

NORN.
Near Georgetown on Tuesday, last March,
to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Norn, daughter.

DIRE.

WODDENS—In Erin, on Tuesday, March 12th.
Edward Wodden, aged 75 years.
McCOLLUM—In Georgetown, on Monday, 3rd
March, Mr. and Mrs. John McCollum.
HARMS—At Rockwood, early Easter Sunday
morning, April 2nd, John Richard Harris, in
his 70th year.
RUDDELL—In Brantford, suddenly, on Tuesday,
the 1st April, the wife of Francis Rudell, Rev.
KNOBSON—At the home of Andrew Murray
Murray, 100 Main Street, March, Myra
Murray, daughter of Edward K. Knobson,
aged 20 years.
GEORGE—At the residence of Mr. G. H. George,
Town Board, on Friday, Mr. H. George,
beloved wife of Rev. Wm. Savage,
Guelph, aged 59 years.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Government has announced that it will impose a tax on all mining corporations dealing in properties outside this Province who sell stock in Ontario. This is a blow at some of the British Columbia companies.

Mr. Andrew Patullo, M. P. P., has passed his bill, making it compulsory for municipalities to take a vote at the annual elections or any other time, on all questions of granting exemptions to manufacturers. A two-thirds vote for the electors will be necessary.

The Attorney-General introduced an amendment to the Municipal Act by which a town that has been robbed of an industry by another town may take proceedings to quash the law by which inducements have been extended to the manufacturer.

Here's a new way to make engagement with a teacher. At the last meeting of the Milton School Board it was moved by Thos. McDowell, seconded by D. M. Harrison, that Miss Edna Barber be engaged to teach the primary department at a salary of one dollar a day for each teacher day and carried.

The death in Rockwood, on Sunday of Mr. Richard Harris has been remarked as a strikingly co-incident with the recent loss. Action suffered a fatal attack in the lamented death of the late W. H. Stover. Both were said-made men, the founders of important manufacturing establishments, starting in their business proliy, and honored by communities in which their lives had played such important parts.

Slayton is evidently making satisfactory progress towards the consummation of its municipal waterworks scheme. The Slayton says: "Everything in connection with the waterworks goes on flourishingly. The water has been analyzed in Toronto, and the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health has written that it is remarkably pure in every particular. The words of the first advocates of the system have come true in the two most important particulars. The contract has been let for less than the sum specified in the by-law. The water has proved to be the best in the country."

Ontario leads in recognizing the value of agricultural education. A bill introduced into the legislature by Dr. Ross, minister of education, making the teaching of agriculture in the public schools compulsory after Sept. 1, 1899, is now a law. Educators in Canada are convinced that much good will come from this step and feel that a substantial advance has been made. School boards are authorized to employ qualified persons to teach agriculture, possibly by "lectures" mainly as first-hand experience.

Similar legislation is contemplated in the United States and Ontario's practical application of this law will be watched with interest. — *American Agriculturist*, New York.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.—
The Session Prorogued Saturday
Afternoon by Lieut.-Governor
nor Mowat.

TORONTO, April 1.—The Ontario Legislature was prorogued on Saturday afternoon by Sir Oliver Mowat. The proceedings were of a very formal character, and were witnessed only by a comparatively small number of persons. His Honor, clad in his gubernatorial uniform, arrived with characteristic punctuality, attended by his private secretary, Commander Law, and his A. D. C., Lieut. Elsley, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Sir Oliver Mowat appeared to have almost recovered from his recent spell of sickness, but supported himself as he walked in and out of the chamber upon a stout walking stick. His Honor was received at the main entrance to the Parliament Buildings by a guard of honor, composed of 100 men from the 4th Highlanders, under the command of Capt. Michie.

CRESCENT LACROSSE CLUB.—
The Prince of Wales' Down and
Excursions for the Coming Season.

To the Citizens of Acton:
The management of the Crescent Lacrosse Club which informs you in brief of the stand they are taking in putting out their team in the Canadian Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association for the coming season. Before asking your support we intend that you shall have implicit confidence in the ability of the management to carry the club through a successful campaign.

