BORN.

CARTY—In Esquesing, on Tuesday, 28th Nov., to Mr. and Mrs. David Carty, a son—stillborn.

MARRIED.

ROBINSON—NIBLOCK—On Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at the residence of the bride's mother, 109 Mutual St., Toronto, by the Rev. J. Hughes-Jones, Thos. Argle Robinson, eldest son of County Councillor Robinson, Streetsville, to Miss Niblock, Toronto.

DIED.

HAMBRIDGE—At Everton, on Wednesday, 29th November, Freddie, son of Mr. Hambridge, aged three years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 7, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. C. Kloepfer, the present member of the House of Commons for South Wellington, was again nominated as the standard-bearer of the Conservative party at the convention held in Guelph last week. Mr. Kloepfer is a strong man with his party in that riding.

The Dominion Government has done well with its telegraph lines from Bennett to Dawson. It has completed the line of 740 miles at a cost of $137,000, or $180 per mile, whereas the estimates of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. for the work was $350 and of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. $400 per mile respectively. The Government is operating the line at a profit. Thirteen thousand dollars in tolls for a single month's business is fairly good earnings for a telegraph line running through a district whose population is approximately estimated at 15,000.

Members of the New York State Commission who have visited Chicago and other western cities to secure testimony from many prominent shippers regarding the decline in New York commerce, and the best means whereby the State can regain its lost trade, have returned to New York. Considering the attitude assumed by the trunk line railroads, it was the unanimous expression of Chicago shippers that the salvation of New York commerce rested upon the manner of the States' improvements of its canals. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that unless the Erie canal were so enlarged as to accommodate boats of 30,000 bushels capacity, the improved Canadian canals would steadily increase the exportation of grain via Montreal and Quebec.

CREWSONS CORNERS.

Christmas in three weeks, and the best present you can give a friend is the FREE PRESS for 1900. It is one of Canada's brightest and newest papers and will make anyone happy who receives it.

Mr. Jas. Ramshaw is building a new paint shop in connection with his blacksmith shop. When completed he will have an up-to-date shop.

Quite a few from here attended the Sunday School convention in Rockwood on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Samuel Armstrong, of Parry Sound, is visiting his brother, John Armstrong.

Mr. J. Armstrong and his brother S. are visiting friends in Shelburne.

A number from this vicinity intend taking in the Fat Stock Show at Guelph this week.

The special services held in the Methodist Church for the past three weeks, by Rev. S. W. Holden, assisted by Evangelist Crittenden, of Tara, were concluded on Sunday evening. During the services great good has been done, not only here, but also at the Brick Church, and as the fruits of their labor quite a number have taken their stand for Christ, and, we believe that all who attended the services received great and lasting benefit from them. During his stay here Mr. Crittenden has made many warm friends who all join in wishing him success in his future labor in the vineyard of the Master.

A meeting is called for next Tuesday night with the view of either organizing an Epworth League or a Bible Reading Society in the Methodist Church here. Which ever may be organized we wish it every success as it is just what the church needs.

By the breaking of a draw-bar three cars were wrecked and traffic on the G. T. R. was delayed several hours at this place last Thursday morning. One car loaded with furniture for the T. Eaton Co., Toronto, was reduced to kindling wood as was also a car of sheep. Curious to say though the car was totally wrecked the sheep escaped without a scratch. The auxiliary crew from Stratford had the road cleared in about three hours.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Scoin, of St. Thomas, are spending their honeymoon at their cousin's, Mr. J. Walker's. On Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Walker held a reception in honor of the bridal couple. A large number from this vicinity were present and it is needless to say that they were highly entertained, as the genial host and hostess' hospitality is a household word in this neighborhood. The night was spent n games and various other amusements. The party broke up in the early hours of the morn, everyone wishing Mr. and Mrs. Scoin every success and happiness in their future life.

Mr. Geo. Cann spent several days during the past week with friends in Luther.

Mrs. Johnson and Miss Johnson, of Burlington, are visiting at Mr. J. Soper's.

Mr. F. Gray, of Hillsburg, spent a few days last week at his son's, Mr. W. T Gray's

Miss H. Ramshaw, of Guelph, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. A. Kentner and family, of Baltinfad, spent Sunday at Mr. N. Forbes'.

Mr. T. Ramshaw, of Lowville, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. R. Gibbons, who had her foot injured by a nail, is improving.

