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MITTEN—In action on Sunday, 27th Sept., to Mr. and Mrs. John Mittens.

MARRIED.

MULLAN—CONDO in Ottawa on Thursday, 27th Sept., by Rev. Mr. Mahon, Mr. A. E. Mullan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullan, and Miss Ethel Mullan.

BURGESS—CARTER At Guelph, on Wednesday, 26th Sept., by Rev. J. T. Scott, Mr. George A. Burgess, Atchison, and Miss Ethel, daughter of Thomas Carter, Guelph.

DUNN DONALD At St. George's Church, Dundas, Ontario, assisted by Rev. J. A. Ballantyne, Dundas, of Ontario Hall.

DAVIS—MURRAY At St. Paul's, Guelph, Ontario, assisted by Rev. George A. Gauvin, Guelph.

BED.

MACKENZIE—At the home of Dr. L. L. Bennett, Guelph, on Saturday, 28th Sept., Mrs. Mackenzie, son-in-law, aged 39 years.

ELLIOTT—On Monday, 30th Sept., Mrs. Oliver Elliott, at her home, Guelph, Ontario, aged 34 years, 2 months and 16 days.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1896.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The immigration returns of the dominion up to the end of the month of August show that there will be a falling off to the extent of about 10 per cent. from the immigration of last year.

It is stated in Rome that negotiations are pending between England and Italy with a view to the latter holding in readiness a large body of troops to assist at a moment's notice to the Levant.

The Cairo correspondent to the London Times believes there is some truth in a negative report that the Khedive is now making a tour of Europe incognito, and that he has taken with him a scheme for Egyptian independence.

The attention of teachers holding third class certificates is called to the fact that if they expect to obtain second-class certificates they should do so this year, otherwise they will come under the new regulations, and will be compelled to study two or three languages.

The reduction made in Toronto assessment this year amounts to considerably over \$9,000,000. An exchange says: "Our neighbours set out a few years ago with much rail. The rearing process goes on steadily, and by and by they may get their top gear proportioned to their bairns."

A despatch this week says that the Newfound Land Government confesses that they were forced by the British Government to forbear local fisheries from competing with the French on the treaty coast. Because the natives are not permitted to fish there, they are now destitute. It must gall them to thus suffer from the strict enforcement of a treaty one hundred years old, and which should have been made.

A prominent scientist in Toronto proposes, in order to do away with the many inconveniences and irregularities of our present calendar, to make the year 364 days in length, with two days added in every leap year, in order to make the lunisolar and solar systems agree. Instead of having 12 months of 30 days each, there would be 12 months of 31 days, and every fifth year 30 days, and every seventh would begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. He would do away with the old names of the month, and number them instead. These changes are held to be very necessary and important to meet the practical demands of the times. The inconveniences that might arise from such a change would be of small moment as compared with its advantages.

ACTION UNION EXHIBITION
Products Favorite for a Superior Show To-day and To-morrow.

With fine warm weather Thursday and Friday Action Union will be the best exhibition held here," said Secretary yesterday morning. "Entries are coming in in very large numbers and directors notify me from several points that the attendance from their localities will be larger than ever before."

Action Union Exhibition will open this morning. Provision is made for entries from any point on the continent, or beyond, of live stock, agricultural and horticultural products, dairying and manufacturing interests, ladies' work, fine arts, and decorative work, and all kinds of novelties whence exhibitions may come. In addition to the comprehensive prize list of the exceptionally large list of special prizes are offered. This list embraces many classes.

The programme for the proceedings of the two days will be as follows:

Thursday forenoon—Entering entries and placing exhibits. Afternoon—Judging of exhibits in the hall. Evening—Hall illuminated and open to the public. Good programme of music, including selections by Action Concert Band.

Friday the hall opens to the public in all day. Evening of the live stock trade—Sales, horse races, contests for driving teams, programmes of music in hall and grounds.

In the evening the grand concert and entertainment referred to in another column will take place.

A visit to Action Exhibition today and to-morrow will be an event of interest to any lover of superior merit in the various departments named above.

AMERICAN EYES.

It is not strange that some of the leading American newspapers are wondering how it is possible to put out a large and so elegant a paper as the *Funny Herald* and *Weekly Star* of Montreal, for one dollar a week. It must be the enormous circulation of the *Funny Herald* and *Weekly Star*, which enables its publishers to issue it at the price. Each issue of the *Funny Herald* and *Weekly Star* contains one hundred and twenty-eight full columns and by actual count what each subscriber to it gets in one year is equal to the contents of fifty bound volumes, each volume having two hundred and fifty pages, each valuable matter. Every issue that goes into the *Funny Herald* and *Weekly Star* must cost money, for its publishers seem to do nothing but print the news that would bring them but little benefit. We would be afraid to estimate what the publishers of the *Funny Herald* must spend each year to sustain the high reputation of their paper. Its great circulation tells the story.

LAST WEEK AT OTTAWA

Probation Likely to Take Place next Saturday in the House of Commons.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY:

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—From present appearances probation will take place on Saturday. Mr. Lester intended as much in his reply to Sir Charles Tupper on Monday afternoon. Only a few items in the main estimates are now to be passed. There is very little that is objectionable in the supplementary estimates. Further supplements, however, may probably be introduced.

GOVERNMENT'S ALLEGED THIRTY SEVEN.

The House was divided for the second time at the conclusion of the debate last Wednesday and the Government's majority was 37. The Opposition was not satisfied with the vote on the Governor General's warrants the other week. No. 1. Foster bent his skill to the framing of a resolution on the tariff issue, which was adopted to show just where the division lay of the House. The division was on this issue increased to 37. All the Independents, including Mr. Ross Robertson, of East Toronto, voted with the Government. There has seldom been such a scene of excitement and exuberance in the chamber at the conclusion of a vote. The Ministerialists cheered and sang and cheered again. The Opposition seemed to their position will hardly be expected to appreciate a supplement of this character.

TO WEND \$40,000,000.

The supplementary estimates contain much food for discussion. The total vote asked is now about forty millions, or a million and a half more than the Conservative asked and did not get. A doubt arises in the mind of the Government in the face, but the Ministers avowed no perturbation. It seems to be impossible for us to raise more than thirty seven million dollars by the usual means. So we may expect a deficit of several millions, unless we have large savings in the management of the various departments.

THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mulock, Postmaster General of Canada, has at great pains to acquire himself with the internal management of the department. When the session terminates, or so soon afterwards as may be, Mr. Mulock will leave for New York and Washington, where he is to gain much information as to the latest methods and improvements in postal delivery. All things are now, the Postmaster General says, there is no lack of room for improvement.

TRIP OVER THE NEW RAILWAY

A party of parliamentarians and newspaper correspondents took a holiday on Saturday. They were the guests of millionaire John R. Booth, on the trip up the Parry Sound Railway. The company had brought over from New York several leading car owners for the inspection. The Italian coach has been prepared for the distinguished gentlemen whom they were to carry, and the scenery was grand, so say the excursionists.

By the new County Councils Act, the Board is required on or before Nov. 15 to appoint a nominating officer in each of the divisions, to receive nominations for county councillors. After this year the county council will have the power of naming the officers. The nomination day will, this year, be on Monday, December 21st, two weeks before the first election.

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