We find that during the summer months our town would be a dull place without wholesome amusement of some kind, and knowing that we have the material here to win, and that Actonians are lovers of "Our National Game," we have incurred the responsibility of bringing forward a team and hope to gain the support of every citizen.

We intend that the Crescents shall be an honor to Acton, and with this in view, the team shall be managed under strictly moral principles. There will be no rowdyism, swearing or immoral conduct of any kind. The members of the team will be prohibited from the use of beer. Please showing the financial standing of the club and the board will be open at all times for inspection in the regular place of business.

In closing we would say that we as a club are prepared to do our part faithfully and with the effort to make this an aristocratic lacrosse team here.

H. E. Macrae, President,
N. D. Miller, Vice-President,
President Lacrosse Club.

In bed for weeks.

Mr. Lewis, 100 Main Street, Acton,
Lester C. Lewis, 100 Main Street, Acton,
John C. Lewis, 100 Main Street, Acton.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Serious Charges made by Sir
Hubert Tupper of Corruption
in the Yukon.

Mrs. SIFTON MAKES EFFECTIVE
REPLY.

Orville, April 5.—The feature of the week has been the sweeping charges by Sir Hubert Tupper, in a seven hours' speech last Thursday, of misadministration and corruption in the Yukon. The charges were upon general lines and, while proofs were not given, Mr. Tupper explaining that to give names of informants would be prejudicial to the business interests of those concerned. The speech created quite a furor but the failure to give proofs, and the departure of Mr. Tupper for British Columbia before the Minister of the Interior had opportunity to reply, has discounted its effects very materially.

Mr. Sifton replied to the charges in a brief speech, after the Easter Monday Concert in Acton, in connection with the Yukon.

He made a strong defense of the Government's policies and the conduct of its officials in the Yukon, and took up the charges, most of them, indefinitely, made by Mr. Tupper, refuting and answering them with convincing facts and proofs.

In his speech he said: "The Government is responsible for the administration of the Yukon, with reasonable judgment, promptness and diligence. It does not claim to be perfect nor to be omniscient. It does not claim to be able to see into the hearts of men working in a remote region, to be able to judge not only of their actions but of their thoughts and motives. But it does claim to have exercised care, forethought and diligence in the selection of officials and in the framing of plans and instructions.

CANADIAN JOURNAL.

The election for the Dominion House in the city of Winnipeg will take place on April 30th.

The Government has under consideration the withdrawing of the greater part of the troops from the Yukon. There are 200 officers and men on the contingent. About 75 will likely be left at Dawson and the remainder recalled.

ROCKWOOD.

Our foremost citizen is gone and this community mourns the loss of one of its most prominent business man and employer of labor, and of an upright, honest, considerate Christian man. John Richard Harris is dead.

Mr. John R. Harris, the well-known proprietor of the Rockwood Woolen Mills, died at his home early Easter Sunday morning, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased had only been confined to the house about two weeks, and though it was evident from the first that he could not live, all the skill of the medical men he could, devise, was protracted. The cause of death is supposed to be the result of grippe. He settled in his head and was paralyzed and unconscious since Friday morning. The whole community has felt stunned at the death of this useful and universally esteemed resident.

Mr. Harris was a native of Rockwood, born there in 1837, and was the son of the late John Harris, who came to Canada from County Cork, Ireland, and settled at Rockwood away back in the thirties. The mother of the deceased was Jane Weatherald, a sister of the late Rev. William Weatherald, founder of the once famous Rockwood Academy. Mr. Harris died, April 26, 1898, last December.

