BORN.

KENNEDY—In Acton, on Saturday, July 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, a daughter.

MARRIED.

MUNN—WILSON—At the parsonage, Oakville, by Rev. John Kay, on Tuesday, June 21, Charles Munn and Miss Lizzie Wilson, both of Sheridan.

LITT—BILLINGS—At the Methodist Parsonage, Bower Avenue, Acton, on Wednesday, June 29th, by Rev. J. A. McLachlan, M.A., Mr. Harry Litt, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., to Miss Katie Billings, daughter of Henry Billings, Guelph.

JENNER—MOORE—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday, 30th June, by Rev. J. A. McLachlan, M. A., assisted by Rev. J. J. Redditt, Brampton, uncle of the bride, Mr. Chas. E. Jenner, of Johnstown, N. Y., to Nellie, second daughter of Thos. T. Moore, Esq., Principal Acton Public School.

DIED.

BAUER—In Acton, on Friday, 1st July, Henry Bauer, aged 55 years, 8 months.

COGHLAN—In Eramosa, on July 5th, George Coghlan.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The State Department and Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa are busy preparing for the prohibition plebiscite. Although nothing has been decided as to the date of voting it is just probable it will be sometime about the end of October, or the early part of November.

The Customs Department has not yet made out its returns for the year, but when this is done it will show that the increase of imports were so large over the proceeding year that the revenue on duty collected will have increased by about $2,000,000, notwithstanding the reductions by the preferential tariff.

Sampson at Santiago has repeated Dewey's achievements at Manilla. It is now a question whether Dewey shall be president and Sampson vice-president, or Sampson president and Dewey vice-president; but it must be admitted that Sampson's feat in destroying Cervera's fleet was not up to Dewey's work at Manilla. Sampson lost one man.—Toronto *Star*.

At the big prohibition convention at Toronto on Tuesday a delegate complained that anti-prohibitionists were using the argument that if the plebiscite went the way of the temperance people, the farmer would be unable to manufacture or sell sweet cider or unfermented wine. There were stumpers using influential names in support of this statement. President Maclaren said that the words wine, cider and other alcoholic liquors were explicit enough for ordinary intelligence. That meant alcoholic wine and cider, not the unfermented varieties.

Mr. James Innis, of the Guelph *Mercury*, is about to retire from the actual editorial oversight of that well-known journal. He will be succeeded by his nephew, Mr. John Innis McIntosh, private secretary to Hon. E. J. Davis, who will assume his new position this week. Mr. McIntosh will have the able co-operation of Mr. F. W. Galbraith in the editorial management of the *Mercury*. Mr. Galbraith has been Mr. Innis' right hand man for the past ten years and has proven himself an able and popular exponent of the principles with which the *Mercury* is identified.

On Admiral Dewey's flagship *Olympia*, now at Manila, a little newspaper is edited and printed by the men, called *The Bouncing Billow*. A recent number contains an obituary notice of a sailor, which expresses the conviction that he "has simply gone on before to the bright haven where his spirit will receive life eternal, and where, please God, we shall all meet to be reunited forever." The same number contains this notice: "Floating Christian Endeavor Society. Meetings every Friday night at eight o'clock in the officers' smoking room. Everybody welcome." Rear Admiral Dewey is an Episcopalian. Rear Admiral Sampson is a Presbyterian, and when in Washington was an active and influential member of the Men's Club of the Church of the Covenant.

The Postal Conference is still proceeding at Westminster Palace hotel, but it is strictly private. Hon. Mr. Mulock's mission continues to excite much attention. He has moved in favor of a uniform penny postage from any one portion of the British Empire to any other. The British Post-office people favor a two-penny postage, but the Australasian colonies hesitate to adopt even this. The first step is supported by Cape Colony and Natal. The attitude assumed by Hon. Mr. Mulock in the conference is that, in an Imperial question of this kind, the Dominion Government will not allow the financial question to enter. It is enough for them to know that the lower rates of postage binds the Empire closer together. This attitude gains a warm approval in the press.

