

BORN.
DEATHS. In Action, Saturday, 5th January.
MARRIED.

BURIALS.—In the Methodist Church, Acton, on Wednesday, 5th January, by Rev. Mr. H. Ward, Mr. F. Hinckley to Miss F. E. Hulbert.

DIED.

OBITUARY.—In the Hospital, 12th January, Mrs. Alice C. Mrs. William Cleeks, in her 80th year. Young Street, on Monday, 13th January, Mrs. Mary, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Newmarket, St. John's Hospital, Guelph, on Friday, 17th January, Anna Manley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Manley, of Guelph, lead milliner for Mr. H. Holbert & Son.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1901.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAD: QUEEN.

Mr. Henry Labouchere, in *Layton's Weekly*, pays this remarkable tribute to Queen Victoria, all the more remarkable because of his democratic and frank criticality: "Among all her millions of subjects, there are but few who will not mourn for her as for one of their own household. Nor will the mourners be found among her own subjects alone. It is not too much to say that never in the history of the world has a single death caused such universal grief. Alike in happiness and sorrow, she lived a life beyond reproach, without thought of self, and unreservedly devoted to the duties of the hour. Although occupying perhaps the greatest position ever filled by a woman, she never was haughty, always dignified, serene, commanding, and even in distress, were marked by the rarest simplicity. She has been indeed the mother of her people, and her motherhood will be mourned. In all the affairs of state that manifested the same wisdom that inspired her private life, nor did her own country alone enjoy the fruits of her experience and sagacity. Through her kindred and descendants abroad her influence for many years has been felt in Continental politics, always on the side of peace."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Crown Lands Department received during the last year \$1,500,000, which was nearly \$200,000 more than the revenue received during the year previous.

A Victoria despatch says that Lord Kitchener's proclamation promising protection to the persons and stock of Boer families virtually surrenders is having a good effect.

A Detroit paper publishes lists of 60 of the most prominent business houses in Detroit which forbade employment under the age of 21 from smoking cigarettes either in or out of the store with the knowledge of the management, under penalty of dismissal. It will be a good day for our youth when Canadian business men take similar action.—*Kirkpatrick*.

Hon. Lyman Jones of Toronto, Mr. A. T. Wood of Hamilton, Mr. George McHugh of Victoria County, Ontario, and Mr. Robert Mackay of Montreal have appointed to the Senate. Mr. Jones has signed his name to the upper chamber recently on account of ill-health. Mr. McHugh obtained the seat vacated by the death of Mr. Frank Smith. Mr. Wood succeeds the late Senator MacLean. Mr. Mackay is given the seat which Senator Ogilvie relinquished.

In the recent municipal elections in Ottawa voting machines were used. It was the first time in Canada, and the results were not satisfactory. In one minute after the close of the polls the vote was counted in each polling booth, and six minutes later the complete results were announced at the town hall. Four machines were used, one in each ward, and an incident of the day was the prevention of a voter from voting for one more candidate than he was entitled to. This the machine did automatically.

By an order in council the Ontario Government has set apart as a forest reserve 1,400,000 acres, 40 by 50 miles, surrounding Lakes Temagami and Lady Evelyn, two of the most beautiful sheets of water in Canada. They lie in the district of Nipissing, west of the upper Ottawa river. The chief rivers of the Nipissing District have their sources in the new reservoir, and the rainfall and flow of water will be regulated by preserving the timber. The gunks, also, will be afforded safe places for reproduction. There are two other lakes in the district, of 50,000 acres in rear of the reservoir of Nipissing and Yonconance, and the other, of 45,000 acres, on the point of land ending in Thunder Cape, Lake Superior.

The town of Oakville votes on Thursday, 7th February, by-law to provide for the construction of grandstands sideways upon the streets of the town and authorizes the issue of five-year debentures to the amount of \$7000 for that purpose. The debentures are to bear 5 per cent and will require the sum of \$350 per year and will consist of a \$250 annual sinking fund, a total of \$605. One half of this will be laid out upon the property situated upon the same side of the street and opposite to which the grandstands are constructed, and the other half upon all the real estate property in the town, exclusive of the property opposite to which the stands are constructed. This is a very equitable plan and the by-laws contain numerous valuable pointers for the consideration of Acton Municipal Council.

