

BORN.
GALBRAITH—In Fergusson, on Saturday, Dec. 24th, the wife of John R. Galbraith, of a daughter.

FRASER—At Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, N. W. Territories, Dec. 1st, 1899, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton T. Parker, son.

MARRIED.

MOORE—Wardley—At Norval, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1899, to Miss J. A. Wardley, of the village of Moore.

SWITZER—Inverness—On Wednesday, Dec. 28th, at the Methodist Parsonage, Inverness, Mr. D. Switzer, the son of the late Rev. William Irwin to his beloved wife, Mrs. Mary North.

MCNAMARA—Thurso—At the residence of Mr. McNamara's father, Nepean, on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, 1899, to Miss Elizabeth A. McNaughton, daughter of Mr. Geo. C. Thompson.

DIED.

HOLMES—In Etobicoke, on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, 1899, to Mrs. J. Holmes, aged 70 years.

BRUNTON—At Durban, on Monday, Jan. 1st, 1899, the wife of the late Mr. John Brunton, aged 50 years.

KENNEDY—At her home, Eight Street, Acton, on Saturday morning, Jan. 1st, 1899, Miss Murphy, wife of John Kennedy Esq., aged 20 months.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1899.

ANOTHER PROTEST ENTERED.

A protest was filed at Dogwood Hall, Toronto, Tuesday morning against John R. Barber, as member of the Legislature, for Halton. The usual charges are alleged. W. J. Thwaites is the petitioner.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Ernestus Wiman, now in London, says the annexation of Canada to the United States is impossible; so is commercial union. Mr. Wiman also says that Canada is the Empire's granary, and can easily supply Britain with free timber, coal and fish.

The Herald is glad to be able to support Mr. George Havill, of Acton, for the Wardship for 1899. Last year Mr. H. E. Lawson should have been Ward, and would have been for 1899, had he desired it. It was hardly Esquisses' turn, but Mr. Lawson deserved it on account of his being his turn. The honor, this year, should unquestionably go to Mr. Havill, and the village he represents—Georgetown Herald.

It is said that the Government has in contemplation the early appointment of a committee to revise the constitution of the provinces for the next election. The ten years period from the previous revision lapsed in 1890, and one of the last acts of the Conservative Ministers was to appoint a committee of revision. The order was not carried out by their successors; however, as that is now 18 years since, the statutes were last revised.

Great Britain has 418,154 miles of colonial possessions not counting India containing 50,000,000 people. She has a regular army about 147,000, costing nearly \$100,000,000 a year. The United States have 110,000,000 square miles of colonies, containing 100,000,000 people and a protectorate of 41,000 square miles with 1,000,000 people and it will require the War department estimates, close on \$200,000,000 to keep up an army to regulate them.

The Acton Free Press nominates Mr. Havill for the Wardship for 1899. The Reformer begs to second the nomination, for the reason that Mr. Havill is the oldest county councillor who has not accepted that position. Owing to so many of the old members retiring this year, there will be four new faces at the board for the ensuing year, and it would be rather an unprecedented occurrence to see a new member step right into the Warden's chair without first serving his time as a councillor. For that reason, that, and also from the fact that it is a long time since a representative from Acton in the Warden's chair, Mr. Havill changes the name of the bright idea. We believe, also, that Mr. Havill would make a very capable preceding officer, so that, putting all these things together, we confidently expect to see Acton's representatives honored with the position by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Canada's future is a subject which has been tabooed for some time, but is again to the front—in enlarged proportions. Again it is a question between the United States and Great Britain. In the January number of the Canadian Magazine three articles are devoted to a discussion of our foreign relations. Jack Canuck points out that our sales to the United States are increasing like our purchases, while on the other hand our purchases from Great Britain are increasing, while exports to the Motherland are increasing. His well-handled statistics are startling. R. E. Kingston makes an impassioned appeal to great Britain not to neglect Canada in seeking United States friendship. He admits that Canada loves Great Britain and British institutions, but maintains that if British neglect makes Canada restive, that there will be an end of British rule on this continent. The third article is by Robert McConnell, editor of the Halifax Morning Chronicle. He makes an attack on the policies of the United States, pointing out that they are actively endeavoring to force Canada into submission to the United States—daughters of a common liberty—to work out their separate destinies without being jealous of each other or envying each other's prosperity and birthright.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New Members Continue to be Enrolled—Membership Now 185.

The monthly meeting of the Free Library Board was held on Monday evening, Members present: J. B. Pearson, chairman; Rev. H. A. Macpherson, John Cameron, T. E. Moore, and H. P. Moore.

The Librarian's report for December was presented as follows:

Membership December 1st..... 125

Enrolled in December..... 5

Total present enrollment..... 130

Books taken out during the month 807, as follows: History, 77; biography, 6; voyages, 41; science, 7; general literature, 40; poetry, 2; fiction, 119; religious, 11. Cash receipts: catalogues and cards, 95 cents; fine, 40 cents; renewal cards, 15 cents; cost of book lost, 50 cents. Total, \$2.05.

Moved by T. E. Moore, seconded by H. A. Macpherson, that the report of the Librarian for the month of December be adopted.—Carried.

The fifth report of the Committee on Finance was presented. It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

Moved by James Clark, seconded by John Clarke, that the amount of fifteen dollars be appropriated to the library for 1899.

Moved by James Clark, seconded by H. A. Macpherson, that the report of the Librarian for the month of December be adopted.—Carried.

The fifth report of the Committee on Finance was presented. It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

Moved by James Clark, seconded by H. A. Macpherson, that the report of the Librarian for the month of December be adopted.—Carried.

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