BORN.

McCLELLAND—At Niagara Falls, on Sunday, 16th December, to Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland, a daughter.

MARRIED.

RYDER—DENNY—In Erin, at the home of the bride's father, on Wednesday, December 5th, by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hindley, Thomas Frederick Ryder, to Pryscilla, eldest daughter of Mr. John Denny.

DIED.

REID—In Glenwilliams, on Wednesday, 5th December, James Reid, aged 76 years.

LEXANDER—At his residence, 198 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, on Friday, December 7th, Rev. John Alexander, aged 72 years.

STARRATT—In Esquesing, on Tuesday, December 11th, Hannah V. Starrat, relict of the late David Starrat, aged 76 years and 2 months.

HALL—In Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday, 8th December, Victoria, youngest daughter of Prof. T. F. Hall, formerly of Halton, aged 7 years and 7 months.

BOONER—At Dr. Walker's Hospital, Isabella St., Toronto, on Wednesday morning, December 12th, Annie Boomer, foster sister of the late Mrs. John Speight, Acton.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

That grand old festival of the year around which so many hallowed memories cluster is again at hand. It is just nineteen hundred years since the strains "Peace on Earth, good will to men," first rang out on the plains of Bethlehem. Ever since, Christmas has been the glad season of the year—the season of rejoicing, mirth and gayety. Let it still be the day of peace and good will. Let old feuds be buried, old quarrels forgiven and kindly greetings interchanged. The FREE PRESS wishes its thousands of readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Oakville Town Council has decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers asking permission to issue debentures for $7,000 for building gravel walks in the lakeside town. This is a move in the right direction and will no doubt be favored by the ratepayers.

Germany has given one more proof of her resolve to maintain friendly relations with England. It is generally agreed that the Imperial Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag on Monday must dispose once and for all of any hopes of European intervention which Mr. Kruger and his advisers might have entertained.

The suggestion that a monument to the colonial soldiers who have fallen in South Africa should be erected in London is taking practical shape, and the Royal Colonial Institute, which in its membership is typical of the empire, is considering several projects which have been formulated for its approval.

The Province of Quebec Press Association, Eastern Townships Press Association and the Canadian Press Association will hold a joint convention in Montreal in February. A conference of representatives from each association was held in Montreal last week and this decision reached. John A. Cooper represented the Canadian Press Association.

It looks as if an exciting contest will likely take place at the coming elections in Esquesing township. The events surrounding the initial meetings last year have not been forgotten. It is rumored that Reeve Stewart may have Dr. Webster, one of the present members of the County Council, as his opponent and the election will therefore assume distinctly party lines. The present Councillors are likely to seek re-election.

The occupations of the members of the new Parliament are given as follows:—Lawyers 53, merchants 35, farmers 29, doctors 18, newspaper men 11, manufacturers 11, lumbermen 9, gentlemen 7, notaries 5, grain dealers 5, bankers 2, traders 2, distillers 2, printer 1, rancher 1, real estate agent 1, oil operator 1, miners' agent 1, mill owner 1, cheese dealer 1, contractor and farmer 1, financier 1, ship owner 1, fruit grower 1, cattle exporter 1, accountant 1, surveyor 1, clergyman 1.

The report of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province for the year has been presented by Mr. G. C. Creelman, the Superintendent. A large increase in membership and activity in the work all over the province is shown by the compilation figures. The members of the various branches now total 140,000. A number of the more valuable of the papers which have been read by prominent experts at the meetings of the year are included in the volume.

People sometimes complain that it is hard to get men to run for municipal honors. It cannot be hard to understand the diffidence of sensitive, honorable men to allow themselves to be placed in a position where slurs and insinuations can be thrown at them, simply because they dare to hold opinions different to those of their slanderers. There is need for good men in our municipal Council at the present time, and if there was less of unfair criticism no doubt numbers of good citizens would be willing to assume responsibilities for the furtherance of Acton's interests.

