

HORN.  
GLENKIRK—In Astor, on Friday 21st June, to  
Gouldsberry and Mrs. John Clark, a daughter,  
MARRIED.

BONHORN—MULDEROTT—At Holsthal, on Wed-  
nesday 19th June, to Mr. Holsthal, Gustaf, to Miss Ma-  
derm of Holsthal.

GLENKIRK—The young couple of the bride's

parents, Bielawa, Ont., by Rev. R. P. Rose, D.

Hay, at the Little Hall, Guelph, June

19th, at 10 a.m.

HAKONEN—PESSY—At the residence of the

Lapponians, on Tuesday morning, June 20th, by Rev. H. K.

M. Agius, Lapponian Minister, M.V., to

Miss Agnes Alberta Healy.

WICHITA—BANKS—On Saturday, June 16th, to  
Rev. W. C. Martin, of the Methodist Church, and  
Rev. H. N. Burns, of the Orillia, Alice J.  
Brookman, of Milton, Mr. Hugh Wrench,  
of Toronto.

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THURSDAY, JULY 16th 1900.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Mills Department has completed arrangements by which the Canadian soldiers invited from South Africa to England, who are incapable of returning to the front, will be sent at once to Canada by the War Office.

It appears to us that from the Admiralty that three vessels of the auxiliary squadron should proceed to Chinese waters. The Premier of Victoria, Mr. McLean, cabled an offer of 200 marines and two guns. The Government of Queensland also offered the British Admiralty a gunboat for service in Chinese waters.

From July 1st, exporters of apples will be required to mark the barrel with the initials and full surname of the packer, with the class of the fruit in inches across at the core, and the name of the variety and grade. These measures are intended to do away, with frauds that have done serious harm to Canadian fruit in English markets.

It appears to us that our local Municipal Councils should pass by-laws providing for the destruction of the "Coding Moth and Tent Caterpillar." The damage done to fruit trees has been enormous. The Ontario Department of Agriculture has information that these pests are doing damage all over the province, and much anxiety is expressed that Councils have been so slow in taking advantage of the law passed at the recent session of the Legislature, respecting noxious insects—Newmarket era.

The Free Press commences its second quarter of work at the loyal and representative journal of Action and vitality with this issue. During its first twenty-five years, the Free Press has advocated and had the satisfaction of seeing consummated many public and private improvements in this town and the town taken rank as one of the most important manufacturing centres of its place in the Dominion. We expect much greater advancement during the second quarter.

Shows through the wheat belt in Manitoba have improved the crop outlook, but Winnipeg business firms are satisfied that the damage already done will pretty largely offset the general outlook for trade. The opinion that the wheat crop will be reduced about 50 per cent appears to be pretty unanimous. Many farmers have ploughed up their wheat fields. The implements and machinery men report that their business will suffer considerably. Interest rates are firm. In south-western and western parts of Manitoba, in the Dauphin and Swan River districts, and in the Territories there has been enough rain to ensure better crops than can be hoped for in other sections of Manitoba.

Five thousand dollars was voted in the House of Commons Supplement to rebuild the wharf at Oakville harbor. Bronte gets the same amount to make a harbor there. The twenty thousand granted last year to repair the pier at Burlington was revolted, with an additional \$5,750 for a storage battery required for opening and closing the bridge over the channel. We understand the work at Burlington and Bronte in particular will be done by day labor so that the artisans and laborers of the districts may be benefited by the expenditure. The sum voted for Oakville could justly be called an excellent shape if the old pier of the pier is to stand and stand the storm. The leaders for moving the light house to the outer end of the pier are being considered and the change will shortly be made—Oakville Star.

The Oakville Star talks wistfully upon the gravelly pavement question. Milton, it says, like Oakville, is advertising for tenders for gravelly walks. Their advertisement last year was not entirely satisfactory, the defect being attributable to unskillful management. Councils should be most careful that contractors receive a sufficient price so that they can bear nothing but the charge of materials. The same article in the annual statement of the works in the sand will erode and cause holes in the walk. Pure, clean cement and sand are absolutely essential. Another precaution should be to have the walk laid in July, so that the August sun may thoroughly dry the cement and cause it to become firmly set before the autumn frost. Brantford laid some walkways last fall and are now regretting their hasty action.

The Free Press regrets exceedingly that Georgetown has had actions filed within her borders lately, and that rumors have unduly exaggerated the number of cases. The Herald, however, very unmercifully states that there is to have a trial at the native home of the author and the place where that gentleman holds it, by inserting the following paragraph: "The authorship of the most startling report concerning sickness in town has been traced to an Action lady who has spread broadcast the ugly rumor that Georgetown has innumerable cases of diphtheria, and they've all been concealed." Whatever rumors any Action woman may have circulated we know not, but we know that very ugly rumors were circulated in Action by residents of Georgetown. The Hamilton Tribune board is reported that Georgetown's half-breed candidate for mayor, Mr. H. M. Smith, caused some trouble last year to an Action lady. Many citizens in Action regret the outbreak in Georgetown and hope it will soon be over. Action citizens all resent an insidious which leaves every lady in town unjustly implicated in this senseless but annoying charge.

#### THE SITUATION DARK

IN CHINA—Emperor and Empress  
Divorced—Prince Tuan Leads  
Boxers—German Consul at Peking Murdered.

#### AFRICAN WAR ALMOST OVER.

London—July 21.—The situation in  
Africa this morning is extremely dark.

The condition of the members of the  
Legation is hopeless. The news that  
Prince Tuan has usurped the throne is  
confirmed, and he is in charge with  
directing the attack on the Legation.

There are 50,000 Chinese troops in and  
around Peking. Fighting is still going on  
at Tientsin, and rail and river communica-  
tions with Taku are insecure. It is  
understood that Britain, Germany and  
the United States have agreed to allow  
Japan to land an army of military force  
as that country desires, in order to  
more quickly reduce order.

The man in Africa is about in the same  
condition as last. Several important cap-  
tures and numerous successful sorties have  
been made.

Everything points to an  
early termination of the war.

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CITIZENS AND FRIENDS—Take Stock in  
A Factory Last Week.

The meeting held in the Milton Town  
Hall last week was well attended by  
the townspeople. Mayor J. H. Dawson  
was Chairman and addressed the  
meeting, stating that it would be a great  
benefit to the farmers of the town by  
securing a factory at Milton, and hoped  
the Company would be organized and  
meet with success, and that the farmers  
would take stock in the enterprise.

Mr. J. H. Jewell, the promoter, was  
introduced. He said he had been invited  
to come to Milton to organize a company  
and had been assured that the farmers  
wanted a factory and that the stock would  
be subscribed in time to start a factory  
for the fall trade. He gave statistics obtain-  
ed from Ottawa showing that the best trade  
is extended in ten years from \$9,000,000  
in the United States and to England \$3,000,000  
worth of bacon. In the year 1899  
Canada sent to England \$3,144,324, and  
that the demand was an urgent today for  
Canadian bacon and ham, so that the  
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