

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

## BRUCE.

A post mortem examination of the body of James Mason, Pauley, who died a few days ago, showed that death resulted from a stone, which had lodged in the bowels and must have been there for a long time, as it was in a partly decomposed state.

At Osgoode Hall, in the case of Erdman vs. Town of Walkerton, judgment has been given on motion by the plaintiff for an order that certain depositions of the plaintiff taken in the event of the plaintiff's death in any action which the wife or children of the plaintiff may bring against the defendants under Lord Campbell's Act, or in the alternative for an order for the examination of the plaintiff for use in any action which may be brought. The affidavit stated that the plaintiff met with an injury by reason of the defendant's negligence, and that he is at the point of death in consequence; that he was alone when he met with the injury, and that his estate expected that the plaintiff will live until the trial, and this motion was made in order that the evidence taken de bene esse in this action may be used in any future action. The learned judge holds that he has no power in the action now pending to make such an order as is asked.

## ELGIN.

Lizzie Love, Aldboro, aged 32 years, at the Elgin Assizes was awarded \$500 damages against James Johnston, Dunwich, for seduction and \$700 for breach of promise, besides \$40 for wages, with costs.

The other day a saving match took place on the farm of John A. Bowen, near Aylmer, between W. Kilmer and George Rignour on the one side, and Wm. Wintermute and Henry Wyles on the other. The first trial proved a tie, each making the cut in 22 seconds. The next trial the first-named pair got through the cut in 22 seconds again, and the latter in 20 seconds.

## ESSEX.

James M. Fraser, customs appraiser at Windsor, died on Friday. He had been ill but two days, having been at his office Wednesday. He was 73 years old, and was in Windsor for thirteen years. His only living relative is a stepdaughter, Mrs. Reynolds, of Elmhurst.

## KENT.

John Crookshank, of Blenheim, has accepted a situation as traveler with Selen Palmer, the leading wholesale perfumery of New York city.

The Blenheim News says the mayor of the town has skipped by the light of the moon, and his whereabouts cannot be ascertained. His name is P. E. Arkell. There is a woman in the case, and the News hopes for the sake of himself, the family and the town he will lose no time in sending his resignation of the mayor's chair. He has not been seen around since March 12.

## LAMBTON.

Rev. H. A. Thomas, rector of Warwick, has received from Bishop Worthington, of Nebraska, a full and complete invitation to go out to that diocese and assist in educational and ministerial work.

## MIDDLESEX.

Rev. Mr. Cameron, of the East Williams Church, has resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation. Mr. Cameron was much appreciated by the people, but is much advanced in years, and desirous of retirement from the active duties of the ministry.

The annual spring show of the West Middlesex Agricultural Society will be held on the grounds at Stratford on Friday, April 22.

West Williams Agricultural Society Spring Show will be held in Parkhill on Thursday, April 14.

M. Morris, who bought the cheese factory at Aylmer last winter, moved into the village last week and will occupy the old home of Mrs. Morris, at present the property of B. Cook.

## OXFORD.

Sir Richard Cartwright has accepted the invitation of the Lugsell sub-division of the Reform Association of South Oxford, and will address his constituents on the questions of the day at the Town Hall in Lugsell on Friday evening next.

## PERTH.

The West Zoro Farmers' Institute at its last meeting discussed "The Daily Delivery of Mail to Farmers." Quite a number took part in the discussion, and the general opinion was that the time has come when daily delivery of mail to every farm in all well settled communities.

A farm hand, a lad of 17, who recently committed an indecent assault on the daughter of his employer, was sentenced on Thursday at Stratford to two months' imprisonment with ten lashes, to be given in two instalments of five each.

Until further notice, the Grand Trunk shops at Stratford will not run on Saturdays.

## SIMCOE.

At Osgoode Hall in the case of Paget vs. Sadler—Judgment has been given in action set down for the Barrie Assizes but tried by consent at Toronto. Action to recover \$30,000, being the amount claimed by the plaintiff as his commission on the sale of certain timber lands in the district of Muskoka. The limit set for \$125,000, and the plaintiff alleged that the sale was effected through his agency, and that under his agreement with the vendors he was entitled to the excess over \$100,000 and a reasonable commission, fixed by him at \$5,000, on the minimum sale price fixed.

The learned judge, after reviewing the evidence at length, holds that on the facts the plaintiff cannot be said to have acted as an agent for the vendors, but as a speculator; and that he was anxious to keep the parties apart than to bring them together. Judgment accordingly, dismissing the action with costs.

## WATERLOO.

The Wilmet township spring show will be held at the village of Borden on April 6.

Robert Johnston, mail clerk in Hamilton, died there on Friday, aged 28 years. Mr. Johnston was a promising young man, and had entered the Government service four years ago. He was born at Allenford, Bruce, where his father resided for over 30 years. Deceased was a member of the Order of Oddfellows, and was past grand of the Tura Masonic Lodge.

On Jan. 14 Mrs. Elizabeth Green, an aged widow, died at the residence of Rev. Mr. Shearer, pastor of the Erskine Church, Hamilton. While Rev. Thomas Scouler was pastor of that church the old body had made her will, and named Mr. Scouler and the late David McLellan as her executors. The will is missing, and Mr. Scouler will in two weeks apply for probate, a copy of the will being in the possession of the lawyers.

The will of Closson Vansickle, of Ansonia, has been probated by Mrs. Jane Vansickle, W. C. Vansickle and Martin G. Vansickle. The property is valued at \$6,500 and the realty at \$10,100. The deceased was one of the South Westworth local commissioners.