The last meeting of the Council of this municipality for the year 1900 has been held and still there is nothing definite as to the personnel of aspirants for the first Council in the New Century. Owing to continued illness Reeve Pearson has definitely decided to retire. He has served the municipality faithfully and has earned a rest. The names of John Clarke, J. A. Henderson, John Williams, R. Wallace, John H. Matthews, I. Francis, George Hynde, W. H. Denny, H. Swackhamer, J. J. Lawson and Alex. Hacord are mentioned for municipal honors, and from among them a satisfactory Reeve and Council could easily be chosen.

As Monday next, the day for nominations for County Councillors approaches, nearly all of the eight members of the County Council appear to be ready to seek the suffrages of the electors of the several divisions. In the fourth division, which includes Acton, Milton and Nassagaweya, there may be a keen contest. Milton is becoming restless at having no representative in the County Council for three years while Acton has had a member there continually for that term and has been honored with the Wardership as well. Nassagaweya can always elect a representative, and is therefore remains for Milton and Acton to be neighborly and give and take somewhat in respect to the other member. Milton seems to shed all her best men to the Town Council and is therefore unable to unite upon a suitable candidate. Acton will not allow the election to go by default for the want of a good representative, but the indications are that if Milton will unitedly nominate a good man that Acton will give way for the coming term.

DEWET STILL FIGHTING.

Serious British Reverse at Nooitgedacht—General Clements Narrow Escape.

THANKSGIVING POSTPONED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17th, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nooitgedacht have arrived there and are doing well.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that General Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undaunntedly, yelling and waving their army. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery. After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring soldiers. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Colonel Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It has been wisely decided not to hold a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa unless both Dewet and Delarey should happen to be crushed in the meantime. Such a service would of course be distinctly out of place. By the new arrangement there will, unfortunately, be no opportunity for the magnificent tribute which London is so anxious to pay the Field Marshal, but when the war is actually at an end there will be a far better occasion for a great popular demonstration in his honor.

REACHES OVER A $100.

The Free Press' Gunner Moore Memorial Fund Rapidly Growing without a Canvass.

The spirit of appreciation of heroic service for Queen and Country is certainly manifest among the working people of Acton, and the fund for the monument to the memory of our soldier hero, Gunner W. J. Moore, who gave up his life at Pretoria on the 8th November last, is growing with much satisfaction. The FREE PRESS fund has already reached over one hundred dollars, the bulk of which has been contributed by the employees of our manufacturing industries, who have subscribed without outside solicitation.

There has been no canvass as yet by the local committee, and there is no doubt when a canvass is made of the merchants, business men and citizens not represented in the 183 contributors whose names have already been published in these columns, that a handsome aggregate amount will be realized, and a monument of creditable character as dimensions be secured for erection in some prominent locality in the municipality suitable to the purpose.

It would be a fitting thing if this fund was remembered during the holiday season, and the FREE PRESS will promptly acknowledge all contributions received.

The following subscriptions have been received at this office during the week:

Previously acknowledged	$61 50		
James McLaud	1 00		
Dr. McGeague	1 00		
Employees Beardmore & Co., at tannery—			
T. Lee	50	F. Wilds	25
N. Masslas	25	A. Kennedy	25
F. Brown	50	J. Bauer	50
A. McDonald	50	G. Roper	50
M. Waller	25	W. Hingleton	50
G. Hawthorne	50	J. Milton	50
T. Gibbons	25	H. Johnston	50
R. Saunders	25	A. Stewart	25
H. Millen	25	J. Pielah	25
W. Forbes	25	N. McLeod	25
W. Hall	25	T. Coulson	25
D. Elliott	25	T. O'Brien	25
W. Waller	25	M. J. McCann	25
A. Bauer	25	M. Walsh	25
J. Burton	25	G. Cheyne	15
H. Budd	25	J. Wilds	25
W. Gaughan	25	G. Malley	25
D. McGregor	25	T. Gamble	25
			$11 40
Employees Beardmore & Co., at warehouse—			
R. Walker	1 00	W. Wilson	50
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F. Mastwood	25		
			$2 25
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H. J. Clark	1 00	Alex. Hamshaw	25
D. Beattie	25	John McMachan	25
Neil McNabb	25	Wm. Carroll	25
Joe Aguew	25	George Aguew	25
Jas. Wilson	25		
			$8 00
Total received up to date			$106 25

NORTH WEST GRAIN TRANSPORT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—During the season of navigation 11,220,586 bushels of grain, transported over the Canadian Atlantic railway from Parry Sound, passed through the Soulanges canal. By way Kingston 7,700,000 bushels passed down the St. Lawrence, making a total of 19,427,588 bushels.

