

The Glengarry News.

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Some one ought to wake the Senate up and inform it of its doom.

Good roads will soon be exemplified, by their absence, in Glengarry County.

The House has met for business; the Senate for mischief and indemnity.

Livernash, the Yukon Hypnotist, may visit his comical old subjects in the Senate.

Sir Charles, the only—will shortly be heard from and there will be a run on the "P."

With Conservatives in Canada, it is not the awful things the Liberals have done, but always what they are going to do.

It is to be hoped that Sir Charles will give expression to the satisfaction he feels at being in opposition; the country is more than satisfied.

A term of disgust frequently used by some people is, Rate; by the change of one letter it becomes, Rate; and by looking at Glengarry roads you can feast your eye on world-beaters, except during the winter.

For February the foreign trade of the Dominion was over \$300,000 larger than for February 1898. This does not look as if a Liberal Government was bringing dire ruin on the country, as was prophesied by certain people in this country some three years ago.

Graham & Co., Montreal, publish the "Star"; it is a fairly enterprising newspaper, but in policy is known as a "twinkler," ready to change its hue at any time for any prospective advantage to the man whose eyes are riveted on the Senate.

The financial critic of the Ontario Opposition, Col. Matheson, is a meek-looking gent, but long association with Whitney has thrown his mind out of balance and he now, like his leader, is suffering from a new malady peculiar to his leader and himself; it is known as partisan Francism.

The pious wails of the Tory press to the Senate fervently hoping that that body will demolish the proposed Redistribution Bill, indicate how satisfactory to them was the gerrymander in 1882. Ontario was then fixed for the Tory party so well that almost any change now would be to their disadvantage.

The session has begun at Ottawa and the business of the country will soon be well under way. The session need not be a lengthy one, but there are a great many long winded statements on the Opposition side of the House who may do a great deal towards stretching the session out to an unwarranted length.

Official returns available show that during the eight months up to the end of February, the trade, import and export of Canada amounted to \$235,070,642, as compared with \$203,481,201, in the same period of last year, being an increase of \$11,640,441. In imports the increase reaches \$16,592,005. Exports show a decline of \$4,951,564. The customs collections for the period amounted to \$16,429,127, as compared with \$14,150,116, in 1898, being an increase of \$2,277,018.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer, on Friday last week, introduced a bill to the Legislature to amend the succession duties act. The main points of the measure are to provide machinery for the recovery of debts on property which has been disposed of before death with a view to escaping the duties; to enable an action to be brought in the name of the Crown to collect duties in lieu of the sheriff making a valuation as at present, and provides that where the total estate exceeds the required amount whether in or outside of the province, that part of it in Ontario shall be taxed whether it reaches the sum prescribed or not.

Mr. Wilson, leader of the Nova Scotia Opposition, expressed the opinion that as the Laurier Government were reasonably sure of a further lease of power of at least ten years, the majority of the Senate would be Liberal then anyhow, and it was therefore unnecessary to agitate Senate reform at present. There is not much of a Tory strain about this statement although both leaders hail from the same province. According to Sir Charles, the country is at all times burning with a desire to turn the government out. The by-elections have everywhere shown the fallacy of such an idea, still the opinion of the Tory leader seems as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians.

Conservative organs are already howling over the proposed Redistribution Bill. They know nothing whatever of any changes in the boundaries of constituencies that are proposed in the bill and they are less. No matter how just or fair the redistribution may be, it is quite evident that the organs of Toryism, headed by the "Star," are preparing to shout "gerrymander" for all they are worth. Unlike the Redistribution of 1882, the present bill will do what is fair and just to all political parties. It will not be the boast of the Liberals that they have successfully bribed their opponents. These journals that are now making so great a splash over what the bad Liberals are going to do, should well think they are whether their whinnies are veritable or not. But in this would be placing country before party, a principle that has been eliminated from the rallies of Toryism in Canada.

THE NEW TAX BILL.

The discussion on Mr. Harcourt's resolutions, based on the new tax bill, revealed that there was no real opposition to the measure. Col. Matheson declared that if the Government would reduce its expenditures there would be no need for the bill at all, but it needed no ghost to come from the grave to tell us that. Feeling the necessity of addressing himself to the task of showing where these retrenchments might be made, Col. Matheson with a sweep of his hand said he would make them all round.

Of course an Opposition is not bound to go into detail on these matters, but its speakers when they make such charges should afford a general clue as to what economies they advocate. Would they lessen the grants to education? Would they pare off the appropriations for the asylums, hospitals and refuges for the afflicted? Would they lessen the grants towards the improvement of agriculture? Would they cease aiding railways? These are all possible policies, but if the Opposition nominates any of them in its bosom, it should tell the electors about it, and where it may be on the floor of the House, should it be discussed and considered by the men who have the power to put it into practice should it commend itself to their judgment.

Would Col. Matheson get at the salaries of civil servants? We do not think he would. Ontario has a staff of officials that is too large for the service, and instead of being overpaid we have no hesitation in saying that their remuneration as a whole is not creditable to the Province. Col. Matheson's indemnity for the six weeks that he spends at the Legislature is equal to what a number of officials not inferior to him in acquisitions or capacity, and we imply nothing derogatory in saying that, receive for six months' honest service. We feel sure therefore that he could effect no savings in departmental salaries.

