

BORN.
CAMPBELL—In Acton, on Tuesday, 16th May, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, a son.
DIED:

HORRY—In Milton, on Wednesday, May 15th, Mr. and Mrs. D. McKenna, aged 21 years.

ROBERTSON—At Guelph, on Friday, May 10th, Mrs. A. Robertson, aged 32 years.

RUSSELL—In Keene Township, on Saturday, May 11th, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, aged 22 years.

GUTHRIE—At her home, Young Street, Jane, on Saturday, May 11th, Madeline Jane, wife of Joseph T. Gripp, aged 59 years.

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THURSDAY, MAY 16th, 1901.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. David Mills will represent Canada at the conference in London, England, at which the question of giving the colonies representation on the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council is to be considered. It is understood that Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick will accompany him.

The Toronto General Ministerial Association has passed a resolution pledging itself to memorialize the Dominion Government for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation, or sale of cigarettes and it will further resolve to seek the conviction of minors under 18 years of age, who are found possessed of tobacco in any form.

The curfew by-law did not come up for consideration at the meeting of the Council meeting. This was probably owing to the presence of other important business. The Council is morally bound to take the matter up, and they will do so at an early date. Numerous citizens are much interested in the enactment of the by-law and look for very salutary results.

The Ontario Government have decided upon the lands to be set aside for the volunteers who took part in the South African campaign, Mr. Vinton said. The land will be Nipissing, and generally will run east and west, north of the Mattawa River, Lake Nipissing and French River. An order in Council has been passed setting aside the land, but the townships have not yet been selected.

The banks will distribute large sums in half-yearly dividends, the last three weeks. Owing in some cases to increased dividends, in others to the capital, and in a few cases both combined, the banks will distribute a larger sum in dividends in June, than ever before. The banks in Ontario and Quebec also will pay out in dividends next month \$1,750,000 against \$1,724,500 for the same divided period last year. The total paid-up capital of these banks now is \$46,030,000 a year ago it was \$39,782,000.—Bradstreet's.

All thoughtful citizens will appreciate the step taken by the Council on Monday evening in introducing and passing a by-law for the construction of permanent pavements, etc., upon the basis of powers given under the Local Improvement Act. It is evident to all that our sidewalks cannot be kept up to modern requirements on the old plan of building them. Their construction under the Local Improvement By-law will insure first-class walks throughout the town much sooner than otherwise and every property owner paying for the pavements will be improved in value. Full particulars respecting the plans of operation will be given to the public by the Council before construction is commenced.

No satisfactory answer will be given by Col. Maitre's representative of the Liberals of South Wellington in the Provincial Parliament, during the eight years he has served his constituency, that at the convention at Guelph last Saturday he was again placed in nomination. Col. Maitre has proven himself a strong candidate in the two election contests in which he has been a member of the Liberal party. The Legislature has been active and has manifested a group of public matters highly commendable. His strong and intelligent advocacy of agricultural, municipal and military claims has not only made him popular among those who have these interests at heart but has given him great weight in legislative committees.

The sale of the new debentures of this municipality as a premium is another favorable criterion of the Acton's financial stability. The lenders were paid by large stipulates, and the fact that they deem Acton good security for four per cent. twenty year debentures, and especially when they are paid by annuity instead of by sinking fund, is a compliment which cannot be gainsaid. Acton has gilt-edged credits in the money market, and the reason for this no doubt is the fact that we have no arrears in payment of existing debentures and interest. Our sinking funds are all provided for up to date and the cash for same is on deposit in a chartered bank. Our taxes are annually collected and paid over promptly, and almost entirely with the help of the local tax collector. Our position as an extensive manufacturing town makes Acton's name and credit widely known throughout the country. Our citizens have just reason for gratification at the sale of the debentures this week.

BERLICK CHURCH STUCK.
Lightning Destroys the Steeple of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.—Much Damage Done.

WENATCHEE, May 13.—Lightning struck the steeple of St. Peter's Lutheran Church here Sunday at about 3 p. m. The fire could not be reached by water, and was not extinguished until about 500 dollars had been done. The fire did not extend much beyond the steeple, which was about half way up the steeple, which was 100 feet high. The fire was in the top of the steeple, and did not spread very fast. In fact, after the two large bells surrounding the steeple had fallen, their supporting rod having become red hot, it looked as if the fire was out.

The flames went down, and no serious results were apparent until about 9 p. m., when the flames ate their way down the steeple and soon gained great headway. At this time all the framework could be seen, and pour water on the roof of the steeple and nearby houses above them from buckets. The flames finally reached the roof.

The fire got down so as to be in reach of water, the fire fighters did heroic work, and much credit is due them for extinguishing the flames at this point. The fire was put out just in time to save the three large bells, which cost \$2000. The bells were tested this morning and found all right.

The loss, amounting at \$2000, is covered by a \$15,000 policy of the Economical Insurance Company of Berlin.

Charley uncovers a multitude of sins.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

DEBENTURES ABOVE PAR.
THE Consolidated Debt Four Per Cent. Twenty year Debentures Are Sold at \$4,000 and Accrued Interest.

HIGH COMPLEMENT TO ACTON'S FINANCIAL STANDING.

The Council met at Monday evening, for adjournment. Members all present. H. Evans Williams in the Chair.

The tenders for the \$4,000 forty cent, twenty year consolidated debt obligations were opened. There were five tenders.

For Mutual Life Association of Ontario, which already holds three lots of the debentures of this municipality.

The tender of Hulme & Co., Toronto, being the highest, \$4,000 and accrued interest for the \$4,000 of debenture, was accepted upon the following motion:

Moved by John A. Henderson, seconded by George Hynde, that the tender of Hulme & Co., of Toronto, for \$4,000 of debentures of the Acton, bearing interest of four per cent, payable yearly, and continuing in twenty annual instalments, annually \$204.82, for the sum of \$4,004 be accepted, the tenderers agreeing to allow accrued interest. In addition, to 25th May, delivery and payment to be made.

The question of constructing permanent paths and other improvements, upon the frontage tax principle, was fully discussed.

Moved by George Hynde, seconded by John A. Henderson, that have be granted to introduce a by-law requiring local improvements and special assessments therefor so that the by-law be read a first time.—Carried.

By-law was read first time.

Moved by H. Macpherson, seconded by H. Jeans, that by-law No. 261 respecting local improvements and special assessments thereto be now read a second time and passed, rule 10 being suspended for that purpose, and that Council go into committee of the whole on said by-law.

The by-law will be passed by the committee of the whole and carried into the construction of permanent paths and special assessments therefor, so that the by-law will be read a first time.—Carried.

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The question of amending the by-law was referred.

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This afternoon session the chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hager, who gave a concise summary of the work of the society since its organization.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Hager, "Our debt to Health" was compared with the price of health.

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This afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. Easton, president of the Acton auxiliary. The theme of her talk was the broadening and lengthening of the gospel of Christ. Many of the members present were then read and recited.

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