

**BORN.**  
KANNER—In Milton, Wednesday, Jan. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gandy, a son.  
BLACK—In Brantford, on Friday, 1st January, to Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, a daughter.  
HORNBY—At Cobourg, on Friday, 1st Jan., to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hornby, a son.  
HARRIS—At Brantford, on Saturday, 2nd January, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keastwood, a son.  
**MARRIED.**

CAMPBELL—SISTER—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, of Brantford.  
HARRIS—JESSIE—At the residence of the bride's aunt, Yvonne, 10, Avenue des Arts, Montreal, on Saturday, by the Rev. G. Miller-Hallinan, Mr. George J. Campbell, and Jessie, Miss Adele Hallinan, Johnson, Arpin.  
**DIED.**

HILL—At Brantford, on Thursday, 3rd January, Joseph P. Hill, aged 37 years.

**The Acton Free Press**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1901.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Another heavy South African order has been placed in Canada by the British War Office. The purchases will be made through the Department of Agriculture. Even if reduced to a financial basis Canada's sacrifice for the Empire in the present struggle may not have been in vain, for about \$1,000,000 has been spent in the Dominion in purchasing supplies.

The December monthly casualty list of the war shows that from beginning of the war to the end of December, 1900, 12,150 officers and men have been killed in action or died of wounds or disease. During December 299 officers and men were killed in action or died of wounds and 480 died of disease or were killed accidentally—a total death list for the month of 779.

It is officially announced that Mr. Hugh Guthrie, member for Brant Wellington, will move the resolution in the House of Commons to apply to the speech from the throne the distinguishing assent of Parliament, and that Mr. Charles Marvel, member for Burlington, will second the motion. The selection of these two gentlemen is in accordance with the time-honored practice of choosing the youngest of the newly-elected members to make their formal debut in the House.

The increased price of hogs have attracted larger offerings from the country. The market now over previous years, tends to lessen the receipts at the Toronto market. The increase in the number of pork packing establishments in the province at suitable centres has largely increased country requirements of hogs and it is evident that if the export business hog products continues to grow, Canadian packers will require more hogs. The high prices now current for hogs should be a strong inducement to farmers, to increase their hogs of swine.—*Broadstreet.*

**THE DOMINION CENSUS.**  
Sunday, March 10th, to be the Date Under which All Subdivisions Are to Be Based.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The next Dominion census will take the first two weeks in April. This is also the date fixed for taking the census of Great Britain and Ireland. All persons who are living at midnight on Sunday, March 1st, will be counted. The census "will be taken by name, and according to the desire system. The country will be divided into census districts, consisting as far as possible of electoral districts. The polling subdivisions, agreeing to the boundaries adopted for the recent general election are to be used for the census districts. They will be one for each electoral district, and one additional commissioner where local circumstances require his services. There will also be one enumerator for each polling subdivision where the population is small.

The work of enumeration will begin on Monday, April 1, and in a great majority of polling subdivisions it is expected that the work will be through in a fortnight.

**PEACE DELEGATES MUNICH.**  
Dawet's Burgundy safely flogged and the Sir Kitchener's Peace Agents.

London, Jan. 12.—General Kitchener reports that the agents of the Peace Committee were captured by flogging hussars and taken to General Dawet's laager, near Lindley. One of the commissioners, a British subject, was flogged by General Dawet's orders and was shot.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The newspaper here are very anxious at General Dawet's treatment of the peace agents, as described in Gen. Kitchener's despatch. The most moderate conditioin is that he was not justified in shooting the Englishman fortunatingly with his troops; he was not justified in torturing him by flogging first. Other papers, one of which has the caption, "Murder and the plottor are answer to British attempt at colonization," declared that General Dawet has placed himself outside the pale of humanity.

"The Morning Post" says—"This marks the point where the humaneness phase ends and the handiwork begins."

All the papers appear strongly to the Government's hurry-forward reinforced by the fact that the British leaders have now become desperate and consultation is quite useless.

The *Advertiser*, correspondent of the Daily Mail announced the return to Pretoria of Mr. Pretorius, a former president of the late South African Republic, from a full audience to persuade the Boer leaders to surrender.