Niagara Falls, Ont., celebrated the Fourth of July and inspired the *New York Journal* to remark that Canada's absorption in the American Republic is inevitable. But Niagara Falls, N. Y., celebrated the Queen's birthday and yet this evidence of good feeling did not inspire any Canadian journal to remark that the absorption of the United States in the British Empire was inevitable. If a Fourth of July celebration in Ontario indicates the disappearance of the Dominion of Canada in the American Republic, a Queen's Birthday celebration in New York State must necessarily indicate the absorption of the United States in the British Empire. The truth is that these celebrations on either side of the line are significant of nothing but good-will, such as can exist between prosperous business rivals.—*Telegram*.

GOOD CROPS.

Encouraging Reports From All Parts of Ontario—An Early Harvest.

The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company has furnished its annual crop report for Ontario. All sections of the country have been heard from.

The opinion is unanimous that in all classes of grains, roots and fruits the yield will far exceed that of other years. In many places the acreage is much larger than formerly.

The prospects are that in most places harvesting will commence ten to fifteen days earlier than usual.

In a few localities hay is not so abundant as it has been, but this is made up for by the increased yield of wheat and corn. Apples will be plentiful. In very few places has frost had any evil effects.

GOLD FROM THE KLONDIKE.

First Twenty Miners Have Arrived Out, Bringing With Them $375,000.

SEATTLE, Washington, June 4.—The first miners to come out from the Klondike this season arrived here to-day from St. Michaels. There were 20 of them, and they brought gold dust and drafts estimated at $375,000.

EVERY SHIP DESTROYED.

The Spanish Fleet at Santiago Entirely Obliterated by Admiral Sampson's Guns.

SPAIN HOPELESSLY CRIPPLED.

The past week has been the most eventful since the commencement of the war with Spain. On Friday General Shafter moved on Santiago with his land forces and though considerable advance was made it was with terrible loss of life. The United States army lost over a thousand killed and wounded. General Shafter is now awaiting reinforcements at a point about six miles from the city. In the meantime the Spaniards have been reinforced at the city by some 6000 troops.

On Sunday morning Admiral Sampson repeated the action of Admiral Dewey at Manilla on the 10th May, by wiping out General Cervera's fleet at Santiago as they attempted to get out of the harbor. Every vessel was destroyed. The Admiral himself and 1800 men were taken prisoners with the loss of but one man by the United States fleet, and not a man of war seriously damaged.

OFF SANTIAGO, VIA PORT ANTONIO, July 5.—In the great sea fight which took place on Sunday Spain lost six ships, 300 men killed, 150 wounded and 1800 prisoners. The American loss was one man killed and two wounded. None of Sampson's ships was seriously hurt. Admiral Cervera, Villamil, Captain Eulate and the other officers and men are held as prisoners. They will be all transferred to the St. Louis to-day and be sent to New York.

Admiral Cervera in answer to the question why he made the dash out of the harbor with his fleet, said he was forced to come out in obedience to an order from Captain General Blanco, who was acting under instructions from the Government at Madrid. He made a dash for the west, he said, because only the Brooklyn and three American battleships were on that side of the harbor. He thought he would be able to outrun the battleships, and if the Brooklyn followed he could whip her.

The wrecks of six vessels of Cervera's fleet are strewn along the Cuban beach from a point two miles distant from the entrance to Santiago harbor to Jurquina Point, fifty miles away. The Brooklyn and the Oregon chased the Christobal Colon to the latter point, where they captured her, and a prize crew was put on board. Before she was boarded, however, the Spaniards had opened up all the sea valves and thrown all the capes of the vessel overboard. The ship was filling rapidly, and she finally careened over on her beam ends with her big guns pointing toward the sky. She cannot be saved.

