

BORN.
Charles—In Esquinton on Friday, 13th February, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cripps, a daughter, **ADAMSON**—At Fairview Farm, Nassagawaya, on Tuesday last, the wife of J. W. Adamson of a son.

MARRIED.

FURNIER-FRÉONNEAU—At the Cobourg Street Methodist, Paris, Ontario, Brandon, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1909, to Wilson Fournier, to Ida May, daughter of the late Joseph Fournier of Brandon, Manitoba, and his wife, and son of the late father, on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, by Rev. Dr. Beaulieu, W. G. Hamond, son of Rev. Dr. Beaulieu, and his wife, of Brandon, Manitoba, all of Nassagawaya.

DIED.

MURRAY—In Tyron, on Monday, 6th February, Legion Murray, wife of John Murray, aged 31 years. **FONTEAUX**—At the house of his parents, Church Street, Acton, Thursday, January 29th, 1909, Alphonse, infant son of William Fonteau, aged 10 months.

LESLIE—At his residence, 100 Argyle Street, Acton, on Wednesday, 10th February, John R. Leslie, eldest son of the late Robert Leslie, Toronto.

ARMSTRONG—At Darbyville, Nassagawaya, on Saturday, 12th February, Mrs. Robert Darby, aged 70 years.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Hon Edward Blake will return to Canada to remain permanently in May. He will be given a banquet by the Irish Home Rule on his departure from the Old Land. Mr. Blake says he will not re-enter politics in Canada.

A bill is to be introduced into the Legislature which, after testing the fact that cities, towns and incorporated villages have the right to regulate the erection and maintenance of telegraph and telephone poles, will ask that townships be given similar power.

Advices from Dawson City say that at the first annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church it was unanimously decided to become self-supporting, from January 1st, 1899. This is the first and only congregation of any denomination in the Yukon to become self-supporting. It will proceed now to take steps to call a minister.

Mr. Andrew Patullo, M. P. P., has introduced three bills which are of importance to the people of this province. The first provides that the ballot shall not be used in municipal councils of any kind. He also asks that municipalities be prohibited from banning manufacturing industries under any circumstances. Two years ago an act was passed reducing the size of town councils of 5,000 inhabitants or less. Mr. Patullo asks that this act now apply to all towns.

Mr. James Tucker, the Patron member of the Legislature says that the resolution passed in the House a couple of sessions ago, which expressed dissatisfaction with civil servants participating in elections, has proved almost incident, and provincial officials are working in earnest to put an end to this. He has introduced a bill which provides that no official convicted of canvassing or working in provincial elections shall be fined \$200 and forfeit office for four years.

In the Bye-Election contest for the House of Commons in West Huron on Tuesday by the "Fate of Bob" — Robert Holmes, of Clinton, and Robert McLean of Goderich—Bob of the Clinton *New Era*, late president of the Canadian Press Association, was elected to be the front Bob. The *Free Press* congratulates Mr. Holmes upon his election and the riding of West Huron upon electing so worthy a representative. Mr. Holmes is an able public man. He is a splendid speaker, a man of fine presence, and his public record is one worthy of the sterling character he has shown. For five years in succession Mr. Holmes has been Mayor of his town. We predict that he will make his mark in the House of Commons.

BANNOCKBURN.

The following pupils earned positions on the roll of honour at the last monthly examinations at this school:

V. Class — Albert McDonald, Myrtle Watson.

IV Class — James Henderson, Rosalie Brown, Maggie Kennedy.

II Class — Bessie Mann, John Mann, Annie Henderson, Sandy Mann.

Scout — Alexander Mann.

I Class — Maggie McDonald.

Absent from examination — Fred Hardinge, Willis Watson, Ethel Cole, Ida Denney, Roy Watson, Harold Hardinge, John Dobie, Henry Dobie, Evert Denny, Sadie Cole, Mabel Moffat, Tess Moffat, Willis Dobbie, Herbert Mitchell, Shirley Watson, Ollie Moffat, George Moffat.

E. Evelyn McKeown, Teacher.

He who would pass his declining years with honor and comfort should, when young, remember that he may one day become old and remember that when he is old that he has been young once—Addison.

The seeds of the Philippines bean from the coast near Manila so closely resemble the quartz pebbles, among which they fall, in shape, size and color, later, hardness and stratification as to be almost indistinguishable.

A FISHERMAN'S TRIALS.
Exposure While at Sea Brought on an Attack of Scoliosis Which Caused the Most Excruciating Agony.

Mr. Geo. W. Shaw, of Sandford, N. S., follows the occupation of a fisherman, and like all who pursue this arduous calling is exposed frequently to severe weather.

Some years ago, in a period of exposure, Mr. Shaw was attacked by scoliosis, and for months suffered intensely.

He says the pain he endured was something astonishing, and he was not able to do any work for some months. His hip was drawn out of shape by the trouble, and the doctor who attended him said that it had also affected the spine. After being under the care of a doctor for several months without getting relief, Mr. Shaw discontinued medical treatment, and resorted to the use of plasters and liniments, but with no better results. He was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and finally decided to do so. After using them for a couple of weeks, he found a decided relief, and in about two months time every trace of the trouble had disappeared, and he has not since been troubled with any illness. Mr. Shaw says he occasionally takes a box of pills to ward off any possible recurrence of the trouble.

Those attacked with scoliosis should seek medical advice, and if the trouble does not yield to medical treatment, seek the services of Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brookville, Ont.

All of which have been carefully investigated,

adjusted, and paid, with the exception of one which is still outstanding. Many of the bills in our欠款 were not paid, and there were no doubt due to carelessness and inadvertence.

Signed, JOHN A. BOSS,
Inspector.

The Annual Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 14th.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held according to advertisement, in the office of the company, on Tuesday, the 14th of February, at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

The president, George Sleeman, was moved to the chair.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the minutes of last annual meeting be taken as read.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The president called on the secretary to read the report as follows:

GARNER—Your discussion began to give promise of a good financial report of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the year ending December, 1898.

The number of policies issued in the year was 1,649, and the number in force 2,000.

Before last hit, 1898, was \$4,194, having \$4,566,780.

We have to account the amount at risk lower than last year, the increase being caused by the removal of the city of Thorold and County of Essex, the latter of these places having proved unprofitable, and they have also ceased to write York Mills.

We have also had a large loss in account of the fire in October, November, December, 1897, and January, 1898, to the point of \$10,000.

The election of Directors was then pro-

ceeded with.

John J. Hobson, Vice President, was re-

-elected.

W. H. Gummere, Secretary, was re-

elected.

John A. Boss, Inspector, was re-

-appointed.

John J. Hobson, seconded by J. B. Weller, who had been a director for four years, was a valuable member, and was ever earnest in his desire to further the interests of the company. His removal was keenly felt by our directors, and we trust many of those who have had a share of the company during the many years of his management.

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