BORN.

ANDERSON—In Eden Mills, on Friday, Feb. 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Anderson, a daughter.

MARRIED.

LORRE—STOUT—At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, February 23rd, by the Rev. D. Sharpe, Mr. James Lorne to Miss Martha Stout, both of Eramosa.

LEACHMAN—HUME—At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, 16th February, by Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Chalmers Church, Guelph, Henry Leachman, of Nassagaweya, to Jennie, youngest daughter of James Hume, Township of Puslinch.

Marriage licenses. Appointments made. H. P. Moore. Office or residence.

DIED.

TAYLOR—In Nassagaweya, on Thursday, Feb. 25th, Charles Willfrid, son of David H. Taylor, aged 6 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The House has passed the Anti-Cigarette Bill. The bill is sweeping in its penalties, and absolutely prohibits the sale, barter, loan or use of cigarettes or cigarette material, or to even have these things in one's possession. It now goes to the Senate.

The annual report of the Canadian Pacific Railway, just issued, states that the rapid increase of traffic on the line between Montreal and Toronto makes it necessary to take steps to double track that section. The business of the company in all its departments was profitable last year.

The commissioners appointed to inquire into the laborers' grievances on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway are at Wardner, B. C. They have found few causes for complaint, except that some of the employment agents misrepresented the cost of transportation, and there is an absence of medical attendance.

In view of the wild craze for getting gold and the sacrifices a few seasons in the Klondike involves, the honest word of admonition of the Montreal *Star* is opportune. It says: "The *Star* would not encourage any one to leave a comfortable home upon the mere chance of making a fortune, nor would it discourage hardy, adventurous spirits from trying the quick road to wealth. It would merely say, like Sir Richard Cartwright, "the whole thing is a huge gamble.'"

The Klondike, like a lode stone, draws the adventurous of all nations. Through Montreal on Monday passed men and women from France, Scotland, New Zealand, and divers parts of England. A French Canadian expedition started yesterday under the leadership of M. Picotte, who has already taken $100,000 from a claim on Eldorado creek, and a party of mechanics and machinists, left on Tuesday for Dawson city, to work at their trades, there, if they do not find gold.

A bill has been introduced in the Commons long demanded by the merchants and business men of the cities. It provides, among other things, that all moneys in the hands of the Government or under its control, payable out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, shall be liable to attachment at the suit of judgment creditors, just the same as if the money was held in the hands of private persons. This will make those in the civil service who incur liabilities, come to time, like other debtors.

Recently a London magistrate sentenced a highway robber to nine months of hard labor and twenty lashes. It would be well if in all cases of personal violence this last mode of punishment were resorted to. The footpad who strikes his victim is a brutal bully, whose feelings can be reached only by the infliction of corporal pain. The revival of corporal punishment as applied to such crimes, dates back to the time, a quarter of a century ago, when "garrotting" had become epidemic in Old London. The robber approaching his victim from behind, caught him by the throat, and frequently did him serious injury, the revival of the lash speedily put a stop to the garrotting, and it would doubtless operate in the same way with other forms of violence.

BIG CANADIAN MINING CO.

Canada's Nickel to be Smelted at Home by a $20,000,000 Syndicate.

Under the name of the Nickel Steel Co. of Canada, one of the strongest mining companies ever organized in the Dominion has applied for a charter. The applicants are John McLaren, of Brockville, manufacturer, George Douglas, of New York, manufacturer, Alex Fraser, of Ottawa, lumberman, David McLaren, of Ottawa, lumberman, F. F. Vanderwoort of Pittsburg, manufacturer, Geo. A. Cox, of Toronto, capitalist, Nathaniel Dyment, of Barrie, lumberman, Alex. McLaren, of Buckingham, lumberman, Andrew Trew Wood, M. P., of Hamilton, merchant, John Moodie, of Hamilton, capitalist, and John Patterson, of Hamilton, Secretary. The wealth and influence of these gentlemen is exceptional. It is said that there is $20,000,000 behind the company.

FAILURES SUMMARIZED.

Canada's Failures Largely Decreased Last Year over the Record of 1896.

