

BORN.
COURTNEY—At View Bank Farm, Puellich, on Thursday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Courtney a son.

DIED.
CAMBELL—In Erie, on Tuesday, 24th December, Mrs. M. M. Cambell, wife of Malcolm Cambell, aged 74 years.

TOXEL—At 110 Woolwell St., Guelph, on Thursday, Dec. 7th, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Toxell.

WAGNER—In Trafalgar, on Monday, Nov. 27th, of heart disease, Mrs. John Wagner, in the 30th year of her age.

CAMPBELL—In Erie Village, on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, Mrs. M. M. Cambell, aged 74 years.

NOTICED—In Guelph, on Tuesday, December 25th, of complicated disease, Wm. E. McEwen, in the 30th year of his age.

WAGNER—At her residence, Lovellville, on Monday, December 25th, of heart disease, Mrs. Annie Wagner, in her 75th year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1899

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Financial News in an article on Colonial Government says that the credit of the Government of the Dominion of Canada stands higher than either the Australian or South African.

Hilton Council has enacted that hereafter the county municipalities will not be required to file with the assessment rolls with the county clerk other than once in three years.

The trade figures of the Dominion show a most gratifying expansion for the past year. The total imports amounted to \$102,764,000, being an increase of \$22,400,000 for the year. The exports decreased from \$104,152,000 to \$103,800,000 for the year.

Guelph Board of Education has by a small majority voted the use of the Collegiate Institute gymnasium for a dance on the 28th December, in opposition to a petition against it, signed by the majority of the city militia. Both the Mercury and Herald condemn the action of the Board.

Several exchanges, including the Milton Champion and Acton Free Press, are soliciting for their respective papers the evening nomination meeting this year instead of as heretofore, in the morning. This is a sensible idea, as it would increase the interest in the meetings and admit of many being present who would otherwise be detained.—Oxville Star.

Judging from the remarks of the members of the Municipal Council last Monday evening at the close of the proceedings, some of the present members are anxious for re-election. It looks as though the honorable positions so often sought after with zest in the past may go a-begging at the nomination on the 22nd inst.

Farmers in Ontario are not marketing their grain freely just now. The chief reason is the price quoted. They seem to be of the opinion that the market will improve later, and are holding their grain in the expectation of getting better prices for it. Prices at Ontario points at present compare very closely with those of last year at this date.

Canadian horses, suitable for artillery and cavalry service, are being quietly picked up throughout Ontario by dealers who see in the present condition of the English market a chance for easy sales and good profit. This will tend to increase their price at a rate equal to the prevailing high prices for cattle, and will give the industrial farmer still another chance to better his situation and to feel he is being enriched both by prosperous peace at home and all conditions abroad.

Owing to the action of the government in calling for a larger reserve on all business done by the several life insurance companies of Canada, it has been decided by all the companies in question that after January 1st, next, they will increase their rates on all new business written. This will in no way affect the insurance now in force. The increase will be three to six per cent. on all premiums written after this year. This action of the government in demanding a larger reserve will doubtless meet with hearty endorsement of the Canadian people, as by this means additional protection is given to the policy holders.

The attention of the Department of Island Revenue has been called to the frequency with which illness is attributed to the use of tinned foods as noticed in the newspaper press. As the use of such goods is on the increase, it is thought to be desirable that the facts as to that matter should be made known, so that steps may be taken to safeguard the health of consumers, and a circular has been issued to all medical men in Canada asking for information on the subject. The medical profession is asked to state whether any cases of illness apparently attributable to this source has come under their notice in recent years, whether the cases had terminated fatally, whether the symptoms pointed to miasma or to ptomaine poisoning. If the latter, the profession is requested to state whether the defect was owing to imperfect sealing of the cans or to slight change of composition in the contents on account of age. The profession is asked to make suggestions with a view to bettering existing conditions as regards tinned foodstuffs.

