

BORN.
Brown—In Acton, on Tuesday, September 18th, 1910, at 11:30 a.m., Mrs. John Brown, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, wife of Oliver Brown, Minister.

MARRIED.

Brown—Jameson, by the residence of the bride's parents, around 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 18th, 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, of Guelph, Ontario, to Margaret Kilian, daughter of Robert Johnson, Esq.

DIED.

Weller—At Guelph, yesterday 10th, Elsie, aged 20 years, wife of the late James W. Weller, aged 46 years.

May—In Georgetown, Ontario, Woodhouse, Isabella, widow of the late Robert May, Esq.

Hawkins—In Kitchener, on Thursday, September 17th, 1910, Mrs. Hawkins, of Waterloo, Ontario, in her 80th year.

Campbell—In Guelph, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1910, Mrs. Campbell, daughter of the late George Campbell, aged 83 years.

McMullan—On Wednesday, September 16th, James McMullan, of Nelson, County of Halton, Ontario, in his 70th year, a native of County Antrim, Ireland.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Thirteen municipalities in the County of Wellington, including the city of Niagara Falls, will vote on Local Option at the coming municipal elections. Several of the municipalities are already under Local Option.

This year there are 1600 new teachers in the Province of Ontario. This rate of supply, if kept up, for a couple more years, ought to remedy the shortage that has been felt for some time, even if there are numerous removals to the West.

With the opening of the shooting season the September number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ontario, gives a number of delightful stories dealing with days amongst the ducks, geese, woodcock and prairie chickens—experiences which will cause many a thrill to sportsmen reading them. Numbers will be able to duplicate, in remembrance, many of these published experiences, and in this way live over again real letter from their histories. Variety marks this production, every lover of the outdoors, whatever his particular taste, will be paying attention. The issue should be sought with every shooting party this season.

It is estimated that Ontario's field crops will amount to a value of about \$200,000,000, which is an increase over the production of last year of about \$35,000,000. The farming community of the province will be richer by the amount that there were a year ago, a fact well worth the consideration of those seeking some indication of the business outlook of the next six or eight months. The total production is greater than the combined production of the three provinces of the North West. Nor has the province nearly reached the limit of productivity. The exhibit of grain and vegetable tables from New Ontario shown at the Canadian National Exhibition was proof conclusive of the great scope for further settlement and cultivation this province had in her northern country.

In a very commendable letter to the Globe recently Mr. J. H. Denyes, Headmaster of Newburg High School, but now Principal of the Oakville High School, makes two valuable suggestions respecting the final examinations of pupils who are completing their course in the public schools. The first of these suggestions is that there should be a gradual test, so that the students may have a period of study to replace the present entrance examination as an objective for the pupil to work up to. The entrance examination occurs at the end of the fourth form of the course, which runs for two years longer, with work enough for both a junior and a senior fifth class. The Globe says: "If such an examination were instituted and were rationally conducted it would become popular. Its tendency would be to induce those pupils to remain longer in the public schools who have no intention to go to a high school; on the other hand, it would attract others who have not hitherto been attracted to a continuation of their studies and permanent abandonment of school attendance and work." The other suggestion has to do with the rational conduct of examinations. It is to the effect that at the public school final test account should be taken, really and substantially, of the work done by each candidate in his own school during the final year of his course. The suggestions of Principal Denyes will commend themselves to thoughtful observers of the effects of our educational system as at present administered. The presumption which presents day to day is that the educational authorities are a punishment in their eyes of the professions for his life work—is ridiculous and unreasonable. A large majority of the pupils of the public schools inevitably enter spheres of business activities or agricultural pursuits, and the course of study leading in these directions should be open to all such pupils. In combatting the idea of fixing an educational test to three days of work upon a set of unfamiliar examination papers, when pupils are naturally nervous and under conditions far from normal, Mr. Denyes came to the right conclusion when he makes his contention upon very tangible grounds. The Education Department may very well give these suggestions careful deliberation and effective action.

CHURCHILL

There were three of refreshing at the anniversary services in the Congregational Church here this week, Rev. H. G. Watt, H. D. of Guelph preached able and eloquent sermons on Sunday morning and evening to large congregations.

On Monday evening the Harvest Home was held and was a great success. In every respect. The Methodist Church choir of Acton provided the musical part of the program. The organ, piano, mandolin, sals and an instrumental duet by the Misses Mason were well received, the large audience repeating their encores after every number. Very interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. F. G. Hurst, H. A. and Mr. G. A. Black, Acton, and Rev. R. G. Watt, B. D. of Guelph. Mr. P. G. Boddy made an excellent chairman.

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