Bradstreets' summary of failures in the Dominion and Newfoundland, classified as to causes, are follows:—

	1897.	1896.
Incompetence	155	208
Inexperience	75	94
Lack of capital	1,354	1,611
Unwise credits	19	31
Failures of others	11	22
Extravagance	5	8
Neglect	48	48
Competition	36	63
Disaster	156	157
Speculation	14	17
Fraud	63	60
Total	1,925	2,404

The total liabilities for 1897 were $18,249,070, and for 1896, $16,450,456. The total assets in 1897 were $9,222,897, and in 1896, $6,708,057. It will be noticed that there is a reduction all round.

FOUND A 31-OUNCE NUGGET.

Party of Dawson Miners Return with it From Skookum Gulch—Worth by Weight Over $475.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—The steamer *Seattle*, just from Skaguay, brings a party of Dawsonians, who left the Klondyke on January 22nd, and who report the finding of a 31-ounce nugget at Skookum Gulch, this being the second largest lump of gold yet uncovered in the Yukon, and worth by weight over $475, or only ten dollars less than the Galen nugget, which still holds the palm.

The discovery of this piece of pure gold has created a boom in Skookum Gulch, while such finds on the big Salmon, twenty miles from the mouth, have caused a migrating in that direction.

The fisheries of the Dominion yielded over $20,000,000 last year and employed 75,000 men.

THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN SUSTAINED.

But the Majority Has Been Reduced to a one-figure Point—Two Members of the Cabinet Defeated—One-fifth of the Constituencies Give Less Than a 100 Majority—St. John Among the Slain.

HALTON REDEEMED BY THE LIBERALS.

The general elections for the province of Ontario are over for another term while the Liberal Government is again sustained, though the majority is very small indeed. The Liberals have lost 15 seats, though they have gained 12. The Conservatives on the other hand have won 17 constituencies, two of which were held by Cabinet ministers, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, late Commissioner of Crown Lands, and Hon. John Dryden, late Minister of Agriculture. Four years ago 17 Independents were elected. Tuesday but one Independent and one Patron were elected. At that time 50 Liberals were elected. The number has been reduced to 47. Then 27 Conservatives were elected; now 44 members will constitute the opposition.

It will be seen from this that the Conservative party has been strengthened at the expense of the Independents and Patrons rather than at the expense of the Liberals. It is now felt that the election has had a settling effect upon the politics of the province and as a result the Independents and Patrons have practically disappeared, and the people are lined up on a strictly party basis.

As stated above the government has lost two members of the cabinet, but if compensations count for anything at a time like this, it may be said that two members of the Conservative party, who had been selected for Cabinet positions, are lost to their party. Mr. St. John, who was named for Mr. Whitney's Minister of Agriculture and Dr. Willoughby, as Minister of Education—if the Conservatives had been returned to power—are among the defeated.

The latest returns give the

LIBERALS 47.

CONSERVATIVES 44.

INDEPENDENTS 1.

PATRONS 1.

Russell to be heard from.

RETURNS OF THE PROVINCE.

The following is the result in the various constituencies, with the majorities, as far as heard from:—