NEW BOOKS.
"A Double Thrust," by Ellen Thornycroft Fowler, author of "Concealing Isabel Caraby," Paper 70c. cloth \$1.25. William Briggs, Toronto. Miss Thornycroft Fowler has made a distinct advance, even upon her last book. Methodist readers must always regard "Isabel Caraby" with peculiar interest, and we shall not be surprised if they, enamored by the charm of that famous story, refuse to admit whether the new story is better than the old. We will not quarrel with them, but our own compels us to say that, in plot and thought, and even in the power of its Godliness, "A Double Thrust" is Miss Fowler's best piece of literary work.—The Methodist Recorder.

FEDERAL BY-ELECTIONS.
OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—It is probable that the writs for the Federal by-elections will be issued so that the polling can take place early in January. The lists for the vacancies have been received and are being printed.

THREE OPERATORS ILL.
OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Three operators are said to be very ill, and it is expected to take their turn again. They are Senators Gowan, of Galt, Sullivan, of Kingston, and Sir Frank Smith, of Toronto.

BRITISH SUFFER REVERSE

Gen. Gatacre Advanced on Stormberg, Dec. 11.—The 6000 British troops, including the 2nd and 3rd Divisions, and the 1st Cavalry, were defeated by the Boers on the 11th inst. The Boers captured 5000 rifles, 10000 rounds of ammunition, and 100000 lbs. of stores.

CANADIANS ARE AT THE FRONT.
Another very successful week has passed. During the past seven days the British forces met with reverses at one or two points, but have won victory at others, notably the sortie from Ladysmith by General White. Great battles may be expected within a few days, and both eastern and western points. It is believed that notwithstanding Gen. Buller's stubborn silence he is about ready to strike a blow which will mean disastrous defeat to the Boers. Gen. Methuen's forces are now victorious and a great battle is looked for at Magersfontein very shortly. The Royal Canadian Regiment has reached the front and is now with Gen. Methuen's troops.

CANADIANS AT THE FRONT.
OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The new good reason to believe that the Canadian special service battalion is intact once more. A telegram from Col. Otter, which reached the Militia Department to-day, states that the regiment has reached Belmont. "All well," it appears that the B, C, and D companies were sent on first, but the phraseology of Col. Otter's message implies that the other companies have now gone forward.

YOUR MILLS FROM THE ENEMY.
BELMONT, Dec. 11.—In accordance with the plan of campaign, the Boers are making reinforcements to Lord Methuen as possible, and at the same time retaining complete control of the lines of communication, the Canadian Regiment has been divided, for the present at least. The right half of the battalion, that is, Companies A, B, C, and D, were yesterday sent forward to the scene of Lord Methuen's first victory over the enemy. The left half, comprising Companies E, F, G, and H, were left behind at Orange river. We hear that the enemy is within four miles of this place, and so the prospect is that a battle will soon be in the midst of the fray. All are well. The companies at Belmont are those of British Columbia and Manitoba, London, Toronto, Ottawa, and Kingston. The companies left at Orange river, according to Mr. Gower's despatch, are those of Montreal, Quebec, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, and Nova Scotia.

ADVERSITY BORROWS ITS SHARPEST STINGS FROM OUR IMPULSIONS.
CHILDREN WILL GO BELMONT. They returned covered with snow. Half a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent ill effects. Avoid stimulants, there's not one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c. and 50c.

STOCH makes all things difficult, but industry all things easy.
A Boon to Ontario Victims.
We offer to the readers of this paper a never failing remedy for Catarrh, Bronchitis, Irritable Throat and kindred affections in Catarrh, there is no mystery about it but the effect is magical. Ointments, washes and snuffs have proved worse than useless because they cannot reach the seat of disease; but Catarrh-cure carried by the only vehicle (the air you breathe) allows to enter into the lungs or bronchial tubes, directly to the seat of the disease, where it kills the germ life that causes Catarrh, at the same time heals all the affected parts. It cures by inhalation, and is both pleasant and safe to use. For sale at all druggists or by mail, price \$1.00. For trial send 10c. in stamps to N. C. Polson & Co., Box 500, Kingston, Ont.