It is just because of our certainty that the Ontario Government will spend its increased revenue carefully and judiciously that we welcome this new taxation bill. The corporations and institutions on which the taxation will fall will never feel the impost. They are useful and meritorious bodies, and if they did not perform needed services to the community they would not be in existence; but they undoubtedly gather in a good deal of wealth of the Province—wealth that should be taxed and returned again to support those great public purposes that the Legislature and Government of this Province have assumed. The \$300,000 that these new taxes will produce will be returned to the people in the shape of roads in the new regions of Ontario, in adding railroads to open up the back country, in increasing the educational facilities of our children, and in succoring those of our fellow-creatures who are deficient in mind, body or estate. For our part we do not want to see the expenditures in those directions lessened while wealth goes untaxed; and the Opposition is quite welcome to the opposite policy if it is so wise as to adopt it.—The Globe.

Our Ottawa Letter.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.
Ottawa, Feb. 20th.—Probably the most brilliant function of its kind ever witnessed at Ottawa was that of the opening of Parliament last week. Thousands without the parliament buildings greeted the new Governor-General, while hundreds who sought admission to the Senate floor, or galleries, were turned away on account of their crowded status. On the noteworthy proceeding in the Commons, at the conclusion of the opening ceremony which followed along the customary lines, was that of the introduction of new members. Six of them were received among whom there was not one supporter of the Conservative party. In 1897, there were also the same number of new members introduced on the opening of the House of that year, likewise all supporters of the government but two of these represented two seats wrested from the Conservatives, while this year, also, one of the new members sits for Bagot, a seat won from the Opposition's thinning ranks. Yet the absurd claim is still being constantly put forward by Sir Charles Tupper that the sentiment of the country is reacting against Liberal administration. Some announcement was created, at the close of the introductions, by the query coming from the ministerial side: "Have they not even got one for over there?" but there came no return from the dejected party on the left of the speaker. The solid witness to the very absurdity of the mythical "reaction" so determinedly promoted by Tory leaders, was convincing enough to both sides of the House.

THE SENATORIAL PROBLEM.
As was expected, the speech from the throne promised little important government legislation. The reference to the international conference confirms the statement previously made that the serious hitch in the negotiations occurred on the Alaska boundary question. The announcement was made, by which the government proposes to redeem another pledge given to the country, that a measure would be introduced to re-arrange the electoral districts throughout the Dominion. The Tory Gerrymander Acts have so altered and mutilated county boundaries in many parts of Canada, that a fair expression of opinion of the country can not be made. These acts were designed, as few people can successfully deny, expressly for the purpose of strengthening the party then in power by securing the return of a greater number of their followers than was warranted by the strength of the electors supporting them. Parts of different counties have been incorporated into electoral divisions and it is the intention of the government to revert to the old order of things and preserve the continuity of those counties now affected by Tory legislation enacted for purely party advantage.

Opposition papers, of course, complain loudly of the sessional programme is not more extensive in its proposed legislation. There appears to be no urgent necessity for a larger amount of government measures. During the short space of time since taking office, the administration has accomplished as much for the benefit of Canada, probably, as was accomplished by the Conservatives during their long term of power. The events of the past two years justify one in coming to some such a conclusion. The premier brought about the peaceful solution of the Manitoba School Question which endangered the peace and unity of Canada by stirring up the bitter hatreds of race and religion. The anti-imperial treaties have been denounced, and a preferential tariff of 25 per cent. adopted in favor of the products from British sources. Tariff reform is in progress, chipping the necessities of life, one trade and commerce has been developed so rapidly and so enormously as to augur great things for the future. The cross has been stopped and the country strengthened by a steady and increasing flow of immigration into the west, filling the broad and fertile western lands with prosperous communities. The Franco-Act has been repealed effecting a saving of \$200,000 which were spent on each revision under the act, railway monopoly has been checked and the established industries of the country have not been allowed to suffer by tariff changes, so carefully has the tariff been framed. The financial condition of the country has never been more satisfactory, the revenues are expanding, deficits have ceased and a splendid surplus is expected this year, while the total trade of Canada has been increased to about one-third over that of 1896. The deepening of the canals will shortly be completed when, by the lowering of transportation rates, prices will be increased to the producers and the carrying trade of the country will be immensely benefited. By the extension of the Intercolonial railway to Montreal it is expected, through the increase of its traffic which is certain to develop, will at last provide a solution of the problem of how to wipe out the large yearly deficits in operating this road. The relations of Canada with the United States have undergone a remarkable change and, at the conclusion of the international conference, the subjects now under consideration will be permanently settled. The mining interests of the country are being rapidly developed and the policy adopted in administering the affairs of the new Yukon district has not only saved the country from the expense of governing that district, but has added to the revenues of Canada this year about \$400,000, with the certainty of at least double that sum for a surplus from the Yukon next year. The lowering of the postage rate, the adoption of the postal note and special delivery systems and the reduction of the huge deficit in the post-office department from \$700,000 to less than \$50,000 are not the least noteworthy acts which display the ability of the present government to effectively promote the country's interests.