The 4th of July was gloriously remembered on board the American ships. The newest and largest of the flags on each vessel was displayed from every top, and a national salute was fired off at noon. The navy and the army are now resting under an armistice. General Linares, the military commander at Santiago, is badly wounded. The truce is being made the occasion for the burial of the dead and the recovery of the wounded by both sides.

NEW YORK, July 5.—A Washington special to the *Journal* says: General Miles reports that from information he has received from General Shafter he believes that the Spanish army has lost fully 7000 men killed and wounded as a result of Friday's battle. In addition, there are 2000 prisoners in the hands of Americans.

The American loss will not exceed 150 killed and 600 wounded. The most of these are only slightly injured. The above figures only include the Spanish land forces.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—A graceful courtesy was to-day extended to the captured Spanish Admiral, Cervera, by the President. Through General Greely, chief signal officer, permission was sent to Cervera to communicate with his family in Spain by cable. Permission was also granted to other captured Spanish officers to use the cable to transmit personal messages to friends in Spain. The messages will be, of course, carefully censored, and nothing will be allowed to pass that would be of assistance in any manner to the enemy.

SYNOPSIS OF WAR NEWS.

Admiral Cervera is quoted as saying, "I would sooner lose my ships at sea like a sailor than in the harbor. It was the only thing left for me to do."

Shafter and Sampson have been asked by President McKinley to confer as to the advisability of entering the harbor to assist in the bombardment of Santiago.

Spanish sharpshooters have several times shot into General Shafter's tent, which is several miles from the front.

Severe land fighting continued during the time the Spanish fleet was leaving Santiago harbor.

The Spaniards do not recognize the red cross on the arms of the surgeons. Those wearing the Red Cross Society emblem have been the special object of attack.

Two British warships are on their way from Kingston, Ja., to Santiago in order to bring away British subjects desirous of leaving that city.

The army of invasion in Cuba received the news of the destruction of Cervera's squadron with as much enthusiasm as if the victory had been theirs instead of belonging to the navy.

Spanish officials at Madrid are laboring under the delusion that the Spanish fleet successfully eluded Sampson's squadron in Cervera's attempted escape from Santiago.

THE FALL FAIRS.

List of the Exhibitions Already Announced for the Coming Fall Season.

Industrial, Toronto, Aug. 29 to Sept. 10.
Western, London, Sept. 8 to 17.
Wellesley, Wellesley, Sept. 13, 14.
Northern, Walkerton, Sept. 14, 15.
Southern, Brantford, Sept. 17 to 22.
Horticultural, Preston, Sept. 20, 21, 22.
Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Sept. 20, 21.
Centre Wellington, Fergus, Sept. 21, 23.
North Perth, Strafford, Sept. 22, 23.
Centre Bruce, Paisley, Sept. 27, 28.
South Grey, Durham, Sept. 27, 28.
Peel, Brampton, Sept. 28, 29.
Garafraxa, Belwood, Sept. 29, 30.
Eramosa, Rockwood, Oct. 11, 12.
World's Fair, Rockton, Oct. 11, 12.
Erin, Erin, Oct. 13, 14.

On June 25th, the S. S. "Umbria," of the Cunard line left New York for Liverpool, and among her passengers were 90 Canadian and American wholesale grocers, who have accepted an invitation from Lever Bros., Limited, to visit the home of Sunlight Soap, at Port Sunlight, near Birkenhead, Eng. The firm pay all expenses for the round trip, including railway tickets, first-class births, and hotel bills for one week in England.

OPENED AUSPICIOUSLY.

The New Public Library Visited by Scores of Citizens on Monday Evening.

The new Free Library opening on Monday evening was a most encouraging success. The presence of citizens in large numbers, the expressions of admiration and satisfaction at the attractive surroundings, manifested a warm appreciation of the efforts of the Board. Personally the members of the Board were highly gratified with the interest shown and individually they feel that for the time they have spent the past three months in putting the library into such excellent shape they are amply repaid in the interest which citizens are taking in the Library.

