

**DIED.**  
DUNNELLON.—At West Superior Wis., on Friday, 11th January, Duncan Campbell, Jr., aged 33 years.  
NORTON.—In Gloucestershire, on Monday, January 15th, James Norton, aged 31 years, 6 months, 3 days.  
VAN DER WERF.—Actor, on Friday, January 21st, Jules Townsend, son of George Vincent, aged 30 years and 3 months, at the home of his son, in Nassau, on Thursday, January 20th, John Nickel, aged 77 years and 3 months.

## The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 27, 1898.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

During the present month two townships have voted on the subject of local option. Three voted in the motion to repeal the act, but in each case it was sustained. Two new townships voted on the question and decided on local option.

The Conservative convention for South Wellington meets in this city on Saturday, the 29th inst. It is generally understood that Mr. Henry Horrop of Elmvale, will get the nomination and accept it. Halton Liberal convention meets at Milton on the 27th. South Waterloo convention meets at Galt on the 31st.—*Guelph Mercury*.

The oligarchs of Ontario are requested to take notice, that the circular recently sent out by the Registrar General requesting them to send in their half yearly lists of married estates that such returns are to go to the division register, who is the municipal clerk. They are not to be sent to the Registrar-General as seems understood and are doing.

It is understood to be the intention of the Government to introduce legislation in Parliament this session defining the position of unorganized territories in the Northwest and declaring them formally to be under the jurisdiction of the Federal authority. The Executive of the Northwest Territories at Regina seems to be laboring under an impression that they have some authority in the Yukon.

The Yukon inhabitants of Hazelton probably exerted every effort to retain their seat when they learned that the plebiscite ballot shall be marked plain "yes" or "no." It is known that the Dominion Government desires to submit a complete bill, involving the questions of enforcement and of revenue, and as the annual meeting of the Halton Prohibition Association at Milton that policy was specifically condemned.—*Toronto Star*.

### HALTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting Finds a Small Deficit in Windup of the Year.

The annual meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society was held at Milton and the following officers were elected:

President—John Stewart.

1st Vice-Pres.—John T. Elliott.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Frank Greenlee.

Directors—R. Stewart, A. Stark, Jas. McCowan, E. Dixon, W. Patterson, W. N. Scott, E. R. Hunter, D. Hutchison, A. C. McMillan, W. A. Lawrence, F. Chisholm, T. T. Harris, P. McCulloch, Jas. Brown, Alex. Walde.

Advertisers—Dr. Robertson and Samuel Dickey.

The financial statement showed receipts for the year, \$1628.61; disbursements, \$1622.00; liabilities unpaid, \$70.

The directors met after the general meeting and made the following appointments: Wm. Clements, Secretary; E. Dixon, Treasurer.

### TO MEET IN OTTAWA.

The executive of the Canadian Press Association met last week in Toronto, and made the important decision of changing their place of meeting from Toronto to Ottawa, where the annual assembly of the association will take place this year on March 10 and 11. The executive committee are now engaged arranging a programme. Those present at the meeting were: J. B. McLean, *Printer and Publisher*, Toronto; President; J. S. Willson, *Globe*; J. T. Clarke, *Saturday Night*; A. H. Colquhoun, *Dry Goods Review*; D. McGillivray, *Goderick Signal*; W. S. Dingman, *Stratford Herald*; W. Ireland, *North Star*, Party Sound, and A. G. F. Macdonald, *Alexandria News*.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage, the noted divine of Washington, and Mrs. Elmira McCutcheon Collier, of Alleghany City, were married at Pittsburg.

George Armitage, a prisoner in the county jail at Berlin, upon his discharge Saturday, was re-arrested charged with the theft of a horse, and burglary at Ripley.

Dr. James D. Kellock, one of Perth's oldest physicians, died in his cutter while on his way home from the country on Saturday, where he had been attending a patient that afternoon.

Mr. William Low and Warden Monteith, of Perth County, were stopped by footpads while driving into Stratford Saturday night. The robbers got 85 cents from Monteith, but missed a roll of bills that he carried.

Ross is about to present a note to Turkey demanding payment for the whole balance of the indemnity of the Russo-Turkish war, amounting to twenty-eight million pounds, with a view of making the Sultan more docile in the settlement of the Cretan question.

### CREWSON'S CORNERS.

Trouble seldom comes single-handed and that is the case in the home of Mr. J. R. Nickell. Last week Mrs. Nickell was called away to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Wm. Campbell, who died very suddenly in West Superior. Wm. White, his son, was summoned home by a telegram to the deathbed of his father-in-law. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Robt. Gibbons has been seriously ill this past week but is improving somewhat.

Mr. John Murray is now comfortably settled in his new home "Rose Hill."

Quite a number from here attended an assembly at Eden Mills on Monday night last.

Miss Katie Nickell, who has been spending the past two months with friends in Toronto, returned home last week.

On Wednesday evening the 16th inst., two sledges of mucky makers left Acton for the home of Mr. A. Murray, Erin. The first load arrived all right, but the second, which by the way had a cargo of oysters and passengers, lost their way and their friends think that they have gone to the Kitchener or some place. Relatives would be glad to receive information regarding them.

Mrs. Sternaman's trial.

Judge Robertson will re-open the case at May Assizes.

The February issue of the *Delinquent* is called the midwinter number, and again thoroughly justifies its reputation as woman's authority in fashions and literature. The latest winter styles are elaborately illustrated, and the number is a most interesting one throughout. Order from the local agent for the *Delinquent* Patterns, or address the *Delinquent Publishing Co.*, Limited, 33 Richmond St., West, Toronto, Ont.; subscription price of the *Delinquent*, \$1.00 per year, single copies, 15¢.

