

THE CONVENTION TO-DAY

BORN.
Woods—In Brampton, on 12th February, the wife of Adam Woods, of 40 So.

Morley—In Guelph, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morley, of Guelph.

Claus—In Acton, on Tuesday, 12th February, the wife of John Claus, accountant, of a son, Billie, 11 months old.

Heath—In Guelph, on Monday, 11th February, the wife of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Heath, of a daughter, Friday, 12th February, the wife of J. A. Heath, of a son.

MARRIED.

Tarrelli—Tawatinaw, On Wednesday, Feb. 13th, to Rev. R. J. Beattie, at Guelph, William Tarrelli, of 21 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tarrelli, of Guelph, and Miss Emily, the wife of W. J. McMillan, of a son.

Claus—In Acton, on Tuesday, 12th February, the wife of John Claus, accountant, of a son, Billie, 11 months old.

McMillan—At 28, Willard M. Ottawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, of a daughter, Friday, 12th February, the wife of J. A. Heath, of a son.

DIED.

Harris—At Belvedere, on Sunday, 17th Feb., the wife of Henry Harris, aged 73 years.

Dunigan—In Brampton, on Feb. 16th, John A. Dunigan, son of Wm. Dickinson, aged 20 years.

Davison—In Nishnabotna, on 10th February, James Davison, wife of Jane Davison, aged 70 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In 1898 the duty collected on soft coal in the Dominion was \$911,653.07, of which Ontario paid \$603,966.88 and all the other Provinces \$307,686.19.

The butter bounty was considered by the Butter and Cheese Association of Montreal and the proposal of the Government was denounced by the leading butter merchants.

A Act to prevent shareholders in Local and Investment Companies from acting as auditors for their own companies to be introduced at the approaching session of the Ontario Legislature.

A movement is on foot in England to celebrate the sixth centenary of the British Parliament, which will be sounded out this summer. It was in 1295 that Parliament first assembled on the banks from which has grown the form of the present assembly.

Mr. Sydney Baxton, Parliamentary Secretary for the Colonial Office, said in the British House of Commons on Monday that the Government had under earnest consideration the question of appointing colonial judges to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

From parts of Europe and Asia show that the great visitation of frost is as widespread as a week ago. The temperature at St. Petersburg, for instance, has been below zero daily for 16 days. The suffering in the big cities of England and Scotland has been intense.

W. D. Balfour, M. P. P., for South Essex, has been appointed speaker of the Provincial Legislature by the Cabinet in Council. The Address from the Throne at the opening of Parliament will be moved by John Craig, M. P. P. for East Wellington, and seconded by Donald McNish, M. P. P. of West Elgin.

An Ottawa correspondent says: The most significant thing in the way of an early election is the fact that the Government is arranging to print some of the voters' lists outside the Government Printing Bureau, and it is more than likely that a batch has already been sent to some of the large printing establishments in Toronto.

In the British House of Commons a vote was taken the other day on Mr. G. A. Mitchell's motion to prohibit the speech from the throne, to the effect that the time of Parliament ought not to be occupied in discussing measures which have no prospect of becoming law while bills involving grave national changes have been announced. The amendment was defeated by fourteen votes.

French Canadians continue to return home from the United States and other countries, mainly from the United States to parts of Canada a long way from their native provinces. The net result of the backward flow of Canadians last summer and fall was a probable net loss to New England of some 40,000 or so of this class of population. Many Canadians also have left copper mining districts of Michigan to take up homesteads in the Nebraskan country.

In 1900 China had practically the monopoly of the British tea trade, and supplied 90 per cent, against 4 per cent, of British grown tea from India. In 1901 China had been fairly beaten in the British market, and supplied only 12 per cent, against 80 per cent, of British grown tea from India and Ceylon. As late as 1877 the weight of tea imported by Great Britain from China was 12 million of pounds against 27 million from India. In 1901 the imports were only 25 million pounds from China against 17 million from India and Ceylon. This is the natural evolution of the tea market which the world has witnessed. The British tea-growers have won the battle, and because by their care in manufacture and honesty in dealing they deserved to win.

HALTON PROHIBITIONISTS.
The Annual Meeting at Milton—No Candidate for the Commons.

The annual meeting of the Halton Prohibition Association was held in the Royal Templars' Hall, Milton, last week. On account of the stormy weather the attendance was not large, but quite representative. Dr. Robertson occupied the chair. The greater portion of the time was taken up discussing the advisability of bringing out a prohibition candidate in the approaching general election. The two main political parties not selecting candidates favorable to the prohibition cause. After discussing the matter for some time, it was resolved to take no action whatever for the present, but it is probable that another convention will be held in the near future, when some line of action will be decided upon. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Robertson; Vice Pres., D. Hartley; Nats., Secretary, A. C. Bally; Milton; Treasurer, Johnson Harrison, Milton; Auditors, W. J. Armstrong and J. W. White; Executive Com., C. D. Dix, D. Hartley, A. C. Bally, A. Newell and E. H. Clark. The ladies of the W.C.T.U. kindly furnished an excellent lunch, for which they received a vote of thanks. *Reformer.*

BRIND'S LIMENT CURE DRAFF.

LITERARY NOTES.

Several articles which are an outcome of Julian Ralph's voyage to China, undertaken in the interests of *Harper's Magazine*, and *Harper's Weekly*, will be published this month. The paper on the "Amazons at Large" by law, or in the various benevolent orders, the superintendence of the transient traders or street obstruction by law. This would certainly be just as consistent as his suggestions respecting the License Laws. We surely need a man who understands his duties and is fearless in performing them. I am,

TALK OF THE DAY.

AN EXCITEMENT OF THE WORLD.
During the Week.

Winnipeg's Convention a Success.

Stratford has reduced its rate of taxation to 20 milles.

A new railway is talked of between Durand and Wauwatosa.

Mr. Robert Munro of Ottawa was killed by a falling tree last week.

The Queenstown in London Mon-

day was unable to work with oil help.

There are now 50,000,000 in Dominion one and two dollar notes in circulation.

Hon. Mr. Foster has accepted the Conservative nomination for York County, N. B.

Mr. J. H. Granger of Hamilton has

been elected to the Senate of the Dominion.

He is much larger than usual.

The reception committee will meet the morning train and the President, Rev. R. Shadow, R. A. Milton, will take the chair at 10.30.

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