For nearly two hours there was a procession of citizens down the corridor of the town hall to the library room and the courteous and attentive librarian, Miss Ettie Laird, was kept busy in receiving applications for membership and registering the same, after their acceptance by the membership committee who were in session during the evening. The name, residence, occupation and age of the applicants are questions which appear on the membership blank. These are all readily answered except the last, and to this the applicant, especially if she be a spinster, invariably demurs. But the difficulty soon vanishes when the librarian smilingly explains that the question is only intended for use by the committee when there is any doubt as to the applicant having reached the age of 14 years.

Last evening the first books were issued, and the library will be open for the convenience of members every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 8.30 o'clock, excepting on statutory holidays. Applications for membership may be made at any time and for the present members of the committee will be present each evening the library is open to pass applications, so that there will be no delay in issuing books desired by prospective members.

HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Assessment for the Present Year Equalized at $9,443,568.

At the last meeting of the County Council the members were all present except Mr. Robinson.

On motion, Mr. Menzies, county treasurer, was requested to act as clerk in the absence of Mr. Fanton, who is away at camp.

On motion, leave was granted to introduce a by-law to levy a rate on the county to defray expenses for the current year and part of 1899. The by-law was read the usual number of times and passed.

The assessment of the various municipalities was equalized, a slight increase on last year being made in every case. The following table gives the assessment, and, for purposes of comparison, the equalization of 1897 and of 1898:—

MUNICIPALITIES.	ASSESSMENT	EQUALIZATION 1897.	EQUALIZATION 1898.
Trafalgar	$2,463,890	$2,545,600	$2,596,512
Esquesing	2,274,446	2,228,100	2,274,562
Nelson	1,790,970	1,759,100	1,791,262
Nassagaweya	980,200	985,600	1,005,312
Milton	406,125	360,000	367,200
Oakville	483,742	433,700	442,374
Georgetown	319,505	310,000	316,200
Acton	279,230	214,300	218,586
Burlington	364,475	322,000	328,440
	$9,398,583	$8,258,400	$8,443,568

On motion of Mr. Havill, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the sum of $100, equal to the Government grant, was granted to the Milton public school, to be applied to continuation classes in connection with said school for the year 1898.

The sum of $200 was granted to the Halton Agricultural Society for 1898.

A by-law was introduced and read the required number of times and passed, authorizing the treasurer and warden to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the expenditure for the present year.

Council adjourned to meet the last Tuesday in August.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to the abstract from the statement of the Bank of Hamilton, which appears in another column. It shows that well-managed institution in a most flourishing condition.

After paying two dividends of 4% and all costs of management, etc., $5,000 was written off Bank premises, and $50,000 added to Reserve Funds.

This is one of the best statements presented by any of the Banks.

A good test of a bank's position is the proportion its Reserved Fund bears to its paid up capital. In this respect the Bank of Hamilton stands high, and with a capital of $1,250,000, Reserved Fund $775,000, or 62% of its capital, and total assets of over $11,000,000 it offers exceptional security to its customers.

Abstract from statement of Bank of Hamilton, May 31st 1898:

LIABILITIES.	
Notes of the Bank	$1,187,573
Deposits	7,684,374
Dividends due June 1, 1898	50,203
Due agents in Great Britain	195,160
	$9,117,310
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.	
Capital (all paid up)	$1,250,000
Reserve Fund	775,000
Reserved for Rebate of Interest	30,000
Balance Profits, forward	26,833
	$11,199,143
ASSETS.	
Cash and cheques on hand	$ 900,480
Government and public securities	1,779,079
Due from other Banks	366,481
Loans at call	796,936
Notes discounted, etc	7,047,122
Premises, real estate, etc	366,452
Other assets	42,603
	$11,199,143

ONTARIO'S BIG CROPS.

