

DIED.  
Gone At Halliburton, on Sunday, Aug. 4th, at  
Barrie, Al Patterson, Man., on Aug. 4th. Wm.  
Hanks, formerly of Timmins, in his 60th  
year.

## The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1901.

### EDITORIAL NOTES:

A conference was held at Glasgow last week to consider what steps should be taken or not for the relief of the restrictions affecting Canadian cattle. It was unanimously agreed that the restrictions were no longer necessary, and ought to be removed.

Quebec has now taken its place among the grain-shipping ports of Canada. During the present season, it is said, about a million and a quarter bushels have been turned over to the Layland port by the Great Northern Railway. The freight was passed on to the Northern from the Rockwood system, which received it at the upper lake carriers at Harry's Port.

From the first census bulletin it will be seen that the increases of population in the cities and in the Northwest have largely been at the expense of the older counties of Ontario. Our own county of Halton has suffered a loss of 4,000, and similar decreases have been experienced by all adjoining counties. Thirty-six Ontario counties have a smaller population than in 1891.

H. G. Fraser, the Dublin engineer, who has prepared the plans for the new harbor at Birkenhead, County Down, Ireland, in connection with the proposed steamship line, which is to have steamers capable of crossing the Atlantic in four and a half days, informed a reporter of the Associated Press to-day that the line consists initially of six large steamers, four for the New York, and two for the Canadian trade. The Canadian port will be Sydney or Halifax.

Certain discrepancies may be noted in the census figures. In the last year our population has gained 10.4 per cent upon the figures of 1891. The number of families has increased 15.1 per cent, over the 1891 figure, and the dwelling-houses have increased by 14.7 per cent. It is singular that the houses and the families should increase so much more rapidly than the individuals who comprise those families and inhabit those houses—Toronto Globe.

The Canada Gazette contains a program for the opening of the Canadian Parliament, and a note concerning the election of members of the House of Commons, and the election of members of the Canadian militia to be given to a capable officer, closely connected with the Dominion, and this virtually means that General O'Grady, his successor will be chosen. Some of the Canadian militia to be given to a capable officer of the Dominion forces to the chief position in the militia has taken place, but this new arrangement will be welcomed among the militia generally.

The new census will make considerable change in the parliamentary representation of the various provinces in the House of Commons. Under the constitution the representation of Quebec in the House of Commons is fixed permanently at 65 members. The other provinces are to have the same number of representatives to their population as the number 65 bears to the population of Quebec ascertained by the census. Dividing the 65 members among the other provinces according to the units of representation. On this basis the representation would be as follows, compared with the representation under the old—Ontario member, 87; a decrease of five; Quebec, 65; Nova Scotia, 19; a decrease of two; New Brunswick, 19; a decrease of one; Manitoba, 10; an increase of three; Territories, 6; an increase of two; British Columbia, 8; an increase of two; V. C. Island, 4; an increase of one.

A PIERCE STORM.  
Lightning Destroys a Barn and Kills  
Valuable Horses.

Faure, Aug. 26.—One of the most severe storms in many years passed over this section between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The lightning was terrible and very close, the rain came down in a heavy pour, but did little or no damage, most of the grain in this neighborhood having been safely harvested. The lightning however struck the barn of Mr. Richardson, of Gavarex, about three miles east of here. The contents, which consisted of about half of this year's crop and a large quantity of hay, were completely destroyed. A team of horses belonging to Mr. Brewster, a dairyman, had been driven into Mr. Richardson's shed to escape the storm. The horses were killed, while the driver and another man, about six feet away, escaped unharmed. Mr. Richardson's loss will be about \$3,000; insurance, about \$1,000.

THE CANADIAN NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY.

A. McKim & Co., Montreal, announces the publication of the third edition of this valuable book. Its predecessor's work is a very complete and interesting handbook of Canadian newspapers, and all its appendices are given in each town in which a newspaper is published.

The directory contains complete lists of newspaper towns, arranged alphabetically by provinces, with ample details as to the issue, publisher's address and estimated circulation of each paper. Similar lists, condensed for ready reference, a list of daily papers, a list of newspapers by counties and a classified list showing the many different kinds of papers published in Canada make this thoroughly complete newspaper gazette.

One of the best features of the work is a list of special maps of the different provinces, showing only the towns in which papers are published. These maps are also in a convenient envelope fastened to the back of the book, so firmly, which makes them more convenient to handle.

The publication of this Newspaper Directory every alternate year is certainly a commendable enterprise on the part of McKim's Advertising Agency, which seems to be very progressive and up-to-date in its very respect.

### CANADA'S NEW CENSUS.

Present Population 5,328,003  
Over Half a Million Increase.

#### ONE PROVINCE DECREASES.

The first official census bulletin issued shows Canada's population to be 5,328,003, an increase of 1,000,000 in 1891, and an increase of 500,000. Prince Edward Island is the only province showing a decrease. These figures are not, however, exact. The returns for the extreme northern portions of Quebec and Ontario, and the Yukon have not been received, and their absence is temporarily met by what is believed to be a close estimate. It is thought that the final returns will make a very appreciable difference in the figures as they now stand.

The "population by provinces" is as follows:

1891. 1891. Increase

Ontario..... 1,017,370 1,111,242 103,872

Quebec..... 1,630,074 1,684,222 54,148

New Brunswick..... 321,003 321,363 3,360

Manitoba..... 946,464 102,506 102,025

N. W. Territories..... 140,000 144,172 4,172

British Columbia..... 100,073 101,900 1,827

Yukon..... 1,000

The following statement gives the enumeration of families in Canada in the several Provinces, as compared with 1891:

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Of the seven Provinces Quebec exhibits the largest gain in population, having increased 10.4 per cent in 1891. Manitoba comes next with 6.3,529, with British Columbia third, with 5.1,877. Ontario is fourth in the list, with 5.1,677 to her credit. New Brunswick is considerably behind Ontario, with a gain of 3.6,561. Nova Scotia, the former with the highest percentage of increase, has a gain of 3.5,561. Prince Edward Island lags far behind Nova Scotia, with a gain of 3.1,561. The failure this season to attract the hard winter leavers has been, we suspect, due to the clover bloom in blossom, the bees were not in their best working condition. The dry weather also had its effect upon the honey crop.

Miss Proctor, of Blyth, is visiting her cousin, Miss Tonie Ford, in the 6th line here. Some of the farmers are getting ready to sow their fall wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, of Chicago, are in this neighborhood a few days ago.

### FIRE AT GUELPH.

Top Flat of Stewart's Mill badly burned.

On Friday Aug. 19.—On Saturday last, Stewart's Mill mill narrowly escaped total destruction by fire. The alarm was sent in shortly before four o'clock, and on the arrival of the firemen three lines of hose were immediately laid. The fireward pressure was good and in less than thirty minutes the fire was entirely extinguished.

The actual loss by fire is confined to the third story, which is pretty well gutted. On the lower floor the damage has been done to the stock by the water. "An considerable amount of leather belting will also be destroyed. Mr. Stewart estimates his total loss at between \$1,000 and \$2,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

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B.Y. 14, 1901.

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