The public examination in School No. 9, in Nassagaweya, on Friday last, was very successful. Quite a number from here attended and took part in it.

Two great foes of the church—the golden calf and the leathery oyster.

We begin to backslide the moment we think we have religion enough.

Keeping too much in the pocket will keep God out of the heart.

Atheism is the husks on which the devil would fatten his swine.

Faith is a light that never goes out.

Catarrh.

Statistics prove that 97 per cent. of our population is effected with some form of Catarrh, but since Catarrhozone, the new air treatment for Catarrh and kindred diseases, has been introduced, this percentage has decreased. Catarrhozone never fails to cure Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Hay Fever, and is warranted to cure the most chronic cases of these diseases, even after all else has failed. It cures by inhalation. No danger, no risk, pleasant to use. For sale at all druggists or direct by mail, price $1.00. For trial outfit send 10c. in stamps to N. C. Polson & Co., Box 500, Kingston, Ont.

HOTTEST BATTLE ON RECORD AT MODDER RIVER.

Boer Gen. Cronje Thought his Position Impregnable, but it Was Captured in 14 Hours.

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT SENT TO THE FRONT.

The great battle at Modder River, referred to in last week's FREE PRESS, was the most eventful of the campaign. According to the latest accounts of the battle, the Boer fire was the hottest on record, and will revolutionize existing theories. It was effective up to 1,000 yards, but the casualties among the prone troops were trifling. It was found impossible to bring the British ammunition reserves to the firing line. For the past three or four days news has been exceedingly meagre, the war office censor controlling all wires. The following particulars have, however, been gleaned from time to time.

LONDON, Dec. 6—Despatches of the past few days give detailed particulars of the great battle fought at Modder River last Wednesday. The general opinion of the staff is that there has never been such a sustained fire in the annals of the British army as that which our troops had to face at that battle. Gen. Methuen's men fell in dozens while trying to rush the bridge. It was the severest engagement of the whole campaign. The battle was waged fiercely for nearly fourteen hours for the most part in a blazing sun and without food or water. The enemy occupied a strongly entrenched position on the north side of the river, their front extending five miles along the bank of the stream. They were well supplied with artillery, and fought desperately.

FEARFUL STORM OF BULLETS.

There was a brief lull in the enemy's operations, of which the General immediately took advantage. Our infantry advanced across the plain towards the river in two brigades. The Guards on the right were met with an awful hail of bullets from the enemy's sharpshooters posted close to the river, on the opposite banks. Our troops had no cover whatever, and were simply mowed down. It seemed impossible to live through the terrible fire, but the brave fellows did not retreat an inch. The Boer fire was horribly accurate and they must have numbered at least 10,000.

FROM DAYBREAK TILL DARK.

The battle started at daybreak, our guns shelling the Boers' left. The enemy replied with artillery, Hotchkiss and Maxims, and the artillery duel lasted some hours. The Scots Guards advanced 600 yards before they were fired upon. Then they had to lie down to escape the deadly fusilade which lasted without intermission throughout the day. The Highlanders made several attempts to force a passage of the river, but they were exposed to such a murderous enfilading fire that they had to retire, after they had suffered terribly. Subsequently a party of the Guards got over and held their own for hours against a vastly superior force. The British, according to last accounts, drove the enemy across the river, compelling them to retreat, and established themselves on both banks.

TERRIBLE LOSS ON BOTH SIDES.

The British guns kept up a heavy fire all day, and fearful havoc was wrought in the Boer positions, the enemy being forced to fly from their entrenchments. Night put an end to the terrible bloodshed. The Infantry Brigade was dreadfully cut up. The Boers retreated at night, taking their guns with them, and we are now occupying their positions. The enemy's loss was tremendous.

The list of casualties in Lord Methuen's forces were, total casualties 488, of which 78 were killed. This is not so bad as expected when the terrific fighting occurred during the 14 hours before the Boers left their entrenched position. It is said that Lord Methuen is taking a rest after his three fights in seven days, when upwards of 1000 men of his 7000 men were placed hors de combat.

BRITISH LOSSES UP TO DATE.

The following table shows the number of men reported as killed, wounded or missing in each engagement of the present Boer war:—

	Killed.	Wounded.	Captured.
Mafeking	30	75	22
Glencoe	48	219	208
Elandslaagte..	51	213	..
Crocodile River	2	3	4
Rietfontein ..	12	104	2
Kimberly	17	33	32
Ladysmith (bombardment).....	8	12	..
Fort Tobi	3	5	25
Farquhar's Farm	69	238	1,012
Belmont.....	50	247	..
Beacon Hill ..	18	64	9
Chiveley armoured train	3	26	68
Graspans	26	167	9
Modder River	47	391	7

This makes a total of killed 408, wounded 1806, and captured and missing 1964.

