

MARRIED.

ENTNER—Denny.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Guelph, by Rev. A. Langford, on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1897. The bride, Miss Sarah F. Denny, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Entner, of Erin, to Miss Sarah F. Denny.

Oon—Oad.—Burlington, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oon, on Saturday, November 25, by the Rev. R. J. Elliott, of Guelph. The bride, Mrs. Oon, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oon, of Burlington.

DIED.

GRIFFITH—At Nelson, B.C., on Monday, Nov. 18, 1897. Mrs. Griffith, wife of Mr. Griffith, aged 81 years and 3 months.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Quebec Legislature was opened on Tuesday by Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau. In the speech from the throne it was announced that a Minister of Education would be appointed and a new loan floated on the market.

It is suggested that the delay in the publication of the People's decision on the Manitoba school case is caused by suggestions from Canada, conveyed through Mr. Brookes, for a different method of expressing the Papal will.

The Governor of Newfoundland, following the precedent established by Lord Aberdeen, would not agree to the defeated Whiteway Government making any permanent appointments to fill the positions, but Sir James Winter's first official act was to cancel all these. It may now be taken for granted that the precise established by Lord Aberdeen will become the rule in all British colonies.

The discount instalment system of collecting taxes adopted by the Orangeville council this year has proved a complete success. Up to Monday, the last day for taking advantage of the rebate, about \$13,000 over half the total amount of taxes collected this year had been paid into the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Taxes are now payable at par until Dec. 1st, after which three per cent. interest will be added to the bills of delinquents.

The members of the Canadian Life insurance companies have decided that they will not follow the example of the New York Life, the Mutual, and the Equitable Companies, in increasing the premium rates on policies, in order to offset the decrease in the basis of interest earned by the reserves from 4 per cent. to 82 per cent. The decision was arrived at the annual meeting of the Canadian Life Insurance Association held on Saturday at Toronto.

Sir Oliver Mowat has been formally installed into the important position of Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The following have filled the gubernatorial chair at Toronto since Confederation: Major-General H. W. Stirling—1867-9; Hon. W. P. Howland—1868-75; Hon. J. W. Crawford—1875-78; Hon. D. A. Macdonald—1878-80; Hon. J. B. Robinson—1880-87; Sir Alex. Campbell—1887-92; Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick—1892-97. Sir Oliver Mowat—1897.

A London despatch says: "A radical change has been made in the foreign policy of the British Government. It is impossible to say whether Mr. Chamberlain's influence in the Cabinet has brought it about, or whether it is due to some other cause; but the fact beyond question is that the conciliatory policy of the past two years will not continue with the possibility of the Eastern provinces for one of vigorous independence, not to say separation. The first and most emphatic application of the new policy will be to all issues between Great Britain and the United States."

THE ANNUAL MEETING
Of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union at Guelph.

The programme is to hand of the next annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, which is to be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of December.

We notice that reports of the summary results of the year's co-operative experimental work in Horticulture, Agriculture, Apiculture, and Dairying will be presented and discussed at the meeting. In Agriculture alone co-operative experiments were conducted on 2,800 different farms throughout Ontario in 1897. These include tests with leguminous crops and mixed grain for green manures, grass and clovers for hay; co-operative factories for canning; and with leading varieties of grain, vegetables, fruit, root and fodder crops. From the Horticultural section the results of the co-operative tests with leading varieties of strawberries, raspberries, currants, and gooseberries will be given. The committee appointed to look after the dairy work will report on uniform tests made in several cheese factories in the different branches of Agriculture should prove both interesting and profitable to those in attendance at the meeting. The work throughout impresses us as being of a practical nature, and worthy of careful study by those interested in Agriculture.

Addressees are to be delivered by Mr. George McFarren, Superintendent of Farmer's Institutes, Madison, Wisconsin, on "Economic Feeding"; by Dr. Jas. Mills, President Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on "Some of the Advantages of the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations to the Fruit Growers of Ontario"; by a member of the staff of the Agricultural College, on "Important Features in Connection with Successful Farming Under Present Conditions"; also by G. C. Creelman, B.S.A., Cobourg, Ontario; L. G. Jarvis, Agricultural College, Guelph, and others.

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THANKSGIVING.

The Governor-General has issued a proclamation appointing today as a day of thanksgiving to God for the mercies which He has shown to this favored land, and we doubt not but that it will be, as in former years, generally observed. Whether or not the authors of these proclamations are personally moved to devout thanksgiving matters not at all. The custom is a beautiful one—the acknowledgement of the Providence of God in our affairs by our rulers of great importance. In effect it asserts that we are a Christian nation, and the very fact is educational to the rising generation.

