

BORN.
U.S.—In Action on the 16th February, the wife
of Dr. J. F. Uren, of twin daughters.

MARRIED.

Atkins—Hartshorn.—At the residence of the
latter's uncle, George Manger, on February
16th, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Atkins, of Galt,
and Emily, daughter of George Hartshorn, all
of the township of Newmarket.

DIED.

Floyd.—At Oshawa, on Friday, Feb. 16th, John
Floyd, aged 70 years.

Irving—Nashville, on 14th February.

Robert Irving, aged 3 years & 6 months.

Chase.—At his residence, Brampton on the 1st.
Ferdinand Robert Chase, in his 70s.

Cunningham.—At Georgetown, on the 11th Feb.,
John T. Cunningham, formerly of Acton, aged 68.

Grove.—In Guelph, on Thursday, Feb. 11th,
William Grove, teacher of Mrs. (late) G. V.
Squires, Guelph.

McClay.—At his residence, Guelph, on February
11th, Thomas McClay, aged 77 years, a native
of Montreal.

Williamson.—At Gladys Hill, Toronto Feb.
18th, at the residence of Mrs. (late) G. V.
Williamson, Guelph, in her tenth.

WILLIAMSON.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1892.

Parliament Opens To-day.

At the request of the Governor-General,
the different members of parliament and
senators throughout the Dominion will
assemble in the Senate chamber to-day,
where His Excellency will read to them
his address, and they will be called upon to
legislate for the good of the country.

Several changes have taken place in the
ministers since my previous report, whether
for better or worse it is too soon to say.

The present government promises to be some-

what stronger than last session's bill account

of the increase in their numbers due to
gains in the recent by-elections.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Seventeen new post offices were established
in Canada on the 1st instant and six
were closed. Among the latter were those
at Bennie's Corners and Jamieson's, in
North Lanark. Of the new offices two are
in Ontario, four in Quebec, seven in Nova
Scotia, one each in New Brunswick,
Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

Ottawa workmen have declared for a
secret ballot in Ontario elections. They
say that under the system now in vogue it
is possible for the officials to ascertain how
every elector votes. "The matter will be
brought before the Legislature by a petition."

This charge has been frequently made and
as often denied. Why not submit to an
investigation?

It does not follow because the Washington
mission has failed that Canadian pro-
perty is going to be shut out of the Ameri-
can market altogether. On the contrary,
local necessities will force the United
States Government to lower the duty on
timber, wool and barley, and our producers
will thus get advantages in these lines
without Canada giving any equivalent
whatever.—*None*.

A proposal to prohibit by legislation the
sale of tobacco in any form to persons less
than eighteen years old is being discussed.
It is argued that the difficulty of correctly
determining the age of a youthful smoker
would render such a law impracticable.
However, hotel-keepers are able to discern
as to the age of their customers the tobaccoists
should also be able to do so.
The suggestion is well worthy of considera-
tion.—*Mail*.

Despatches from abroad show that the
remarkable display of adverse borealis a
week ago, was visible over the northern
part of the earth. It was a veritable
electric storm. The telegraph lines in
Russia, Sweden, and Norway were inter-
rupted by "earth currents" during the dis-
play, and the same difficulty was exper-
ienced in Chicago and other western cities.
Scientists describe it as the "most wonderful exhibition
of the stars ever seen on this con-
tinent."

Solicitor General of Ontario, of New
Brunswick, who is at Ottawa attending
the Supreme Court, informed a correspondent
that there will be a deficit of about
\$70,000 in the province for the year ending
December 31st last. It is proposed to make up
this deficit by issuing bonds to
licensees the same as are now done in
Ontario. So far these licensees have been
under the control of the municipalities.
It is also understood that a provincial tax
will be placed on telephone and telegraph
companies, banks, insurance and railway
companies.

Broadfoot petitioned the legislature
to repeal the bonus clauses of the munici-
pal act, and double other representa-
tions will be made upon the subject. The
chief objections raised against the present
system are that it brings municipalities
into competition with each other, and that
by removing the burden of taxation from
those who are best able to pay, it tends to
make the rich richer and the poor poorer.
The argument that the system encourages
trade is met by the petitioners with the
statement that the factors would be
repaired, whether they were bonused or
not.

