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Kens—In Newmarket, on Friday, February 1st, Andrew Kerr, in his 80th year.
BELL—In Nelson, on Saturday, February 2nd, John Bell, in his 70th year; Thomas Miller.
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is belief in England that the formal coronation of King Edward VII, will take place on May 24. That would be a popular arrangement, and would furnish another reason for the perpetuation of the holiday so long a feature in our national life.

Citizens generally will be surprised at the action of the Council on Monday evening in again reducing the fee for liquor licenses. When the reduction was made last year it was considered a retrograde step. A still further reduction this year will be regarded as most unwise with even greater disaster.

The debate in the House of Commons on the address began and ended in less than two hours on Monday, and the bills for 1901-02 were submitted to the House on what is practically the first business of the session. This is a good start to make with the first session of the new Parliament, and it is to be hoped that it is a good augury for shorter sessions than have heretofore been held. The total sum asked for on account of ordinary expenditure is \$41,102,251, which is a net decrease of \$2,001,258 when compared with the amount granted for the present fiscal year.

The Provincial Municipal Auditor in his report to the Legislature, says he notes a steady improvement in the manner in which the municipalities have kept their accounts. He sees an instance of a treasurer he once knew who kept his accounts for four years in the form of memorandum on spike files. In the end they were hopelessly muddled and was a total loss—a good many thousand dollars. Now there was a uniform system throughout the province, and any treasurer who did not live up to it would find it necessary to resign. The Auditor concludes with the following statement, showing the losses to the municipalities accumulated since the formation of the department—1907, about \$100,000; 1908, \$11,000; 1899, \$4,000; 1900, nothing.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.
King Edward's Gratitude for the Colonies' Affectionate Tribute.

London, Feb. 6.—The King has sent the following message to all the British colonies and dependencies:

"To My People beyond the seas:

The thanks and names of loyal subjects that I have received from every part of my dominions over the seas testify the universal grief in which the whole Empire now mourns the loss of my beloved mother.

In the welfare and prosperity of her subjects throughout Greater Britain, the Queen ever witness a heartfelt interest. She saw with thankfulness the steady progress which under the wide extension of self-government, they had made during her reign. She warmly appreciated their unfailing loyalty, devotion and patriotism, and was grieved to think of those who had fought and died for the Empire's cause in South Africa.

I have already declared that it will be my constant endeavor to follow the great example which has been bequeathed to me. In these environs I shall have confidence in the devotion and sympathy of the people, and of those several representative assemblies throughout my vast dominions. With such loyal support I will, with the blessing of God, willingly work for the promotion of the common welfare and security of our great Empire, over which I have now been called to reign." EDWARD.

HALTON'S SENATE DECLARED.
Hon. G. C. McKinlay Dies at Milton on Tuesday Afternoon.

After an illness of several weeks from pneumonia Hon. George C. McKinlay died in his room at the Normal House, Milton, at 1:35 on Tuesday afternoon.

George Crawford McKinlay was the son of the late William McKinlay, a native of the north of Ireland, and was born in the township of Trafalgar, in this county, on March 29th, 1829. He was educated under private tutors and the public schools. Early in life he turned his attention to public affairs. In 1853 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Halton, and in June, 1852, he received the appointment of Sheriff of the County.

He was a Conscientious and determined man, and successfully served the House of Commons in the Conservative interest at the general election in 1862. He was called to the Bar by the Marquis of Lansdowne, on January 11th, 1861.

In his younger days Senator McKinlay served as captain in the local militia. He was elected president of the British Canadian Gold Fields Exploration and Development Co. He was a member of the Church of England. In October, 1865, he married Teresa, daughter of the late John Crawford, predecessor in his number of years.

EVERTON.

Mr. P. Hause, of Mount Forest, who came over to attend the funeral of his son Mr. J. Hause, spent a week calling on his old friends, having lived here in his youth.

At the class of the Emporium League meeting Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected. Mr. Hause presiding; Hon. President: Rev. H. Brand; President-Elect: Rev. Jas. Jackson; Vice-President: Jas. Jackson; Vice-President: Jas. M. Shandorn; Secretary: Miss M. Shandorn; Treasurer: Mr. Hause.

Hawkes are beginning to come in, while swallows and larks are being taken out. A number from the U.S.A. and Canada arrived yesterday, Friday night, eight o'clock.

On Sunday evening Rev. T. A. Yost preached an excellent sermon from the text "To obey is better than to sacrifice," dwelling on God's despatch, in claiming to be obedient to God. We cannot decide God, neither can we put the burden of our sin on others. His subject Sunday evening the 25th will be "Gospel." In the Methodist Church Rev. H. Brand takes up "The history and result of dancing, next Sunday evening, the 25th."

Buy your greyhound, don't rear him.

LICENSES AGAIN REDUCED

Upon Motion of Councillor Jean's the Tavern License Fee is Reduced \$100.

THE AUDITORS FEES INCREASED

Council met on Monday evening. Members present: John Williams, Steve, Jas. A. Henderson, H. Jean.

Proceedings commenced at 8 o'clock sharp.

Councillors Hynde and Hockwammer seated and took their places.

The secretary of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association addressed the audience.

He told the Councillors that his fire company for 1901-02 insufficient to suspend fifty feet of hose, and that the present system of drying will endanger the efficiency of the hose.

Moved by John A. Henderson, seconded by George Hynde, that the same be granted to introduce a by-law to limit the number of taverns in the town to the number of twenty-five.

Hynde moved that the by-law be passed for the ensuing year, and for fixing the sum to be paid in respect of such license and that said by-law be now read a first time—Carried.

The by-law was introduced, read the first and second times and Council went into committee of the whole upon the by-law with Councillor Hynde in the chair.

At the third reading, when H. Jean moved that the number of houses be three and the license fees be fixed at \$100 each.

Nominative committee—H. P. Moore, H. D. Warren, J. W. Freeman and Robert G. Williams.

Voice—Rev. Dr. Henderson, E. H. Cleaver, Miss Aggie Martin, Miss Clara A. Davidson, John Marshall and John Brownridge.

Business—J. W. Freeman, W. Bridge, W. Wiggin and H. D. Warren.

Resolutions—Rev. James Kendall, Rev. Dr. Henderson, W. King, D. Hartley, Rev. Dr. Abraham.

Auditors—J. F. Brownridge and A. Costes.

At the afternoon session Mr. J. A. Jack, General Secretary of the Geological Association, was introduced and took an active part in this as in other sessions. He conducted several conferences in which many points of value were brought out.

Councillor Hynde said there was a reduction of \$10 each in the license last year and he could not see his way clear to support further reduction again this year.

Councillor Jean—These gentlemen are ratepayers the same as the rest of us and deserve consideration.

Councillor Henderson—I cannot see my way clear to make any further reduction this year.

The chairman—Is there any second to that motion?

Councillor Hockwammer—I will second the motion.

Councillor Hynde—Do you think we should be higher than Georgetown?

These may be a lot of money in taxes, however, electric light, etc.

Councillor Henderson—The finances of the corporation will not warrant any reduction and I don't know why we should reduce the revenue of the town or make Georgetown our base for fixing the fees.

The chairman—It is a pity this could not be settled without reference to the cost of living.

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