

BORN.
NANCY Attfield, on Wednesday, 11th March, the wife of Mr. R. J. Attfield, a daughter.
Deaths.—Action, John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Action, died at his home in Martlesham, on Saturday, 11th March, the wife of Edward Matthews, a daughter.
Deaths.—In Kincardine on Saturday, 11th March, Mrs. John S. F. Lindsay, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

LOREN ANDREWS.—In Nassauways, on Wednesday, 11th March, by Rev. A. C. Andrews, T. Lester, Esq., and Mr. William An-
drews, his son.

Deaths.—Gentry. At the residence of the Rev. J. W. Hales, Mr. James G. Brewster, of Kincardine, died on Saturday, 11th March, William Griffin, Esq., son of Mr.

DIED.

HENSTRETT. At the house of his son, Rev. Mr. J. Holmes, Matlock, Mississ., on Friday, 10th March, Mr. Philip Henstrett, in his eighty-second year.

CAMPBELL. At the home of Richard Stewart, Matlock, Matlock, Matlock, of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, wife of the late R. L. Campbell, aged 74 years.

Deaths.—Tuesday, the 11th of March, at his residence, Kincardine, Robert W. Phillips, in the 60th year of his age.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1891.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"It appears that the Council of a certain township up were neglected or refused to print a statement of the municipality's financial condition last month, and that the Mayor and the Lieutenant Governor have appointed a commissioner to inquire into its financial affairs. People who pay taxes have a right to know how the money is spent."

Another provision has spoken openly in favour of total prohibition. Nova Scotia carried the plebiscite by six or eight votes and majority. The vote in Halifax city was approximately 50-50. The returns from the province are not yet complete. The count was checked in the examination of polling a record of the political votes in the provincial election.

At the Dufferin Assizes, held at Orangeville on Monday, Justice MacPherson disposed of a suit over land in sharp order by drawing his pen through the record of proof and dismissing the case. The value of the property was twenty cents, and the costs will be in the neighbourhood of the hundred dollars. Each party was ordered to pay his own costs.

The imports from Canada to Great Britain were about doubled during the months of January and February, as compared with the corresponding period last year. The imports of Canada from Great Britain increased in the same period four per cent. In exports cheese increased from 21,000 to 43,000 pounds, fish 12,000 to 30,000 pounds, wheat 32,000 to 77,000 pounds.

The trial of W. W. McWherrell and John Walker, at Brampton, for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Port Credit, in December last, terminated on Saturday, the jury acquitting Walker and finding McWherrell guilty. Before sentence was passed, however, the court adjourned for two hours, protesting his innocence. Sentence of death was pronounced by Mr. Justice Ferguson, to take effect on June 1st.

The increase in the British navy estimates for the year 1891 amounts to about \$16,000,000, the proposed expenditure amounting to \$86,000,000. This is said to mean seven new battle ships, six cruisers, two sloops of war, thirty-six torpedo boats of a modern type, and 6,700 men to man the service. It is expected to be a similar increase for five successive years, at the end of which time it is expected that England's navy will be strong enough to successfully oppose any combination of powers.

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The Oakville Star has been boycotted by the Town Council because it did its duty in showing up the tactics of members who dodged a popular desire for reduction of licences by absenting themselves from the council meeting, thus preventing a quorum, until the time permitted by law for passing such a by-law had expired. The Star has logically spoken for the town's best interests and deserves better treatment than it is just now being accorded. But the paper is not satisfied with having the best people of the town appreciate its course in the matter. The Royal Courier in commenting upon the matter says:— "The Star did its duty in criticizing such tactics, and now the Councilors are getting back at it by sending the municipal advertising to a newspaper of a neighboring town. The anti-prohibition element will stoop to pretty small business anywhere, but the Oakville variety is evidently entitled to a XXX brand for playboy insanity. Ten to one, these same fellows who voted the tax away to a rival town and a rival newspaper will jabber about protecting home enterprises."