According to the annual report of the
Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange
the extra tolls placed upon the wheat yield
of the province for the past year is \$1,000,
000 bushels. This is nearly double the
crop of the preceding year, which up to
that time, was the largest on record. The
grain storage capacity west of Lake
Superior, or adjacent to lines of rail, is now
10,466,666 bushels, of which more
than nine million were provided by the C.P.R.
There are in the province 32 flour mills,
with a total daily capacity of 1,455 barrels
and three oatmeal mills, which jointly can
turn out 300 barrels daily. Manitoba is
evidently making substantial progress.

Conservatives have won two more
great victories in Ontario—South Ontario
and East Hastings, both of which elected
Liberal candidates at the general elections
by fair majorities, on Saturday retained
the Conservative candidates by very large
majorities. Everywhere throughout the
provinces of Ontario, East, West, Southland,
North and Middle, the story is the same;

all show the same inclination to support
the Conservative majority. So far as the
elections go there is not a sign of dissatis-
faction with the bidding and bribery of
the Dominion Government during the last
thirteen years. Orangemen and Roman
Catholics apparently unite to support a
Government in which Mr. Abbott is the
figure-head and Sir John Thompson
apparently the real leader. The
railway corporations appear to support this
Government and all the manufacturing in-
terests are in their favor. The Govern-
ment is regarded as safe for another
Parliament, and all the interests seem to
be anxious to make their peace with it and
purchase its good will by material assist-
ance.—*Winnipeg*.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Finance Minister Harcourt Pre-
sents the Budget in Most
Attractive Form.

MR. CLANCY CRITICIZES.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The presentation of
the state of the provincial finances by
Treasurer Harcourt yesterday afternoon
was done in a very interesting manner.

The treasurers not only succeeded in exhib-
iting a very clear view of the provincial
finances, but managed to clothe the dry
skeleton of figures with a garment of
shattered ornamentation that did credit to
his skill in that direction. Mr. Clancy ap-
peared in the role of the Opposition critic,
and performed his任务 in a fairly
satisfactory manner.

Some extracts from the treasurer's ad-
dress will give an idea of his best points:

"I will first speak very briefly of our re-
ceipts," he said. "We estimated to receive
during the year from ordinary sources
\$3,298,682. We actually received \$3,287,570.

"The Division court house and other build-
ings at Stirling were burnt down on Satur-
day.

The Prince of Wales has decided to aban-
don the active connection with the turf.
It is believed the cattle disease prevalent
in England was imported from Germany.

The Royal Horticultural Society has
increased its revenue by the amount of
\$193,665. The Legge Report on the
increase in revenue is due to an un-
expectedly large revenue from Crown lands
and timber.

Replying to the criticism of those
who maintain that the permanent
resources of the Province are being
exhausted, the treasurer points out that
the Crown timber must be sold as settle-
ment advances, and that the receipts from
these have been invested in public
buildings and other works which
form valuable public assets. He called
attention to the fact that under the tem-
porary assumptions plus of paying railway ad-
ministrative expenses, the comparatively heavy annual
expenditure of the last few years would be
reduced by a comparatively light expendi-
ture for the next five, after which there
would be a further reduction. He gave a
succinct history of the manner in which
and the legislation by which, railway aid
has been granted during the past twenty
years, and proceeded to explain that owing
to exceptional expenditures, partly in the
way of investments, it had been necessary
to obtain from the Dominion Government
a grant of half a million dollars a year out
of the £1,000,000 which the Province
receives notice to quit.

A negro culprit was burned at the stake
by an Arkansas mob on Saturday in the
presence of 6,000 people.

The Ontario bar interviewed the Minister
of Justice at Toronto, praying for an in-
crease of judicial salaries.

Lieut. MacEachan, of the Grenadier
Guards, one of Lord Stanley's recent visitors,
has succeeded to a baronetcy.

Mr. Gilmore, of Charlotte, is the only
Liberal from New Brunswick holding a seat
in the House of Commons.

Mr. James G. Blaine, Jr., has got a
divorce with custody of his child, \$100 a
month alimony and \$1,000 costs.

Mr. A. Brownson, collector of customs at
Dundee, died on Sunday of inflammation of
the lungs after a short illness.

Wilson school house, Guelph Township,
has been closed on account of the various
causes of diphtheria in the vicinity.

Officers of the Austrian army have been
ordered to take the men of their respective
commands to church at least once a month.

A white man's skeleton was discovered near
Peak Hills station in Manitoba. It may have lain there since last
fall.

Dr. Colter, Liberal M. P. for Carleton,
N. B., has abandoned his seat, charge of
persuasion having been proven against
his supporters.

Mr. Edward Britton, one of the oldest
citizens of Belleville, died on Saturday
aged 86 years. He had lived in the city
over sixty years.

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