Addington	REID, con.	
Algoma, E.	FARWELL, lib.	50
Algoma, W.	CONMEE, lib.	200
Brant, N.	BURT, lib.	35
Brant, S.	HARDY, lib.	500
Brockville	GRAHAM, lib.	
Bruce, N.	BOWMAN, lib.	419
Bruce, S.	TRUAX, lib.	
Bruce, C.	MALCOLM, lib.	216
Cardwell	LITTLE, con.	500
Carleton	KIDD, con.	1000
Dufferin	BARR, con.	350
Dundas	WHITNEY, con.	120
Durham, E.	FALLIS, con.	200
Durham, W.	REID, con.	118
Elgin, E.	BROWER, con.	30
Elgin, W.	MACNISH, lib.	50
Essex, N.	MCKEE, lib.	194
Essex, S.	AULD, lib.	600
Frontenac	GALLAGHER, con.	
Glengarry	MCDONALD, con.	
Grenville	JOYNT, con.	296
Grey, C	LUCAS, con.	450
Grey, S	JAMIESON, con.	
Grey, N	BOYD, con.	
Haldimand	HOLMES, lib.	147
Halton	BARBER, lib.	136
Hamilton, E	CARSCALLEN, con.	880
Hamilton, W.	COLQUHOUN, con.	247
Hastings, W.	MORRISON, con.	200
Hastings, E.	RUBSELL, lib.	
Hastings, N	ALLEN, con.	460
Huron, E.	HYSLOP, lib.	
Huron, S.	EILBER, con.	156
Huron, W	BECK, con.	1
Kent, E	FERGUSON, lib.	500
Kent, W.	PARDO, lib.	300
Kingston	HARTY, lib.	289
Lambton, E.	PETTYPIECE, lib.	48
Lambton, W.	PARDEE, lib.	300
Lanark, N.	CALDWELL, lib.	150
Lanark, S.	MATHESON, con.	
Leeds	BEATTY, con.	
Lennox	AYLESWORTH, lib	46
Lincoln	JESSOP, con.	
London	LEYS, lib.	313
Middlesex, E.	HODGINS, con.	16
Middlesex, N.	TAYLOR, lib.	55
Middlesex, W.	ROSS, lib.	156
Monck	HARCOURT, lib.	150
Muskoka	BRIDGELAND, lib.	43
Nipissing	LAMARCHE, con.	112
Norfolk, S.	CHARLTON, lib.	32
Norfolk, N.	CARPENTER, lib.	250
Northumberland, E.	DONCLAS, lib.	350
Northumberland, W.	CLARK, lib.	146
Ontario, N.	HOYLE, con.	325
Ontario, S	CALDER, con.	89
Ottawa	O'KEEFE, lib.	16
Ottawa	LUMSDEN, lib.	252
Oxford, N	PATTULLO, lib.	
Oxford, S.	MCKAY, lib.	800
Parry Sound	BEATTY, ind.	
Peel	SMITH, lib.	
Perth, N	BROWN, lib.	159
Perth, S	MONTEITH, con.	32
Peterborough, E	BLEZARD, lib.	200
Peterborough, W.	STRATTON, lib.	1000
Prescott	EVANTUREL, lib.	
Prince Edward	DEMPSEY, W.R., con.	
Renfrew, S.	DEMPSEY, S.J. con.	300
Renfrew, N.	WHITE, con.	149
Russell		
Simcoe, W.	DUFF, con.	300
Simcoe, E	MISCAMPBELL, con.	75
Simcoe, C.	THOMPSON, con.	63
Stormont	MCLAUGHLIN, con.	100
Toronto, E.	PYNE, con.	1610
Toronto, W.	CRAWFORD, con.	
Toronto, S.	FOY, con.	377
Toronto, N.	MARTEN, con.	37
Victoria, E.	CRINEGIE, con.	256
Victoria, W.	FOX, con.	100
Waterloo, S.	KRIBS, con.	
Waterloo, N	LICKNER, con.	85
Welland	GERMAN, lib.	682
Wellington, E.	CRAIG, lib.	
Wellington, S.	MUTRIE, lib.	428
Wellington, W	TUCKER, patron.	150
Wentworth, N	WARDELL, con.	
Wentworth, S	DICKENSON, lib.	100
York, E	RICHARDSON, lib.	300
York, W.	HILL, lib.	46
York, N	DAVIS, lib.	475

LIBERALS ELECTED—47.

Algoma, E.	Middlesex, W.
Algoma, W.	Monck.
Brant, N.	Muskoka.
Brant, S.	Norfolk, S.
Brockville.	Norfolk N.
Bruce, N.	Northumberland, E.
Bruce. S.	
Bruce, C.	Northumberland, W.
Elgin, W.	
Essex, N.	Ottawa (2).
Essex, S.	Oxford, N.
Haldimand.	Oxford S.
Halton.	Peel.
Hastings, E.	Perth, N.
Huron, E.	Peterboro', E.
Kent, E.	Peterboro', W.
Kent, W.	Prescott.
Kingston.	Welland.
Lambton, E.	Wellington, E.
Lambton, W.	Wellington, S.
Lanark, N.	Wentworth S.
Lennox.	York, E.
London.	York, W.
Middlesex, N.	York, N.

