

MARRIED.
Clemence—Dow in Ferguson on Wednesday. James Dow, 57, of Chow, Gravenhurst, brother of the bride, Rev. J. C. Cranston, rector of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 30 Washington Street, Peterborough, on June 21st, by Rev. Mr. Elwin J. Walton Pursell, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Wm. Ramsay, merchant, of Almonte, Ontario.
CLEMENTS—DEACON.—At "Almonte," Milton, Ontario, on June 21st, by Rev. Mr. W. Bradford Clements, hardware merchant, to Bertha Frances Deacon, M. E., daughter of Mr. Deacon, T. H., Mayor of Milton.

DIED.

Braaten.—On Wednesday, June 21st, Archibald Braaten, aged 83 years and 6 months.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1899.

CANADA'S NATAL DAY.

Confederation was consummated on July 1st, 1867, and the people of this good Dominion will consequently celebrate its thirty-second anniversary next Saturday. With this anniversary there comes to Canada a consciousness of the strength of the country.

On the whole it must be said that the expectations of those who founded Confederation have been realized; if the hopes of some of the more sanguine have not been fulfilled, the doubts and fears of others have not been realized. In the Confederation debate in the British as well as in the Canadian Parliament, it was mentioned that Great Britain was at a cost of nearly a million sterling a year for the defence of the scattered Canadian colonies. The Dominion in that respect is now entirely self-sustaining.

It has by the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific systems established complete railway communication from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and for the next decade railway development is likely to take the form of a series of lines having the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and the national waterways for their base, and stretching out into the mining lands, the forests and the wheat fields of the north. In these regions there is potential wealth which will increase speedily and more valuable the population of the United States. In this way, as the natural resources of that country are drawn upon for feeding and for the raw material of manufacturing.

In our mineral, agricultural and timber resources we possess the key to the situation, and so long as these are not dissipated we have no need to hide our heads.

We shall be glad to enlarge our market,

and hope are entertained that she will soon be home again.

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Moved by John Clarke, seconded by J. Murray, that in consequence of the performance of the duties of the engineer of the Fire Brigade not being considered satisfactory to this Council the clerk notify him that his services are no longer required.—Carried.

This resolution was carried unanimously, each member of the Council expressing himself in favor of the motion.

An application from the Chief of the Fire Brigade for a number of pairs of mukluk boots was put in.

Moved by John Clarke, seconded by J. Murray, that the Chief of the Fire Brigade be authorized to purchase twelve pairs of mukluk boots for the use of the brigade.—Carried.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS.

The forty-first month of June is pre-eminently suited to the sturdy farmer's pleasant recreation, for, save from their enjoyable natural surroundings, at all times, there is that relaxation from toil succeeding the laborious work of sowing, and preceding the equally laborious work of the harvesting. Therefore it is not to be wondered at that so much advantage was taken of "the Halton Farmer's Institute excursion to the O. A. C. last Saturday. From all parts of the county they came, a robust, jolly, intelligent lot of people, providers for the masses, and with the people who cannot be done without.

We have then, excellent reason for national pride and a reasonable degree of independence of spirit, and Dominion Day will be celebrated by all good Canadians with gratitude and hymn.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In the American Mountain Review of Review for July the editor reviews the work of delegation at The Hague up to date, presenting the latest phase of the arbitration question, with some consideration of its bearings on the present international situation.

Mr. J. E. Barber, M. P. P., has already proved himself a valuable member of the Legislature. In connection with the printing contract for one thing we believe he has been able to give the Government information which will lead to an improved supply and great saving in the future. In other directions, too, his first-class business ability has enabled him to render much practical service to the Province. In fact, Halton never had a more promising representative than Mr. Barber. For such reasons the withdrawal of the petition against him, because there was no evidence to offer, will be hailed with very general satisfaction—Guelph Mercury.

In the House of Commons last Friday Mr. D. H. Henderon moved, for this country, the abolition of the Postmaster General's office, whereby, it is believed, the Post Office of the Dominion would be relieved of the care of letters from the rest of the world. Considerable interest was manifested that enough of the members of the House, at least, supported him in his proposal. The amount of \$100,000,000, it is estimated, would be saved in the management of the post office, and the Postmaster General replied that the financial saving post had been received, but gave no assurance that the loss could be made good to the parties who mailed their money in good faith. This was an unusual case, not likely to be repeated at any other point, and the Postmaster General would certainly be surprised in complying with Mr. Henderson's request.

THE KLONDIKE'S WEALTH.

The Season's Clean-up will amount to at least \$10,000,000.00.

See Falconer, June 11.—A letter from Dawson, dated May 28th, says the clean-up for the present season will amount to at least \$10,000,000., more than twice last year's yield. The increase is due to the fact that Dominion, Sulphur and Hudson creeks, which were practically worked out, have been developed to considerable extent, with favorable results, as the local claims do not extend beyond the 1000 ft. level. The new finds will really increase the total production. Gold dust, which is the chief product, is now worth \$1000 per ounce, and the price of gold has risen above surrounding districts.

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