## GEO. ANDREW, WARDEN.

George Havill, Acton, Chairman of the Committee on Education.

### COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The County Council has in its initial session for 1898 at the Court House, Milton, 3 years.

VANCE.—Acton, on Friday, January 21st, Jules Townsend, son of George Vincent, aged 30 years and 3 months, at the home of his son, in Nassau, on Thursday, January 20th, John Nickel, aged 77 years and 3 months.

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Organised for the Present Year With Mr. James McLam as Chairman.

### THE SOLDIER'S LIFE.

ONLY VETERANS CAN REALIZE THE SUFFERINGS OF ARMY LIFE.

### STRONG MEN MADE HELPLESS IN DAILY AND NIGHT FOR TWENTY YEARS.

The members of the Public School Board met on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, as provided by statute, for organization.

Members elect Hynde, Holmes and Urn.

Urns to the declarations of offices and took their seats with Messrs. McLam and Wallace.

The secretary, H. P. Moore, took the chair and requested the members to elect their chairman for the year.

Moved by George Hynde, seconded by Dr. Uren, that James McLam be chairman of the Board for 1898.

Mr. McLam was unanimously elected.

He assumed the position reluctantly, but thanked the members very cordially for the trust placed upon him. He referred to the kindly relations of the members of the Board in past years and anticipated that the business requiring their attention during the present year would be transacted in the pleasantest possible manner.

The next business was the striking of the standing committee for the year.

Moved by George Hynde, seconded by Robert Wallace, that the standing committees for the ensuing year be constituted as follows:

Finance—Geo. Hynde, chairman and Dr. Uren.

Property—Robert Holmes, chairman, and the new member to be elected.

Surveys—Robert Wallace, chairman, and James McLam—Carried.

EDUCATION.

Robinson, chairman; and Webster, Special Communications.

Fisher, chairman; Webster and Hatchon.

RAILWAYS AND LEGISLATION.

Hutchon, chairman; Lawson and Pettit.

Messrs. Dewar, of Milton, and Spears, of Oakville, were appointed auditors.

Considerable time was spent in the work of consolidating the by-laws, and not being able to complete it the Council adjourned to meet next Wednesday, 2nd February.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

Prompt Measures Taken By the Minister of Agriculture to Stamp Out the Pest.

With the threatened destruction of the terrible San Jose Scale of the pleasant prospect of Ontario fruit—apricots, peaches, pears, plums and grapes—gaining market in the British Isles and other European countries, and even ravelling the value of the cheese product of the Province, the prompt and vigorous measures to fight this insect invader by the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, are other evidences, if that were needed, of the wisdom which masked the selection by Sir Oliver Mowat when Premier of the Government, to whom he is now His Majesty's representative, of a practical farmer as the responsible head of a department having to do with the greatest industry in the country.

Under authority conferred by the Legislature the Minister of Agriculture already has inspected at work in the universities and districts of the province where the scale has got a start and is being thoroughly stamped out.

How serious a matter dealing with this dangerous microscopic pest is may be understood when it is learned that not only all kinds of fruit trees, shrubs and bushes are subject to destruction by the scale but all hard wood growth in our forests as well may be ruined. The enormous loss suffered in the 17 states of the neighboring republic, where the scale is ravaging is but a measure of what this Province will escape by the Government's admirable action.

Quite appropriate in this connection is the following extract from an interview with Mr. Albert Pay, proprietor of the Prospect Hill fruit farm, near St. Catharine's, Ontario, in the *Buffalo Express* of January 8th instant: "My policies are opposed to the Government of Ontario," said Mr. Pay, "but I must say that in Mr. Dryden the present administration has a most competent man. When he asked me to go to Toronto to look over his bill, I went with him, expecting to find that he was interested in the composition of the bill. But we were disappointed. The bill was drafted and submitted to us for our approval. We found the ground fully covered and instead of teaching the Minister how to preserve the fruit, we found ourselves listening to Mr. Dryden's plan. It was impossible to find a more capable Minister of Agriculture in the Province. We were delighted with him."

"It is the Government's intention," continued Mr. Pay, "to destroy, or cause to be destroyed, every fruit tree that is known to be infected with the San Jose Scale. It is believed that the pest was brought to Canada from United States nurseries, and it has become so fatal to the fruit trees that extreme measures are necessary. The bill provides for compensation to an amount which will enable the grower to replace the tree without any expense to himself, and the penalty for neglecting to destroy infected trees is as great as any owner of an orchard can afford to pay."

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The Board then adjourned to meet on Monday evening, 7th February, at 8 o'clock.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Arranges for an Election to Fill the Vacancy on the School Board.

The Council met on Monday evening in regular weekly session. Revs Storey was absent but the members proceeded with their duties in a business-like manner, and refreshing indeed, as compared with what visitors to the Council Chamber have sometimes witnessed.

Members present: Councillors James Clark, John Clark, J. A. Murray and I. Francis.

In the absence of the Reeve Mr. James Clark was moved to the Chair.

The Committee on Finance presented their first report recommending payment of accounts and salaries to Council and Auditor.

Report of Auditor and Co. for Council tabled.

George Hynde, *Acton Standard*, 1898.

H. P. Moore, printing-balls, etc. 10.00

20.00

Moved by J. A. Murray, seconded by I. Francis, that the first report of the Committee on Finance just read be adopted.—Carried.

Notice was given by the Secretary of the Public School Board of the resignation of T. H. Harding as a member of the Board, and the Council resolved to take the steps required by law to have him fill the office.

The matter was immediately taken up.

Moved by J. A. Murray, seconded by John Clark that leave be granted to introduce a by-law for the purpose of appointing the time, polling places and returning officers for the election of a trustee on Acton Public School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of T. H. Harding, and that by-law be now read a first time.—Carried.

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