CONSERVATIVES ELECTED—44.

Addington,	Lincoln.
Cardwell,	Middlesex, E.
Carleton.	Nipissing.
Dufferin.	Ontario, N.
Dundas.	Ontario, S.
Durham, E.	Perth, S.
Durham, W.	Prince Edward.
Elgin, E.	Renfrew, S.
Frontenac.	Renfrew, N.
Glengarry.	Simcoe, W.
Grenville,	Simcoe, E.
Grey, C.	Simcoe, C.
Grey, S.	Stormont.
Grey, N.	Toronto, E.
Hamilton, E.	Toronto, W.
Hamilton, W.	Toronto, S.
Hastings, W.	Toronto, N.
Hastings, N.	Victoria, E.
Huron, S.	Victoria, W.
Huron, W.	Waterloo, S.
Lanark, S.	Waterloo, N.
Leeds.	Wentworth, N.

OTHERS ELECTED.

West Wellington—Patron.

Parry Sound—Independent.

VACANT—1.

The Liberal gains are:—North Bruce, Centre Bruce, Halton, East Hastings, East Lambton, West Lambton, North Lanark, Lennox, Muskoka, East Northumberland, North Perth, West York—12.

The Liberal losses are:—North Grey, Two Hamiltons, West Hastings, South Huron, West Huron, Nipissing, North Ontario, South Ontario, North Renfrew, Centre Simcoe, West Victoria, North Waterloo, South Waterloo, North Wentworth—15.

The Patron losses are:—North Bruce, Centre Bruce, Glengarry, Stormont, Prince Edward, West Simcoe, Frontenac, Dufferin, South Grey, East Hastings, East Middlesex, South Perth—12.

The Independent losses are East and West Lambton.

NEW FACES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Geo. P. Graham (Lib.), Brockville.
C. A. Malcolm (Lib.), Bruce Centre.
Dr. John Barr (Con.), Dufferin.
J. S. Gallager (Con.), Frontenac.
D. R. McDonald, (Con.), Glengarry.
R. L. Joynt (Con.), Grenville.
J. B. Lucas (Con.), Grey, Centre.
Dr. Jamieson, (Con.), Grey, South.
G. M. Boyd (Con.), Grey, North.
J. W. Holmes (Lib.), Haldimand.
John R. Barber (Lib.), Halton.
H. Carscallen (Con.), Hamilton, East.
W. B. Morrison (Con.), Hastings, West.
E. A. Colquhoun (Con.), Hamilton, West.
S. Russell (Lib.), Hastings, East.
W. J. Allen (Con.), Hastings, North.
A. Hyslop (Lib.), Huron, East.
H. Eilber (Con.), Huron, South.
J. Beck (Con.), Huron, West.
H. J. Pettypiece (Lib.), Lambton, East.
F. F. Pardee (Lib.), Lambton, West.
W. C. Caldwell (Lib.), Lanark, North.
B. Aylesworth (Lib.), Lennox.
Dr. E. Jessop (Con.), Lincoln.
Col. F. B. Leys (Lib.), London.
F. D. Hodgins (Con.), Middlesex, East.
C. LaMarche (Con.), Nipissing.
J. H. Douglas (Lib.), Northumberland, E.
S. Clark (Lib.), Northumberland, West.
W. H. Hoyle (Con.), Ontario, North.
C. Calder (Con.), Ontario, South.
Alex. Lumsden (Lib.), Ottawa.
J. Brown (Lib.) Perth, North.
N. Monteith (Con.), Perth, South.
W. R. Dempsey (Con.), Prince Edward.
J. L. Duff (Con.), Simcoe, West.
A. B. Thompson (Con.), Simcoe, Centre.
J. McLaughlan (Con.), Stormont.
Dr. R. A. Pyne (Con.), Toronto, East.
J. J. Foy (Con.), Toronto, South.
L. J. Fox (Con.), Victoria, West.
W. A. Kribs (Con.), Waterloo, South.
H. J. Lackner (Con.), Waterloo, North.
T. A. Wardell (Con.), Wentworth, North.

