

PEDDLES
Garrison—Inhabitants of Garrison, Ind., on Thursday 1st July, John Johnson, son of Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Acton, aged 21 years.
Left home on the 1st of June, Saturday, 1st July, James Chapman, in his 21st year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 1890

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. H. Hayes, British Commissioner, and Earl Grey are reported to have told the British Government that the Irish question must be settled before an arbitration treaty can be signed between Britain and the United States.

The American Grapes say that the people of the United States have been their drink bill during the past two years by over \$100,000,000. Recounting the increase in population steadily going on, these figures are certainly cheering, and serve to indicate that possibly, after all, prohibition really does prohibit.

The Dominion Presbyterian says: The Glasgow distillery at King's Inn, Inverness-shire, was sold at auction in Edinburgh for £700. It occupies ten acres of ground, cost £20,000 to build in 1886 and has been famous for pure Highland malt. Even in Scotland it would appear that the traffic is in a bad way when marked a falling off in values could take place in so short a time.

Prosperity is indicated by the trade figures of Canada for the month of June. The total trade in the month shows an increase of eleven million dollars in comparison with the corresponding month last year. It amounted to \$12,250,000, \$5,67,500 in June of 1889. The first quarter of the fiscal year the aggregate trade was \$171,173,000, compared with \$165,767,700 in the same period last year.

Recent reports regarding the crops of Ontario are more optimistic than even those of a month ago and it is evident the year will prove one of the best for the farming community in the history of the province. The fall wheat crop is reported one of the best ever faced the binder, and all other cereals are up to the average with here and there an exceptionally fine field. Fruit prospects through the Niagara peninsula are also reported excellent.

The Monetary Times, of Toronto, summarizes the good factors in the financial and commercial situation of Canada in part as follows:

Bank deposits larger.

Industrial earnings bigger.

Industrial conditions good.

Trade increasing.

Crop area greater.

Investment greater.

Immigration greater.

Larger inflow of capital.

Much construction in progress.

Mineral production good.

Mergers eliminating foolish competition.

Chief Justice Meredith has given judgment dismissing with costs the motion of Ryan vs. the Council of the town of Alliston in his motion to quash the Local Option by-law. The main contention was that there was no lawful or sufficiently-revised voters' list upon which to carry on the voting on such a by-law. In his judgment the Chief Justice says that his investigation in the case "points to the conclusion that the last *de facto* certified voters' list filed in the office of the clerk of the peace is all that the clerk is to concern himself with, and leads necessarily to the conclusion that where a short list has been held at which such a list has been used it was not intended that the election should be open to attack because of some informality or omission."

THE WEEK'S OBITUARY

SKILLIK K. MATTHEWS After a brief illness Miss Nellie E. Matthews died in Spokane, Wash., on Sunday, July 10th, aged 42 years. Miss Matthews was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sarah A. Matthews, formerly of Acton, now living with her sister, Mrs. (now Mrs.) Cook, going with the family from Bloomsfield, N. J., in April of last year. She had gone west for the benefit of her health and for a time was greatly helped. During the last month or two before her last illness, however, she had lost considerably in weight and succumbed to an attack of pleurisy. Miss Matthews was a sincere Christian, unobtrusive, but doing quietly many acts of genuine Christian service. Mrs. Matthews, her mother, is at present in Orangeville.

JOHN COLEMAN From the Guelph Evening Post, of the 15th July, we摘录 the following particulars respecting the sad death of John Coleman, son of Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Peel Street.—"John Coleman, an engineer in the employ of the Indiana Steel Company, met instant death last night by an electric shock while at work in their steel plant. Mr. Coleman was repairing some broken machinery shortly after eleven o'clock when the accident occurred. In some instance his arm came in contact with a live wire, and the shock passing through his body caused instant death."

This tragedy is made more pathetic by the fact that the deceased leaves a young wife who was recently distracted over the terrible power of the machinery, as customary when she prepared to meet her husband on his return from work. The couple were exceptionally devoted, their every thought being of each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have been here only a few months, having come here from Indiana Harbor. Mrs. Coleman was formerly Miss Gutfrucht Hostel, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the young couple came to the Cabinet district shortly after their marriage a year and a half ago. Mr. Coleman's former home was in Ontario where his mother, Mrs. Wm. Anderson, now resides. It is probable the remains will be taken to Cleveland for interment.

