

BORN.
Died in Action on the 16th Feb., the wife of John Dunc, of Newmarket.
Metcalfe in Action, on the 16th February, the wife of Noble F. Metcalfe, of a daughter.
Hewitt—In Action, on the 16th February, the wife of Gordon Hewitt, of a daughter.

DIED.

Parker—In Exeter, on Feb. 1st, James Parker, aged 74 years.
Sergeant—In Action, on the 16th February, Mrs. Ernest Stanford, aged 74 years.
Private—At Cresson Corner's, on the 16th February, John Foxton, aged 75 years.
Corporal—At Georgetown, on the 16th February, Alfred McKeague, aged 75 years.
Private—In Guelph, on Feb. 16th, Sarah A. relict of the late Benjamin Thurston, aged 85 years and 4 months.
Ferguson—In Action, on March 1st, Private—John Ferguson, aged 74 years.
Funeral to-day at 1 o'clock.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In the British House of Commons last week, the bill amending the shop hours regulation bill, so as to include women, passed its second reading by a vote of 172 to 152. A workshop as defined in the bill includes saloon, restaurant and drapery, and limits women's work to 74 hours weekly, including meal times. At present there is no law regulating the hours women shall be employed in shop, but many are anxious that the old axiom: "What is done is done" be rendered absolute.

The importation of live cattle from Holland and Denmark into England has been prohibited. The prohibition, it is believed, will shortly be extended to Spain and Portugal also. The exclusion of live animals from these four countries will give an added value to the privileges enjoyed by Canada as we can only continue to hold it. To make this sure the Dominion Government should at once enforce the same quarantine against American cattle in British Columbia as exists along the rest of the Canadian frontier.

We desire to draw the attention of the Canadian Government and Canadian manufacturers to the fact that \$700,000 has been appropriated by the Government of Japan for the purpose of displaying a large exhibit in national buildings at Chicago. So much has recently been said about the value of the market that Japan affords for Canadian products that it would seem that this announcement as to Japanese intentions should act as a very great incentive to Canadians generally to exhibit largely in those lines—that the Oriental nations show a disposition to take.—Chicago *Canadian American*.

Immigration prospects for Canada this year are most hopeful. The Canadian Pacific exhibit on has done good work in the southwest of England, and a hundred families leave in search for the Northwest. One farmer who has a thousand acres, and if his report is favorable may well follow. Continental emigration to Canada was a hundred per cent. greater last year than in 1890. The prospect for 1892 is unusually good. One hundred and fifty foreign emigrants have left and large numbers are booked by the following steamer. It will take up end on arrival in the Northwest. The trouble of a great deal of American immigration from the Continent was that a great part of it settled in the cities where it was a menace. Canadian immigration of that class has so far gone on the land, where they will be welcome.

Mr. F. P. Baker of Topeka, Kan., who edited the *Commonwealth* for twenty-five years, was recently interviewed by a representative of one of the great dailies that defend the saloons. Mr. Baker was known to have been an anti-prohibitionist, and it was supposed that, of course, he would reveal the failure and inefficiency of prohibition in Kansas. He would know all about it. And it did seem so, for he said: "I fought prohibition for years. It was adopted in spite of my best efforts, and I have now seen it fail. Let me tell you, Kansas will never go back to the open saloon. If the question was re-submitted to-day, prohibition would have a majority of 50,000 votes. The eastern people talk about prohibition 'not prohibiting.' It doesn't. If I want a drink in Topeka I can get it. But the saloon is gone. I have a grandson growing up who has never seen a saloon. Isn't that a good thing? The saloon and the crowd of ward workers are no longer a political power. That alone is worth all prohibition's cost. Thousands of men who fought the measure have been converted as I have been. There isn't the possibility of a repeal of the law."

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Action and Various Other Personal Notes.

Councillor Matthews, of Erin, was in town last week.

Mrs. J. E. Collier visited friends in Guelph last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Hornby visited friends here this week.

Mr. John Watson, of Hornby, Man., is visiting his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Werder visited friends in Peterborough this week.

Mrs. Martin Moffat left last week to visit friends in St. Paul, Minn.

Donald McDonald is just recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. T. A. Mason, visited friends in Waterloo and vicinity last week.

The Misses Dale, of Toronto, are guests of Miss Jessie McMillan this week.

Col. Kars, M.P.P., was a guest at the Speaker's dinner on Friday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Dryden, of Rockwood, was a guest at Sunderland Villa this week.

Councillor and Mrs. Wriggsworthy, of Ardgrove, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Geo. Thurston, of the Government Printing office, Toronto, was home for Sunday.

Miss Libbie May, who was at her home at Hornby for several weeks, has returned to Action.

Mrs. Dr. Lowry attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at Elora last week.

Mr. Bean, of the Waterloo Chronicle made the *Free Press* a pleasant call on Friday morning.

Mrs. J. M. Williams, mother of Mrs. W. D. Beaumont, died at her home in Hamilton Sunday evening.

Mr. John Stafford, Vining, and Miss H. Safford, of Berlin, came home this week to attend the funeral of their mother.

Miss Jessie McMillan entertained a number of friends at her home on Friday evening. A very pleasant time was spent.

Mr. H. P. Moore, first vice President of the Canadian Press Association, left last evening to attend the annual meeting at Ottawa.

The Baptist congregation of Galt has extended a call to the Rev. J. Denner, late of Toronto, now of Wolverhampton, Eng. The call is a unanimous one.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Session Opened Last Thursday With the usual Pompad and Display.

THE PRESS IN SESSION.

OTTAWA, Mar. 2.—With all the usual pageantry and stereotyped pomp of circumstance the second session of the seventh Dominion Parliament began last Thursday afternoon. Long before three o'clock all the approach to Parliament hill began to be crowded with people, all looking towards the side of buildings that crown the summit of the hill. As these clock drew near, scores of carriages arrived and down them bounds of mainly attired ladies at the Senate entrance. Card fog places of vantage in the Senate chamber were sought with all the usual eagerness, and the usher of the Black Rod had toiled hourly for several days sending out the invitations to those who were allotted seats on the floor of the Senate chamber, to those who were given places in the reserved gallery, and to those who were simply privileged with admittance and a view from the galleries.

NEXT IS THE STATE.

The one in the Senate chamber was, as usual, brilliant and animated. On either side, in the Senator's red upholstered chairs, sat rows of ladies in evening dress, the rail-bone tints of whose gowns, and the blue and gold of the official uniforms grouped around the dias, and the scarlet and crimson gowns of the Supreme Court judges made a spectacle that was well worth seeing.

The crowd that waited in front of the building made a dense throng of expectant humanity, growing every moment denser and more expectant. The mild, sunny weather and the summer overhead, had drawn out almost all Ottawa to witness the opening of Parliament.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ARRIVAL.

A little before three o'clock the first gun of the royal salute was heard from Nepean Point, where a detachment of the Ottawa Field Battery was stationed. This announced that His Excellency was on his way from Rideau hall to Parliament hill, with a mounted escort from the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards under Capt. Gourdeau. In front of the tower entrance the guard of honour from the Governor-General's Foot Guards stood drawn up to await the arrival of the vice president. When Lord Stanley's carriage drew up his Excellency was greeted with the salute, the Guard's band played and the crowd cheered.

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