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

The Canadian Contingent was given the most enthusiastic reception upon their arrival at Cape town accorded any troops which have landed at South Africa. When the *Sardinian* was signalled from Table Mountain the popular enthusiasm became intense, and many hundreds of people made their way to the wharf to be first to cheer the bearers of the visible helping hand from distant Canada. The town was decorated with bunting in their honor. Sir Alfred Milner at Cape Town immediately cabled Lord Minto as follows: "Just said good-bye to Canadian contingent. All well and delighted to go to the front. People showed in unmistakeable manner appreciation and sympathy and help of Canada in their hour of trial. (Signed.) Milner.

The regiment has gone to the front to reinforce Gen. Methuen.

The Canadian Contingent are in good company. They will act in concert with the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders. A party of 59 Canadians remained at Cape Town, as the men had not passed the medical inspection. Private Deslauriers died third day out from Quebec of heart failure.

THE BOERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

It is believed that the Boers had occupied the position seven weeks before, and had spent the interval in fortifying and rendering it, as they considered, impregnable. They did not seem to fear to expend their ammunition, and their guns were well and smartly handled. Some of the Boer prisoners say that Gen. Cronje was in supreme command. He had to whip his men to prevent them from deserting, and, despite this, many threw down their rifles and fled. An Associated Press despatch from Durban says that persons arriving there from Pretoria assert that the Boers are full of confidence and are well prepared for a six months' seige of Pretoria.

SIGNS OF MAFEKING OVER.

There is good news at last from Mafeking, says the *Herald's* London cable news. It is reported that General Cronje has moved his commandoes south and that the siege is practically over, to the intense joy of the beleaguered garrison. Everything points to the substantial accuracy of this piece of intelligence.

COLENSO AND LADYSMITH

The latest news from Ladysmith is dated November 27. On that day the Boers again shelled the town, without causing serious damage. The situation continues practically unchanged there, but the garrison is anxiously awaiting relief. There is no fresh news of the British advance in Natal. It is known that five spans of the railway bridge at Colenso were blown into the river, but the road bridge apparently remains intact. Nothing is known regarding General Methuen's advance, but in many quarters it is believed that his arrival in Kimberley may be effected this week.

INSULTS TO THE QUEEN.

Ribald Songs Seized in Paris Because of Reflections Made on Her Majesty.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—The police, in addition to another seizure of copies of La Caricature, containing matter and illustrations grossly insulting to Queen Victoria, to-night seized copies of ribald song, entitled, "The Embarkation of the English," containing a drawing ridiculing Her Majesty. The song had been exposed in many shops and kiosks.

DREADED DIPHTHERIA.

ITS AFTER AFFECTS FREQUENTLY SHATTER STRONG NERVES.

Mr. S. McDougall Suffered for Years and His Doctor Told Him Recovery Was Impossible—Again Strong and Healthy.

Farmer and "Jack of all trades," is what Mr. Salter McDougall styled himself when interviewed by the *News* recently. Mr. McDougall resides at Alton, about ten miles from Truro, N. S., and according to his own statement has been made a new man by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When interviewed by the *News'* man, McDougall said:—"I am only too glad to give you any information you may want. Anything I can say will not be too good a recommendation for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Up to the year 1888," continued Mr. McDougall, "I had always enjoyed good health. At that time I had a severe attack of diphtheria, the after effects of which left me in a deplorable condition. I was troubled with a constant pain in my side, just below the heart, and at times, dizziness would cause me to throw up my hands and fall on my back or side. My face, hands and feet would swell and turn cold. In this condition I could not move hands or feet and had to be moved like a child. My appetite all but left me, and I got very little sleep. I was under the care of a doctor, but got nothing more than occasional temporary relief. Finally I got so low that they sent for my father to come and see me for the last time. This was in January, 1895. That night the doctor told my friends that he could do nothing for me and he doubted if I would live through the night. That night I took a severe fit of vomiting, and raised three pieces of matter, tough and leathery in appearance, and each about three inches long. The vomiting almost choked me, and it required two people to hold me in bed, but I felt easier after it. I was in this deplorable condition when I was urged by a neighbor to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a hopeless case but I decided to try them. When I told the doctor I was taking the pills he said they would do me no good: that I would never be able to work again. But he was mistaken, for the effect was marvellous. By March I was able to go out of doors, and could walk quite a distance. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until I had taken seventeen boxes, and they have made a new man of me. My health is better than it has been for twenty years, and notwithstanding the doctor's prediction, I am able to stand any amount of hard work. I attribute my new manhood and regained health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and gratefully recommend them to others in poor health.