His or more persons were killed, about 50 wounded, and much property destroyed by a cyclone in Texas on Saturday night.

The Westminster Gazette says Mr. Gladstone will occasionally make his appearance in the House of Commons, and will retain his old seat on the treasury benches.

Mr. A. H. Mackenzie, treasurer of the Macdonald Memorial Fund in Kingston, has received a cheque for \$500 from Lord Derby, late Governor-General of Canada, as a contribution to the fund.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Opening Ceremonies. The Speech From the Throne. The Budget Brought Down Early.

EASTER RECESS TILL TUESDAY.

OTTAWA, Mar. 21.—So brilliant and large was the opening of Parliament as to

be witnessed last Thursday, when the Royal Highness, the Princess Louise was present. Although

the weather was unpropitious, the sky overcast, threatening rain and the wind keenly. Parliament Hall was almost covered with visitors, and the throng threatened to overflow the building and pressed in to witness the arrival of the Governor General's East Guards that was almost hidden from view. His Excellency, the Governor General reached the Senate Chamber promptly three o'clock. The session opened with a roar, and till the same amount of activity as parliamentary circles in the opening of a session has not been observed for years past.

THE DEATH OF THE JUDGE.

Winnipeg, Mar. 21.—In the trial of Mr. McWherrell, the Governor General's official attorney, indicated that the principal legislation of the session will be the revision of the tariff. The conference with re-

presentatives from Australia, the proposed calibre of naval guns, the new fast steam

ship line to Britain, and the French treaty,

are all likely to cause discussion. There will probably be some heated discussion in regard to Manitoba and North West School matters. The session promises to be lively throughout.

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There was not a very lively debate on the subject, but the question did not

to debate it in the Openair way given the privilege of doing nearly all the talking upon it. Hon. Justice Martin, of Winni-
peg made a brilliant speech occupying over an hour, in which many capital points were made, which was won by him heartily ap-

plauded from his side of the House. No one followed him, however, and the address was carried on division and the usual form of motion for engrossing and presenting the same was carried.

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The House adjourned to eight for the Easter holidays until next Tuesday. Notwithstanding, it is expected the Budget will be brought down, and that Minister Foster will deliver himself before the House rises. If this is accomplished it will be the first time on record that the Budget Speech has been delivered in the first week of the session.

THE PROHIBITION COMMISSION.

It is stated that the evidence collected by the Royal Commission, and the report which is in preparation theron, will not be available until April 1st.

For the session in which the Commission transmitted the supporters of prohibition at the Capital the temperance people of Ottawa are considerably exercised. Only eight hours was given to the city of Ottawa. The Commission refused to hear Miss Soddy, editor of the Woman's Journal, while two witnesses were brought all the way from Manitoba against prohibition. The Commission would not call Hon. Mr. Foster, as requested by the temperance people, but when the Commission was in Montreal, Collector-General Galt called on so that he might be present to hear Mr. Foster before he could speak, and tell his story of the fatal night. He spoke for nearly two hours, but his address was replete with impudent vaporing, with here and there unseemly dashes of blasphemy. "I know what my enemies will say," he said, "but I am innocent and you gentlemen of the jury," pointing his finger at the jurymen, "you are the murderers of Mr. Whipple."

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MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT'S COMPLAINT.

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Herbert's report, General Herbert is disatisfied with the way the Canadian volunteer force is equipped, and will not be satisfied until the force is made up to 45,000.

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THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A lengthy My-Law Resoluting the Fire Company and Citizens at Fire is Passed.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Council was held on Monday evening.

Promptly at eight o'clock all the mem-

bbers were in their places, the Reeve in the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented their fifth report and following accounts were ordered to be paid:

J. V. KENNEDY, Post Office, \$100.

H. P. MORSE, Printing etc., 15.00.

Moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Williams that the fifth report of the Committee on Finance just read be adopted.

Carried.

The fifth report was hereupon ad-

opted under the following motion:

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