

BORN.
Harris—A. H., Friday, May 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, a son.

DIED.
Cousin—In Namibia, on Friday, with Mrs. Mary, wife of Wm. Cole, aged 2 years.

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The Afon Free Press
THURSDAY, MAY 31st, 1900.
EDITORIAL NOTES.
The first despatch in the new Manitoba Legislature took place Wednesday night of last week, on Mr. Greenway's amendment to the motion to end its session. The vote stood: Conservatives 27, Liberals 15, a Government majority of 7.

The Montreal Shareholder calls attention to the fact that the public debt of the Dominion continues to show material reduction in the great debt and larger assets, both of which combined, it points out, result in a large decrease in the total net debt of the country.

It seems to be a serious matter to be a member of parliament these latter days. Since the election of 1896 death has taken no fewer than seventeen members of the House of Commons, included the speaker, Sir James Edger—nearly 6 per cent. of the membership. That is a very heavy death rate.

The 20th Lorne Rifles will have the same mass arrangements for the men at the coming camp as it introduced last year, and it is said that other regiments will fall into line, and have dining marqueses also. The ladies of the Lorne were greatly invited last year by most of the other corps—Champagne.

James J. Hill, a builder of the North West, a former Member of Parliament, is the subject of an interesting character sketch of the president of the Great Northern Railroad by Mrs. Mary Harriman Brewster, in the *Review of Reviews* for June. The achievements of this remarkable rail-road-building genius are appreciatively described in this article.

On Tuesday last Sir Charles Tupper completed his forty-fifth year as a politician, and both sides of the House joined in congratulating the veteran statesman, who has had a few remaining fathers of constitution living to-day. Sir Charles has had a record of success. He will find his place in history with that he may long adorn the Canadian Parliament will be generally re-elected throughout the Dominion.

From all parts of the Dominion come news of the liberal treatment of employees by private employer and public institutions. Since the inauguration of better conditions of service, the Bank of Commerce was the first of the large corporations to repeat the grant of a bonus made last year to all members of the staff. All employees getting \$500 and less per year get 5% bonus of 20 per cent.; all from that up to \$1,000 get 15 per cent., and all over \$1,000 10 per cent. The Bank of Montreal gives a bonus of 15 per cent. all round this year.

The town of Mitchell intends laying this year one mile of sidewalks, the value of \$8,000. Of this amount the town pays \$1,200, and the proprietors fronting on the sidewalk are to pay the balance. This is the general method of putting down permanent pavements and is the plan likely to be adopted in Acton sooner or later. The proprietors of the property improved and consequently increased in value through the laying of permanent walks should certainly pay a fair share of the cost of the laying.

The work of the Lord's Day Alliance of this province is appreciated by all thoughtful and observant people who desire to retain for our country a quiet Sabbath free from dissipation, and a quiet, peaceful day of rest once in every seven. The Lord's commands must be observed, and the workingman's day of rest must not be disregarded. The address of Rev. J. G. Shearer, Right Secretary of the Alliance, last Friday evening was helpful and educational, and as a result Acton will have an increased membership in this important body.

The anomaly trial of the Welland Canal demonstrates the present verdict of the jury and the extreme sentence pronounced by Chancellor Boyd speak very distinctly as to the temper of Canada in the handling of such controversy. Prompt justice and severe punishment for this class of criminality may always be expected in this fair land, and the fear of this has in the past retarded the part of the dominion from committing outrages so common in some countries but from which Canada has been comparatively free. Imprisonment for life is a sentence fit for even the criminal classes are hardly enough to rive having pronounced upon them.

The London Eng. Mercantile Guardian says: "In the midst of our preoccupation about current events in South Africa the example which Canada is showing to the other Colonies of the empire has not received the serious consideration which it deserves. The Dominion has prepared under a 'generalized' policy which its present Premier and Mr. Melding, the Minister of War, jointly originated. This policy was dictated by a broad and practical patriotism. And it has paid. In these days of pronounced militarism, effusive sentiment, however honest, ceases for very little in the lives of men or nations. The Canadian sentiment has been free from effusiveness and has been exceedingly practical in its expression."

At a meeting of Catholics in Windsor on Sunday the following resolution was unanimously passed:—Whereas the Catholic of Windsor has for too long suffered under the cold-blooded oppression upon them by the school law of 1890, and, whereas the recent negotiations with the Public School Board of the city make it plain that as the law at present stands we can expect no relief, it is resolved that we, the Catholics of Windsor, in meeting assembled, hereby instruct the committee to take immediate steps to lay our grievances before the Dominion and Provincial authorities, pointing out to them the severity over the long-contested question, and praying them to come to our assistance on the lines laid down in the recent Constitutional decision." This looks though the Manitoba school question was again to be brought to the front.

PRETORIA BY FRIDAY.

Lord Roberts Entered Johannesburg in State Yesterday—The Transvaal Executive in Panic.