25 YEARS' FAITHFUL SERVICE
Colin Cameron, late Nassagawaya Township Clerk, Presented With Gold Watch.

LARGE GATHERING TO DO HIM HONOR

Mr. Colin Cameron this spring completed a quarter century as clerk of the Township of Nassagawaya, and having removed to Rockwood resigned the position. The members of the various councils who had been in office during Mr. Cameron's long tenure of the clerkship, and citizens generally of the township, felt that some tangible recognition should be given of this quarter century of "faithful service." To this end a committee was formed and arrangements made for the presentation of a complimentary address and gold watch at a representative gathering in the township hall last Friday evening.

A very large and representative gathering assembled to do honor to the guest of the occasion. Not only was there a large number of Nassagawaya's leading citizens present, but all the surrounding municipalities were represented by members of council, officials or well-known citizens. There was a large representation from Guelph and Rev. A. Blair, Dr. A. and J. B. Doxon, Esq. Inspector of schools for the county, both of whom have also just completed twenty-five year terms on their respective positions, also present and received a prominent place in the audience. Hon. George Shantz, after slight delay, arrived. Hutchinson was moved to the chair. After a few introductory remarks relative to the matter in hand he called upon Rev. George Mahon, who read the following address, and ex-Councillor Erwin, who presented a beautiful gold watch, suitably engraved, to Mr. Cameron:

COINS OAKHORN, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—After twenty-five years of faithful service to our work, it is our duty to show you in some tangible form the kindly feeling the people of this municipality and the surrounding communities have for you during all the years that you have been a municipal officer.

We are sure it will be a pleasure for you to receive this token of esteem on the very many pleasant occasions on which you have had the members of council in your official capacity, and the "old timers" who have served us well in our town.

Yours very truly, COUNCIL.

KNIGHT IN THINKING LEVEL

Council met on Monday evening; all of faithfulness to our work, and the members present, Rev. Hynds in the chair.

There was a lengthy session, but the most important part of the evening occupied but a minute. The report of the last postmaster audit between John Street and the Second Estate was present and an agreement entered into for purchase of frontage and removal of buildings to the new street line. The work will be proceeded with at once, the remaining buildings moved back and a new pavement laid from the Arthur property through to Records. It is greatly to be regretted that term could not have been arrived at including this latter property. It was reported at the Council that no agreement could be entered into for widening of the Second property, but that the necessary steps would be taken for expropriating sufficient of the frontage of this property to permit of the building of a new street line.

Mr. Oliver Smith, foreman on the

site of Dr. A. E. Ramsey, was the victim of an accident at Guelph. One of Hooper's livery horses slipped on the roadway on Macdonnell Street, sustaining injuries in the fall. Mr. Smith, who was passing at the time, was helping to get the horse on its feet when it slipped again, rolled over on its back, one foot striking Mr. Smith in the face. A deep wound was the result of the impact of the hoof and a number of stitches were required.

OUR OLD CUSTOMERS IN THE NORTHWEST

Have taken the hint given them a few weeks ago and are sending their watches down to us for repair as the cost is only about twelve cents or so and we pay the return postage. We always regulate our parcels and now have over head fast or broken in transit cases especially. If you have not a watchmaker near you and you have to send your work by mail you might as well send it all the way here as it only means a few days longer and we promise to be extra careful with watches coming so far.

The report was adopted.

The following letter was read by the Clerk:

TO THE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—As I have recently purchased property on King Street, Elgin Street, and in the Village of Acton, I would respectfully ask your honorable body to open wide street at once.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. R. ANDREWS.

Acton, July 25th, 1890.

Moved by Murray McDonald, seconded by Wm. Cooper, that the plan of King Street, leading from Main Street to the park, having been duly registered and given to the Corporation of Acton by the owner, Mr. John Kennedy, through whose property the street is laid, this Council hereby declares the said street open for public travel.—Carried.

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