HE travels safe and not unpleasantly when guarded by poverty and guided by love.
TENTH PER CENT. BELOW.
J. H. Hamilton, of the old reliable make and granite works, Guelph, announces that he will continue to place the best classes of granite and marble monuments, tombs, etc., at prices guaranteed to be twenty per cent. below others—no agent to receive commissions—expenses allowed or from Guelph to purchasers.

ANY man may make a mistake, but none but a fool will continue it.
TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY.
Young men or old men who intend to marry will be pleased to learn that the new Marriage Act is made quite simple by applying to H. P. Moore, licentiate of marriage officers at the Post Office Office. Call a few days before the ceremony and have the matter explained. Private office. All business strictly private and confidential. All inquiries in evening.

ALWAYS speak the truth, but do not always tell it.
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.
Mr. Richard Hewitt, of Puellich, killed by his runaway horse.

GREENWAY'S GOVT. GONE.
Hugh John McDonald Will Have a Majority in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Latest returns from the Manitoba election held last Thursday indicate the certain defeat of the Greenway Government. The Opposition now have twenty-one seats. The figures now stand: Opposition, 21; Government, 16; Independent, 1; elections to be held, 2. Both elections to be held are expected to return Liberals.

THE results show a majority of five for the Conservatives, a majority which may be increased or reduced by the elections in two constituencies which are yet to take place. It seems probable that Mr. Hugh John McDonald will be able to form a government with a working majority without a further general appeal, as small majorities have a tendency to grow. Evidently Mr. McDonald is popular, and a great many good-natured people of no strong political bias will be pleased that he should have a chance to show what he can do, and some Conservatives are already hailing him as future leader of the Dominion party.

Mr. McDonald seems to have had a very popular plank in his platform, namely, that of government ownership of railways. There can be no doubt the time has come when the people of the Dominion no longer view with approval the construction of railways with public money and the handing them over to private corporations, which is what the subsidy system has hitherto meant.

It is understood that Mr. Greenway will shortly resign, as there is no possible chance of polling through.
We have to accept the world as it is.

General Gatacre's movement to surprise the Boers at Stormberg is considered good military tactics by some experts, who say that his fallowing shows the necessity for more war for scouting.

The War Office has announced that the first battalion of the sixth division will sail for South Africa on Saturday.

The Boers are supposed to have blown up the stone pier of the Colonsus bridge. The cable between St. Thomas and London, on the west coast of Africa, has been interrupted, and the only means of communication is between Zanzibar and Aden, on the east coast.

The report that Commandant Cronje has captured 50 of General Methuen's men lacks confirmation from the English side.

The situation at Kimberley was unaltered up to Dec. 7th and at Mafeking up to November 8th.

Boers captured at Graspan say that the burghers are greatly in need of stores for men and horses. The horses captured by the British were in very poor condition.

Stromberg is described as a stronger position than Lang's Nek. Colerberg is also said to be impregnable.

Great delight was expressed in Brussels over General Gatacre's defeat.

There are a great many Boer prisoners at Ladysmith, and every sortie adds more to the number.

The latest news from Mafeking shows that Col. Baden-Powell has been forced to reduce the rations of the garrison and inhabitants. Water is plentiful, however.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.
OTTAWA, December 9.—Parliament has been formally prorogued until January 22. This disposal of the talk about an exceptionally early session and is taken by many to indicate that there is still a possibility of a dissolution before Parliament meets.

Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the least.

Some bones from a CORNHORN is a warning not to be lightly treated. Epsom-Footcure cures with absolute certainty all recent sores and ulcers. Take it in time. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

Adversity borrows its sharpest stings from our impulsion.

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The D. & L. Emulsion benefits most those having Lung troubles with tendency to hemorrhages.

A few bottles taken regularly make a wonderful improvement. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Limited.

Humility is the solid foundation of all the virtues.

The Japs Did It. They applied us with the mental plaster, which relieves (in)stability, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism and neuralgia. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Limited.

