### MARRIED.

KOFMAN—GURGESKY—At Holy Blossom Synagogue, Toronto, on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, 1901, by Rabbi Solomon, Mr. Donald Kofman, Acton, to Rev. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gurgesky, Toronto.

SIMPSON—EASTERBROOK—At the residence of the bride's father, on Friday, 28th Dec., 1900, by Rev. E. E. Flagg, B. D., Robert Simpson, of Regina, N. W. T., to Margaret, daughter of George Easterbrook, Esq., Nassagaweya.

ALLEN—LAVERY—On Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at the residence of the bride's sister, by the Rev. Mr. Hurlburt, Mr. Jas. Allen, of Vandecliff, to Miss Jane M. Lavery, of Gaylord, Michigan, second daughter of Mr. Thos. H. Lavery, Milton.

DAVIDSON—ANDERSON—At Crewsons Corners, on Wednesday, January 2nd, by Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Acton, John T. Davidson, of the G. T. R., Caledonia, son of Charles Davidson, Acton, to Agnes, daughter of William Anderson, Esq., Crewsons Corners.

BROWNLEE—MOORE—At the residence of Mr. Hinkson Biddall, Upper Pandora St., Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, by Rev. E. E. Rowe, Mr. Wm. Brownlee, of Victoria, B. C., to Annie, eldest daughter of Ephraim Moore, Esq., Scotch Block, Ont.

BIDDALL—PEPPER—On Christmas Day, in the Methodist Church, Palgrave, by the father of the bride, Rev. John Pepper, B. A., assisted by the Rev. J. G. Rogers, Rev. Samuel F. Biddall, of Rosebgrn, Man., son of Mr. Jas. Biddall, of Albion, and brother of Rev. Prof. Biddall, B. A., B. D., of Wesley College, Winnipeg, to Miss Bessie Pepper.

### DIED.

JOYCE—In Trafalgar, on Sunday, December 23rd, William Joyce, in his 84th year.

BYFLEN—At the Parsonage, Malahide Circuit, on Sunday, 23rd December, Rev. S. G. Staples, B. A., aged 45 years.


# The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1901.


## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The proposed bill to regulate the packing of fruit for export, discussed by the Ontario Fruit Grower's Association, is much discussed among fruit dealers. It proposed to have the name "Canadian" placed on every package as well as the minimum size of the fruit.

Prince Ching and Li-Hung-Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an Imperial edit in which the Emperor declares that China accepts the joint note, and authorizes Prince Ching and Li-Hung-Chang to negotiate, and to ask for a suspension of hostilities.

The law accords to pedestrains the right right of way at street crossings. This is a fact that the drivers of vehicles do not always appreciate. There is too often a tendency on their part to charge full tilt at the passing people as the quickest way of getting over the crossing, and then nothing but the nimbleness of the pedestrian prevents an accident.

For the Reeveship our candidates are gentlemen who have repeatedly received the suffrages of the electors. Both have served a fair probation in the Council; have given good service and have had ample opportunities for qualifying themselves for the position of chief magistrate. Both have proven themselves to be good citizens; first, by themselves becoming the possessors of freehold properties and always keeping their premises in good, tidy and attractive condition, and, second, by taking a lively interest in municipal affairs and proving their willingness to assume a fair share of the burdens and anxieties of local government. Neither claims to be in possession of the ability of a number of their predecessors, but both promise to do their utmost if elected to serve the best interests of the people and of the corporation. The choice then, will largely rest upon the ground of personal friendship, and the candidate who has the largest number of personal friends will be Acton's Chief Magistrate for 1901. Mr. Francis has served five years in the Council and Mr. Williams one year less.

## ANOTHER HALTON BOY RETURNS

### Enthusiastic Reception Accorded Pte. Pullen at Oakville Last Week.

OAKVILLE, Dec. 27.—Oakville donned her holiday attire, and gave its citizen hero, Pte. Ernest Pullen of the Royal Canadian Regiment, a royal welcome on his return from South Africa to-day. A half holiday was proclaimed by Mayor Shaw as soon as it was ascertained when Pte. Pullen could arrive. Committees were formed weeks ago by the Municipal Council and citizens to make all necessary arrangements to give the returning soldier a most enthusiastic reception. The details were carried out to the letter. Too much praise cannot be accorded the committee who were in charge.