TOWNSHIP HELD LIABLE.

Woman Fell Over Loose Plank and Gets $300 Damages.

BRUCE, Ont., Dec. 19.—The work for the non jury sittings of the High Court here consisted of but one case, Dodge v. the Township of Woodhouse. The plaintiff is a lady, who was tripped by a loose plank in a sidewalk, and fell, sustaining painful injuries. It was shown that some planks had been loose for more than a month.

Mr. Justice Meredith awarded $300 damages and costs.

The argument on the legality of the Manitoba prohibition act was concluded at Winnipeg last week and the judges reserved judgment until next term.

Referring to the probability of Sir Wilfrid Laurier being able to represent Canada at the ceremonies inaugurating the Australian Commonwealth in May next the Ottawa *Citizen* says: "Though the *Citizen* has not seen eye to eye with the premier in all matters political, it is not blind to his eminent abilities and peculiar fitness, both personal and official, to serve Canada and the Empire upon the occasion, so big with fate to its several portions, of the federation of the British possessions beneath the Southern Cross. We have no doubt that Sir Wilfrid, should he be able to undertake the task, will represent Canada with such grace and wisdom as will win him new honors and this country new influence in the councils of empire." Coming from a paper that did all in its power, during the elections, to defeat Sir Wilfrid's government, this is high praise indeed. — Dominion *Presbyterian*.

Lord Strathcona has given £25,000 to the University of Aberdeen, of which he is Lord Rector. The gift requires £50,000 to be raised from other sources.

As a result of cigarette smoking it is believed Fred Norton, of Unandilla, N. Y., has permanently lost the sight of both eyes.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Interesting News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges in This Vicinity.

CHURCHILL.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Denny on the 15th inst., when his daughter, Pryscilla, and Mr. Thos. F. Ryder were united in wedlock. Rev. Dr. Hindley, pastor of the young couple, tied the knot.

LIMEHOUSE.

Mr. A. H. Moore was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore contemplate taking a trip to California early in January and spending a couple of months or so with relatives on the Pacific Coast.

A number from here took in the winter fair at Guelph last week.

GEORGETOWN.

Miss Flora Steele, who recently graduated with such a splendid record at the High School, takes highest standing in the County Model School.

The Varsity Glee Club concert on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League, was a magnificent success from a musical standpoint.

There will be a shooting match at Glenwilliams on Christmas day, commencing at 1 p. m., which will attract sportsmen.

Presbyterian Sunday School entertainment on the 21st; Baptist on 26th, Congregational on 27th, and Anglican on 28th, will fill up the holiday week pretty well.

BALLINAFAD.

Every person is preparing for Christmas.

Mr. F. Noar, mason, happened with a bad accident the other day while taking the leak pin out of Mr. Sandy Sinclair's pump. Mr. Noar fell down the well about twenty feet and received a bad cut in the head and was badly bruised. Owing to his presence of mind when falling he caught the pump which saved him further injury.

Mr. Geo. C. Campbell has been confined to the house for the past week owing to a severe attack of grip.

Miss M. Collier, of Erin, has been visiting friends here the past week.

Misses K. Thompson and E. Campbell spent Sunday at Mr. R. Shortliffe's.

NASSAGAWEYA.