All these and many other instances bear strong testimony to the wonderful benefits which are accruing to the Dominion under Liberal administration. This is now the long looked for growing time of the Dominion. Contentment and union are being enjoyed by the people, the population and trade increasing with long strides, the burden of taxation being lightened and prosperity casting its beneficent influence all over this favored country. And to what must be ascribed this true cause of the grateful change from the dark days of 1896 and preceding years? It cannot be reasonably claimed that it is simply cause about natural course. That gratitude of Canada is distinctly due to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues in the ministry, to the wisdom displayed in their administration of public affairs and to the adoption of Liberal policy in the government of the country.

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE WORLD.
Pruned, Punctuated and Preserved in Fifty Paragraphs for the Personal of Practical People—Personal, Political and Profitable.
MARINE MATTERS.
The marine agents met at Montreal, and, although they met give no figures, it was decided to increase insurance rates at the opening of navigation.
FOR MEN OF WAR.
The United States transport Sheridan, which sailed from New York for Port Said, has arrived at Port Said.
General W. P. Reyes, leader of the ill-fated Nicaraguan revolution, has arrived at New Orleans from Bogota de Torro via Mobile. He is in bad health and undecided about future plans.
THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.
Captain Norman, reputed to be a several times millionaire, has given \$400,000 to the Seventh Day Adventist conference, now in session at Battle Creek, Mich.
Rev. Dr. Paget, rector of Trinity Church, Muscatine, Iowa, and dean of southern Iowa, has accepted St. Peter's parish, Revelstoke, B.C., and will enter on his new duties the first Sunday in May.
POLITICS—FOREIGN.
The Spanish Cabinet at Saturday's session approved the credit for the payment of the interest on the Cuban debt.
The Democrats of Chicago who are running Carter Harrison for Mayor have decided to question the municipal ownership of public franchises as a part of their platform.
In the election on Thursday in the North Division of Norfolk, for a successor in Parliament to Mr. H. H. Cozens-Hardy, recently made a judge, Sir W. Brampton Gordon (Liberal) was elected by a majority of 1,106. At the last election Mr. Cozens-Hardy, who was a Home Ruler, had a majority of 608.
RAILROAD RUMBLE.
The Ottawa & New York Railway Company will commence to run passenger trains and to the Central Depot at Ottawa on Monday.
The sum of \$38,780 is the increase of the Grand Trunk earnings of the week ending March 14, over the corresponding period of last year. The figures for 1898 were \$203,187, and \$476,607 for 1899.
The French Northern Railway Company has just begun experimenting in the matter of speed. One of its trains has made the run from Lille to Paris—260 kilometers (155 miles)—in 178 minutes, the fastest time ever made on a French road.
PURELY PERSONAL.
Victoria, B.C., has chosen W. B. Ferguson of Toronto to be City Engineer.
The jury disagreed in the case of Mrs. Nicholls, who was charged with withholding in Toronto.
Word has been received that A. R. Boyes and J. Rud Perry, C.E., of Napanea, who left last in January, have reached Saginaw safe. They are en route to the Asia district.
Hon. John T. Tooley, member of the New South Wales Legislative Council, and one of the proprietors of The Australian Star, published at Sydney, is in Ontario, where he will visit, en route, to his anti-imperial home.
THE FIRE RECORD.
Fire gutted the billiard-room and dwelling of Alex. Cook, Cornwall, on Thursday.

The office of The Standard newspaper at Regina, N.W.T., was burned Saturday morning. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The machine and supply shop of the Ottawa Car Company, lately gutted by fire on Thursday morning. The loss is put at about \$6,000.

The establishments of R. Greene & Co., wholesale clothiers; H. Benton, hatters; and Thomas Poth, gentlemen's furrier and tailor, were considerably damaged by fire in London the less on Sunday. Loss \$7,000 or \$8,000.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.
Mr. C. Kloepper, M.P., has purchased the English Rolling Mills, and may operate them shortly.

Goldie & McCulloch of Galt have been awarded the contract for the new engine required for the electric light works at Fort William.

Shoe tops will soon be turned out by a trust, under the corporate title of the American Hides & Leather Company, with gross capitalization of \$60,000,000. A petition has been filed at Osprey Hall, Toronto, for the winding up of the affairs of a liquidator of the Bell Organ & Piano Company, Limited, of Guelph. The petitioner is A. W. Alexander of Guelph. The petition was enlarged two weeks in order to secure some papers from England.

CASUALTIES.
William Taylor was struck by the Michigan Central train on the London division at Glengarry on Friday morning at 10.15 o'clock and instantly killed. Brakeman Woodruff of Toronto Junction had both legs cut off in Toronto on Friday by a C.P.R. engine. He will not likely recover, and is only 80 years of age.

James Agnew fell into a circular tank of hot water in the Owen Sound Iron Works on Friday, and before he was withdrawn by a fellow workman he was very severely, but possibly not fatally, burned.

In a wreck on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, near Wheeler, nine miles from Middleboro, Ky., on Friday, caused by a landslide, the engine of the Louisville & Nashville, was killed and Engineer Charles Shively injured.