More Hay than the Farmers Can Care For—Encouraging Reports of All Kinds.

The reports of crops in the province which are coming in to the department of Agriculture are of the most favorable nature; indeed at the present time, the indications are more promising than they have been in the history of the department at this time of the year.

The crop of hay has been so large that the farmers have been unable to house it. In certain parts of the province the farmers sent for people in the neighboring towns to carry away the hay for nothing.

A crop bulletin will be published in a short time.

AN OLD JOURNALIST DEAD.

R. Jaffray, Esq., Late Publisher of the Galt Reporter, Died on Monday.

GALT, Ont, July 4.—Richard Jaffray, of the late firm of Jaffray Bros., publishers of the Galt *Reporter*, whom the firm consisted of Richard Jaffray and the late George J. Jaffray, died at his residence here this morning in the 65th year of his age. The deceased who has been a resident of Galt for 54 years, and Mayor of the town for two years, was greatly respected by all classes of the community. A widow and three grown-up daughters survive him.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

BANNOCKBURN.

The following is the Honor Roll for June for Bannockburn School:

V Class—A. McDonald, M. Watson.

IV Class—R. Brown, J. Henderson, F. Harding.

II Class—I. Denney, R. Watson, J. Dobbie.

Pt. II A—J. Mann and S. Mann, equal, F. Bristow.

Pt. II B—B. Mann, A. Henderson, S. Cole.

Pt. II C.—J. Lawson, W. Dobbie, L. Moffat.

Pt. I—M. McDonald, H. Mitchell, S. Watson.

MISS MCNAIR, Teacher.

ROCKWOOD.

A number of the young people had a boating party on the river last Wednesday evening. About forty went down the river and after having lunch returned home in boats by moonlight.

A reception was held at the parsonage to welcome the new minister last week. The Rev. Mr. Holden entered upon his duties as pastor last Sunday.

Mr. E. J. O'Connor is home from Buffalo for holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Daws, of Woodstock, visited Mr. D. Stewart last week.

The Sunday School excursion on Tuesday was fairly well attended. The weather was fine and a very enjoyable day was spent. About four hundred and fifty bought tickets from Rockwood and a number at Acton.

CREWSONS CORNERS.

The farmers in this vicinity have commenced haying. It is a good crop this year.

Our boys returned home from camp at Niagara on Saturday. They report having had a good time and thoroughly enjoy military life. The 20th Battalion won the honors in the march past on 1st July.

Quite a number from here took in the Eramosa Sunday School excursion to Toronto on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Cripps wheeled to London on a business trip on Monday.

Messrs. J. and C. A. Ramshaw spent Sunday in Lowville.

Councillor A. J. and Miss Florence Murray, of Acton, spent the 1st with Mr. and Mrs. John Murray.

Master Johnnie Ramshaw, of Lowville, is spending his holidays with friends here.

LORNE.

The Honor Roll of Lorne School for June is as follows:

The numbers give the per cent. of each pupil.

Class IV Senior—Lexie Gamble, 90; Iva Cleave, 77.

Class IV Junior—Nellie Brown, 81 Harry Reid, 78

Class III Senior—Willie Reid, 94; Willie Snyder, 68; Annie Quantic, 75.

Class II Senior—Dollie McDonald promoted to Class III.

Class II Junior—Hazel Gibbons, 90; Edith Plank, 84; Gracie Brown, 70: Herbert Allan, 77; Hugh Allan, 70:

Class I—Chester Plank, 93; Maggie Dennis, 87; Jennie Allan, 70; Herbert Brown, 78.

Promoted June 30th, from Class III to Class IV. Marks required 405:

Willie Reid, 566; Annie Quantic, 514; Harriet Lasby, 498; Willie Snyder, 443.

J. MCDONALD, Teacher.

MILTON.

The 13th Batt. band will play at a garden party to be held in Palermo on July 28th.

Mr. Chas. Wilson, who was operated on for appendicitis about three weeks ago is rapidly improving and will soon be about again.