Thirty-two years ago the Rockwood woolen mills were established by deceased in partnership with two brothers. In 1887 he became sole proprietor and has conducted the business with the assistance of his sons since, though the style of the firm has changed. Harris & Co. In all his business career he has been a strict interpreter, and in his model life has been benevolent and worthy of the confidence imposed in him, and the high esteem in which he was held by all his acquaintances. Though he was not a public man, and did not actively concern himself with political or municipal life, he was at all times able to give an intelligent opinion on questions agitating the public mind. He especially interested himself in the Rockwood Public School Board and was for fifteen years its most active member, and always on the alert to provide the best possible opportunities for the securing of a sound elementary education to the rising generation of the community.

Mr. Harris was a most consistent Christian man and an earnest and generous supporter of the church of his fathers, the Society of Friends. The closing year of his life gave marked manifestation of this, for in his deliberated plan of previous years were committed, and he gave the opening and dedication of his church personally the services for several months. This house of God will stand in the future years as a monument to his faithfulness and piety, one of the means with which God exalted him, for he was created and furnished largely with merits provided by himself and family. This little congregation of worshippers will ever revere the name of John Richard Harris and honor him with sainted memory.

Mr. Harris, widow of deceased, and four sons, grew up and well trained in the business of their father, survive him. The son-in-law, Charles, Edward and Richard, are worthy young men and they "rise up and call their father blessed." In their experienced hands the business interests will continue without interruption.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was attended by the community at large, and many friends paid their respects. Mrs. John T. Hobson, A. V. H. Jones, Robert Cunningham, and J. W. K. Egerton, George, Major Morris, M. P. E. Erasmus, William Horrop, Eden Mills, H. E. P. Moore, Acton; also a number of friends from Toronto and other places.

The church will be open indefinitely to accommodate the number of worshippers to attend the funeral services. The services will be conducted by Rev. M. Hobson, of Youth Hill, of Princeton, Ontario, and Rev. W. H. Holden, J. A. C. Crichton, H. V. D. Gordon, Rev. Mr. Steele,牧师 from Peterborough, in the interest of the church.

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EASTER MONDAY CONCERT.

Knox Church Filled to the Doors
on Monday Evening.

At their first visit to Acton in connection with the Easter Monday Concert in Knox Church, Prof. and Miss Kelly were accorded a most cordial reception, the church being filled to the doors with an appreciative audience. In their various numbers the selections were varied in character and all pleasing. Mr. George Hyndman, in his usual happy manner, presided.

After singing the long metric doxology and prayer by the pastor, the following programme was given by Prof. Kelly and his gifted daughter:

1. Song—*"Will O' the Wisp."*
Prof. Kelly.

2. Duet—*"Mandolin and Guitar."*
Miss Kelly and Prof. Kelly.

3. Song—*"The March of the Cameron Men."*
Prof. Kelly.

4. Duet—*"Guitar and Mandolin."*
Prof. Kelly and Miss Kelly.

5. Song—*"The Old Church Bell."*
Guitar accompaniment.
Prof. Kelly.

6. Duet—*"Mandolin and Guitar."*
Miss Kelly and Prof. Kelly.

7. Song—*"I'm Getting Old, I'm Thinking."*
Prof. Kelly.

8. Guitar Solo—*"Spanish Retreat."*
Prof. Kelly.

9. Duet—*"Guitar and Mandolin."*
Prof. Kelly.

10. Song—*"A Hundred Years Since I Was A Boy At Sea."*
Prof. Kelly.

11. Addition to the above Prof. and Miss Kelly responded generously to repeated encores, the result in each case being very gratiously complied with. Mr. Kelly and his wife have been very popular in the city of Guelph, and have been invited to sing at the 25th anniversary of the Golden Medical Discovery cure these past twenty years. I have had to use crutches for nearly two years. I can eat and sleep like a school boy. I think I have had much faith in Dr. King's New Discovery. It has been a splendid remedy. The people are the only true tonic medicine. They do not purge and then further weaken the unfeasted constitution. These pills make rich, red, energy-given blood; and transform listless, tired and worn-out men and women into smiling, healthy, happy work-loving people.

E. S. Sims, of the Salvation Army, King's

Corps, writes: "At the time I ordered some

of Dr. King's Pink Pills I was

very ill for some time.

At intervals in the course of my