A cyclone struck the belt of country lying between Helena and Edwardville, Claburn County, Ala., on Saturday afternoon, and wrought terrible damage. Seven persons were killed, five of them in one house.

Thomas Sidley, the elevator man in the Toronto Yongo street Arcade, is dead. He was found Saturday afternoon on the basement floor of the Arcade with his skull smashed. It is thought he walked into the opening of the shaft and fell to his death.

James Healy, aged 90, was caught in a belt driven by electricity at the Street Railway Co.'s premises in Toronto on Friday and wound around the pulley and the belt. He was fearfully mangled and died without regaining consciousness. He was engaged in delivering coal at the time.

THE DEAD.
Mrs. Harold Frederic, widow of the well-known American correspondent who died in London last October, died in London on Friday of cancer.

Assessor John W. Meak of Watertown, N.Y., is dead, aged 79. He was as one time superintendent of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad.

Richard Fitzgerald, formerly of the Postoffice Department in London, Ont., and a resident of that city for 51 years, died very unexpectedly at his home on Saturday. He was superintendent of mails in London for 33 years.

After lingering in drooping agony, with both legs crushed, since Friday morning, Charles Woodruff of Toronto Junction died in the Toronto General Hospital on Sunday night at midnight. He was run over at Streetville Junction while coupling cars.

Dr. L. B. Clemens, a prominent physician and politician, died at Berlin, Ont., on Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the hospital. He was taken ill Thursday morning. Deceased was about 42. He was the Reform candidate in the last local election against Dr. Leckner.

The body of the late Thomas McIntee of Bedford is to be buried at an inquest held at Bedford on Friday next before Dr. Sinclair, county coroner. The inquest will be held in the afternoon.

Mrs. McIntee is in frail health, and the officials will probably take her deposition at her home.

Joseph Medill, proprietor of The Chicago Tribune, died at San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday morning. Mr. Medill was born in New Brunswick in 1838. In 1855 he became one of the owners of The Tribune. He was elected Mayor of Chicago in 1871, and later spent some time in Europe. On his return he purchased a controlling interest in the Tribune, and has since been its editor-in-chief.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.
The safe at Bishop's Hotel, Ottawa, was blown open on Saturday morning and \$27 taken from it.

Henry Cole was sentenced at Portage la Prie to three years in the penitentiary for causing the death of W. Hubbs.

Saturday evening robbers broke into The Montreal Star's up-town office, and working the safe combination, stole \$900.

Egan Bros., St. Thomas, grocery store was robbed Friday night of \$1,000 worth of goods. The thieves secured \$91.

J. J. Sweeney and F. W. Smith have been sentenced at Vernon, B.C., to five years each in penitentiary for burglarizing McGill & Co.'s store at Armstrong.

William Alhi, the Italian hotelkeeper who killed at Spokane, Wash., James Hally of Toronto, was arrested on Sunday at Priest River, and has been lodged in jail at Spokane.

Mrs. Swanson, a middle-aged woman, has been taken to Chatham from Sarnia on the charge of alleged bigamy. The charge was preferred by her second husband, Swanson. She had not seen the other husband for 25 years.

The body of a dead infant, apparently about ten days old, was found on Thursday in the woods by Harry Boyd, a farmer, living near Donfold. The child had evidently been smothered, as its mouth was stuffed with a scarf.

Charles Wells, famous as the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, who has just been released from London prison, after serving six years for fraud, says that while in prison he invented a system by which he will again break the bank.

James Ronald, a retired farmer living in Listowel, sued and obtained \$80 damages from his son Robert Ronald, who also resided in Listowel, for writing and causing to be published a statement to the effect that James Ronald was a fit subject for a lunatic asylum and should be confined there.

A large crowd attended the opening of the Manitoba Legislature on Thursday. The proceedings were purely formal.

According to the statistics of the Imperial Gold Standard, the gold production in the Russian Empire during 1898 amounted to 281,350.

Smallpox is assuming the proportions of an epidemic in North Carolina, and the State Board of Health has appointed a smallpox inspector.

St. Patrick's Day was generally observed on Friday, in Toronto among the orators at gatherings in the city were Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick and Dr. Montague.

Among the speakers were Hon. John Sherwin Croxby of the United States. One hundred and fifty people were present.

The supposed bacillus among Mr. Bowers' pigs in Sydney has been declared by Dr. Cook of the Ottawa Department of Agriculture, to be a mistake. The deaths were due to over-feeding with corn.

D. W. Sample of Dawson City, business manager of The Klondike Nugget, is in San Francisco en route to Ottawa, Ont., to formally present charges against ex-Government Commissioner Thomas Fawcett.

The number of deaths from consumption in Ontario during the month of February is the highest in the history of the province, 905 people having died from that cause. The previous record for one month was 180.

A new satellite of the planet Saturn has been discovered by Prof. William H. Pickering at the Harvard Observatory. This satellite is three and a half times as distant from Saturn as Iapetus, the outermost satellite hitherto known. The period is about 17 months and the magnitude 15.4.