When Private Pullen alighted from the 2.50 train this afternoon he was greeted with hearty cheers from the hundreds of assembled spectators who thronged the platform. After the greetings were over Private Pullen was escorted to his carriage, and the procession was formed up in the following order, under Grand Marshals George Andrew and Allan S. Chisholm:—Cavalry, school children with their teachers and trustees, the Citizens Band, Veterans of '66, 20th Battalion, carriage occupied by Private Pullen, his mother and father, and Mayor Shaw. The procession was a mile long, and the line of march was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting.

Arriving at the town hall, where an impromptu platform had been built outside, Rev. Canon Worrell opened the proceedings with prayer, followed by an address of welcome by Mayor Shaw and the presentation of a handsome solid gold watch and chain suitably inscribed to Private Pullen. Major Keating, a veteran of '66 read the address, which was illuminated and bound in a handsome Morocco case.

Private Pullen thanked his fellow-citizens for the unexpected and magnificent reception given in his honor. Short addresses were then delivered by Rev. Canon Worrell, Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. J. McNair, Rev. D. Moir, and Mr. David Henderson, M. P. for Halton. Private Pullen, like many of his returned comrades, looked in the very pink of condition, and showed no signs of the hardships he had undergone. He was received very warmly by his friends at the close of the meeting.

## THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

### All the Divisions of the County Re-Elected but One.

The nominations for County Councillors resulted as follows:

Division No. 1 (Nelson and Burlington) J. C. Wilson and J. C. Smith re-elected by acclamation.

Division No. 2 (Oakville and Trafalgar) H. W. Cook and Geo. Andrew re-elected by acclamation.

Div. No 3 (Esquesing and Georgetown) Dr. Webster and John Wrigglesworth, re-elected by acclamation.

Division No. 4 (Acton, Nassagaweya and Milton) J. H. Peacock, D. Hutchison and G. Havill. This is the only division in which there will be a contest.

A man who betrays no foibles is either a fool or a hypocrite, whom we would distrust. There are some faults so allied to good qualities that they proclaim them, and of such faults we do better not to prune ourselves.

## FRANCIS V. WILLIAMS

### For the Reeveship—The Councillors and School Trustees Elected by Acclamation.

### NOMINATIONS AT OTHER POINTS

As usual in this municipality the attendance at the meeting on Monday for the nomination of candidates for the important offices of Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees, was but thinly attended. Ratepayers talk glibly outside about the mistakes and neglects of the men elected to serve them, but when they are invited to come to consult and question and advise, at the proper time and place, the public hustings, they fail to put in an appearance, fail to give of their wisdom (?) and experience (?) and will as usual go on the coming year with the same fault-finding spirit, do nothing to advance the interests of the corporation themselves, and malign the men who give of their time and talents to transact public affairs. When the attendance was largest at the nomination meeting there were exactly forty-three ratepayers present to show their interest in the affairs of the corporation.

The following nominations were handed in:—

FOR REEVE.

ISAAC FRANCIS—Nominated by Mrs. C. B. Smith, seconded by Wm. Allen.

JOHN WILLIAMS—Nominated by J. C. Hill, seconded by Dr. H. A. McKeague.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

JOHN A. HENDERSON—Nominated by H. Swackhamer, seconded by W. D. Smith.

GEORGE HYNDS—Nominated by Alex. A. Secord, seconded by A. T. Brown.

HARRY JEANS — Nominated by James McLaus, seconded by W. Williams.

J. J. LAWSON — Nominated by J. R. Kennedy, seconded by R. J. McNabb.

H. SWACKHAMER—Nominated by John Agnew, seconded by Wm. Johnstone.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

JAMES BROWN—Nominated by Alex. A. Secord, seconded by J. A. Murray.

HENRY GRINDELL—Nominated by Robt. Holmes, seconded by John McQueen.

GEORGE HYNDS—Nominated by Dr. H. A. McKeague, seconded by W. R. Kenney.

W. R. KENNEY—Nominated by T. H. Harding, seconded by Wm. Malvin.

DR. H. A. MCKEAGUE — Nominated by Wm. Malvin, seconded by R. J. Gurney.

Promptly at one o'clock, the hour for receiving nominations having expired, Clerk Moore read the list of nominations, and upon demand declared a poll for next Monday, 7th inst.

Upon motion of D. Henderson, M. P., and Councillor Williams, Mr. H. P. Moore, of the FREE PRESS, was then elected Chairman.

He first called upon the members of the retiring Council to give an account of their stewardship, and these were followed by the newly-nominated candidates.