LATER.

Dr. Dewart, Liberal, has been elected in North Toronto, instead of G. F. Marter, Conservative. This will increase the liberal majority by two.

IN OUR OWN COUNTY.

In the county of Halton, which has been held by Col. Kerns for fifteen years in succession, the electors said by their votes "It is time for a change," and John R. Barber, the Liberal candidate, was elected by the handsome majority of 136. In a constituency so close as this the transforming of a minority of 111 into a majority of 136 speaks very highly of the general popularity of the candidate. His successful business career, the cordial relations which exist between himself and his employees and the working people of the community generally, as well as the high regard in which he has always been held by the numerous farmers and business men with whom he comes into contact, and his intelligent and intimate grasp of the public questions of the day, all contributed to the success of Tuesday's contest. Mr. Barber will undoubtedly prove himself a valuable acquisition to the Provincial Legislature.

The analysis of the vote in this county shows that in every rural municipality of the county Col. Kerns lost ground, while the same thing is true of three out of the five civic municipalities. In Acton his majority was reduced from 68 to 30; in Georgetown the Liberal majority was increased from 37 to 144, and in Milton from 18 to 25. In Oakville the Colonel increased his majority from 10 to 34; and in Burlington, his own town, from 46 to 51. Esquesing and Trafalgar townships changed their majorities for Kerns, of 14 in the former and 11 in the latter, to majorities of 68 and 19 for Barber, respectively. Nassagaweya increased the Liberal majority from 92 to 102, while Col. Kerns' majority in Nelson was reduced from 109 to 105.

Never has there been a more energetic contest in the good old county of Halton, and never has more genuine kindliness of spirit been manifested, especially on the part of the candidates themselves. They are both men of upright character and personally esteemed in the communities where they are most intimately known. During the campaign they refrained from descending to the unseemly personalties which have characterized some elections and the electors of the county have appreciated this.

In Col. Kerns' retirement the county loses an honorable man from public life. He has enjoyed the confidence of the electorate for fifteen years, and during that long period as a member of parliament he has been guiltless of any act which would bring reproach upon the good county which he has represented. He has always sacrificed personal interested for his party's advancement and deserves the gratitude of the party whose choice he has been for so long.

The majorities in this county were as follows:—

	BARBER.	KERNS
Acton	—	30
Milton	25	—
Oakville	—	34
Georgetown	144	—
Burlington	—	51
No. 1 Esquesing	21	—
" 2 "	—	9
" 3 "	—	a tie
" 4 "	58	—
" 5 "	6	—
" 6 "	—	11
No. 1 Nassagaweya	—	2
" 2 "	30	—
" 3 "	72	—
No. 1 Nelson	—	15
" 2 "	—	22
" 3 "	21	—
" 4 "	—	—
" 5 "	—	72
" 6 "	—	17
No. 1 Trafalgar	—	15
" 2 "	—	77
" 3 "	51	—
" 4 "	6	—
" 5 "	—	1
" 6 "	52	—
Total	422	336

Majority for Barber 136.

THE ELECTION IN ACTON.

The beautiful weather which prevailed on Tuesday evidently kept even the most enthusiastic workers for their party in good humor. Nothing more serious than pleasant chaff passed between them during the struggle, which was, indeed, waged with an energy unprecedented in late years. The vote polled here was by far the largest in Acton's history. It was 26 in advance of that polled in the last Dominion election, and 79 more than that of the last Provincial election. The vote here was as follows:

	BARBER	KERNS
No. 1. Town Hall	52	78
No. 2. Speight's Shop	83	87
	135	165

This is a total of 300 votes.

In Col. Kern's first contest with Dr. Robertson on Tuesday, 28th February, 1883, there were 169 votes polled in Acton, and Mr. Kerns had a majority of 33. In the Kerns-Buck election, on Tuesday, 28th December, 1886, there were 193 votes polled, and he had a majority of 24. The Kerns-Robinson election, on Tuesday, June 5th 1890, gave the Colonel a majority of 44 out of 214 votes polled. On Tuesday, 22nd June, 1894, when John Husband was his opponent, in a vote 221 he secured his largest majority here, 68. In the present election in a total of 300 votes, Col. Kerns' majority was reduced to 30.