The Klondike Telegraph Line.
Vancouver, March 20.—Two parties of men who will do important work for the Dominion Government arrived on Saturday. They are to look after the construction of the telegraph line to Dawson City, Klondike, and there may be a link between Vancouver and Skagway.

RETURNING YOUTH.
A young man, said Oliver Wendell Holmes when they asked his age. True enough. He was young because his heart was young; his step was firm; his eyes were bright; his laugh was clear and ringing; his appetite was good, and above all—so was his digestion.

No man should be old before his time because of a weak stomach, sluggish liver, slinky nerves and flabby muscles. There is no need of it. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures these things. It brings back youth to the feeble because it brings back keen appetite and good digestion. It tones up the liver, puts oxygen and life into the blood, and solid strength into the flesh and muscles. It contains no alcohol to intoxicate or create a morbid appetite or craving for stimulants.

"I have never felt better in my life than I do now," says a man of letters, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y. "I have taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery right along. I can now walk quite well with a cane and hope to dispense with it soon. I am now as bright as I have been for nearly two years. I think I am doing fine. I do not cough now and I can eat and sleep like a school boy. I think I will have to change my mind about 'Patent Medicine' as I have had much faith in them, but you must know that I have been treated in two hospitals and by three doctors besides, and received no benefit, so I think your medicine is the only medicine for me."

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PREVOST HUNG.
The Port Arthur Murderer Lunched Into the Unknown According to Law—Protested His Innocence.

Port Arthur, March 18.—The execution of Oliver Prevost for the murder of the swineherds, Rene Dubin and Ferdinand Carriere, on Feb. 10, 1897, took place yesterday morning. Only about 25 officials and others witnessed the affair, and there was no demonstration. A crowd of about 80 men and boys gathered on the street in front of the jail.

When Radcliffe requested Prevost to hold out his arms to be hanged, he said: "I submit, but you are hanging an innocent man. You are only doing your duty, but I am innocent."

Sharp at 8 o'clock the march to the scaffold began, and was led by the sheriff, followed by Prevost, dressed in a black serge suit, supported on either side by Turnkey Connor and Radcliffe, Rev. Father Neault and Jail Surgeon Macdonald. During the march Prevost's face bore a haggard, yellowish appearance. His lips moved rapidly in prayer, but no sound came from them. The movement of the lips increased as the steps leading to the scaffold were reached and the scaffold began to rise.

Within a half-minute after arriving on the scaffold, Radcliffe had completed preparations, the trap was sprung, and the body shot out of sight. Four minutes later the pulse had ceased beating and the body was pronounced extinct. The neck having been broken. The usual formal inquest was held when the body was cut down a half-hour later, followed by the burial of the body in the angle of the jail yard. The body was in perfect preservation, Radcliffe doing his work quietly.

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Brieflets - and - Locals.

Palm Sunday next.
Only one more week of Lent.
 Easter Monday is a legal holiday.
 The days grow longer and brighter.
 Almanac spring began last Tuesday.
 King Frost has got a firm grip on spring yet.
 Did you see one of J. J. Wightman's \$1.00 hats.
 The snow-plough is in demand about town.

Potatoes are bringing fancy prices this spring.
 The shovel brigade worked over-time on Monday.
 Leave your orders early and avoid the rush.

Old winter's backbone appears to be in fairly good condition yet.
 Don't say Dr. Hovos will be in Maxville March 28th, 29th and 30th.

Be sure and get your ham and bacon from J. Boyle for Easter; every ham guaranteed the best and priced the lowest.

The family of C. F. Taggart, book keeper for Macpherson & Sobell, moved to town this week and have taken up their residence at the dwelling recently occupied by Gilbert McIntosh. We welcome Mr. Taggart and family as residents of the town.

As to quality and price of meats we defy competition. Sabourin Bros.

Twenty-two hundred dollars worth of boots, shoes and rubbers on hand now at the People's Store, Maxville.

A new cheese and butter factory by a joint stock company has been started at Bridge End. As this is an all dairy section we have no doubt the factory will be a decided success.

PRINTERS. Wanted position as printer in city or country office. Thirty years' experience. James Mann, box 155 Alexandria, Ont.

Order your Easter meats from Sabourin Bros. and you will be sure they are the best.

For high grade suits, water proof coats, stylish hats, and neckties, go to E. McArthur, Maxville.

J. F. Smith has been appointed financial secretary of Court Glengarry No. 1264 I.O.F. here, as successor to Gilbert McIntosh, whom ill health compelled to resign.

Provender Grinding every Tuesday and Saturday. Ground feed for sale. Pumps, ready-made and made to order.—M. Campbell, Athol.

For the latest goods in ready-made clothing for men, boys, youths or children go to J. J. Wightman.

For your Easter fruits, chocolates, bonbons and all the choicest confectionery, go to J. Boyle's.

If you want a first-class roast of beef sent to perfection leave your order with Sabourin Bros.

What is it you need most to make you look well and comfortable, at all times? A perfect fitting suit, shirt, hat, and shoes. Buy them at E. McArthur, Maxville, and save from 15 to 20 per cent.