Chief Camp, of Dundas, is dangerously ill with cancer in the neck.

## SHE KNOCKED HIM OUT.

A Would-be Muscular Sufferer at the Hands of a Muscular Young Woman.

New York, April 3.—The attention of the passengers on the ferry-boat Erie on its 9:30 trip from the Erie depot to this city yesterday morning was attracted by the actions of a stylishly-dressed young man. As he passed through the first cabin he arranged his tie and hat in front of the mirror and, after brushing back a few refractory hairs in his mustache, passed into the second cabin, looking quite pleased with himself. He eyed every woman with what he evidently thought was a very captivating glance, and took a seat opposite the only unattended female in the cabin. During the entire trip across he stared at her, and every time she raised her eyes he would smirch slightly or raise his hat a little, nodding to her. So intent was he upon making an impression that he did not seem to realize that nearly every other passenger in the cabin was watching him.

The young woman, a pretty girl about 19 or 20 years old, did not succumb to his attentions on the boat, but this did not discourage him in the least, and when the crowd was about to step on the dock he took her arm familiarly and addressed her in an undertone. Like a flash the young woman broke from his grasp, her right arm shot out and her little fist landed squarely on the fellow's nose. The suddenness of the blow, laid him on his back, and before he could regain his feet several drops of blood had trickled down on his shirt front and spoiled his white silk tie.

"You had no right to do that," he exclaimed, jumping up. "I mistook you for an acquaintance." "I mistook you for a woman," she retorted, and she had done something horrible. "You did, eh?" said a young man, coming out of the crowd and addressing the fellow. "Well, I won't make a mistake in you." He started forward, but the "masher" darted for the entrance at the top of his speed. The crowd yelled and hooted after him, and in his flight he would not return for his umbrella, which he had dropped.

Then the young woman, whose strong right arm had won her the admiration of every passenger, became calm. She said she was Elizabeth Kaufman, and lived at Carlstadt, N. J. She had come to the city to spend Sunday with her married sister, who lives in East Sixty-fifth street. The "lady-killer" will find his umbrella in the ferry house at the foot of Chambers street.

## A CONVERT IN MONTREAL.

Political Union Supported by a French-Canadian Newspaper.

MONTREAL, April 2.—The candidature of Mr. Macdonald (Conservative) in Toronto as a straight political unionist has awakened considerable interest in political circles here, and the French-Canadian press especially is devoting a good deal of attention to it. La Patrie, the leading French Liberal organ, which is owned by ex-Mayor Beaudry, in its issue of yesterday, publishes the full text of Mr. Macdonald's manifesto, and a leading article endorses his candidature, and comes out flat-footed in favor of the annexation of Canada to the United States. La Patrie says: "We believe that if this question was frankly submitted to the electorate the popular vote would show a very unexpected result. Should the false pretension that our language, our language, and our nationality would incur more risk in the United States than in the Canadian Confederation be laid aside; should the electors who for the most part know the United States from having lived in it, or from having relations in it, be asked whether they would prefer imperial federation, to which we are being drawn despite ourselves, or political union with the States, to which we are naturally gravitating; should we say to them, 'Will you be English or American? You have no other alternative,' the majority of the citizens, who do not profit from our too numerous Governments, would respond from their hearts that they were Americans, and that they cared nothing for the title of Canadian or the old country. Such is our opinion as regards the Province of Quebec, and Mr. Macdonald, who should know, says that in thousands of cases the people of Ontario declare that the only way to put an end to our chronic trouble is to have annexation to the United States." La Patrie then refers to the enormous exodus of the French-Canadians to the New England States, and concludes: "It is now time to understand that Canada has been intended to form an integral part of the American continent, and not to be perpetually governed from Europe in the interest of Europeans. The three conditions on which Mr. Macdonald would consent to annexation would be very satisfactory for us. To be relieved of our enormous public debts, to have hundreds of millions expended for the improvement of our navigation, and to obtain the admission of each of our Provinces as a sovereign State of the Union, would be advantages which the electors would be very foolish to renounce, owing to an excessive loyalty. When we see English capitalists investing in the United States a hundred times more money than they do in Canada, why should we hesitate to give a little attention to our own interests in a matter of such importance? John Bull cannot expect that we should be more loyal or more English than he is himself, and he has always shown himself loyal to his own interests. We are anxious to see the result of the vote in Toronto, and we would not be surprised to see a considerable number in favor of annexation. It is the first time, we believe, in Canada that a candidate has presented himself with annexation as the sole article of his programme."

## SHE GOT A HUSBAND.

Though She Lost Her Suit for Breach of Promise.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 3.—At the January term of the Onondaga County Supreme Court in Utica Miss Eva Daniels sued Oscar Mowers, both of Oriskany Falls, for breach of promise. She alleged that he had courted her for two years and agreed to marry her, but had eloped another girl, and she asked for \$2,000 damages. The jury gave her \$150.

A newspaper account of the trial fell under the notice of Lindsay Porter, a rich and widowed farmer living near Winona, Minn. He is more than 70 years old, and has a large flock of children and grandchildren. He was moved to open a correspondence with Miss Daniels, and the result has been that she left her home in Oriskany Falls the other day and went west to Winona. She was met at the station by her rich old suitor, and the pair, who had just met for the first time, were driven to the parsonage of Rev. L. L. West, of the Winona Methodist Church, and were married.

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