

MARRIED.

McKeehan, John — At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. McKeehan, 100 King Street, on Saturday evening, January 25, 1902, John, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. M. McKeehan, and Anna, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. M. McKeehan, were married.

DIED.

Brown — In Liverpool, Ontario, on Saturday, January 25, 1902, John T. Brown, aged 63 years and 11 months. Brown was a member of the Toronto Fire Department, and was a son of John T. Brown, aged 60 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1902.

NOTABLE NOTES.

Mr. John Smith, M. P. P., for Peel, has introduced a bill in the Legislature providing for doing away with the cumulative vote in county council elections.

In the by-election in Yinger, Man., on Tuesday, Stewart, the Liberal candidate, was elected by a majority of 980. The interest taken in the fight was of the keenest possible description, both in the constituency and in Winnipeg.

At the meeting of the Royal's Temple, Grand Council in Guelph on Tuesday, a resolution was passed in regard to prohibiting legislation, strongly condemning the proposed referendum, and that if any referendum be held it will be held at the time of the municipal elections, and that a simple majority will be required.

A circular has been sent out to the municipalities of Ontario and other provinces urging that legislation be sought compelling the Bell Telephone Company to supply services to all applying for it, providing their premises are on a line of supply of the company.

The agricultural editor of the London Times, in referring to Professor E. W. Robertson's scheme of rural education in Canada, says: "This is a scheme that is calculated to have far-reaching influence upon the development of rural education in Canada, and cannot at the present juncture fail to prove of much interest in the mother country."

The Free Press has from time to time advocated the formation of a Board of Trade for Action, and in his speech as chairman of the nomination meeting last December, Mr. Steve Nicklin referred to the question, and recommended that steps be taken for the organization of a Board. He explained that his experience in travelling throughout the Dominion had thoroughly convinced him of the value of such an organization for the consideration of the progress of the country. Oakville has a new Board of Trade with twenty-one members. The Board claims that it is in the interest of getting the government to spend \$25,000 on the harbour and is asking for \$6,000 more. F. G. Oliver, the Board's secretary, is manager of the Merchants' Bank at Oakville. There are many matters which might be discussed by a similar Board here, such, for instance, as the securing of new manufacturers; a grant from the Government for a new position; the advantages or disadvantages of the Transcanada Trade By-law, etc.

Regular bills have been introduced in the House of Commons to prohibit the sale of liquor in all places, especially of thoughtful people, the past week, and the referendum features and the general conditions applied to the sale of course, the principal matter which is calling for discussion among the friends of the measure itself. The advocates of prohibition feel that we have had sufficient voting on the question, but it is admitted that the agitation and interest attending the vote upon the Provincial and Dominion governments were educational to the public generally and stirred up feeling in favor of the suppression of the liquor traffic. If this is true, past votes, when the issue was all too tangible, the vote upon referendum, which, if favorable, would mean the "unani" and petition in force of a prohibitory law would easily call out every elector in the country to set the country wild of the drink traffic. Judging by past votes, when there was no law to result from the issue, it is fair, we think, to conclude that a substantial majority would vote in favor of the present bill. If Mr. Rose would arrange for the vote to be taken at the general election in June, no reasonable opposition could be given to his bill, and the Province would be saved the turmoil and expense of another election three months later. Under such conditions the probabilities of the province would no doubt unitarily support the bill and the referendum.

LAWMEN.

The Toronto Lions Company have got in an unusually big stock of kilowatt at the kilo price, and also at Dolly Varden.

The operation performed upon Mr. Peter J. Rose, at the General Hospital, Toronto, last week for appendicitis was successful.

Mr. Rose, who was ill on Monday, was interested in the cemetery here yesterday afternoon. This and several days ago over the neighborhood. Mr. Rose was one of our best known farmers and had many friends in this vicinity.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Canada's Ministers Show a Reduction of Six and Half Millions This Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Houses of Commons and Senate opened the session last Thursday with the usual ceremonies. The debate on the address from the throne was completed on Monday evening without a division.

Mr. Mr. Fielding had his estimates ready for submission to the House as soon as the debate on the address was closed, thus indicating that it will not be the fault of the government if the session of the Parliament is duly prolonged.

The estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1902, show a reduction in consolidated fund account of \$47,000,000. Of this amount, however, \$30,000,000 is authorized by statute, leaving \$17,000,000 as the amount to be voted. The estimates are \$6,500,000 less than those of the previous year. The estimated expenditure upon capital account is \$616,000, which added to the ordinary expenditure gives a grand total of \$53,361,000. There is a decrease of \$5,861,000 in the estimates for capital expenditure, which makes the aggregate expenditure \$6,563,100.

Items in the estimates are \$4,000 for repairs on the east pier at Oakville; \$30,000 for repairs at Burlington Canal pier, and \$5,000 for harbor improvements at Guelph.

THE PROHIBITION BILL.

Reference to be voted upon on Oct. 1, 1902; if carried to come into force May 1st, 1904.

VOTE IN FAVOR TO EXCUSE ONE-HALF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The Prohibition Bill was presented by Premier Rose in the Legislature on Wednesday, Jan. 22, and is similar to the other Prohibition Act, and provides for a referendum, to be voted upon by the electors of the Province. The main provisions of the measure proper and its referendum accompaniment are:

The voting on the referendum will take place on October 14th, 1902.

The question on the ballot paper will be: "Are you in favor of bringing into force 'The Liquor Act, 1902'?"

"The Liquor Act, 1902," is the Manitoba Act, pure and simple, with technical changes adopted to fit Ontario.

If the number of electors voting "aye" totals one-half of the total electorate, the prohibitory clause shall become law by proclamation.

Carried the measure of prohibition is to come into effect on May 1st, 1902.

Licensed under the new Act to the classes of dealers permitted to sell under the previous legislation, strongly condemning the proposed referendum, and that if any referendum be held it will be held at the time of the municipal elections, and that a simple majority will be required.

Under a wholesale license alcohol in the quantity of ten gallons may be sold to any person for mechanical and scientific purposes. "Liquor" to the quantity of five gallons to physicians or dentists.

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Under a retail license a druggist may be issued "liquor" to private individuals under bona-fide prescriptions.

Druggists may purchase one pint for professional use only, and veterinary surgeons two gallons.

Surgeons are permitted to purchase wine to the amount of two gallons for medical purposes.

All purchases of liquor, with the exception of clergymen, are required to make affidavits.

A sick person is allowed to keep liquor in his room, if prescribed for him, but he must not let any other person drink it.

Nothing in the Act shall prevent the manufacturer of liquor for export to another Province or a foreign country, or for sale to a licensee under the Act.

Clothes and societies are prohibited from having liquor on their premises.

Boarding and lodging houses are defined as public places, where consumption is prohibited.

Breweries and distilleries holding Dominion license may keep in stock liquor manufactured by them.

Their storehouses, though, must not communicate with any building on which it would be unlawful to keep or sell liquor.

Liquor may be held for export sale.

No person in the Province may buy liquor unless it is purchased from a licensee.

Records must be kept by licensees of all liquor sold, failure to make such record to the prime cause of illegal sale.

Liquor shall not be consumed upon a licensed premises or in a distillery or brewery.

The penalties for violations range from \$50 to \$1,000 in fine, and imprisonment from two to twelve months.

Any person appointed pursuant to the Act will have the task of keeping the law. Anyone may lay an information and prosecute any supposed offender.

A chief inspector will reside in Toronto. There will be a local inspector for each electoral district, and more if required.

It shall be the duty of inspectors and police commissioners to lay information and prosecute when they have suspicion.

A clause provides for the compelling of witnesses to swear in prosecutions.

The court of proving his right to sell will be open to persons concerned.

GEOGERTOWN.

The by-election with Acton to-morrow evening is the all absorbing topic among citizens who have any sporting inclination about them.

The Expert League can enjoy an agreeable evening at the home of Mr. Tyndall.

The Board then adjourned.

THE FREE LIBRARY BOARD.

Chairman Re-Elected—3,000 Volumes Issued Last Year.

The Free Library Board met on Tuesday evening.

The first business was the election of Chairman for the current year.

Moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by A. J. Mackinnon, that John Cameron be elected Chairman for the current year.

Carried.

Moved by A. J. Mackinnon, seconded by T. T. Moore, that H. P. Moore be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by T. T. Moore, that the standing committee for the year be as follows:

Book Committee—Jno. Cameron, chairman, T. T. Moore and the Secretary.

Finance Committee—A. J. Mackinnon, chairman, T. T. Moore and the Treasurer.

Membership Committee—G. O. Henderson, chairman, John Williams and Jev. J. M. Hayes.—Carried.

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