And have we not cause for devout thanksgiving? The country is more prosperous than ever before, and all fear of want is gone. There is a more healthy condition of business all over the Dominion. We have been free from epidemics, and education and religion have advanced decidedly. Our schools are prospering and large bequests have been made whereby the usefulness of our colleges has been enlarged. And there have been great revivals of religion whereby the influence of the church has been advanced. Add to all this the personal merits and blessings which we have enjoyed, and we have enough to fill every soul with thanksgiving.

To-day will be a special day as it is every year, and we shall all have ample cause for the gratitude which should be a blessing jewel in the setting of hilarity and exuberance. We are living in peaceful and fairly progressive times, while both comfort and luxury can be had for a small expenditure, and many opportunities of civilization have led their way into the highway by-ways of the rural districts.

It is well to cultivate the spirit of gratitude. We know our happiness is not dependent upon these temporary conditions. We should feel thankful that we have so many things favorable to our spiritual prosperity. In this, as in many other things, there is danger lest we forget our blessings until we are deprived of them, for "our hearts brighten when they take their flight."

We close out Thanksgiving meditation with the following inspiring expression of praise: "Now he that ministrereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food and multiply your bread sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness; being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.
Great Britain rejoices over it and points to Canada's Resources.

The London Times has an article over a column in length on "Some effects of Canadian prosperity," in the course of which it says: "The Diamond Jubilee year will long be remembered in Canadian annals as one of extraordinary revival. From the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard the prosperity appears to have declared itself and the promise for the future looks bright."

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Money appears to be pouring into the country, and as Canada possesses still vast tracts of unsettled virgin soil on which the best wheat in the world can be grown the prospects of an extension of her agricultural area are very good.

A LARGE TORONTO ESTATE.

The Postmaster General's 15-Year Old Son Inherits The Bulk of It.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—The late Mrs. Murray's surprising relatives are her nephews: Hon. William Mulock, Jas. Crowther, W. G. Crowther, and her nieces, Mrs. Ryerson and Mrs. Wm. Mulock. It is stated that the estate, which probably aggregated three millions or thereabouts, the great bulk of it, to Cawthra Mulock, a lad of 15 years, the second son of the Postmaster General. The money is to come to him when he is of age, and by that time the accumulations will probably make another million. In case of death it goes to his parents.

CHURCHILL.
Mr. H. Gibbons' fine barn is now built. Harry will soon remove his stock, etc., to the new premises.

The farmers have been plowing this week, but the frost has put a stop to it for the present.

Lord Mount Stephen will be married to Miss Diana Tafzell, on Saturday next, at St. Margaret's Church, which is the parish church of the House of Commons.

Tuesday morning Judge Marshfield sentenced John E. Tracy to be hanged on January 14th for the murder of Angus McLennan in Sept., 1893. This will dispose of this sensational murder case.

Miss Bingham, who spent the summer in Manitoba, and has lately been visiting at Cheltenay, is now with friends in the old home.

On Wednesday, 10th inst., Mr. David W. Snyder, son of Isaac Snyder, Esq., was joined in marriage to Sarah, daughter of the late Thomas Denny, of Orangeville.

The bridal party went to Hamilton, Elizabethtown and other points on a wedding trip and returned home a few days ago. Many friends tender their congratulations.

Mr. Alex Russell has been elected president of the Agricultural Society of Ontario, and a member of the Agricultural Council.

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In the announcement of the change it is stated that the great reduction in the price of paper and the introduction of typesetting machines have made this possible, but, considering the great expense that they incur in their efforts to secure all the news every day and to exceed fully reports that they are of importance, events, &c., per year was not too much to pay. At \$1.00 per year their circulation should be about 60,000, mark, especially as all the departments, including their excellent Saturday Illustrated edition, are to be kept up to their present high standard.

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Toronto: William Brige, Montreal: C. W. Coates; Halifax: S. F. Huestis.

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The Christmas Ladies Home Journal

tells the German Emperor, with the Empress, and the Royal family, spend Christmas Day with their children. The article is written by Mr. Nagel von Braeke, an attaché of the Count, who was permitted to be present at the celebration last Christmas in order to write this article. The pictures were made on the spot and approved by the Emperor.

The December number of the *Delilacitor* is called the Christmas number. It richly tinted color-plates illustrate the charming possibilities of fashion's latest discoveries, as well as current fancies in Dress Goods, Trimmings, Millinery, etc.

The recognition given the season of good will is very liberal. The article in *Fancy Needlework*, headed by Emma Woodward's directions for making a spangled bodice front, includes the departments of embroidery, crocheting, lace, knitting, etc.

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