Reeve Pearson was the first speaker, but owing to ill health, he spoke very briefly and confined his remarks to the electric lighting system, having been chairman of that department since its inception. He showed the revenues from the electric system during the year to be as follows:

RECEIPTS.

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| Received for Current | $1,153 15 |
| " " Supplies | 411 80 |
| " " Labor | 115 40 |
| | $1,680 35 |
| Value of Street Lighting | $405 00 |
| Supplies on Hand | 448 55 |
| Total | $3,034 90 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| For Fuel | $1,002 15 |
| " Supplies | 1,300 16 |
| " Labor | 501 93 |
| Total | $2,800 24 |

He considered this an excellent showing when the rise in the cost of coal at the mines from $1.55 to $2.80 was taken into consideration, and also the large expense of extensions to the system owing to the growing demand for current, and felt confident that the future would show a large increase in the profits of the system. These would be very much increased if the waste by burning lights unnecessarily—about 80 per cent., he estimated—was discontinued. In closing the Reeve said he had no apologies to make. After having served the corporation faithfully for ten years he felt he deserved a rest and he retired feeling that he had done his best. But of this he left the people to judge. Owing to ill health the past year he had not been able to give as much attention as he could have desired, but gave to the duties of his office the best that was in him.

In the absence of the Chairman of Finance, Mr. John Clarke, his colleague, Mr. J. A. Henderson, gave an interesting review of the finances of the year. The receipts from all sources were $12,234 67, and the payments $12,230.40. Comparisons with the finances of previous year were made and it was stated that the floating indebtedness of $2,694 of last year had increased to $3,060. Mr. Henderson considered this deficit as a very serious problem, in view of the fact that the uncontrolable expenditure was so small an item of the revenues. The deficit had arisen owing to the inadequacy of the amount raised by debenture for the installation and extensions of the electric lighting system, which amount, he claimed, should have been $9,000 instead of $6,000. No Council whom you may elect can wipe out this indebtedness from current funds without a large increase in the rate of taxation, unless it be carried over a period of years when the electric light plant's profit would be larger. He suggested the issuing of debentures to cover the sum, and by this means give the Council an opportunity to proceed with necessary improvements and repairs.

At this point Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., asked the privilege of a question, and said it would be interesting to know what composed the floating indebtedness at present.

In answer the following figures were given, showing unpaid liabilities: County rate, $210; interest on sinking fund, $440; balance of school rate, $1,200; notes given last year, $1,200.

Mr. D. Henderson said he was glad the indebtedness is but $3,000, and not $4,000 as was rumored. He was in favor of meeting this floating indebtedness by the issue of debentures, a plan which the government of the country always adopts in such cases. They spread the cost of permanent improvements over a term of years, and charge to capital account not to current revenues, and so should we. The present taxpayer should not be asked to pay all the cost of improvements. The future ratepayers should pay a reasonable share. He cast no reflections upon past councils. He knew they had done their best for he had had experience in municipal matters himself and was not at all surprised that the Council has found itself in its present position.

Reeve Pearson spoke again to impress the fact that the floating debt was not all chargable to the electric light. He made comparisons with the year 1892, when he was introduced as an official to municipal matters. Then we had a rate of 22 mills, now only 20. Then we had no new school building, no steam fire engine and equipment, no granolithic walks, no electric light. The difference is that you now have these improvements, and have been paying a lower rate, and if we have a floating debt it is because the people have the money in their pockets instead of having paid over the amount in higher assessments, which the council had full power to make.

The meeting evidently agreed with the proposal to liquidate the floating debt by debentures and this course will in all probability be pursued.

Street Commissioner Williams gave a brief review of the work of his committee. He had accepted nomination a year ago, was elected, and as in past years had been given the responsibility of having charge of the streets and walks. He had been in favor of running the business of the year without increasing the rate, but found that his committee had very little left for improvements to streets and walks. With reference to laying additional permanent walks he found upon a grant of $500, that was impossible. The completion of the Mill Street walk to the G. T. R. would itself cost $562, without allowing for the necessary filling in and approaches. He stated that permanent stone crossings had been put in at a number of points very economically. He was in favor of granolithic walks, but thought that hereafter they must be laid on the frontage tax system instead of paying for their cost from current revenues. With reference to the floating debt there were only two ways out of it, if streets and walks were to be kept up to the standard. Either we must raise our rate of assessment or issue debentures to cover it. He was in favor of the latter.

