

NOTE.

Tonight—At 8 p.m., on Thursday, February 1st, to
KETTLE-IN—Nasagawa, on Thursday, Feb. 1st.
March, to Mr. and Mrs. Angus Keith, at
Cottage, 10th Street, Acton, on Friday, Feb. 2nd.
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. T. M.
Glynn, at 8 p.m., in Mercury please copy.

DIED.

GRIEVE—A tragedian, on Friday, Feb. 1st,
Lester—At Oakville, on Thursday, Feb. 1st.
MILNE—William, Esq., in his 80th year, on
Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.
MURRAY—Alfie Woodcock, on Wednesday, Feb.
2nd.
WALTERS—Alfie Woodcock, on Wednesday, Feb.
2nd.
WATSON—At Oakville, on Thursday morning,
Feb. 1st, 1901, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, nee
Anderson, at 107 Main St., Johnson, N. Y.,
aged 70 years.
ROBERTSON—At the home of her son-in-law, Mr.
Robertson, in Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.
HARRIET BURGESS, widow of the late Hamed
Hopper, in her 80th year.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1901.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The British answer to the United States is well known but complete rejection of the Senate amendments to the May-Panama Canal Treaty, and it leaves upon the United States Government the responsibility for any further action that may be deemed expedient.

Shippers will be interested in the fact that summer freight rates on the railways will be in effect on April 1st. They will be twenty per cent. lower than current rates. A good deal of freight is being held back till next month when the traffic is to be very heavy.

A number of western Americans are at present in Ontario for the purpose of picking up stock cattle. They come prepared to make large purchases. Canadian cattle are found to be suitable in every way for the purposes named, and there should be a large trade in them if the right stock are obtainable in sufficient numbers.

Much interest is being manifested by Ontario farmers in the beet sugar industry. It is proposed to have a number of test-mills by the agricultural department of Ontario through the western part of the province where general interest is being taken in the question, and where it is proposed to engage largely in beet culture.

Mr. Clergue is quoted as saying, "We have already arranged for 10,000 acres for Algoma, and we will with the Government do our best to find out what are the best times that we can plant that is our present aim." That Mr. Clergue's idea of sowing things in as many areas as possible is a good one, no doubt.

Persistent demands for a reduction in the gold royalty in the Yukon have resulted in the Government taking the figures at five per cent. instead of ten per cent. as previously collected. This decision is regarded as a wise move by the Government in that the output will be sufficient, even at this fifty per cent. reduction in royalty, to meet the expenses of government in this remote district.

The labor organizations of British Columbia are the best and strongest in the world, and they are co-operating heartily with Lord's Day Alliance to secure the object for which the Alliance is working." Such is the report of Mr. J. O. Shearer, traveling secretary of the Dominion Labor's Dept. At a recent meeting he has informed us that the campaign through the Western Provinces, and has come back to Ontario full of enthusiasm over the prospect for better Sunday observance in British Columbia.

One of the most important steps that the Ontario Government has taken since it prohibited the export of saw logs from this province in contemplation by the Council, and there seems to be little doubt that it will be out in a few days. This is a significant development in the history of the export of natural gas from the Eastern provinces, and when it is remembered that almost half the city of Detroit has been for some years lighted with Canadian natural gas, the importance of this step can be realized. It is alleged that Detroit is using the gas at such a rate as materially threatens the permanence of the supply.

Complete return of the births, marriages and deaths of the provinces of Ontario has just been published by the Registrar-General. The results are as follows:—Births, marriages and deaths. Mr. Ulrey attributes the increase in the registration of births to the prosecution of young fathers for not registering. The month that made the rate so high in death was August, the heat was no factor. The increase in marriages is due to the improvement in times generally. In Halton County there were 422 births last year as against 181; 115 marriages, an increase of 81; and 256 deaths, an increase of 85. Halton's death rate was 10.7 per 1,000. The highest in the province was Haldimand 23.0; the lowest, Perth 6.6, and the average for the province was 12.4.

Two prominent business men in town have spoken to the Free Press this week about the importance of organizing a Board of Trade for Acton. Most of the manufacturing towns of the Dominion have such organizations and they have been found of very great value in mutual consideration of matters of general interest to the town, and various questions, which do not naturally come before the Municipal Councils for consideration, are thus profitably brought up to the public eye. The time is ripe to do this, and we hope to see the Board of Trade organized.