Leave your orders with Sabourin Bros. for your hams, hocks and bologna, also your sausages, blood puddings, white puddings, and not forgetting your roast beef and turkey as they have the finest and freshest stock of meats ever seen in a meat market in Alexandria.

Dentistry. Dr. Hovos will be in Maxville March 28th, 29th and 30th.

Do you want to buy a wagon this spring? We are buying some and have room for twelve more people who can get wagons cheap.—McPherson & Schell.

If you have not already got a pound of sample of J. Boyle's 25c. tea, go at once for strength and flavor it cannot be under-estimated.

If you require anion sale or horse route hills, come to us and secure a first-class job at a reasonable price.

As to quality and quantity of all kinds of meats Sabourin Bros. easily take the lead.

The Queen's Hotel, Alexandria. The leading hotel in the county. Best wines, liquors and cigars. Large and commodious rooms. Meals at all hours. F. Divoque, proprietor.

At the regular meeting of St. Finnan's C.T. and A.T. Society held in Alexandria Hall on Sunday evening last, it was decided that all the members would make their Easter Communion on the morning of Easter Sunday in a body.

New Music always coming in at O'Connell's Jewellery Store. Any music not in stock obtained at the lowest prices. Get your watch repaired by H. B. O'Connell.

Order your roast beef and steak from Sabourin Bros. as their beef cannot be surpassed.

On Tuesday, March 14th, a number of friends decided to give Roly McLeod, 7th Kenyon, a surprise, and a large party of them drove to his residence and gave him most hospitably treated and an evening of thorough enjoyment was spent.

We will have the largest and most complete stock of all kinds of meats for Easter trade ever seen in Alexandria. Sabourin Bros.

DENTISTRY. Dr. Reid, dentist, graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and of the B.C.D.S. of Ontario. Successor to Dr. V. H. Lyon. Office News building, Alexandria.—Painless extraction.

We are pleased to note that Messrs. Malone, Dwyer and Deane, who were reported to our last issue as being indisposed, are all three able to be out again.

Orders carefully taken and promptly delivered. Sabourin Bros.

The snow storm of Sunday made drifts seven or eight feet deep on the 3rd concession road near Sobell's Mill and a large force of men was necessary to open out the road for traffic, on Monday.

Gilbert McIntosh and family have removed for the present to Apple Hill. Mr. McIntosh will, we understand, shortly leave for the west. While we regret their departure from our midst we wish them every success and trust that Mr. McIntosh's health may be fully restored as a result of his trip.

Sabourin Bros. have easily and foremost the best beef ever put into a meat market in their Easter trade.

They have begun excavating the cellar for the new laundry at the corner of Dominion and St. Paul Sts. Macpherson & Sobell have the contract of erecting the building.

D. Donovan, photographer, has had a new back ground and has also added several other improvements. Mr. Donovan is determined to be up-to-date in every particular and is thus enabled to please his customers on all occasions.

Our shop will be beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreens, holly and flags, and not forgetting the roses for the little children which we will distribute among them on Easter Sunday. Sabourin Bros.

Pimples positively cured. This remedy is not a cure-all, but we refund money in any case where pimples or blackheads, from whatever cause, are not completely cured in from one to five applications. A soothing, healing powder rubbed on face or affected part with soft cloth. Apply before retiring and in morning wash with clear, cool water. Send 50c. for a box and full directions.—Iron Medicine Co., 25 St. Edward St., Montreal. 2-3m

FOR FORESTERS

Confessions for members of St. Alexander Court, No. 493, C.O.E., preparatory to the performance of their Easter duty, will be held in the Cathedral here to-morrow afternoon.

HEAVY EXPORTS

The principal consignments entered for export at Toronto on Saturday morning were \$14,000 worth of bacon for Great Britain, \$35,000 worth of clover seed for Germany and \$3,000 worth of agricultural implements for Australia.

CREATES AN INTEREST

A number of the merchants of Aylmer are offering prizes to the children under sixteen who will write up the best advertisement. This has awakened great interest in that whole section. The prize advertisements are published in the space taken by the merchants. Here's an idea local advertisers might follow.

JOACHIM LEBEVRE

P. A. and Mrs. Huot attended the funeral at Aubrey, Que., on the 17th March, of Joachin Lebevre, uncle of Mr. Huot. Mr. Lebevre's death occurred on Wednesday, March 15th, at the age of 82 years. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters to whom we extend our sympathy.

ATE THE SHAMROCKS

An amusing incident occurred in the city of Toronto on St. Patrick's day. A gentleman paid fifty cents in a restaurant for a bunch of shamrocks, which he laid on the counter preparatory to planting it on his coat. While his back was turned a half intoxicated man entered, mistaking the shamrocks for watercress, sprinkled it with pepper and salt and swallowed it.

HOME FROM B.C.

Ovide Verrier, who for the past year has been in British Columbia, arrived here on Tuesday night on a visit to his family. Mr. Verrier spent in glowing terms of the west and expects to return shortly. He left his friend Fred Bochart in the west to look after his business and to look after his family.

