

BORN:

Born—In Acre, on the 1st November, the wife of a son of a daughter.
Born—In Eton, on the 2d Nov., the wife of a son of a daughter.
Born—In Esopus on the 11th Nov., the wife of Hugh Ryder, a daughter.

Father—in Acre, on the 11th November, the wife of a son of a daughter.

DIED:

Melchers—At Peru, on November 1st, 1891, Mrs. Charlotte Melchers, aged 81 years.

Milner—At his residence, Milton, Thomas J., age 70, of the County of Halton, aged 70 years.

Ames—in Esopus on the 11th November, James Ames, eldest son of Thomas Ames, aged 11 years.

Leopold—At Waltham, on Saturday, November 10th, William Howson Leopold, citizen of that place, in the 11th year of his age.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Government has decided to adopt a vigorous immigration policy. Agents will visit Kansas, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan to induce farmers to locate in Manitoba and the Northwest.

A gentleman who is generally well posted on Conservative party matters says that Mr. Abbott will become minister of railways; Mr. Chaplin will remain in the state department until Mr. Caring becomes lieutenant-governor of Ontario, when he will get the agricultural department, and that Mr. Dewdney will become lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

Ingratiations have, it appears, been discontinued by another of the departments at Ottawa. The deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries is, it is alleged, involved, and the Minister, Mr. Tupper, has presented a report, reflecting upon him. It appears that the investigation into the corruption and demoralization of the department is now being carried on.

Nicaragua is making great efforts through agents in Europe, and by offering substantial inducements to encourage emigration to that country, but the Government is disposed to give very little as to its adopted citizens. A day was issued recently prohibiting the admission of destitute Italians. Immigrants are required now to bring a special certificate from the port at which they embark.

The average number of American patents issued yearly is about 30,000. England, which comes nearest to us, issues only about 4,000 to 5,000 a year, and its system is very much more lax than ours. Patents are issued in England without any conditions as to novelty or merit, and not two applications in a hundred are rejected. In Prussia the number granted annually is less than 100, in Belgium, 1,500 to 2,000.

The Earl of Aberdeen speaks in encouraging terms of the great country in the Northwest, which is willing to be peopled by agriculturalists from other lands. His remarks will do good, as he is known in the Old Country as a man of standing, and one who would lend himself to the bombing of land companies or other speculative schemes. There is room and space in the Canadian Northwest for many millions.

The rumor is again afloat that the United States intends either to abrogate the treaty of 1817 or to grant Great Britain to modify it. Secretary Tracy, it is said, will discuss the subject in his next annual report to Congress. Should only modification of the treaty be found desirable Great Britain will be asked to consent to such changes as will make it possible for the United States to construct war vessels on the lakes, and for the naval reserves of the interior States to fit out vessels for training purposes.

Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, is speaking very plainly to the people of that city concerning the question of morality among our poor men. At a public meeting recently he spoke strongly on the necessity for righteously to public men as well as private individuals, and said we had only to glance at the doings in Ottawa and Quebec to perceive that corruption was rampant where virtue should be prevalent. He urged his hearers to see to it that the aldermen elected next year be men of honesty, who would respect the demands of the public.

An experienced observer remarks as follows concerning the action of citizens, as they affect the interests and success of their town:—In order to kill a town, all you have to do is to simplify to the extreme present and prospective enterprises, spread ill of the churches and schools; tell every body the hotels are bad; enlarge the view of the people, especially the young people, withhold the patronage from your stores, chancery and tradesmen, and buy your goods and groceries at some other place; never subscribe for the local papers, and if you are in business refuse to advertise.

The new North-West Assembly having been elected, its organization is the next thing on the programme. Speaking of this, the *Calgary Herald* says: "There will be no Advisory Council of the old style; at the same time there will need to be the nucleus of a Government. Legislation will to a considerable extent be controlled by Standing Committees, as in the last House, and the chairmen of these Standing Committees will in all probability constitute a Government, with the likelihood that the prominent members of the House who are excluded from these positions will gather around themselves in opposition." One of the first measures the Assembly will be called upon to deal with will be a License bill.

