

BORN.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
Trotter—Is born, on the 1st Augt., the wife of Dr. Trotter, of Niagara.
Graham—Is born, on the 1st Augt., the wife of David Graham, of a son.
Armstrong—At Church Hill, on the 2nd Augt., the wife of John Armstrong, of a son.
Ainsworth—At Galt, Ontario, the wife of Wm. Ainsworth, of a son.
McIntosh—At Guelph, on the 3rd Augt., the wife of John McIntosh, blacksmith, of a son.
MARRIED.

McCurdy—Herron—At the Methodist Parsonage, Galt, Ontario, the wife of Mr. Duncan McCurdy, of Collingwood Township, to Mrs. J. H. Herron, daughter of Ralston.
McCurdy—At St. Stephen's Church, Galt, Ontario, the Rev. Mr. F. T. Currier, rector of St. Stephen's, to Mrs. Anna Armstrong, daughter of John Armstrong, of Galt.
DIED.

Barker—In Guelph, on the 4th Augt., the infant daughter of Joseph Barker, Jr.
McCurdy—At Guelph, on the 1st Augt., the infant son of John and Kate McCurdy.
McCormick—At North Toronto, on Augt. 18th, Mrs. John McCormick, wife of W. N. McCormick.
Matthews—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 12th Augt., Mrs. Ann Savage, widow of the late David Savage, aged 60 years.
Matthews—In Guelph, on the 12th Augt., Mrs. Anna Savage, widow of the late Thomas Godfrey, in the 60th year of her age.
McCurdy—At Milton, on the 1st Augt., 1891, Mrs. E. C. Crowley, wife of the late David McCurdy, D. S., aged 47 years and 11 months.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

France is following the example of Germany in providing state insurance for aged and disabled workmen. The payments by workmen are to be voluntary, and at the end of thirty years' payment may claim from \$300 to \$600 francs a year.

The exhibition fever is spreading in the West Indies. An agricultural and industrial exhibition was opened in the Island of St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, on August 16th, and the 15,000 inhabitants of the little colony, seventeen miles long by four wide, enthusiastically prepared to celebrate the British Island of Jamaica, which had an exposition last spring. The exhibits promises to have good success in stimulating local industries and the general trade of the island.

Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, who has just returned from a trip to the Northwest and British Columbia, in speaking of the Manitoba harvest, says: "The golden wheat fields of the Northwest territory and Manitoba, as I saw them on my return journey, were calculated to inspire gratitude to Divine Providence and gladness that our fellow countrymen were likely to reap such a splendid harvest, and one which would indirectly benefit the whole Dominion. It is probable that 75 per cent. of the harvest will be cut by the end of the present week."

Russia, it is stated, has decided to adopt for its army rifle a form of the Lee gun, which is an American invention. This weapon is highly commended by authorities as one of the best in existence. A peculiarity of this device by Russia is that the calibre of the gun ordered by Russia is 70.42, while that of the French Lebel rifle is 31.22. This difference is regarded as significant, as showing that while Russia may regard France as easily she is not disposed to place herself in a disadvantage in the future. With different calibre guns neither power can utilize the weapons of the munition of the other, should they happen to meet at the battle field.

Just at present England is everybody's friend. The quarrel with Portugal over African affairs has been handed over as speed to enter the Swiss jurists for adjustment, the Newfoundland disputes are temporarily pacified, and the Boer War is coming to an end. From the continent loving eyes are turned upon her. The German Emperor has paid his visit and eaten the sweets of victory, the French fleet is to come in next for favours, and every nation to turn world to welcome to cross the channel and ask if it might sit down informally to lunch with the family. England is in fact but little concerned over an entente in a new spirit of co-operation between herself and this or that power. She is glad of a respite to look after her trade and to reflect upon imperial federation. It is a bad omen for her to be welcoming the nations of earth, however. The last time the did it was at the opening of the Crystal Palace Exhibition immediately before the Crimean war. Betwixt us are only embryo confederates and do not always hatch. —Philadelphia Times.

The annual report of the Inspector of Division Courts for Ontario shows that during the year 1890 in the 322 divisions, 22,867 suits were entered. The amount of claims entered exclusive of transcripts of judgments and judgments summonses was \$2,555,163.25; the number of judgment summonses issued 10,322; total amount of suitors' money paid in court \$677,531.47; total amount of solicitors' money paid out of court \$413,735.84; balance of suite entered when amount claimed exceeded \$100, \$5,607; number of jury trials, 105. In the six courts of the county of Halton, 552 suits were entered; exclusive of transcript and judgments summonses from other courts, for \$2,116.08. The number of judgment summonses issued was 110. The total amount of suitors' money paid into court was \$1,935.84; total amount of solicitors' money paid out of court, \$794,825.51; balance in court, \$235,42; no suits entered for cause exceeding \$100, 62. The amount payable to the county treasurer for the District Court fund is \$22.44. There were trials by juries in the County.