Hiram Hill, who lived at Pern up to a week ago, has moved to Toronto, where he has been engaged as manager for the Conger Coal Co.

The annual excursion and Sunday School picnic of Grace church was held on Tuesday to Burlington.

A large number of Major Fox's neighbors and friends attended at the raising of his large barn in Trafalgar on Saturday. The building was successfully raised, but several accidents marred the day's proceedings. Through the breaking of a chain Wm. Stark, of Esquesing, lost his balance and fell from the top of the floor of the barn, a distance of about twenty feet, alighting on his feet breaking one leg and some of the cords of the other. He was badly bruised and shaken up and it will be some time before he will able to be about. John Bussell, from near Hornby, was also badly hurt by a fall. A falling pike pole gashed James Cottrell, of Esquesing in the leg, necessitating several stitches, and Neil Patterson of Esquesing had his hand badly jammed. Major Fox was absent at the front with the volunteers.—*Champion*.

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE.

Suffered From Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism—Was Becoming Despondent When Aid Reached Him.

From the Journal, St. Catharines.

One of the most recent witnesses about Fonthill and vicinity regarding the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is John F. Price, who is widely known in the Niagara District as he has been on the road as an advertiser and canvasser for six years, and has thousands of acquaintances. His complete cure has added fresh lustre to the reputation of this great medicine. Hearing of Mr. Price's suffering and restoration, a history of his case was requested. His story is:—"I am 26 years of age and have been afflicted with rheumatism for seven years. At times I have been unable to get my clothes on or off without assistance and have often been compelled to have my food cut for me at table. In the winter of 1897 I was attacked with la grippe which settled in my kidneys. I then became so ill that I was compelled to abandon all employment. At that time my liver and kidneys combined in what seemed to be their last attack. I used several medicines and doctored in Buffalo and St. Catharines without getting any relief, so my confidence in medicine was about gone. I was getting no rest day or night and was becoming despondent, finally I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did so and have used in all eight boxes, and am now able to state that I feel better than in the past ten years. These pills are the nearest to a specific of any thing I ever used, and they are the cheapest and best medicine I ever tested, having thoroughly reached my case and effected a cure. I feel so gratified for the relief I have obtained that I think it my duty to publicly make this statement. If all who are suffering will give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills an honest trial, I am sure they will be as enthusiastic in their praise as I am.

SWEEPING SALE

OF

SUMMER GOODS

We purpose making a great Clearing Sale during the month of June, of Summer Goods. This will be a great opportunity to get seasonable goods at a third less than the regular price. Our stock comprises all the Latest in Summer Wash Fabrics, Organdie Muslins, Swiss Muslins, Victoria Lawns, English and American Dress Prints, Sateens, Black Dress Goods, Black Brocaded Lustres, the latest novelty of the season. We have them in the newest designs. All these in Black are the famous Priestly's Brand and confined exclusively to ourselves in Georgetown.

Blouse Silks

In delicate colors and select styles. The very latest.

Gloves

Pure Silk Taffeta Lisle and Lace Mits in all sizes.

Ribbons, Laces

In all widths, colors and prices.

We are making a specialty this season of

Ladies' White Underwear

These goods we are selling very close. In fact, cheaper than the material alone can be bought for.

A magnificent assortment of Ladies' Shirt Waists, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, House Wrappers, etc.

We have a very large assortment of fine

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Ladies, it will pay you to inspect these goods before making your purchases.

Fine High-Class Tailoring.

In this department the stock has lately been assorted in all the latest novelties for the summer trade comprising fine Scotch Cheviots, Cassimeres, English Tweeds, Fine Trouserings, Fancy Vestings, etc.

The high standard of the style, fit and finish of the work turned out of this establishment by Mr. Miller has given it an enviable reputation throughout the whole country. We employ none but first-class workmen, we use none but the best trimmings, no garment is allowed to go out unless perfectly satisfactory to the customer. If you are not one of our customers a trial order will convince you that what we say are facts.