Do Eyeglasses Injure? Some people think glasses injure, because when once worn a person becomes dependent upon them. The truth is because a glass gives relief by removing the existing strain upon the eye, no time should be lost in affording this relief. Consultation free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

PRINGLE, THE JEWELLER, Practical Optician, Guelph.

Just Received! a nice lot of Children's Slippers, all sizes, from 20c up.

Also Children's Slippers, with a picture of Santa Claus on them, (something new.) Men's Rubbers and Socks, from \$1.25 up.

Men's Fine Rubbers at usual prices. Long Boots, ready made and made to order.

Mr. Stovel is very busy but still able to attend to all orders. Repairing a specialty.

Geo. Stovel, Mill St., Acton.

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H. RAMSHAW, PHOTO ARTIST, ACTON

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But 'twas tact, judgement and nerve that secured to us 697 Yards OF Halifax and Fancy Tweeds,

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ANOTHER GREAT Grocery Week

At The Frank Dowler Co's.

When we went into the Grocery Business we did not do so from any wish to injure or interfere with the Grocery Trade, but we could see an opening for a Modern Grocery Business, where those who wished to be economical could save money by buying for Spot Cash, and getting their goods as only a Spot Cash Concern can give them.

That we were correct in our judgment is proved by the trade we have done, and it is actually doubling last year.

Now, such has been its success that others advertised they were selling for cash. BUT ARE THEY? WE ARE. And you who are paying large prices for the necessities of life, would it not pay you to just save and get what you buy just one month's groceries ahead, and then buy from us for Spot Cash? Be independent and save money.

And to those who do pay Cash, and are paying a portion of the bad debts of others, we would say we can save you money on the modern plan.

Every other department of our large business is ready for the Christmas Trade, and we allow no one to sell cheaper or do better for the people than

The Frank Dowler Co. Guelph's Greatest Store.

DEC. 14TH. The Right House ESTABLISHED 1843. "HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE."

Come and See Our Christmas Decorations.

THIS Big Store is all in holiday attire. Come and see the beautiful Christmas Decorations. We never had so many things for Christmas gifts as this year, and they're all good sensible gifts—useful things in reliable quality. This is by far the best Christmas shopping place within your reach. Come and see. The advantages of buying your Christmas presents at this store will more than repay you for your time and expense coming and going.

New Flannellets..... and warm, in grey and black, ranging from \$3.00 up to \$5.00

Large shipment of New Flannellets just received from the manufacturers in England. We were fortunate in getting in these at the prices which prevailed before the advance, and they are therefore very special value. Choice lot of neat striped designs, 32 inches wide, special at \$3, 10, 12, and 15c

New Wrapperelettes..... 20 pieces New Wrapperelettes, in the very newest designs, plaids, stripes and checks, for children's wear, waists and wrappers, special at 15c

45c. Flannels for 30c..... A few choice patterns, in French Flannels, plaid, spot and stripe designs, regular 45c, selling at 30c

Warm Shawls..... Single Wool Shawls, reversible, full size, in Oxford grey and seal brown..... \$1.75 Very Heavy Single Wool Shawls, in Oxford grey and seal brown, with check borders, reversible..... \$3.25 Double Wool Shawls, very heavy

Ladies' Underwear..... Ladies' Cotton Vests, fleece lined, three qualities; medium weight at 35c; heavier at 50c; very heavy at \$1.00

Shopping by Mail We are always glad to send samples and prices on application, and we prepay the charges to any railway station in Ontario on all mail orders amounting to \$5 or over.

Thomas C. Watkins, King St. East, Cor. Hughson St. Hamilton.

NEILL, The Shoe Man, Guelph. 8 stores.

GENTS' AMERICAN LACE SHOES. In 5 Widths, A, B, C, D, E. About 90 Pairs to be sold at \$2.50. They are Goodyear Welts, Box Calf Uppers, neatly finished, all new goods. You can see them in our window.

New Advertisements.

Property for Sale. A NUMBER of farms and village property for sale on easy terms. Apply to WM. HENNINGTON, Acton.

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WANTED! \$2 PER DAY, non-graduate or lady; special \$2 work; position permanent; reliable firm; full references; experienced; necessary. Address: H. M. FRY, Field Manager, Hamilton.