The Ebenezer Methodists are taking great pains to make their Christmas entertainment the best they have ever had. Almost every day the children are practicing the beautiful cantata, "Santa Claus is Coming," which was given in Acton a year ago. The entertainment will be held on Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th inst. Admission, 20 cents. This effort on the part of the children and the Sunday School workers is worthy of being enthusiastically encouraged and supported.

Among the relatives of Trooper J. W. Border, who returned a week ago from South Africa, who were present at the reception tendered to him in Campbellville was his grandmother, who is in her 103 year. The old lady showed as keen an interest in the proceedings and as hearty an appreciation of her grandson's achievements as the youngest member present.

ASHGROVE.

Miss Jennet A. Preston, of Wernersville, Pa., is visiting relatives here and at Hornby.

Miss Hazel Thornton returned Sunday from a visit with Milton friends.

Mr. George Cottrell, Milton, spent Sunday here.

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson on Monday evening to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage.

The Methodist Sunday School entertainment will be held on Thursday evening, January 3rd.

Mr. Thomas McClure is home from Cleveland. He will spend some time in Manitoba in the near future.

Considerable interest was taken this year in the winter fair at Guelph. Among those who attended were C. P. Preston, John Wilson, J. F. Brownridge, R. Dick, P. Dick, R. K. Ruddell, M. L. G. Thompson, W. J. Alexander, and W. H. N. Hood.

CREWSONS CORNERS.

The large number from here who attended the winter fair in Guelph last week were delighted with the grand display.

The concert held in Eramosa B. S., No. 8, last Friday night was in every way a grand success.

Mr. Chas. Harris preached here last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Holden will occupy the pulpit next Sunday—Christmas Sunday—when a large congregation no doubt will be present.

Mr. Robt. Cripps has a splendid display of Christmas goods in his store here.

Mrs. Jos. Anderson, of Toronto, spent a few days last week at Mr. N. Forbes'.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Acton, late of Marl, N. D., spent a few days during the past week at Messrs. Robt. Brown, jr., and D. McKeown.

Mr. John Forbes, of Acton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. N. Forbes.

Misses Bertha and Mina Gamble spent Sunday with Acton friends.

Ex-Councillor Murray, of Acton, spent Sunday at Mr. J. Murray's.

We wish the FREE PRESS, the Editor and staff and its numerous readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

MILTON.

If Mayor Deacon refuses to serve longer in that capacity, the name of Mr. R. L. Hemstreet is prominently mentioned for the office of Chief Magistrate. He will make an excellent Mayor, but will find it a big contract to fill the place of Mayor Deacon, who has shown himself more fully alive to Milton's interest in a practical way than any predecessor for a good many years.

The new 60 x 150 ft. rink is expected to be completed for Christmas. It will accommodate five curling rinks.

The Rev. George Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Church, left last week for Toronto Hospital, where he will undergo an operation for an intestinal trouble.

The carpet factory has now fifty-three employees on its pay roll.

The Royal Templars expect to have Rev. J. H. Hector, (the Black Knight), deliver another lecture here about January 11th.

Ex-Mayor Dice received word from Harrison River, B. C., last week that Joseph Martin, of that place, and proprietor of the Halton Flouring Mills here, died at his home on December 3rd.

"What shall I give you for a Christmas present?" Mr. Snaggs asked his wife. "O, give me something expensive," she replied carelessly. "Very well; I'll give you a bushel of wheat." — Pittsburg *Chronicle Telegraph*.

LITERATURE.

Romances of the earlier centuries never were so popular as at present, and to meet the demand for the recital of the doings and experiences of the early residents of the American continent there appears to be a good supply of able writers. One of the latest of these works is "The Heart's Highway," a romance of Virginia in the seventeenth century, by Mary E. Wilkins. The story opens in 1682 at Jamestown and through its twenty-three chapters holds the reader entranced with its realistic recital of the early-day experiences, weaving throughout a fervid story of love and interspersions of most exciting paragraphs relating to the turmoils and conflicts incident to that early date. The writer puts in the mouth of the story's hero the following concluding paragraph: "I have learned that the bloom of love is the only one which holds good forever through all the wilderness of history, and the path of love is the only one which those that may come after us can safely follow until the end of the world." Wm. Briggs, Publisher, Toronto. Price, 75 cents and $1.25.