If men could get to Heaven by hard work, how many loafers would soon be busy.

GENERAL DEBILITY and a "run down" state calls for a general tonic to the system, such is The D. & L. Emulsion. Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

ERIN.

The electric light is a long time coming, but it will surely be here now within a few weeks.

Messrs. Collier and Hamilton will shortly dissolve partnership.

Rev. Alfred Fowlie, who went out to British Columbia as a missionary, has been appointed to a field in the mountains, eighty miles from a railway.

Dr. W. McFerrin, a former resident of Garafraxa, now of Michigan, visited friends here this week.

The stores look very pretty in their Christmas dress.

Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo., writes: "When I look at my little boy I feel it my duty to write you. Perhaps someone will see my testimony and be led to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and be blessed in the same way. This is my fifth child and the only one born alive; the others have died from lack of nourishment—so the doctor said. I was not sickly in any way and this time I just thought I would try your 'Prescription.' I took nine bottles and to my surprise it carried me through and gave us as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that everybody who sees him wonders at him. He is so playful and holds himself up so well. I would like to see this in print for so many have asked me, 'Do you think those are the testimonials of the people, or has Dr. Pierce just made them up and printed them?'" This is one of over two hundred and fifty thousand similar letters which prove

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

ROCKWOOD.

Don't forget the school concert on the 8th. The event of the year in our town.

The infant son of Reuben Stump died on Saturday and was interred at the stone church cemetery on Sunday.

The new street lamps are a decided improvement and were much appreciated by the strangers attending the Sunday School Convention this week.

The annual Convention of Wellington County Sunday School Association held here on Tuesday and Wednesday was an occasion of great interest to the Sunday School workers, and especially to those of Rockwood and vicinity. The programme was of a character helpful and inspiring. Rev. W. H. Harvey, B. A., of Fergus, the President of the year, presided until the evening session on Tuesday, when his successor, Mr. Hugh Black, postmaster here, who was elected as the new President, took the chair. The other officers for 1900 are: Rev. W. H. Harvey, B. A., Fergus, 1st Vice.-Pres.; Mr. M. G. Dippell, Drayton, 2nd Vice.-Pres.; Rev. P. J. McLaren, Belwood, Business Sec.; Rev. A. J. Mann, Eramosa, Minute Sec.; Rev. C. E. Bolton, Belwood, Treasurer.

The report of the Secretary showed the schools of the nine townships to number 117; which are equipped with 952 teachers and officers, and have 8,493 scholars enrolled; 106 scholars united with the church, and $673.52 was raised for missions during the year.

The papers and addresses were of a very practical and timely character, and were presented by workers actively engaged in Sunday School effort, who were personally acquainted with the needs of the work.

The welcome extended by the people of Rockwood to the delegates, as voiced by Rev. Mr. Cranston in his address of welcome, and practically exemplified in the homes, was most cordial and highly appreciated.

Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Alma, preached able missionary sermons on Rockwood Circuit last Sunday for Rev. Mr. Hollen. His presentations of missionary interests was much enjoyed by the congregations which heard him. The circuit's missionary offerings this year are considerable in advance of last year.

IMMENSE INCREASE in the sale of the D. & L. Menthol Plaster evidence the fact that it is useful for all rheumatic pains, lumbago and lame back, pain in the sides, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

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Better value and larger assortment than ever before offered. American and English selections.

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Xmas Cards and Booklets.

The latest designs. See our 1900 Calendars.

Novelties.

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Fresh Oysters always on hand.

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John McQueen

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And, besides, every department throughout the store is fairly bristling with suggestions to the gift hunter.

It's none to early to be thinking about buying your Christmas presents. Of course the first choice, and the "comfortable" choice, is the best choice.

A Big Silk Sale.

