

BORN.
Homer—At Edon Mills on Monday, 12th Nov., to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartop, a son.

WOODLAND—On Friday, Nov. 6th, at 11 Colville Woodland, a son.

DECEASED.

MILTON—At Highley, on Tuesday, 6th Nov., Margaret Hobson, wife of Fred Hobson.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1900.

HOLIDAY NOTES.

The recent Presidential election in the United States resulted in the casting of more votes than ever before polled in any country on earth at one time—sixteen millions.

The appeal against the Cross convictions vs. Haines, election of 1896, which was based before Justice McLeanbridge and Street at Osgoode Hall, has been dismissed with costs.

The London, Eng., *Daily Mail* points out that England has thus far failed to make any returns for Canadian loyalty, and urges that some compensation be made for Canada's fiscal oppositions.

Everybody expected Henderson to carry Hailton and he did so with an increased majority. In the Dominion Parliament there are not a dozen men more capable in debate than David Henderson. He is a credit to his country, and deserves his honest course regardless of the misrepresentation of his foes.—*Brampton Conservator*.

The census will be taken next year and after the census comes the readjustment of the constituencies all over the Dominion. The Senate threw out the bill passed by Commons providing for a readjustment, on the ground that it was too near the time for taking the census and that it would be best to wait till the census was taken. This measure will not be tenable after the census shall have been taken.

Ontario is about to make another of those interesting experiments of shipments of perishable fruits to Great Britain. The former shipment met with success and it is hoped if one or two more proofs of the feasibility of such shipments are made, that people in the fruit business will be persuaded of the practicability of entering into the business with advantages to the trade of the country and profit to themselves.

If the constituents still to be polled stand as they are, there will be in the House 45 French Liberals and 85 English Liberals, 78 English Conservatives and four French Conservatives and three English Independents. If every French member in the House were to refrain from voting, the English-speaking Liberals could still have seven of a majority over the English-speaking Conservatives. Sir Wilfrid had fourteen English-speaking members from Quebec, while the Conservatives have only got four.

The London *Pall Mall Gazette* voices the general tone of comment in saying:—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the living embodiment of the spirit required in Canada. It looks as if he might have as long a spell of power as Sir John Macdonald. Not only is this French-Canadian but enthusiastic British statesman one of the most inspiring and personalized personalities to turn now to his disadvantage have deserved the severe defeat!"—*Toronto Telegram*.

Within a fortnight each of the three great constitutional English-speaking nations has completed an election. In each case the government in power has received the support of a majority of the people—in a measure, however, of its own self—and has received a new lease of power for four or five years. In each case this result has been due first, and foremost to the general prosperity which has reigned during the past five years, and to the unprecedented glories and imperial developments which have attended their administration. Other elements have no doubt entered into the result and it is important to each country that it should judge rightly with regard to these.—*Wiseau*.

The London, England, papers, irrespective of party, express unbounded satisfaction at Sir Wilfrid Laurier's victory. The *Daily News* utilized it to send a letter to the British anti-Liberals, and says: "It is a remarkable fact, which Liberal hearts home world do well to ponder, that no more eloquent statements of the justice of the British cause have been made than by Sir Wilfrid Laurier." All the papers discuss the coincidence of three notable cases in which the swing of the political pendulum has been arrested, and the *Daily News* remarks: "Does it portend a new era in democratic politics?" The result is concluded to be what has happened in each case. London, Mr. McKinley and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have discovered a new way of governing without mistakes, but because in all three countries there has been a stirring of national life to new and great issues, and because the Opposition parties have been found out of touch with national feeling.

The history of the House of Commons election continues in Hailton since confederation shows that the parties are very evenly divided, and in any election except that of either party may reasonably hope to win. Since 1867 we have had no less than thirteen contests, while the majority of the constituencies of the Dominion have been decided with eight, so there has been ample opportunity of ascertaining our status politically. In the thirteen contests the Liberals have been successful six times, the Conservatives won an equal number of elections and one Independent has been elected. In all the contests the past thirteen years no member has been elected to the House of Commons at a higher rate than with the single exception of the election of 1897, when Mr. Henderson ran against Mr. McGregor, the Patriote—but this was never a political contest.

Indeed, only the House has the majority extended 100, and at four elections it was under 25. Our thirteen contests have resulted as follows:—

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2nd, D. Henderson, Cons., 100 majority.

3rd, Wm. McGregor, Lib., 100 majority.

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