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WESTERN FAIR LONDON

Will Celebrate Its Silver Jubilee With this Year's Exhibition.

This great Live Stock and Agricultural Show, is perhaps the most successful in Canada to-day. The increase in the number of exhibits has been simply marvellous. Each year the directors are called upon to extend the buildings to accomodate the additional demand for space.

There has been 70 box stalls added this year. The carriage building has been increased by over 5,000 square feet. The main building, having been too small for some years past, is to have a much needed extension to the south, of 50 x 160 feet which will be used as an "art annex," being specially prepared and arranged for the display of oil paintings and decorative art. This will enable the management to rearrange the spaces in the building proper to accomodate the demands of manufacturers and inventors. The original intention was to increase the machinery hall also, but the directors find it impossible to accomplish this and they have laid it over for next year.

Several important additions have been made in the live stock classes, and a number of handsome specials offered by Breeders' Associations.

London, the home of the "Western Fair" being situated in the heart of an agricultural and stock raising district, has always been favored by a large attendance of the yeomen of Ontario, as well as their friends from far and near. This year, owing to the present agricultural prospects, it is expected to be a record breaker.

The prize list to hand proclaims this to be their Silver Jubilee. It is now thirty years since the first western fair was held, but on five occasions the Provincial Association demanded the right to hold their fair in London, so this is actually the twenty-fifth consecutive exhibition of the Western Fair Association. The dates are September 8th to 17th, and a general invitation is all.

The Secretary has been notified by the railway companies that exhibitors must have a certificate from him to get the advantages of the special return freight rates allowed, and at the time of reshipping later would not be of any use. Exhibitors will therefore require to bear this in mind.

The special features will be advertised in this paper later, but it goes without saying they will be good.

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Diamond Dyes are the popular dyes in every home of the civilized world. They are sure and reliable under all circumstances, giving the choicest, most brilliant and most lasting colors.

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They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

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Ask for Carter's,

Insist and demand

Carter's Little Liver Pills.

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This week we offer all our Dress Goods Remnants at exactly half price. There are some good lengths in this pile and some bargains are to be had which cannot be offered later.

Job Lines of Shirt Waists

Lines of Shirt Waists partly sold out and assortment of sizes somewhat broken will be cleared out at prices below the cost of production. Don't wait for the hot spell but be ready for it.

Muslins

A large assortment of Colored Muslins at greatly reduced prices Genuine Organdie Muslins only 15c. A full assortment of colored linings.

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IN consideration of the splendid efforts put forth by Firemen and citizens during the disastrous fire which destroyed our business properties last Wednesday, we, the undersigned, desire to express our sincerest thanks to all concerned for their efforts. We also desire to say that we appreciate more fully than can be expressed in cold type the many kind expressions of sympathy in our loss, which have been so freely tendered by our fellow-citizens, since this disaster came upon us.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of William H. Adams, of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Merchant Tailor.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named William H. Adams has made an assignment to me for the benefit of his Creditors. A meeting of Creditors will be held at my office in the said Village of Acton on Monday, the 11th day of July, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the appointment of Inspectors and giving directions for the disposition of the estate. Creditors are required to file their claims with me, duly proven on or before said date.

R. J. MCNABB,
Assignee.

Dated this 28th day of June, 1898.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Statute in that behalf that Creditors and others having claims against the estate of William Hyslop Storey, late of the Village of Acton, in the county of Halton, deceased, who died on or about the sixth day of March, 1898, are required on or before the 20th day of August, 1898, to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, one of the executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their names, addresses, and description and full particulars of their claims, and of the securities (if any) held by them and that the executors will after the said 20th day of August, 1898, proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto and having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person whose claim he shall not have notice of at the time of such distribution. Dated at Acton the 20th day of June, 1898.

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