The result here was a surprise to the most sanguine of Mr. Barber's supporters. Col. Kerns' friends expected at least 50 of a majority, while some were counting on being able to sustain the last election's majority of 68. When the result of the polling was announced, and, following a moment later, the news of the immense majority of 144 for Mr. Barber, at Georgetown, it was pretty generally felt that he had succeeded in redeeming Halton to his party. This conclusion was very shortly confirmed and the Liberals felt that after fifteen years of a struggle for this result they had good reason for an exuberance of spirit.

HALTON'S RETURNING OFFICERS.

The following deputy returning officers officiated at the polls throughout the County, under the supervision of Registrar Robertson:

Esquesing.—R. Campbell, R. Harper, G. H. Kennedy, Colin Campbell, John A. Gordon, Jos. Williams.

Nassagaweya.—J. Marshall, C. Cameron, M. Beattie.

Nelson.—J. S. Freeman, D. McLaren, D. A. Vanfleet, Jackson Agnew, Jno. Agnew, W. F. W. Fisher.

Trafalgar.—John Dickson, J. D. McGregor, Chas. Hall, R. A. Fleming, J. Hope, J. Ingledew.

Milton.—R. Coates, C. Jones, J. H. Peacock.

Acton.—John C. Hill, R. J. McNabb.

Oakville.—C. B. Paterson, M. Walsh, T. A. Reynolds.

Georgetown.—G. S. Goodwillie, L. Grant.

Burlington.—J. Allen, J. Haney.

ELECTION JOTTINGS.

Now we can all settle down to business again.

The voice of the orator has passed from the land, until the next political contest comes around.

The Acton Liberals took Halton's majority, and the part they played in it, with remarkable unanimity Tuesday night, considering that they have had no previous opportunity of putting in the "rousements" since Mr. Henderson's defeat on the 22nd August, 1888.

Some people who were dubbed as "coming out of their shell," seemed to come out with remarkably telling effect.

It snowed on Tuesday, though the weather was so bright and serene. The white flakes which fell were found in the ballot boxes. Their heavy fall blocked the way of 110 political aspirants to the Parliament Buildings.

The "Whitney Whacking" and "Hardy Hammering" is over and the swing of victory has swung.

There are many prophets who are without prophetical honor in their own county

Members of each party declared on polling day that the beautiful weather was favorable to their political party. In Acton 94 votes in excess of last election were polled.

Lieut.-Col. Kerns, who for twenty years has represented Halton, gives way to Mr. Barber, the well-known Georgetown paper manufacturer. Mr. Barber's victory is one of the most brilliant of the whole contest. —The *Globe*.

Returning Officer Robillard has issued his proclamation for the election in the County of Russell. Nomination is fixed for Friday, March, 11, and polling the 18th. A big snow storm prevented the nomination last week.

LITERARY NOTES.

The marked increase of *The Methodist Magazine and Review* for March has called for a second edition of the January number. A second edition of the January *Sunday School Banner* was also called for. A change in size and type begun in the current number of *The Magazine and Review* adds nearly five per cent to the contents of the magazine. It has no less than ten illustrated articles. The number throughout is a most attractive one. Toronto: William Briggs, Montreal: C. W. Coates, Halifax: S. F. Huestis. $2.00 a year; $1.00 for six months.

The Canadian Home Journal for March, is the best number of that periodical that ever came off the press. It contains a short contribution from Hon. F. E. A. Evanturel, speaker of the Ontario Legislature, with his biography, photograph and autograph. Dr. P. H. Bryce, Secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, one of the best known physicians in Canada, contributes the first of a series of twelve articles on health. The Women's Historical Association is explained by Mary Agnes Fitzgibbon as she alone can do it. Kate Westlake Yeigh describes the Lake of the Woods and four handsome pictures illustrate her article and numerous other articles of interest appear. *The Canadian* Home Journal, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

The March number of *The Delineator* is called the early spring number and is an important one, as it contains the first announcement of spring fashions and is admirable in its literary features. As necessarily only a few of the subjects can be touched on here, we recommend a careful study of the contents of the magazine. Order from the local agent of the Butterick Patterns, or address The Delineator Publishing Co., of Toronto, Limited, 33 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont. Subscription price of *The Delineator*, $1.00 per year, 15c per single copy.