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Lord Roberts, with a broken bridge at Vereeniging and a wrecked railway behind him, has somehow managed to get forward sufficient supplies for his large force. As he has been able to do as much it is considered possible he will be at Pretoria on Friday.

The rapidly with which Lord Roberts is moving upon his ultimate objective, the Transvaal capital, gives promise of an early termination of hostilities in South Africa.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

Aton Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance Addressed to Rev.

J. G. Shearer, U.A.

A very interesting meeting was held in the school room of the York Church on Friday evening under the auspices of the Aton Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Mr. William Brown, the President, occupied the chair, and Revs. H. A. Macpherson and W. H. McAlpine, B. A., engaged in devotional exercises.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, H. A. Field Secretary of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, was there introduced and gave an impressive and able address on "The Peril Threatening the Lord's Day." Mr. Shearer in his interesting talk enumerated the perils which threaten the continuance of a hallowed and undisturbed day of rest for the people of our country.

1. By open, public, and general pleasure meetings, carnivals, etc., in the following forms—the Sunday church and show; the Sunday sport-ball, licensees, etc., to which are run excursions by steam train, trolley car, and steamboat; from long distance, carrying throngs of pleasure-lovers, frequently attended also by the beer-garden and gambling stall; Sunday excursions of various kinds, going long distances, visiting not only sports as above, but popular parks and summer resorts. This, of course, takes no cognizance of private pleasure-seeking by wheel or boat, etc., etc.

2. By trapping the public mind, as the Sunday school—Sunday school and stadium, the Sunday saloon, and the Sunday newspaper, who the opening of the confectionary and refreshment establishments, tobacco stores, butcher shops, groceries, barber shops and even in some places dry goods and hardware stores.

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IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

Dilliman, Walsh and Nolan, the Welland Canal Commissioners in Penitentiary for Life.

Welland, Ont., May 29.—"Guilty" was the verdict returned last evening by the jury in the Welland Canal dynamiter trial and Dilliman, Walsh and Nolan were sentenced by Chancellor Boyd to imprisonment for life. The jury was out half an hour. His Lordship, in sentencing the prisoners, found no mitigating circumstances. The prisoners, he said, came here with evil intent. They had planned the dead long, seriously and deliberately. Dilliman, as the leading spirit, deserved more than Walsh and Nolan.

Welland, Ont., May 29.—Karz Julian, John Walsh and V. L. Nolan, confined in the new home, the penitentiary, were paroled after their trial, the penitentiary. They were driven from the Justice to the station in trucks which had been telegraphed for in readiness. Dilliman and Walsh were shackled together and Nolan and Wever, the Welland wife murderer, were paroled off.

During the journey to Kingston the prisoners were talking of the case when one broke out with the Canadian authorites did not think that because this first attempt to blow up the canal failed either and more successful attempt will not follow?"

No disappointment.

Disappointments of one kind and another are to be found along life's pathway, but unfortunately it is the pathway that always happens. There is at least one point of acknowledged merit that never fails to point. Virtuous Painless Cure Extraordinary is sure to remove the worst colic in a few days, and as no claim is made that it will cure anything else, it cannot disappoint.

As in a living organism, when one part is wounded the vital energies of the whole body are concentrated upon healing that wound; or as in a garment, defending the body from the weather. The fibres are plied over-looking the fact that success is only possible if the whole Province stands together and concentrates its power in resisting attacks as occasion requires in each locality. The whole Province is one body, and every place member; if one member suffers the other members suffer with it. As in a living organism, when one part is wounded the vital energies of the whole body are concentrated upon healing that wound; or as in a garment, defending the body from the weather. The fibres are plied over-looking the fact that success is only possible if the whole Province stands together and concentrates its power in resisting attacks as occasion requires in each locality.

The conclusion of the address brief remarks were made by the President, Revs. Macpherson, McAlpine, and Moore, and Messrs. H. P. Moore and John Warren. A number of new members were enrolled in connection with Aton branch.

GEORGETOWN.

An application for aid to secure a whitewash for poor houses in black books, was formed by the Poor House Committee. The officers are H. D. Clinton, Chairman; Dr. Bradley, Secretary; H. D. Warren, Treasurer; Alfred Watson, Dr. L. Beeson, Dr. Horace Barber, T. H. Kennedy and H. W. Kennedy, Executive Committee.

The Queen's Birthday brought to town one of the largest gatherings Georgians has ever seen. The Waterlooo band was the big attraction and it filled the bill very completely. The bands representing the nations were quite a talking feature of the day's proceedings. The races attracted a large crowd, but hundreds of the visitors never participated in any race at all. The concert at night was a signal success.

The Ottawa fire sufferers' subscription list has aggregated \$14.

Mr. H. B. Barber has been elected a member of the Free Library Board.

THEIR SECOND RE-UNION.

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