We're making a big clearance in our Silk Department, and are offering many lines of Plain and Fancy Silks at a third to a half less than regular prices. Write for samples if you cannot come:

Plain Colored Corded Silks in a variety of shades:
Were $1.25, reduced to 60c
Were $1.75, reduced to 75c
Plain Colored Taffeta Silks in various shades, were $1.00, reduced to 60c
Colored Moires in many good shadings, were $1.75, reduced to ..60c
Fancy Taffetas, in a variety of striped designs, assortment of colorings:
Were 85c yard, now.....65c
Were $1 and $1.25, now 75c
Were $1.50 and $2, now $1.00
Remnants, a very large lot of them, suitable for fancy work (and Christmas is coming), also for trimmings, and some for waists, every conceivable shade almost, all at clearing prices,

Jackets Reduced.

25 Ladies' Jackets in Boucle cloth and Frieze, in black, fawn, navy and tweed effects, all in large sizes, selling at less than half price:
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Were $8, $6 and $6.50, now $3.00
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We've just received direct from England a large lot of Flannelettes in striped patterns, 33 inches wide, splendid qualities and all very special value—worth much more than the prices we ask—8½, 10, 12½ and 15c

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50 pairs of Unshrinkable White Wool Blankets, extra large size, 68 x 84 inches, with neat red or blue striped borders, excellent quality and very special value at, per pair $2.75

Good Warm Shawls.

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LOST on Tuesday, 21st November, in Acton, a tan hound, ears very large, six months' old. Finder will please return to ROBT. J. BILLS. Acton.

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A NUMBER of farms and village property for sale on easy terms. Apply to WM. HEMSTREET. Acton.

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I have had experience in the Tonsorial Art and am prepared to give every patron satisfaction.

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WANTED:—Tenders for chopping 1,000 cords of wood in bush known as Kinnaird's swamp, lot 22, 3rd line, Esquesing. Tenders may be for full amount or not less than 100 cords. Terms cash, when wood is measured in yard at Limehouse or Georgetown. Apply to WM. NEWTON, Limehouse.

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OF VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOTS IN ACTON.

PURSUANT to the instructions of the Executors of the estate of the late Samuel Denny there will be sold by Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer, by public auction on Saturday, 16th Dec., on the premises, at 2 o'clock, that very desirable residence on the corner of Mill and Wellington Streets in the thriving village of Acton. The property comprises lots 48 and 49 in Young's Survey. Upon lot 49 is erected a comfortable eight-room frame house of modern design, hard and soft water, good cellar, good stable, a number of fruit trees. The property is well fenced and in every respect desirable for a first-class residence. Terms of sale made known upon application to the undersigned, and will be announced on the day of sale.

W. H. DENNY, LAWRENCE HUNTER, } Executors.
Acton, December 4th, 1899.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of the Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Ismond, late of the village of Acton, in the County of Halton, wife of William Ismond, Esq., deceased.

PURSUANT to the Statues in that behalf notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of the said Mrs. Elizabeth Ismond, who died on or about the sixth day of June, A. D. 1899, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to otherwise deliver to Jas L. Warren, of the said village of Acton, executor of the said estate, on or before the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1899, a statement containing the name, address and particulars of their claims and of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration and take notice that after the last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been received as above required, and that the executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.

J. L. WARREN,
GEORGE HAVILL,
Executors.

Dated the 20th day of November A. D., 1899.

AUCTION SALE OF TIMBER BERTHS.

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,
(Woods and Forests Branch)
Toronto, Nov. 1st, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that under authority of Order in Council, TIMBER BERTHS as hereunder mentioned in the ALGOMA, NIPISSING and RAINY RIVER DISTRICTS, viz:—the Townships of BOWELL, FOY, HARTY, LUMSDEN, RYAN and part of MONCRIEFF, in the District of ALGOMA; the Township of NORMAN, part of CAPEROL, Berth No. 4 DAVIS, and the north part of the Township of WIDDIFIELD, all in the District of NIPISSING, and certain small areas in the District of RAINY RIVER, will be offered for Sale by Public Auction at the Department of Crown Lands, Toronto, at the hour of ONE o'clock p. m., on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTIETH day of DECEMBER next.

Sheets containing conditions and terms of Sale, with information as to Areas, Lots and Concessions comprised to each Berth, will be furnished on application personally or by letter, to the Department of Crown Lands or to the Crown Timber Offices at OTTAWA and RAT PORTAGE.

E. J. DAVIS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

N. B.—No unauthorized publication of his advertisement will be paid for.

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