The Corporation's Committee on Finance have filed their application to the Legislature of the Province at the next session for an act to consolidate the floating debt, and to raise by loan on debentures the sum of \$4,000, for a period of twenty years. This course will be commenced by all taxpayers who give the master any serious consideration. The debentures will have a much higher value in the event of the financial public wherewithal by the authority of the legislature, than if issued on the authority alone of a municipal corporation. Acton's annual budget is highly creditable and it is recommended that the same be adopted, as will set at high a premium as the law. This action will obviate the necessity of raising the annual rate of taxation to a burdensome point, for with the judicious oversight which has characterized past years, and the removal of the floating indebtedness, a sufficient sum will be left to be granted to the committee to put the streets and walks in good repair, without increasing the rate of last year.

Why is a defeated candidate like the author? Because he is beaten at the polls.

OUR BELOVED QUEEN IS DEAD

Queen Victoria Died on Tuesday and
The Prince of Wales is Now
King Edward VII.

AN EMPIRE MOURNS THE DEATH OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SOVEREIGN.

To the Lord Mayor of London?

Opposite, 45 p.m., Jan. 22.—"My beloved mother has just passed away, surrounded by her children and grandchildren." (Signed). ALBERT EDWARD.

The above message gave the world the sorrowful news of the passing away of the Queen, whose every subject loved her with loyalty and devotion after a week of serious illness.

The proclamation of the death of Queen Victoria and the succession of King Edward VII was issued immediately upon the Queen's death by the Premier, Lord Hallifax, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the sanction of the Privy Council.



1837—The Victorian Era Has Ended—1901

HER NAME LIVES ON IN LOVE THAT FAILETH NEVER.

"It's hard to pull a New Song on lips that loved the Old.
And hard to write a New Name on Thine that ever had.

The Dear Old Name on Memory's Throne; where'er her soul and the sovereign touch of the Great Queen's Name the soul of her people stirred:

Now sorrow stalks the Empire round; 'cross the darkened days.

The solemn tones of mourning sound to hush our Song of Praise.

"The Queen—God Bless Her"—the word to-day is barbed with memories keen.

"Of times we part the world in joy and song!" God Save the Queen."

The Old, Old Song we learned in youth must leave the lips forever,

Victoria's gone, but her name lives on in love that faithless never.

A sound of woe in all her lands and under the sea between

Throbs the voice of the mourning British folk who weep for their Queen."

The wheels of the world were jarred when the announcement came, but in that place at "Osborne" everything pursued the usual course.

The body of Queen Victoria is being embalmed, bright, and well, probably as imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent.

The end of this career, never equalled by any in the world's history, came in a simply-furnished room in Osborne House. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in a great four-post bed, a shrunken atom whose aged face and figure were as great contrast to the fair girl who in 1837 began to rule over England.

—Around her was gathered almost every descendant of her line. "Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the Prince Consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle.

—The scarcely audible words the white-haired Bishop of Winchester prayed before her as he had often prayed with his sovereign, for he was her chaplain at Windsor Castle, the woman who has succeeded to the title of Queen, the Prince and Princesses, and those less than royal designation. His o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession for the Queen's soul, and the mass said.

—At exactly 1.30 Sir James Held up his hand, and the people in the room knew that England had lost her Queen.

The bishop pronounced the benediction.

The Queen passed away quite peacefully, as he suffered to pass. Those who are now mourners went to their room.

A few minutes later the inevitable element of materialism stepped into that pathless chapter of International history.

The Privy Council will meet in London to-day, and the proclamation of the King will occur thereafter at all places required by custom.

The King will come to London to preside over the Council.

Pte. Alex. McLean, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Africa, is one of the many who prove that total abstinence pays.

One need not remember that the gallant fellow was wounded at the Zand River Sult in his place. No serious were his injuries that his life was despaired of. He recovered, almost a miracle, the medical men told him, due entirely to the fact that he had never used either a tot or to tobacco.—*Telegraph*.

HALTON CONSERVATIVES.

Annual Meeting of the County Association held at Milton.

Milton, Jan. 15.—The annual meeting of the Halton Liberal Conservative Association was held in Milton on Friday evening. A large number of visitors from all parts of the County were present, and much interest was shown in the proceedings of the meeting.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, J. W. Elliot; Vice-president, Mr. George Campbell, the newly married Master of Maple Grove Farm—the County residence, a former residence of General Galt, at the battle of Paardeberg has been told and retold by the greatest authority on the subject—General Roberts—and several of his leading officers. The picture which is now so familiar to us is that of an elderly and somewhat portly man, dressed in a military uniform, with a sword at his side, and a general air of quiet dignity about him.

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