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McDonald—In Action Saturday, March 25, to Dr. and Mrs. Jim M. McDonald, a son.
Grove—At Green's Corners, on Thursday, 26th April, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hartman.
Ewart—In Niagara Falls, on Wednesday, 25th April, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haward, a son.
Fitzgerald—In Acton, Ontario, on Saturday, 28th April, to Mr. and Mrs. Utkat Mills, a son.
MARRIED.
Justice Hamilton—At the home of the wife of his father, John, on Wednesday, with Miss Elizabeth, young daughter of William Hamilton.
Garrison—Isaac Attilas Garrison's College, New York, on Friday evening, 2nd March, by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Garrison.
In Merchants' Hall, Acton, to Miss, whose name is that of Mr. George Garrison, Garrison.

DEPT.

BONNEY—At Acton, on Wednesday, March 26th, after a long illness, the wife of George Bonney—Mrs. N. Y. Bonney, nee April, and wife of Albert E. Bonney, a son.
Kane—At the family residence, Huron Street, Guelph, on Sunday, 1st April, Dore Madeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, in her thirties.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1900.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The redistribution bill was defeated in the House last Wednesday a second time. The vote was on strictly political lines, the two Conservatives who voted for the bill last session, voting with the party on the occasion.

At the last meeting of the County Council the rate per day to County Councillors was increased from \$2 to \$3. Considering the fact that Halton County Council has had a dozen meetings of one day each during the year, this redistribution cannot be deemed exorbitant. The weekly salary is \$100 per annum. It was for years \$200.

The Hon. Joe Martin has succeeded in completing his cabinet. The elections will probably take place in June. Uriel Columbus will be in a turmoil during the interval. Martin is gaining strength and it is believed he will succeed in carrying the country and have a good majority. Mr. Martin is one of the most aggressive men I have ever seen.

Mr. Whitney's election bill passed the second reading last Wednesday. The measure provides that tributes now to be punished with six months imprisonment and a fine of \$200, which is a good feature. But there are other provisions which are unlikely to commend themselves to the legislators and it is thought the bill will not pass.

The report of the Minister of Education for the year 1899 shows that there are 5,257 public schools in Ontario, an increase of thirteen over last year, and 845 separate schools, an increase of five. The salaries of public school teachers are decreasing. The average salary last year was \$321, and for 1898, \$324. The profession is being monopolized by women to a large extent. Last year of 8,000 teachers, 6,000 were women, an increase of 123, and 2,656 were men, a decrease of 86.

At the head of Canadian story writers stands Gilbert Parker. Next to him the honour is fairly even between W. A. Fraser and Robert Barr, with the former gaining ground fast. Both Fraser and Barr have stories in the April "Canadian Magazine"—stories which will illustrate the difference between the work of these two Canadians. In this issue there are some other excellent features, including two illustrated articles on Hiram's Island, a number of special photographs of South Africa, an article on the Red Cross by Franklin Gadsby, and a clever poem by Franklin Gadsby.

The decision in a case before the Guelph Police Magistrate's against a hotelkeeper charged with having people in his bar during prohibited hours is of general interest to hotelmen. The Magistrate sustained the view advanced by the counsel for the Chief of Police, that any place where liquor was trafficked in was a bar room, and the meaning of Sec. 55 of the Liquor License Act. While there was only one "bar room" law, and the reasoning which was given placed the entire bar room under the law, the apparently contemplated other rooms in which liquor would be sold, by the use of the words "the bar-room, or bar-rooms thereof," and he should hold in this case, and in the future, that any room in the hotel where liquor was trafficked in, such as defendant's cloak room, was a "bar-room," and must be closed to the public during prohibited hours.

At an annual banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Toronto last Friday, Dr. J. D. Thompson, Q.C., delivered an interesting address on "Bankruptcy Legislation in Canada." Two conditions were understood, "first, the property of an insolvent balanced by right to his creditors; and secondly, that the insolvent, having made a full surrender of his property, should be released from future liability in respect of his debts." Canada is seriously in need of equitable and workable bankruptcy laws. The business status of this country has been considerably hampered because of the lack of such laws during the past decade. The business houses of Ontario, British Columbia, and the rest of Canada's position in this matter and it will be upon the enactment of satisfactory laws touching the property of insolvents that confidence will be fully restored.

QUEEN VICTORIA IN IRELAND.

Her Majesty Arrived at Kingstown on Tuesday Afternoon.

Dun Laoghaire, April 2.—The royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" with Queen Victoria on board, arrived at Kingstown at 2 o'clock this afternoon, three and a half hours ahead of the scheduled time. She was greeted with a royal salute from the naval squadron. Rain had been falling all the morning.

In Dublin itself, seven miles from Kingstown, the spilt, "Dear, dirty Dublin!" was never before presumably better justified than yesterday. Dublin was bedraggled, its finery, which rivaled London's, Jubb'd decorations drooping sadly from the steady rain, while, according to the weather prophet, was to be repeated today. However, just evening, when the short and brilliant sunburst which followed the cloud burst, the streets, which were shrouded with clouds so dense that travel throughout the town was impossible,

This is the Queen's first visit to Ireland since 1867, and the populace is manifestations surpassing that year before recorded a crown head.

Bugs—"Does your laundry fit a good table?" Bugs—"Find! Hold me back but she never puts anything on it."

A BRITISH REVERSE.

The Boers Ambush—Col. Broadwood's Force 20 Miles from Bloemfontein.

BEYOND GUNS AND 300 MEN LOST.

LONDON, April 4.—The following despatch, dated March 24th, was posted at the War Office:

The British force, commanded by Col. Broadwood, consisting of the 10th Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Col. Phipper, which had been garrisoning Thohu N'Chu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night. Col. Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein waterworks, south of the Modder, where he was ambushed at 4 this morning.

Gen. Cetshwayo's division which had been marching early this morning, arrived here at 10 a.m. and engaged the British.

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PROVINCIAL FAT STOCK SHOW.

Has been permanently located at Guelph and the Poultry Show.

Show also.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders Association at Toronto last Friday the principal business was a discussion as to the permanent location of the Provincial Fat Stock Show.

Dr. J. G. McLean, Ald. Baker and Messrs. D. G. and J. G. McLean, delegated to support the claims of Guelph. Mayor Nelson said Guelph would do everything in the way of providing the necessary accommodation, was to the value of \$10,000.

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THE DAILY ROUND.

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