PALACE BARBER SHOP. HAVING purchased the barbering business of the Palace Barber Shop, 100 Lawrence St., Guelph, I have had prepared in the Toronto Art and Hair Dressing Co., Ltd., a new and improved method of hair dressing. W. M. DUNFEE.

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AGENTS! CHRISTIAN Endeavor, Epworth League and W. H. H. Mission. We need Christian workers in all towns and cities. We need Christian workers in all towns and cities. We need Christian workers in all towns and cities. BRADLEY-GARRETTSON CO., Limited, Brantford.

CARETAKER WANTED. APPLICATIONS for the position of caretaker of the Methodist Church, Guelph, will be received by the Secretary up to Tuesday, 20th December. List of duties and conditions of service may be seen at the Park View Office. Applicants will state salary desired. This is a permanent position. The lowest or any applicant not necessarily accepted. THOS. T. MOORE, Secretary Board of Trustees, Ventry, Dec. 6th, 1899.

WANTED. AGENTS in every district on the continent to sell the most reliable and profitable goods in the world. Large and growing Nuberry Stock and Books. Largest and most complete assortment of Nuberry Stock and Books. Large and growing Nuberry Stock and Books. Large and growing Nuberry Stock and Books. LUKS BROTHERS COMPANY, International Nurseries, Chicago, Ill., Montreal, Que., Rochester, N. Y.

EXECUTORS' SALE! OF VALUABLE HOUSES AND LOTS IN ACTON. PURSUANT to the instructions of the Executors of the late estate of Mr. J. H. Hamilton, there will be sold by Wm. Hennington, Auctioneer, by public auction on Saturday, 13th December, on the premises, at 3 o'clock, that very desirable residence on the corner of Guelph and Wellington Streets in the thriving village of Acton. The property comprises lots 48 and 49 in Young's Subdivision. Upon lot 48 is erected a comfortable two-story brick dwelling house, with a full basement and soft water, good cellar, gas stoves, and all modern conveniences. The property is well fenced and in every respect desirable for a first-class residence. The terms of sale will be upon application to the undersigned, and will be approved by the court.

W. H. DENNY, LAWRENCE BUNTER, Executors. Acton, December 6th, 1899.

Four Parcels of Valuable Property in Acton FOR SALE. THE following property belonging to Mr. J. H. Hamilton, late of Guelph, and now in the hands of the Executors, will be sold by Wm. Hennington, Auctioneer, by public auction on Saturday, 13th December, on the premises, at 3 o'clock, that very desirable residence on the corner of Guelph and Wellington Streets in the thriving village of Acton. The property comprises lots 48 and 49 in Young's Subdivision. Upon lot 48 is erected a comfortable two-story brick dwelling house, with a full basement and soft water, good cellar, gas stoves, and all modern conveniences. The property is well fenced and in every respect desirable for a first-class residence. The terms of sale will be upon application to the undersigned, and will be approved by the court.

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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 Statute in that behalf made, I hereby give notice that all persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Ismond, late of the village of Acton, in the County of Halton, wife of William Ismond, Esq., deceased, are to present the same to me, the undersigned, on or before the 21st day of December, 1899. Claims not so presented will not be liable for the same or for the payment thereof. W. H. DENNY, Executor. Dated the 21st day of November, A. D. 1899.

AUCTION SALE OF TIMBER BERTHS. DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS. (Woods and Forests Branch) Toronto, Nov. 14, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that under authority of Order in Council, TOWN BERTHS as hereunder mentioned in the ALGOMA, NIPISING and RAINY RIVER DISTRICTS, viz:—The Townships of BOWELL TOWNSHIP, HARRY TOWNSHIP, RYAN and part of MONTICMERY, in the District of ALGOMA; the Township of NORMAN, part of CARleton, Berth No. 4 of ALGOMA, and the part of the Township of WINDFORD, all in the District of NIPISING, and certain small areas in the District of HURON, 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 in 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 this advertisement will be paid for.