"Come Home," an appeal on behalf of re-union, by Rev. John Langtry, M. A., D. C. L., Rural Dean of Toronto, is a treatise, the result of the author's parochial experience, in which a strong and well written appeal, from the standpoint of a Church of England clergyman, to all churches and individuals who have gone out from the Church of England, to all who separated themselves, or are living in separation from her, to rally to and reform around the historic Church of this realm. The ground is taken that there is but one Church of Christ; that that church is invested with His authority, that speaks in His name, that is assured of His presence and her own perpetuity—and that one is the Church of England. Dr. Langtry goes exhaustively into the subject, shows what he implies are the fallacies of other denominations, and earnestly hopes that the contents of the volume will do something towards bringing "Home" those and accomplishing that re-union for which our Lord's Eucharistic prayer is still ascending. Price, bound in cloth, $1.25. Church of England Pub. Co., Toronto.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

About Christmas there is an ineffable strangeness and mysticism. It seems possessed of a spirit as well as a body. This spirit seems redolent in the air, in the strains of Christmas music, on the evergreen and mistletoe and on the very pealing of the bells which flood the world with melody seemingly gathered through all the twelve months since that sacred night when heaven kissed the earth and Christ our Lord was born and the angel choir chanted "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men good will!" For nearly 1,900 years this hymn has continued to ring down the changing grooves of time and still re-echoes o'er the weary world at Christmas dawn.—Elmira *Telegram*.

Shakespeare left school at 14, Clay at 14, John Bright at 15.

THE HOLLOW SQUARE.

LADIES OF CANADA:

The hollow square, a purely British military tactic, was never broken but once. Why? Because Tommy Atkins from Canada and Tommy Atkins from all other British possessions stand solidly together. The lesson is, that in a commercial way also, the colonies should stand firmly together; and the ladies of Canada—the purchasing power—can do much toward accomplishing that end. Ceylon and India produce the finest teas. By using the teas grown in sister colonies, ladies act patriotically. These teas appeal to you from sentiment, from purity, from economy—in every way they are superior to Japan or China. Drinkers of Green tea should try Monsoon, Helada or Blue Ribbon packets.

"Santa Claus won't have to bother his head about the Klondike." "Why not?" "The miners up there can't spare any stockings to hang up."—Detroit *Free Press*.

George Roberts, 52 Armstrong Avenue, Toronto, Falls from a Wall Forty Feet High and Lives.

He was at work on the Adelaide Street Skating Rink when he fell, alighting squarely on his feet. He was terribly injured—both legs were broken, his left foot dislocated, and he was severely injured internally. He lay in the hospital for six months. Rheumatism set in and he suffered more than mortal tongue can tell until last spring when he got relief by using Dr. Arnold's Toxin Pills.

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TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY

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Stomach "Scowls."—Ever notice the scowls and furrows that steal into the face of the sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia and chronic stomach ailments? Watch the scowls break up and the lines vanish when Mr. Non Stan's Pineapple Tablets are given a chance to show their power. One lady, in writing of their efficacy in her case, calls them "A beautiful healer." 35 cts.—120

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Notwithstanding the fact that the spoons are of superior quality and fine finish, by making arrangements with the manufacturer to use a large quantity, we get them at a figure that will enable us to make you a Christmas present of one WHEN if you buy Three Dollars worth of goods or more at our store before December 31st. Remember the place,

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CAME upon the premises of the undersigned about the middle of October, a two-year-old steer. The owner will please prove property, pay expenses and remove the animal.

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NOMINATION MEETING

THIRD COUNTY COUNCIL DIVISION, COUNTY OF HALTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the electors will be held at the village of Georgetown in the County of Halton on the twenty-fourth day of December, 1900, between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the third County Council Division of the County of Halton.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling sub-divisions within the said district, on Monday, the seventh day of January, 1901, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

G. H. KENNEDY,
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