In closing he announced that he was a candidate for the Reeveship for 1901, but he left it to the people to say whether he should enjoy the honor or not. "I have done my best in your interests in the past and if elected will exert myself to faithfully perform the duties of the position."

In answer to a question by Ex-Reeve Nicklin, Mr. Williams stated definately that he was in favor of the frontage tax for permanent walks, and opposed to the system of providing for their payment from current funds.

Ex-Councillor Francis next addressed the electorate, and announced his intention of contesting the Reeveship. Mr. Williams evidently thinks he has the prior claims, he said, but I have lived here ten years longer than he has; I have paid more taxes than he, and I have spent a longer term in the service of the public than he. During five years I spent in the Council I always endeavored to guard your interests as well as my own. If elected, as I believe I will, I shall continue so to act. I have just as good an understanding of the duties of the office as my opponent and hope you will all support me. I will not go around to kiss all the babies, but will appreciate your voluntary support. This will be a contest between a big man and a little one—something of a David and Goliath order, you know. There is no distinction between us as to worthiness, and I would never have agreed to enter the contest if a more intelligent or experienced man had offered to run. I was largely the means of inaugurating the laying of granolithic walks, which is the only kind we should ever lay again. Unless our walks are put into better repair expensive accidents are likely to result. I am in favor of meeting the floating debt by debentures, and then observing the utmost economy possible in our expenditures. I think the electric system a good thing and thought so at the outset. If elected I will show equal rights to all for I know no race, no creed, no party and no ring.

Councillor Henderson had thought very seriously of declining to stand, as he might be the only member of last year's Council left. If, however, he said you think I have served you well I shall be pleased to again receive your support.

Mr. Geo. Hynds declared he was not an aspirant. He found himself put in nomination for a position he had neither sought nor solicited. He had been urged by many to allow his name to come before the meeting, but he was not yet decided whether he would accept the nomination or not. To him the outlook did not look bright for any new Council. We do not want an increase of taxation, he said, nor do we wish to go back in the matter of public improvements; was in favor of consolidating the floating debt by the issue of debentures. If I accept nomination and am elected you may rely upon receiving my best services as I have endeavored to give them in the past.

Mr. Harry Jeans in a business-like manner declared that inasmuch as his friends had seen fit to put him in nomination he accepts it and placed himself in the hands of the electors. If elected, he concluded, I shall be satisfied and if defeated I shall have to be satisfied.

Mr. H. Swackhammer expressed thanks for his nomination. The future rests with the electors. If they place me in the Council I shall to the very best of my ability work for what I consider to be the municipality's best interests. Economy and careful consideration should be the watchword. It is this which ensures success in private business and this should characterize the transactions of public business.

This ended the speeches and the meeting was about to adjourn when D. Henderson, M. P., arose to give expression to the regret felt that the ill health of Reeve Pearson had necessitated his retirement from the position he has occupied so well at the head of municipal affairs in Acton. He hoped that a rest would bring a return to good health. He could say conscientiously that we have never had a municipal officer who used so much time and earnestness in the corporation's interests as Mr. Pearson. He believed he had discharged the duties of the office well and was entitled to the best thanks of the people here. Similar complimentary references were made by the chairman and Messrs. Williams and Norrish. Reeve Pearson briefly replied thanking the gentlemen who had spoken for their kind words, and the meeting then adjourned. Since the nomination Mr. J. J. Lawson has retired from the contest for the council, and Mr. James Brown from that of School Trustee. Mr. George Hynds has been elected to serve as councillor and this action voids his nomination for the Trusteeship. The Council and School Trustees are therefore elected by acclamation. The Council for next year will be composed as follows:

REEVE—????

COUNCIL.—J. A. Henderson, George Hynds, H. Jeans and H. Swackhamer. The electors will fill the vacancy in the Reeveship by their ballots next Monday. The personnel of the Public School Board for 1901 will be as follows: Robert Holmes, Alex. Secord, John Agnew, W. R. Kenney, Dr. McKeague and Henry Grindell.

OUT-TOWN NOMINATIONS.

Esquesing.—Reeve—Robert Stewart and Fred H. Near. Councillors—D. Cook, R. Graham, John Campbell, John P. Brownridge, Walter Lawson, J. McGibbon and John McDonald.

Nassagaweya.—Reeve—J. Irvine, acclamation.