**SHIELDON'S NEW BOOK.**

A new book by Charles M. Sheldon, the famous author of "In His Steps," never fails to excite the interest of thousands of readers. "How to Save" is the title of the latest book by Mr. Sheldon, and his advance sheets indicate a very strong book.

Mr. Sheldon's book is the most thoughtful reader, one in which with a writer's hand many of the causes of the serial life, of domestic unhappiness, of the broader woman problem, of social reform as the vitality of society—are laid bare, with cultured delicacy, but none the less with graphic and touching truth. The Canadian rights have been secured by the Penta Publishing Company, Toronto, but as the story will not appear in book form for some time the publishers will run out a serial in *The Progressive*, beginning with the issue of Feb. 1st, thus making the readers of that paper to have this most extraordinary work of advice.

At this time of the year when sooth, quiet, pain in the chest, rheumatic pains and other are so prevalent, it would be wise to keep on hand a bottle of Haynes' Yellow Oil. It is a perfect medicine that

## Acton's Loyal Greeting to Her Returned Soldier Son.

### TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ASSEMBLE TO WELCOME GUNNER GOULD HOME FROM THE WAR.

#### A Magnificent Reception and Gala Day the People of Acton Will Never Forget.

This old town went wild on Monday evening when word was received to Gunner W. J. Gould, of "D" Battery, R. C. A., who reached his old home from the war. A grand welcome was given to the young hero.

Owing to discomfort of the wet snow it was decided to retire to the town hall. A guard of honor was formed by the men of Company D, and the Gunnery started the ball. The crowd at the door was the greatest in the twenty years since the hall was built. Of the thousands present 600 or 700 crowded into the hall.

Chairman McMillan took the gavel and said it was time that a few brief words be spoken to the young hero.

On Saturday night both in the best of health and spirits William Gwyn, who though a native of this village, has not lived here for a few years, but returned to renew his old friendships, and his many friends were glad to see "Rocks" home again. Our

old soldier was warmly welcomed and a cordial welcome and all possible honor to our returning hero.

Underneath all the rejoicing there was a spirit of sadness owing to the fact that of the 120 men who left town together only one of the Gunship Contingent of fifty-four, to fall. Much sympathy was expressed for the bereft parents and relatives and many kindly references were made of Bombardier Moore.

Gunner Gould arrived in Toronto with the Gunship Contingent on Friday, and his sister Miss Agnes Gould, then claimed "D" Battery, as her audience, fell in with the rejoicings extended to Gunner Gould.

On Saturday evening the Home for the Aged and the Orphanage Committee and Lieut. Ford, of Company No. 6, Lorne Rifles, the returning soldier reached his old home by the 2:30 afternoon train. Immediately upon his appearance at the car door a cluster of people from the 2,000 strong throng that had gathered outside the station welcomed him with open arms.

He was carried on the shoulders of a couple of the members of Company 6 to his sleigh, and Acton Cornell Band struck up "Home Sweet Home."

After personal greetings from hundreds of friends the procession moved on to the station yard at Mill Street to the accompaniment of the band.

Grand Marshall Warren, Mountie, Acton Cornell Band and the 6, Malton Lorne Rifles.

**THE HOMECOMING.**

**JOHN KELLY GOULD.**

Inaugurated by Col. Davison, Gough, and D. Henderson, Lieut. Col. and Major.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD.**

Chief Gaunt and Mr. Chas. Harvey, Mountie, Acton Fire Brigade, in Uniform.

**CRAVEN'S CHAMBERS.**

Chief Constable, Victoria Mountie, and John Scott and John Scott and John Scott.

The route was down Mill Street, under the triumphal arch, thence to Main, up Main to West Tower Ave., thence down Willow to the town hall.

Arriving here the crowd was so dense that it was almost impossible for the people to crowd into the hall. Col. McMillan, who had decided to hold the grand proceedings in the open air, was falling, but still all the crowd was there.

He then called upon Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Chairman of the Adverse Committee, to take the following address:

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