WILL ENFORCE THE BY-LAW

Now that spring is almost at hand it will be well for all owners of cattle, horses, and other animals that they are aware of the prohibition from running at large. This by-law will be strictly enforced this year and animals at large will be promptly impounded. Lanes and gardens are ruined in a few minutes by stray animals tramping in the spring when the ground and soil are soft and yielding.

THE SNOWSTORM

The biggest snowstorm we have had this winter yet in Saturday and continued right through till Monday. Snow fell to the thickness of from three to five inches. The high wind which accompanied the storm caused huge drifts to congregate at places and roads as a result are considerably blocked and were rendered for the time being almost impassable. In comparison with the weather during the past few days the season this time last year was quite mild.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Friday last was St. Patrick's day and the occasion was celebrated by nearly all the residents of the young and old by the wearing of sprigs of Shamrock or pieces of green ribbon. The afternoon was particularly fine and a number of Alexandria's young ladies who cherish a love for the "Emerald Isle" made a slight raid and with a green flag hoisted drove around the principal streets for some hours and made for themselves an afternoon of thorough enjoyment.

LEFT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Angus Smith, of Montreal, superintendent of the Dominion Lumber Co., left for B.C. on the latter part of last week as a guest at his parental home Glen Roy. Owing to the growing business of this flourishing company in the west Mr. Smith has been transferred to Rosland, B.C., as manager of the Western Branch of the business. He left yesterday to assume his new duties. We wish him unlimited success in the West.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

On Friday last week, while Sandy Donald McDonald was cutting in the new saw mill at the station, the belt flew off the pulley, catching his hand and pulling it into the belt saw. A bad gash across the wrist and back of the left hand was dressed by Dr. A. L. McDonald, and Mr. McDonald will return to work in a day or so. James Weir, Jr., while edging the other day had his fingers severely cut, but not enough to seriously interfere with his work.

THE LEADING MILLINERY

The Misses McDonald's millinery opening begins on Tuesday. On Wednesday next week and will continue for the following days. The Misses McDonald have the finest assortment of hats of the latest and most up-to-date styles ever brought into Alexandria. They also intend to make the present opening the best from every standpoint they have ever shown. The ladies of Alexandria and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

A HANDSOME CALENDAR

The handsome calendar we have seen this year in one of our papers, by the Northern Pacific Railway, for a copy which we are indebted to our old friend, Ernest McLaughlin, of Boulder, Mont. The designs are magnificent and each sheet is a calendar for the month. The calendar is made of sheets of beautifully finished cardboard 10x12 inches. On the alternate sheets are representations of "Camp in Camp" and "Camp in Camp" the most beautiful having arisen from the recent war.

SHAMROCKS VICTORIOUS

The Shamrock Hockey Club, of Montreal, clinched its championship of the world at the sport by winning in New York on Friday evening the match from the Brooklyn Shaking Club team—the team that has not been defeated this season save by the Victoria and the wearers of the emerald winged foot, which is the Shamrock's emblem. The Brooklyn seven succeeded in scoring four goals, to the nine made by their opponents.

EMPIRE DAY

For the first time "Empire Day" will be observed in the Public Schools of Ontario on May 23rd next. The Education Department has issued a circular to school inspectors throughout the province notifying them to that effect and outlining the method in which that day should be spent. The morning will be devoted chiefly to a familiar talk by the teacher on Canada's relation to the Empire and readings from Canadian and British authors. Patriotic recitations, songs and speeches will be the afternoon program.

LAID TO REST

In our last issue we announced the death of the late Alex. Kerr, of No. 35-1st Kenyon. In giving the number of members of his family we inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Wims of Campbellford, one of the funeral took place on Friday morning at St. Finnan's cathedral and was one of the largest we have seen, upwards of one hundred carriages joining in the procession, a fact which indicates the high esteem and respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by all classes and creeds. Although a staunch Conservative, he never allowed political feelings to interfere with his personal relations with any one, and as a result he numbered among his best friends, those who were opposed to him politically. The same generous large hearted disposition characterized his religious sentiments. A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hickman. The pallbearers were, Osmo Kerr, his brother and his five sons, Duncan, of Campbellford; Angus and Edward of Toronto; Alex. John, of Lindsay, and James, who resides on the homestead. Beside the pallbearers mentioned among the members of the family attending from a distance were:—

Mrs. Wims, of Campbellford; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McDonald, of St. Joseph's, and Mrs. H. H. Kennedy, of St. Crispin. Besides the family left by Mr. Kerr, he leaves fifty-two grandchildren. All the sons and daughters have returned to the residence of their mother, the exception of Mrs. Wims who returns next week.

A RUNAWAY

While some wood was being unloaded from Mr. Simpson's sleigh at the High School on Friday last the team took fright and running across the lot till they reached the road they turned up St. Paul street and ran towards home drivers. They were caught on Ottawa street, however. When passing the hydrant near the curling rink the sleigh struck and damaged it, and the water was flowing freely.