A member of the Cabinet stated on Tuesday that the Government would at once renew negotiations with a view to the early establishment of a fast line steamship service between Halifax and Great Britain equal in point of speed and equipment to any of the Atlantic Ocean greyhounds sailing from the port of New York. He says that the Government is prepared to increase the annual subsidy from half a million dollars to three-quarters of a million, which figure it is hoped will enable Canada to secure the long-drawn of direct fast steamship line between Great Britain and Canadian ports. It is expected that the Government will have several proposals to submit to Parliament next session when the required appropriation will be asked for.

—Thanksgiving day was the sportsman's opportunity. The following illustrate some of their accomplishments:—Five men and a dog and a very little hare. What a walk in the cold! The dog meant to be the main meat, and the little hare few from their deadly bite. The little hare, but the bullet was sure. The only thing he now lacks is a dear little wife to share his prosperity.

—If you want first-class Guelph sausages, door to door at Guelph prices, T. Easton can fill your order, at his place.

WILFRID LAURIER AT BOSTON.
The Opposed Leader Delivers an Address to an Audience Composed of Distinguished Politicians.

Boston, Nov. 17.—The Hotel Vendome was thronged with the most distinguished of Boston's citizens to listen on the occasion of the banquet to Hon. W. Laurier, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. The banqueting hall was handsomely decorated and addresses were delivered by many of the leading politicians of Massachusetts.

Mr. Laurier's speech was a masterpiece of diction, flowing in rhetoric, and delivered with his usual oratorical effect. His arguments in favor of closer trade relations did not differ materially from those put forth by himself, and followed in Canada during the past year or two.

English Farmer Delegates.

General, Nov. 16.—Meers, John McQueen, Oakwood, Selkirk, Scotland, and Thomas Davies, Dean Mabon Farm, Cawdron, Herefordshire, England, the two tenant farmers delegates sent out by Sir Charles Taylor to represent the suitability of the Maritime Provinces as a field for settlement, spent Saturday at the Ontario Agricultural College and farm. They were shown around the stock, buildings and grounds by President Miller and Prof. Shaw. They expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work done there. They had a high opinion of Ontario as an agriculturist country, and considered the farming far more advanced than down by the sea, where the condition of things agriculturally is backward on account of the surroundings, and the restricted markets.

EAST WELLINGTON ELECTION.

Fraser, Nov. 16.—Additional returns received show that Mr. Kirkwood's majority has crept up to 175:—

Claire Kinnon..... 110

Eric and Eric village..... 63

West Grindas..... 145

West Luther..... 91

Arthur township..... 22

Mount Forest..... 10

Perkes..... 100

Others..... 72

Total..... 731

Majority for Kirkwood 175.

The township of Eric gave Kirkwood all but about 10 votes, Osprine ward gave Craig only 8 votes.

THE RELAY BICYCLE RACE.

Fast Time Made by the Bicyclists Thanksgiving Day.

Bicyclists generally are enthusiastic over the successful race to which the relay from Hamilton to Kingston was brought.

The young Tory, torpedoed Sir John Gore as under secretary for India.

The Government of Spain has decided to disband a portion of the standing army, the object being to economize.

Several inches of snow fell at St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday. Much threshing and ploughing remain undone.

A boy named Pratt has been found guilty of stealing \$200 from the Dominion Express office at Portage la Prairie.

Robert Work, the thirteen-year-old Hamiltonian who ran away from home, has reached Edinburgh, Scotland.

For selling whiskey out of a keg to Indians at the Onida fair, Wm. Brown of London has been fined \$20.

Sir Edward Clarke, British Solicitor-General, says the Government will appeal to the country next November.

Rev. Zachariah Eddy, the well-known Congregationalist, died on Sunday afternoon, at Detroit, aged 67 years.

The superintendence of Lieut.-Col. Macdonnell, Sergeant-at-arms of the house of Commons, has been decided upon.

Frank, the 5-year-old son of James Hood of Wallace township, had his skull fractured on Saturday by a kick from a horse.

TWO HUNTERS DROWNED BY A DOOR.

Watson, Nov. 15.—It is reported here that two of a hunting party upon peninsula were drowned in one of the small lakes.