The Klondyke trade has struck Ontario County. The Whitby Evaporating Works has received an order to evaporate 50,000 lbs. of onions for use in the Klondyke, and in the adjoining county the Speight Co., of Markham, are negotiating with Mann & McKenzie to supply sleighs, carts and wagons for the new railway.

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PEEL'S POORHOUSE CONTRACT.

The Tender of Henry Hill, Who Has Done Splendid Work in Acton, is Accepted.

The County of Peel Poorhouse Committee met last Wednesday and opened about sixty tenders for the transforming and erection of two wings to the Troughton house. The tenders were separate and in bulk. There were eight for masonry, six for plastering, eight for carpentering, eleven for slate and iron, five for painting and glazing, and two for these trades in bulk, seven for plumbing and eight for steam heating. The lowest tenders were accepted and the successful are as follows:

H. Hill, Brampton, masonry and plastering	$ 3410
A. Mathews, Toronto, slate and iron	543
Coloman & Co., Burlington, carpentering	1875
Egles & Linington, Toronto, painting, etc	360
Peaker & Son, Brampton, plumbing	685
J. Ritchie, Toronto, steam-heating	1075
Total	$7948

The work is to be completed by the end of October and the tenderers are required to give security.

After the completion of the building there will be the furnishing and farm equipping, a matter of several thousand dollars more.—Brampton *Banner*.

BISHOP CLEARY DEAD.

The Eminent Prelate Passed Away Last Thursday.

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 24.—Most Rev. James Vincent Cleary, D.D., head of the Roman Catholic Arch-diocese of Kingston, who had been ill for some time past, died at 11.55 o'clock this morning.

THE GOLDEN KLONDIKE.

AN ENORMOUS RUSH OF GOLD SEEKERS GOING IN.

Some Sound Advice from One Who Has Made the Trip, and Knows Something of the Hardships the Gold Seekers Must Undergo.

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SKAGWAY, Dec. 12th, 1897.

DEAR SIRS,—My object in writing this letter is to give a word of advice to those who contemplate going to the gold fields. For ten years I have followed the occupation of prospecting, timber estimating and mining, and the hardships and privations which one has to undergo, are enough to wreck the strongest constitution. In the spring of 1897 I was stricken with pleurisy as the result of exposure. I recovered from this, but it left behind the seeds of disease which manifested themselves in the form of heart and kidney troubles. I was advised, however, to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and as first purchased but two boxes. Before these were gone I found beyond a doubt that they were helping me, and their continued use "put me on my feet again," to use a common expression. I then engaged to go to the Yukon country and only those who have made the trip to Dawson city can form even the faintest conception of the hardships that have to be born in making the trip. Before starting I added to my outfit two dozen boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I can honestly say no part of my outfit proved of such invaluable service to me, and I would strongly urge every man who goes in to take a supply with him, as he will find the need of such a tonic and up builder of the system on many occasions. I went in and returned to this place by the Dalton trail, which consists of 350 miles of old Indian trail, starting at Pyramid Harbor. In going over the trail one sometimes has to wade through mud more than a foot deep, and ford streams waist deep in ice cold waters. When I started for the Yukon my weight was only 140 pounds, and I now weigh 169 pounds, thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

I am soon starting for another trip to Dawson by the same route. This time, however, the travelling will be on snowshoes, and you may depend upon it Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will again form part of my outfit.

I write this paper for the two-fold purpose of letting you know what your medicine has done for me and urging those who go in to take a supply with them. Every man, whether he is sick or well, who undertakes a trip to the Yukon will require something to brace him and keep his constitution sound in that country. I may say that my home is at Copper Cliff, Ont., where my wife now resides.

Yours very truly,

JOHN PICHE.

GUELPH, Nov. 23rd, 1897.

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