Opening of the Seaway Tunnel, Sault Ste. Marie. The tunnel under the St. Clair River here will be formally opened on Saturday, September 2d, 1891. Sault and Post Horns will give up the whole day, to celebration and enjoyment. There is to be a banquet in the tunnel at which President Harrison, many of the American State Governors, the Governor-General of Canada, Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, and other Grand Trunk officials will be present. The tables will be laid on the boundary line, and during the entertainment and banquet the 1st Battalion Band of Hamilton will play a programme of music. On the Canadian side the band will play "God Save the Queen," and on the American side "The Star Spangled Banner."

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Richard's Remedy for Rheumatism.

TALK OF THE DAY.
An Epidemic of the World's Duration During the Week.

Mackenzie Bowell is decidedly better. Mr. Sparrow has had another relapse. Roger's dollar bills are circulating in Hamilton.

The Empress of Austria shows symptoms of insanity.

St. Joseph's monastery, Manitoba, had a fire.

Mr. Gladstone is to receive the freedom of Newcastle next month.

John T. McGrail, the Hamilton inventor, fatally shot himself Monday.

The recent Martingale yielded \$1,000,000 damage and killed 378 people.

The Alpine traveller, Maurice Petigas, was killed by falling into a crevasse.

J. McCredie had his left arm taken off while competing in a Fort Erie Monday.

The fish catch on Lake Winipigosis this year greatly exceeds that of any previous year.

Hon. G. J. Joy denies that he will replace Premier Macrory as the new premier of Quebec.

Erie J. Leech, Past Grand Bire of the Supreme Lodge of U. S. Oddfellows died on Saturday.

Mr. Ogilvie, of Pirie's bookstores, Ottawa, succeeds Mr. Bourke as superintendent of stationery.

A circus clown was terribly hurt by an arrow shot in a street procession at Kitchener Monday.

The harvesting of the big wheat crop in the Northwest continues to be favored with good weather.

A horse belonging to Cleophas Rouleau, living near Ottawa, kicked its owner in the head and killed him.

Aspinot John Hogan fell half a mile from a balloon at Detroit Saturday and was instantly killed.

A New York butcher named Ross got impaled on a meat hook in his shop yesterday and died to death.

Patrick Webb of Port Arthur was run over and killed by a freight train near Port Arthur Friday night.

Miss Frances Willard has cancelled all her lecture engagements in consequence of the illness of her mother.

A Bloomfield farmer and his wife have been murdered by Italian labourers, and their bodies stoned into a well.

A steamer has arrived at Victoria, B. C., with 265 skins and 500 lbs. of whalebone. She was ordered of Belching Sea.

The Mayor's relief for the families of the victims of the Park place disaster New York now amounts to \$12,645.

At Brookville Monday morning Mrs. Wm. Dowell, aged 80, took a dose of carbolic acid and died in the evening.

Sally the famous chimpanzee of the London Zoo is dead. She was the most intelligent specimen of the animal kingdom.

Honour says that Mr. Balfour is to marry the beautiful countess of Dufferin, to receive an earldom and become Viscount of Lifford.

John Callahan, who stood over \$12,000 from the Hamilton Street Railway Company, has been sentenced to two years in prison.

A locomotive and nine cars of coal passed into the canal at Burlington Beach Sunday night. The freight and breakaway lost their lives.

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It seems to the general impression that proration will take place in about two weeks. Four-fifths of the main estimates have been passed, and the outlook for a speedy termination of the sessional work is bright.

ABORTIVE LABOUR.

Superintendent General of the Government Printing Bureau has been dismissed.

H. Talbot, Public works Department clerk, has been suspended.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, who was taken suddenly ill last Thursday, is very much improved in health, and was able to take a drive yesterday and to-day. The numerous friends of the Minister of Customs on both sides of politics will be pleased to learn of his speedy recovery.

Sir Donald Smith and Mr. Dalton McCarthy reached the capital Saturday after their long visit to England. Both occupied their seats in the House that evening.

Lord Elphinstone is visiting the capital. He was shown the sights by Sir Donald Smith.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary, was accorded a seat on the floor of the Commons to-day.

The Polson Company has secured the contract for building the new fisheries cruisers for the Government; the price being \$37,000. Two Canadian firms tendered the Dofny Company of Toronto, being only \$10,000 above the Polson, whose tender was the lowest.

TORONTO'S GREAT FAIR.

An immense exhibit, and a large number of special fixtures.

The wheel of life has again revolved and a few days' Toronto's Great Industrial Fair for 1891 will be open to the public, and people will be again flocking to it from all parts of Canada and the adjoining States. The harvest has, this year been good, and the attendance of visitors to the great fair may therefore be expected to be very large. The entries in all departments are sufficient to completely fill every building on the grounds as well as the new ones that have been erected during the summer. The Dominion and Experimental farms are each sending very important exhibits, showing the results of practical tests in the various departments in which the farming community are specially interested. British Columbia and Manitoba are also sending much larger exhibits than heretofore. The live stock exhibit will very fine. The list of attractions as announced in the official programme issued by the Association is very long one and cannot fail to please the visitors, as there will be something of interest to see every minute of the day, and every day of the Fair. The Fair will be opened by Major-General Hartcher on the 8th of September, and close on the 19th. The usual low rates and special excursions will be given on all the railroads.

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