The report says that the party had chased into the lake a large deer. It was promptly shot and two of the party went with the small boat to bring it ashore, thinking he was dead. They took hold of the animal to take him into the boat when he made several desperate struggles, upsetting the boat, and before his company could reach them the two sank to rise no more.

A Mechanical Wonder.

The citizens of Acre and vicinity will be accorded the pleasure next Wednesday evening of witnessing one of the mechanical wonders of the age. It is a mechanical representation of the "Passion Play," or the great statement of Oberammergau, Bavaria, and is the invention of a German, who has derived the past two years in accomplishing this great work. It fully portrays the birth, life and suffering of our Saviour and the final destruction of Jerusalem. Both the press and clergy concur in it to be without an equal.—An.

LISTEN TO OUR TALE OF WOE:

We KNEW MORE,

The editor of the North Bay Times addresses his delinquent subscribers in the following delicate fashion:—

The office "devil" is seven weeks behind on his wages, and kicks on soap three times a day. He may get mad and leave.

The paper dealers won't bring any more. Our wood shop is empty and a cold winter coming. (The neighbors have all bought the patches, and the tailors are suspicious.)

The coo has dried up and the baby is living on lime water.

The hens are on the strike and the McKinley hill has boosted the price of codfish.

Our summer pants are worn through the patches, and the tailors are suspicious.

The grocery boy said he had orders not to call any more.

Our wife says something must be done.

We have borrowed money to pay postage on this letter. If you can't send us the money, please write us your ideas of the quickest and easiest method of suicide.

We want this to strike every delinquent subscriber square in the pocket.

The Envoy.

Literary Note.

The theory that fiction dealing exclusively with refined and poetical love is best written by women will be proved true if other women can write such ardent and touching romances as Mrs. Annie E. Barr's latest work, "Love for an Hour Love forever." It may, however, be justly doubted whether any other woman can produce so exquisitely tender, so warm and charming a love story as did Mrs. Barr's favorite and masterpiece. This is a remarkable achievement from a woman of 21.

While a young son of Daniel Buffet, of McDonald's Concerts, Newark county, was partaking of the other day his son can went off accidentally, the charge entering the boy's mouth and killing him instantly.

A NATIONAL FAMILY PAPER.

The Announcements of *The Youth's Companion* for 1892, which we have received, show that the theory is certainly true: that no male author can compete with Mrs. Barr in the portrayal of idyllic love.

"Love for an Hour Love forever" will begin in the New York *Ledger* of November 21st.

An Attractive Spectacle.

The *St. Thomas Evening Journal*, which moved into its new building a few weeks ago has just issued a splendid edition of St. Thomas, giving a clear and well-written history of the city, the tales of its discovery and early days, the South-West Ontario from 160 down.

It is a picture of life by a well-read local historian. It is illustrated with a number of well-executed views. The souvenir is published in commemoration of the removal of the *Journal* into its present new offices, which are not represented in Western Ontario.

Mr. Brierly, the publisher, is one of the most interesting and progressive editors of the Dominion. The *Journal* renders this unique service to personal touch with the people whose greatest graces are famous. Its 600,000 subscribers show how it is appreciated.

Whatever subscribers now for 1892 get it from the time the subscription is received till Jan. 1st, 1893, \$1.75 a year. Address *The Youth's Companion*, Boston, Mass.

TEETH! TEETH!

—The little man means kill, and the dog means eat.

But the little man has few from their deadly bite.

The little hare, but the bullet was sure.

The only thing lay on the cold November ground was no time to ask what the rifle had in store for the men and the dog and the

TALE OF THE DAY.

An Episode of the World's Doings During the Week.

Now was general in spite of the North-west Tuesday.

The little hare at Winnipeg is reported to be nearly frozen over.

Temperatures are to be the same of Kingston dry dock already.

Twenty-two newspapers in the state of Kansas are edited by women.

The appointment of Mr. S. G. Dawson as Postmaster is gazetted.

Hilarious students have been pulled up short by the Montreal recorder.

Artificial rail-making has been successfully introduced into parts of India.

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