

BORN.

HARRIS—In Acton, on Friday evening February, in Hospital at Victoria, B. C., on Monday, 11th February, to Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Hall, a son.

MARRIED.

LAWRENCE—At 1121, Mrs. Margaret Hines, Hastings, Mich., on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, to Mr. George (L.) Laird, son of a Judge Laird, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. George Johnson, of Acton.

DEEDS.

BAKER—At 1018, Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Keay, on Friday, February 14th, to Robert, aged 80 years.

KRUTH—At 1018, Mrs. Nannie Hines, Hastings, Mich., on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, to Mr. George (L.) Laird, son of a Judge Laird, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. George Johnson, of Acton.

ATKINS—At 1018, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Atkins, of Acton, to Mr. & Mrs. John, 4th, of Acton.

AMMEND—In Action, on Monday, Feb. 12th, to Mr. & Mrs. John, 4th, of Acton.

WILSON—At 1018, Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson, of Acton, to Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson, of Acton.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1901.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is reported that the Imperial Ministers are trying to arrange with the Canadian Government for the establishment in Canada of permanent recruiting depots for the army.

Sometimes one party, sometimes the other; sometimes Clifford Hill, or even Tom Greenway or R. P. McLean, dash the cards, but Mackenzie & Mann always seem to turn up triumphant.—Toronto Telegram.

From the figures quoted in the Provincial budget speech, it appears that there are fewer inactive persons according to population than there were in 1871, although many have feared that lunacy is increasing.

It has been announced that there will likely be another session of the Legislature before Ontario has a general election. The announcement is thoroughly in line with the frankness and sincerity of the Administration. A straight question was asked and a straight answer given relative to the matter.

The town of Garrison Place has eight holes leased to a golf club, but at a special meeting of the town council on Monday evening last, every member being present, the by-law limiting the number was amended so as to reduce the number of holes from eight to five. The course was unamended.—Almonte Gazette.

According to judgment rendered recently by the council of any town, he is responsible and open to suit for allowing bad holes, which cause damage results from same, the fact being the existence of such obstacles are an impediment to the safety of the travellers. Council should be inspired to action by this judgment.

Mr. D. M. Britton, K. C., member for Kingston, will test the feelings of the House in regard to the advisability of establishing divorce courts. He does by moving the following resolution: "That this House is of opinion that the present practice of referring to Parliament for a divorce is in many ways objectionable, and virtually gives in certain cases relief to the wealthy which is denied to the poor." That jurisdiction should be given to some one court of each of the Provinces of the Dominion, or a court should be established in each of such Provinces for trial of cases for divorce."

On view of the decision of the Manitoba Court of Appeal declaring the Prohibition Act unconstitutional, the Star interviewed a number of the leading temperance advocates in Toronto to ascertain whether they contemplated taking any action on the matter. The general opinion appears to place a low estimate on the importance of the decision. Needless to say, however, its unfavorable result will be felt in the other way. Mr. Y. B. Gray, of "Our Policy in Ontario will not be affected at all. We shall simply wait the decision of the Privy Council. Nor do I anticipate a long delay, as the Manitoba Government will probably appeal at once."

The Labor Gazette in an able article in its last issue, gives interesting points with reference to the copper and nickel industries of Canada. The production of copper in Canada is now in Canada has increased from \$100,000 worth in 1894 to \$12,655,310 worth in 1899. The amount of nickel in the matte produced at Sudbury has increased from \$4,007,480 worth in 1894 to \$5,744,000 worth in 1899. Canada's fine position in regard to nickel is shown by the statement that the world's production in the year 1898 was placed at 8,116 metric tons, to which amount New Caledonia contributed 8,000 tons, the United States 6,100, and Ontario 2,203 tons. Ontario's share is thus 40.9 per cent. of the total.

Although the legislative performances at Ottawa are more spectacular, the public should not forget that those at Toronto are almost as important for the welfare of Ontario. At Toronto the bill to prohibit the heading of streams during which time the salinity and the budget have been prepared and at least four declarations of policy have been made—land grants in New Ontario for the South African and Yukon Gold volunteers, assessment reform, beet root sugar bounties, and aid to the dressed meat industry. The Royal Government is a business government and a lively one at that.

Hon. Hugh John McDonald's profligate action, condoned by the Manitoba Legislature in its last session, has been declared by the highest court in the Province to be invalid. The law was supported by a large body of public opinion. In 1895 a petition was taken within the Province and resulted in a vote of 10,637 for and 7,115 against prohibition. Every electoral division in which the majority was overwhleming. The Province has come into operation in June next. As a result of the recent decision the operation both of the Manitoba and the Prince Edward Island laws will be suspended. There will no doubt be an appeal from the judgment to the Privy Council.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Grimes' Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

A. T. BROWN.

The Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Galt.

Mr. Robert Cunningham, insurance agent of this place, has just shown us a report of the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Galt for 1900. That it shows a balance to the good on the year's business of \$101,270.00 and values of \$100,000.00. The loss account is a small deficit but considerable.

The loss-taking that was to have been held in the Union Methodist Church on Tuesday evening was postponed.

A number of local sportsmen to Georgetown Monday night to see the gyrations of the champion skater.

The roads, especially the cross roads, were pretty badly filled up by Monday night's blow.

Several drove over to Acton on Sunday evening to hear the anniversary services of Mr. T. Hakin, Guelph, in Knox Church.

DE WET IN A PLIGHT.

Operations of Plummer and French Have Been Successful.

THE WAR WILL SOON BE OVER.

Eloquent Sermons By Rev. Mr. Bakin and Liberal Offerings by the People.

KNOX ANNIVERSARY.

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