The full court of appeal gave judgment on Tuesday—in the West Huron election case, disallowing the appeal from the election court with costs. Hon. Mr. Garrow is therefore unseated.

The following resolution is found in an English churchyard: "Here lies J. H., who for forty years lived in constant happiness with his widow who survives him."—Harper's Magazine.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a \$50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar & Oil to you for your cough or cold. We also guarantee a \$50-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

A. T. BROWN

STEYN'S HOPE IS WANING

The Ex-President of the former Orange Free State is very despondent.

BOTH'S PENDING SURRENDER.

LONDON, March 13.—The Times has received the following from Bloemfontein:

"Boers who have surrendered here say that Mr. Steyn, in a recent speech at Philipines, admitted that there was no chance of regaining the country."

London, March 13.—The result of the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Louis Botha is curiously but hopefully awaited. The presence of Alfred Milner in Pretoria to consult with Lord Kitchener is expected to hasten the change from the military to the civil administration.

BOTHA IS WAITING.

LOUASSIN, March 11.—Gen.

Botha is willing to surrender. He asked

an armistice in order to communicate,

General Botha is still suspended.

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FARMERS' AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

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ROCKWOOD.

HARVIE HOOTON, of Waterdown, was a guest at the Botha's personal one Monday.

Mr. J. K. Godden, M. A., drove through from Acton on Saturday afternoon for the service in St. John's Church.

I found an almost empty church, few

wanting to be present.

Mr. George Collins, died in the General Hospital, Gosforth Thursday.

"About a year ago he went to the institution to be treated for an injury to the hand.

The case was a long one and the constitution was considerably drained before the patient was able to leave the hospital.

He, however, recovered sufficiently to return to work at Harvie's woolen mill, where he was employed. About a week ago he was again taken ill, and again to the hospital.

Mr. Wm. Burns is preparing to build a new brick house the coming season.

Mr. Maxfield, of Norval, will do the brick and Packham & Sons, Brampton, will

supply the stones.

Miss Harriet's idea of selling things

at a minimum price is an excellent idea.

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NAUGAWAYA.

The Naugawayay Society held a very successful entertainment in No. 9 school house on Friday evening of last week. The proceeds were in aid of the school.

George Dredge has sold his farm to Jas. Cartwright for a good figure.

It is reported that Charles Northwick has rented the farm of the late Robert Park.

Samuel Hooton, son Eden Mills, has sold his farm to Walter Scott, of Brampton, for a good figure.

James Ramsey, of the town line, near Eden Mills, has sold his farm to Mr. Samuel Hooton, of Naugawayay.

One of the best we have ever heard in Mr. J. L. Warren, the indefatigable Secretary, also made a few remarks. Besides the above addressed there was an instrumental solo, by Misses Dewar and Lawrence, and vocal solo by Mrs. Inniss and Mr. A. McKay. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.—Reformer.

CREDITABLE COLLECTOR'S ROLL.

The Committee Still at Work Considering the Electric Lighting Schedule.

Council met on Monday evening and proceedings commenced promptly at eight o'clock. The meeting in the chair and the recorder present.

The electric lighting schedule was

admitted.

After preliminary proceedings the Committee on Finance presented their fourth report and recommended payment of account as follows:

W. E. Miller, boiler compounder, \$2 to

United Electric Co., repaired trans-

former, \$100.

The Wm. Evans, painting and advertising, \$20.

Moved by H. Swackhamer, seconded by H. jeans, that the fourth report of the Committee on Finance, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

The Collector returned his roll for 1900, all collections having been made with the following exception: John Wilson, \$100; James H. Lewis, \$100; Wm. Wilson, \$100; George Harrold, two debts, \$100. Wm. Wilson, \$100; Wm. Wilson, \$100; Wm. Wilson, \$100; W. A. Arnold, \$100, now dead before settling of Court of Revision; W. H. Wilson left the county before collector's commissioners hit round.

The following tax was returned against the properties: J. McLean, Toronto, \$100; Frank Burgess, lot 14, Dickson's sur-vey, \$200.

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within the corporation but outside of the limit, from taxation for fire protection, was as follows:

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