The water was stopped by turning off the gate at the corner of Main and St. Paul sts, when the standpipe was again pumped full.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

To-morrow afternoon a mass meeting of the Liberals of Glengarry, for the purpose of organization, will be held in the Alexander Hall here. Speeches will be delivered by Hon. D. C. Fraser, the eloquent representative of Guyborough, N. S., and by Hon. J. Macdonald, the gifted representative of Lethbridge in the House of Commons. G. W. Dawson, Liberal organizer, and Angus Fraser, barrister, of Ottawa, as well as others will also speak. We do not think that with the fine sleighing there will be an immense gathering here on Saturday, and that when the party becomes thoroughly organized the members will fall to redeem the good old county from Toryism.

CURLING MATCH

A rink of Alexandria's curlers visited Montreal on Thursday last week and played a Montreal rink on Montreal ice. The playing was excellent throughout and was much closer than the score would indicate. The visitors were entertained most hospitably by their Montreal friends and sincerely hope to have an opportunity to play again some future time. The following are the rinks and the scores:

Alexandria	Montreal
P. M. Lagan	J. F. McGregor
Rev. A. J. Mowatt	A. J. Cameron
A. Hodgson	A. D. Smith
Rev. J. Williamson	J. F. Smith
16.	10.

WROUGHT IRON RANGE CO.

J. A. Latimer, divisional superintendent of the Wrought Iron Range Company Limited, of Toronto, and an efficient staff of salesmen arrived in town this week and have taken up their quarters at the Commercial Hotel. During their visit here some four or five years ago they disposed of a large number of Home Comfort Ranges which we understand, have given great satisfaction. They expect to remain in town for some months and to dispose of large numbers of their ranges. They visited Owen Sound recently and from a few minutes by stray animals tramping in the spring when the ground and soil are soft and yielding.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The beautiful memorial windows in the Cathedral, to which we referred last week, have been placed in position and the work will shortly be finished. One of the memorial windows presented by Mrs. Alex. McDonald, of Cardinal, Ont., in memory of her parents, Wm. J. and Janet Kennedy, died in 1892. The other window, presented by Duncan, John and Donald McDonald, in memory of their parents, the late John and Margaret McDonald, 28-3rd Kenyon, and is a representation of "The Discourse with Nicodemus." Both windows are very beautiful and add materially to the appearance of the interior of the Cathedral.

THE BEST SEEDS

We cannot too strongly nor too often urge the supreme importance of planting seeds that are perfectly pure and fresh. Seeds that are offered at cheap prices are almost invariably of doubtful origin and doubtful age, sure to cause the planter disappointment and loss. The thoughtful planter's only surety lies in buying seeds sent out by a conscientious and trustworthy house. A vast number of gardeners have (and have had for years) the utmost confidence in seeds that bear the name D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor Ont. The present generation of planters, can hardly remember the time when Ferry's Seeds were not on sale everywhere each year and as regularly planted by thousands, with the greatest faith in the marvellous quality of the seeds and in the integrity of the firm that grew them. Every planter, whether already a buyer of Ferry's Seeds or not, should send for Ferry's Seed Annual for 1899. It is mailed free to any one who writes for it.

MRS. JOHN C. McDONALD

It is with regret we have to chronicle the demise of Mrs. Annie McDonald, relict of John C. McDonald, of St. Rose du Lac, Man., which occurred on the 14th inst., at the advanced age of 77 years. The deceased was born east of Dalhousie Mills, Lancaster township, and nineteen years ago moved to Glendale, Man., where the residence of the late Mrs. McDonald was situated. She was a devoted and pious woman, and moved to St. Rose du Lac in the month of December she left the west to visit friends in old Glengarry, accompanied by her son, Duncan J. McDonald. She died after her arrival in glasse preyed on her constitution, and on the 16th inst., after three weeks' illness, death claimed her as its own. To know her was to love her. A most exemplary Christian woman, charitable and kind towards all, never thinking of her own sufferings while constantly occupied in relieving others. The love and respect in which she was held was manifested by the large circle of friends that followed the mortal remains to St. Martin of Tours cemetery. Grand Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hickman, and the remains were interred in the family vault of the deceased, assisted by Father Fox, Lochiel, as Deacon, and Father Pothier, of Alexandria, as Sub-Deacon. Father Fox preached an instructive sermon on the occasion. She leaves two sons to mourn her loss, Duncan J., who was present at the death bed, and Angus C., of Grand Forks, B.C. The pallbearers were, Arty McDonald, John McDonald, Hugh McDonald, Glen Robertson, John McDonald, Green Valley, J. B. McDonald and Dan McDonald, Glen Sandfield. To the bereaved family we offer our sincere condolences in their hour of sorrow. The service was the grandest and most solemn ever held here. Requiescat in pace.—(Contributed).

REV. JOHN FERGUSON

On Monday, February 27th, 1899, there passed away at Brussels, Ont., a gentleman who was beloved and respected throughout Glengarry. On that day the spirit of Rev. John Ferguson took its flight to the great beyond to receive its well merited reward. The "Well done! thou good and faithful servant" of the Master. The cause of death was heart failure but the reverend gentleman had been in failing health for some time previously. Rev. Dr. Ferguson was born on May 16th, 1829, in the township of Chabotville and was consequently within a few months of his seventieth year when he succumbed to the grim destroyer. His father died while the subject of this sketch was a mere child and the youthful years of the embryo divine were by no means strewn with roses. 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