

BORN.
Born - At Milton, on Tuesday, July 12, to Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Bell, a son.

BURGESS - On Saturday, July 16, 1901, at 11 a.m., Charles H. Kingman, II, son of Capt. Charles H. Kingman, II, of a son.

DIED.

Die - In Acton, on Wednesday evening, with difficulty, Captain Harry T. H. Engleman, aged 67 years.

CHESTER - At home 10, Main, on Monday, 13th July, Allan Bertram, son of Thomas Campbell, of Toronto, Ontario, of the Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday, July 16th, 1901, at 11 a.m., his son, Harry, of the Wednesday, the 17th July, 1901, at his late residence, Toronto, Ontario, and died at the Hospital of Acton, in the 73rd year of his life.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JULY 26th, 1901.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Judgment was delivered Saturday morning at the Court House, Whinlipp, in the Edgar section case, the seat being declared vacant, and the application of petitioners for the disqualification of Mr. Richardson being refused.

The United States authorities are about to establish free schools in the Philippines. This is a good move and will do much to combat nests for the distribution wrought by war and the degradation of the introduction of the traffic in intoxicants.

A Liverpool letter reporting a meeting of the directors of the Boothill Chamber of Agriculture, at which the question of turnip culture was discussed, says probably India Peth has declared that Canadian cattle are much healthier than English cattle, and that the present restrictions were an injustice to the Dominion.

Mr. Crossland, the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, reports that the total membership has increased to 30,000, a gain of 2,300. The Institutes now number 66, one existing every riding. Of Institutes for farmers' wives, there are now 33, with a membership of 20,000 as compared with two Institutes a year ago.

The Brussels Post commenced its 29th volume and the 21st under the management of the present publisher, W. H. Kerr, last week. The Post is one of Ontario's most capable and successful journals. Under Mr. Kerr's management it has given ample evidence of continued prosperity. It is a most popular news paper throughout its constituency and the province generally.

From figures obtained at the Department of Customs on Monday, it would appear that the foreign trade of Canada for the present year is about \$30,000,000, up from \$28,000,000 for the year previous, which was by far the largest in the history of the country. On the basis of imports entered for consumption and exports of Canadian produce only, exclusive of the percentage usually added for exports to the United States not recorded, the total foreign trade of the last fiscal year was \$30,864,681. On the same basis for the previous year, the trade was \$31,246,174.

It will be seen by our advertising column that the Government of Ontario proposes holding a timber sale by public auction on the 17th September next. Some of the lots are those which were intended to be sold on the 15th March last, but were withdrawn at the prevalence of small pox prevalent prospective buyers from examining and estimating. Several townships in the vicinity of Guelph, Mississauga, and Etobicoke have been surveyed for a great many years, but being inaccessible owing to the high cost of getting to them, we have not had the benefit of the timber. We have now a great opportunity to sell the timber in the vicinity of Guelph, Mississauga, and Etobicoke, and the timber is now available for export to the United States not recorded, the total foreign trade of the last fiscal year was \$30,864,681. On the same basis for the previous year, the trade was \$31,246,174.

The country we have passed through is varied. Southern Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado are in the States already touched on this trip. But there is nothing I have yet seen that appeals to me as being better than our own dear Canadian home land. Western Nebraska and Colorado are far from being agricultural, but there must have a colony of it. As this morning we passed over many miles of almost barren plains I could not think of those settlers who, half a century ago, hauled their families and possessions in covered wagons and struck out for the West. What a dreary journey than as for days and weeks together they ploughed on through these plains. Not a tree in the whole country, often for days without finding fresh water; their horses dying, their families disheartened, the Indians attacking them; still on they went to the Moon of their travels. My heart was full of pity for them to day.

But as we came further west the snow-capped peaks of splendid mountains changed the scene. How grand, how glorious, how majestic, how sublime are these splendid old monuments of an omnipotent Creator. Denver is a capital city, though only a new city it has cast away youthfulness. Its capital, churches, public buildings, stores, etc., compare favorably with many. I must close. I send you a Denver paper. T. A. M.

ASHGROVE.

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Mr. Abram Nelson is quite ill. He is suffering from injuries received in a fall.

Mr. Harold Holmes has resigned his position as teacher of the public school here. Mr. Holmes has been a popular teacher and his decision to leave is much regretted.

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The Georgetown golf club had a friendly match with Brampton club on Tuesday last. The match was decided in favor of the Georgetown club.

Old fashioned barn raisings are a thing of the past. Meets George Wilson and John Wilson, who successfully raised their barn with hand tools.

What harvest is in full swing, much of the wheat has been destroyed by rust and insects.

It is thought in military circles that the death of Mrs. Kruger may have some influence in shortening the war. Mr. Kruger himself has been reported to be exceedingly despondent over the military operations, and the recent statement of Mr. H. H. Aspinwall has justified his despondency. Domestic bereavement may cause him to cease for continuing the hopeless struggle. His Dutch relatives have been warning him for months against the consequences of alienation, since his heart action is abnormally weak.

This story is brought by influential South Africans that Gen. Botha was strongly disposed to surrender, but did not consider himself at liberty to do so against the judgment of Mr. Kruger. Gen. Botha has a family to provide for and is poor and without resources. South Africans assert that he is dependent upon alienation, which he is agreed to make for his health if he continues the struggle, as long as possible.

Blacks without charity are nothing worth. They are bleeding only to kill who make them a blessing to others, - Fielding.

THE COST TOO HIGH.

The Tenders For the Proposed New Closets at School Opened.

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School met on Tuesday evening as per adjournment.

The members were all present, Chairman Holmes presiding.

The tenders for the various works in connection with the proposed new closets were read, and, being received as per agreement, from C. O. Lester and J. Mackenzie and for mason work and excavating from H. Kees and N. Forbes. A tender for the old building was received from John Harvey.

The Board estimated that these tenders based upon the plan and specifications prepared would make the cost of the building complete \$325 or \$350, and concluded in giving the old building further examination to ascertain if it could not be remodelled and improved as a much less costly affair.

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