Georgetown.—Reeve—H. D. Warren, A. W. Nixon. Councillors.—J. Gibson, F. J. Hacker, J. G. Hepley, W. Barclay, John Gane, W. P. Moore, Thomas Steele, A. D. Bradley, J. A. Bell, J. W. Kennedy.

Milton.—Mayor—H. Dick, J. S. Deacon. Councillors—W. Alexander, J. F. Little, H. K. Anderson, G. A. Hemstreet, J. M. Hazledo, J. H. McCannell, W. J. Armstrong, T. McDowell, E. F. Earl, R. J. McInnes, D. McKay, A. Higginbotham.

Oakville.—Mayor—Hedley Shaw, Allan H. Chisholm, E. B. Anderson, John Kelley. Councillors.—Robert Williams, Jno. Walsz, A. D. Chisholm, Allan B. Chisholm, John Urquhart, G. P. Chisholm, George Hillmer, W. H. Mordon, Jas. C. Ford, C. R. Orr, A. H. Forester, E. B. Anderson, Peter Kelley, E. Hillmer.

Guelph.—Mayor—Hugh Walker and John Kennedy.

Erin Township.—Archibald McLachlan Reeve. (acc.) Councillors — Robertson, McKinnon, Wilson, McMurchy, Smith, Iper, Murray, Teeter and Lindsay.

## THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

### A Valuable Report by the Superintendent of Last Year's Work.

Some idea of the excellent work that is being done by the Farmers' Institutes for the improvement of agricultural conditions by promoting the interchange of ideas among its members and placing at their disposal the results of the latest scientific research and practical experiments in connection with the leading branches of farm industry, may be gained from the report of the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for 1899-1900. This volume in addition to giving many details as to the growth and progress of the organization, contains selections from 3,328 addresses given at the meetings held during the season, covering a great variety of subjects in connection with agriculture, live stock, dairying, horticulture, poultry, etc. These papers embody the experience of the leading practical farmers and others engaged in kindred pursuits, and the results of tests and experiments made by professional instructors and scientists on the more advanced lines. The list is such an extensive one that it would be impossible to mention any considerable proportion of the contributors whose addresses have been embodied in the volume, but among the most valuable and interesting are papers by such well-known authorities on general agricultural matters as John McMillan, Barlow Cumberland, Henry Glendenning, Duncan Anderson and John I. Hobson. In the Live Stock Department are papers by Prof. John A. Craig, S. B. Woodward, Jas. Tolton, A. P. Ketchen and Simpson Rennie. Dairy matters are discussed by Prof. H. H. Dean, A. C. Hallman and W. C. Shearer. The orchard and garden by Prof. Hutt, J. E. Orr, G. C. Caston and A. W. Peart. W. R. Graham and Prof. Gilbert take up poultry for home and foreign markets. In the women's department Miss L. Rose, Miss B. Maddock, Miss A. Hollingworth, Mrs. F. M. Carpenter and others have written some very practical and interesting articles.

The appreciation of the Farmers' Institute as a means of material and social improvement is shown by the continued increase of membership which has grown until now there are registered in the Province nearly 10,000 members. There were 715 meetings held during the year which were attended by 139,982 persons. A noteworthy feature is the organization of Women's Institutes on practically similar lines to the Farmers' Institute—the pioneer movement in that direction having been inaugurated in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, where the first Women's Institute has done excellent work. This was closely followed by the ladies of South Ontario and later by an organization in North Grey, East and West Durham, Halton, Peel, East and West York, Amherst Island, West Bruce and East Victoria where flourishing Institutes are now in operation. Some of the admirable papers contributed at these meetings on Domestic Science and household economy are reproduced.

The report is one of the most elaborate and comprehensive documents of the kind yet issued, and its character affords a pleasing evidence of the advanced stage of the farming industry in the Province and disposition of the farmers to keep abreast of the times and avail themselves of the resources of culture and information now at their disposal.

## LIMEHOUSE.

Miss Kennedy has been engaged teacher of the Public School here for the year.

Mr. James Moore, of Acton, spent last Thursday with his brother here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore leave on a trip to California on Saturday. Their many friends wish them a safe journey and pleasant visit.

Mr. Arthur E. Moore, of Toronto, spent Monday with Limehouse friends.

## CREWSONS CORNERS.

The dawn of the new century—1901.

Wedding bells are merrily chiming in this neighborhood.

Rev. Dr. Savage, of Guelph, delivered an excellent sermon to one of the largest congregations seen in the Methodist Church for a long time on Sunday. The Rev. gentleman will deliver one of his popular lectures this, Thursday, evening, instead of New Year's evening, as stated previously.

