire."

A large audience was present and listened closely to Sir Donald's very interesting description of the Dominion and the work that has been done there. He was frequently applauded.

Principal G. W. H. Adams, who presided at the meeting, addressed Sir Donald's government, and a vote of thanks to the High Commissioner was adopted.

AN OPINION FROM HALTON CO.
Among the thousands of complimentary letters sent to the *Wendy Herald* and *Weekly Star*, Montreal, regarding the picture "Orphan's Prayer," we notice one from a gentleman in this locality whom we think worthy of reproducing in these columns. The "Orphan's Prayer" is a well-known picture, and it is well known that a year ago it was submitted to the Government for the purpose of presenting their proposed amendments and to answer the arguments used by the recent temperature debate.

MILTON, Ont., Nov. 14, 1896.
MISS GRAHAM & CO., MONTREAL.

I am much pleased with the picture "Orphan's Prayer," given to subscribers of the *Wendy Star*. The picture is a beautiful work of art, and is likewise full of pathos, and the artist's representation is deeply impressed on the beholder.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. DRAKE,
Public School Inspector.

THE SETTLEMENT.

Manitoba Schools Will Have Their National Character Preserved.
EQUAL PRIVILEGES FOR ALL.

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—The following is the official statement given out by the Premier concerning the settlement of the Manitoba school question:

(1) Legislation shall be introduced and passed at the next regular session of the Legislature of Manitoba embodying the provisions heretofore set forth in amendment to the Public Schools Act; for the purpose of settling the educational questions that have been in dispute in that Province.

(2) Religious teaching to be conducted as heretofore provided. (3) If authorized by a resolution passed by a majority of the school trustees, or (4) if a petition be presented to the Board of School Trustees, seeking for religious teaching, and signed by the parents or guardians of at least ten children attending the school in case of a rural district, or by the parents of at least 25 children attending the school in a city, town or village.

(5) Books of religion to be placed in the library of 120 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and to be conducted by any Christian clergyman whose charge includes any portion of the school district, by a person duly authorized by such clergyman or by teacher when so authorized.

(6) Where so specified in such resolution of the trustees, or where so required by the petition of the parents or guardians, religious teaching during the previous term may take place only on certain specified days of the week, instead of every teaching day.

(7) At two o'clock the Council adjourned, and upon invitation the members, a number of ex-members and friends, representatives of the press and county officials, proceeded to the Bennett House to participate in the annual Warden's Dinner.

The spread was unusually excellent, the menu being in every respect equal to that of the more pretentious city banquets. The affair reflected special credit upon Host Bennett.

The toasts were all dinner speeches were short and diversified. The toast was presented by the Warden and the Deputy Chairman, Dr. Richardson, in the following order: "The Queen"; "The Army and Navy"; "coupled with the names of Col. Kene, Col. Campbell, Capt. Pantin, Lieut. Metcalf; "Governor-General, House of Commons and Local Legislature"; responded to by Mr. George Hume and Dr. Robertson, ex-M.P.P.; "The Warden"; "W. G. Pettitt, Esq." The Council of 1868; "H. L. Lawrence"; "The Queen"; "The Royal Canadian Legion and Jim Head"; "Educational Interests and the Press"; "by J. S. Deson, P.S.L., R. White, H. Moore and B. D. Warren.

The new County Council Act was a very general topic of discussion. It was not regarded with very popular expressions by any of the speakers, while several expressed themselves as entirely opposed to the new order of things. It is generally conceded that Milton or Acton will be without a representative at the County Council next year.

CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH.

Non-Clarkson Wallace. Enthusiastic Over What She Saw in British Columbia.

TORONTO, Nov. 23.—"I think that the immediate future of Canada is bound up in the golden wealth of the British Columbia miners," said Hon. N. Clark Wallace, who has just returned from the west. He has visited the Kootenay and Cariboo districts, and his opinion of the country is voiced in the following words: "The mineral wealth of Canada is forty upwards, and in villages and rural districts where the average attendance of such children is twenty-five or upwards, the trustees shall, if required by the petition of the parents or guardians of such number of Roman Catholic children, respectively employ at least one duly certified Roman Catholic teacher in such school. 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