

**BORN.**  
Born—In Guelph, on the 1st March, the wife of Thomas Newell, a daughter.  
Williams—in Action, on the 8th March, the wife of John Williams, a daughter.  
Wife of Adam—Born, on the 1st March, the wife of Adam Andrew, a daughter.  
Mason—at the Manse, Ermonia, on the 1st March, the wife of Rev. D. B. Mason, of a daughter.  
Rev.—At home, Charles Martin, Acton, on the 1st March, the wife of Rev. J. W. Van, of a daughter.  
**MARRIED.**

McGill—Son, on the 1st March, William, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McGill.  
McMurtry, Trufaller, to Miss Phoebe Jane McMurtry, on the 1st March, a daughter.  
Cotter—Widow—The Methodist Parson, born, on the 1st March, by the Rev. J. R. Cotter, widow of Anne, daughter of Charles Webster, both of Guelph.

Henderson—At the residence of the wife of the latter, Trufaller, Toronto, March 8th, by Rev. H. W. Henderson, Albert Hood, Marlois, to Sarah Parker, second daughter of Lett Parker, Esq.

**DIED.**

Nixon—in Enquiry, on the 8th March, James Nixon, aged 70 years.

Lewis—in Enquiry, on the 8th March, John Lewis, in his 83rd year.

Leslie—in Enquiry, on the 8th March, Elwood, son of James Leslie, aged 6 years.

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MacKinnon—in Guelph, March 8th, Jessie M. MacKinnon, beloved wife of Rev. Dr. MacKinnon.

Grainger—in Action, on the 8th March, Jessie Grainger, beloved wife of Alexander Grant, 71.

Chisholm—in Action, on the 8th March, Edith, only daughter of Thomas Chisholm, aged 11 months and 35 days.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH, 31, 1892.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A United States exchange says:—"Two hundred thousand Italians came to the United States in 1891. The fact that less than 20 per cent. of them were women shows that many of these swarthy individuals propose to go back and enjoy their epistles in their native land as soon as they become bloated capitalists to the amount of \$500 apiece."

Queensland, Australia, has taken a bold step in prohibiting immigration. Until the large number of unemployed working men already in the colony are provided for, Queensland will permit no more immigrants to land upon her shores. Thus history repeats itself; for this was the policy of China before western nations forced her to open her ports to trade and foreign people.

The Mail says:—"Six Provincial Legislatures and the Federal Parliament are now in session in their over-governed country. The latest Legislature to meet is that of Prince Edward Island. Among the measures promised by the Government is one "for lessening the cost of legislation." The only feasible method suggested so far as affecting the desired reform in the direction of economy is to lessen the number of legislators.

In the House of Assembly Monday evening Premier Fielding made the annual financial statement of the province of Nova Scotia, from which it appeared the total expenditure for the past year was \$62,523, the largest item being \$316,544 for education. The revenue was \$601,541, leaving a balance against the province of \$30,097. The largest item of income were \$43,822, Dominion subsidy, and \$10,587 from mining royalties.

The success which has attended the use of the electric search light on war vessels has resulted in its adoption on a number of passenger and freight ships engaged in the coastwise trade. This light is now used on the Province River, and the navigation of the Savannah River has only been possible at night by use of search lights. Now the steamers on the Eastern Shore route, running out of Baltimore, are using these lights with marked success.

In pursuance of a suggestion made at various times within the past two or three years and perhaps spurred on by the action of the Dominion Government in withdrawing the privilege of free postage from the civil servants at Ottawa, the Provincial Government has decided to act similarly with its employees in Toronto. In the past the personal letters written by the clerks have been put into the governmental mail bag and the province has paid the bill. In future this privilege will be withdrawn and the clerks must pay their own postage.

A new "letter card" has just been issued by the British Post Office. It is a copy of our letter-sheet idea, and is spoken of as fitting "as much as want." The idea is to make it possible to send short notes without the publicity of a post card and at less cost than a letter. The letter card simply folds once across the middle, and the edges can be combed down. The space available for writing is 64 by 44 inches. The cards are sold at ten for a shilling. The British post card, by the way, costs a trifle over a half-penny, the postage. The cards usually sell for one cent each. The British Post Office charges for the card as well as the postage.

It is being said that at a recent murder trial the judge was so convinced of the accused and so certain that the jury would bring in a verdict of guilty, that at the conclusion of his charge he entered the verdict and sentence in his book and the date of execution. But juries do not always follow the bent of a judge's charge, and do not always bring in the verdicts they are expected to. To this case, to the surprise of the juries and to the surprise of everybody else in the court room, the verdict was not guilty. Whereupon the judge had to draw a pen through the sentence recorded while he rumpled up the folly of counting chickens before they break through the shells—*Hamilton Herald*.

DEATH OF H. E. CLARKE, M. P. P.

Fell Dead While Addressing The Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, March 23.—Mr. H. E. Clarke, one of the members for Toronto in the Ontario Legislature, while addressing the House this afternoon, suddenly stopped, pressed his hand to his side and fell to the floor dead. Several medical men present gathered round, but life was extinct. The awful suddenness of his death stunned the House and it immediately adjourned until Monday. Mr. Clarke was one of Toronto's most prominent citizens; and his demise is greatly lamented.

Henry Edward Clarke was born at Three Rivers, Que., on March 20th, 1829, his father having come to this country from Fermanagh, Ireland. He was educated at Three Rivers, and married in 1856 Anne, daughter of Mr. Thomas Kennedy, of Montreal. He was a large trunk manufacturer in Toronto, was for some years an alderman and also a director of the Federal Bank. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly for Toronto in 1883, again in the election of 1886, and again in 1890. Mr. Clarke was a man highly held in high personal regard.

## OUR CAPITAL LETTER

Mr. German, of Welland in his seat,  
—Lord Stanley and the News  
paper Man.—Criminal  
Statistics.

## NOTES ABOUT THE LOBBIES.

OTTAWA, March 30.—In the House of Commons yesterday interest was first excited in the Welland election case. Mr. German, the unseated member, who has come to Ottawa and taken his seat as a member, made a statement which was keenly listened to. In a general way his position seemed to be that he was locally the member, shown by expressions of opinion by the Supreme Court judges, in the fact that his name was on the division list, and by the fact that he was the guest of Mr. C. O. Speight during the other things, and being such it is his duty to take his seat. However, he declared himself ready to abide by the result, and closed with a remark quickly made that his people would increase his majority if they were given the opportunity to declare themselves. The discussion was confined at some length, and finally resulted in the committee of Privileges and Elections.

## NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

The sixteenth annual report of the Inspector of Penitentiaries presented to the House of Commons yesterday, shows that there are 850 male convicts in Kingston penitentiary, 530 in St. Vincent de Paul, 103 at Dorchester, 71 at Stoney Mountain and 73 in the British Columbia institution. There are also 24 female prisoners at Kingston. The whole convict population of the country has decreased by two during the year, while the deaths in prison were only sixteen.

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