Mrs. Alex. McIntosh, who has been seriously ill for the past week, was on Monday removed in the ambulance to the Guelph General Hospital to be treated for appendicitis. She will undergo an operation on Tuesday, and her many friends here hope that it will be successful, and that she may soon recover her former strength.

Mr. Will Forbes spent several days last week very pleasantly with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Crewson, jr., spent a few days last week with friends in Galt.

Miss Lizzie M. Coleman, of Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Miss J. B. McKee, of Toronto, is visiting at the home of Robt. Brown, sr.

Mr. C. Grelsh, of Harriston, is visiting at Thomas Ramshaw's.

Mr. Arch. McNabb, jr., of Sault Ste. Marie, spent Sunday at Mr. Jas. Gamble's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble attended the wedding of his brother, Mr. Frank Gamble, to Miss Bessie Masales on Christmas day in Acton.

A very pleasant family reunion took place at James Moore's, sr., on Christmas.

Mr. R. Holton, sr., who has been ill, is recovering.

There will be no service in the church here on Sunday owing to special services in Rockwood.

Croups, Coughs and Colds are all quickly cured by Bony-Nelson. It loosens the dough almost instantly, and cures readily the most obstinate cold. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

## SCOTCH BLOCK.

The residence of Mr. Hinkson Biddall, Upper Pandora Street, Victoria, B. C., was on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th, the scene of a happy event when the Rev. E. E. Rowe united in the bonds of matrimony Mr. Wm. Brownlee, of Victoria, B. C., and Miss Annie Moore, eldest daughter of Ephraim Moore, Scotch Block. The ceremony was performed, in the presence of the immediate friends of the contracting parties, Mr. Biddal giving the bride away. The bride was attended by Miss Rose Matthews and Mr. A. B. Hutchile supported the groom. The bride carried a bouquet of white carnations and roses and the bridemaid pink carnations and roses. The apartment in which the ceremony was performed was prettily decorated in honor of the occasion. After the magic words from the officiating clergyman a dainty repast was partaken of by a large number of friends.

Many presents were received not only from an extensive circle of friends in Victoria but also from Halton, Guelph and the surrounding country. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee will take up their residence on H Bidwell Street and will be at home after Dec. 4th.—Victoria *Daily Times*.

## NASSAGAWEYA.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of George Easterbrook, Esq., Nassagaweya, last Friday, at 4 p. m., when Mr. Robert Simpson, of Regina, N. W. T., was married to Miss Margaret Easterbrook, daughter of Mr. Geo. Easterbrook. The 28th of Dec. is the anniversary of Mr. Easterbrook's birthday, as well as that of the marriage of two other daughters.

The bride was dressed in grey cloth, trimmed with white velvet satin and spilique. In her hair was a bunch of orange blossoms. She was supported by Miss K. Kingsbury, of Toronto, and the bridegroom by Mr. Jas. Easterbrook, brother of the bride.

After the ceremony, which was solemnized by Rev. E. E. Flagg, B. D., the company of about seventy guests sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

The bride received many elegant and costly presents, which showed the high esteem in which she is held. The company dispersed with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow. The young couple will soon leave their old friends for their new home near Regina. They are followed by the good wishes of all who know them.


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*E. McGrove*

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### Sick With Worms.

Mrs. J. D. Mayo, Blukely, P. Q., wrote the following: "One of my children took sick with worms and after trying everything without getting relief we procured Dr. Low's Worm Syrup which acted promptly and effectually."

**Children Cry for CASTORIA.**

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At $3, were $4.25 to $6.50—Mostly large sizes, 38 to 44. Black cloth jackets.

At $3, were $5.50—Black cloth jackets.

At $5.50, were $7.75 to $9—Some back and some colored.

At $6, were $8.75 to $11.50—Various styles in colors.

At $7.50, were up to $16.50—Fawn and blue jackets.

At $10, formerly $20—Two very choice fawn jackets.

**Girl's Ulsters.**

A few bargains in fawn boucle cloth ulsters in various styles and color.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Esquesing Agricultural Society will be held on **Wednesday, 9th January, 1900** AT 1 O'CLOCK, P.M. IN THE **TOWN HALL, GEORGETOWN** For the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

L. GRANT, Sec.-Treas., E. A. S.

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Doors open at 7.30, commence at 8.

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