

BORN.
—In Acton, on Thursday, 10th August, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houck, a girl.
DIED.
—In Georgetown, on Sunday, Aug. 11th, Nellie Lindsay, aged 72 years and 10 months. Her husband, Mr. John Flynn, on Saturday, Aug. 10th, Robert James Farson, of Buffalo, former president of Filene's.

The Acton Free Press

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 1901.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As was predicted in these columns two months ago, the council has succeeded in reducing the rate of taxation for the present year at twenty mills, or the dollar. To accomplish this, very commendable economy has been and will be exercised during the year. The estimates cover all necessary sums for conducting all the business of the municipality for the year, and there will be no deficit when the taxes levied are collected.

While at Newmarket this week the writer called upon Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Kitchen, the municipal politicians, who are very sensible in their present surroundings. Mr. Kitchen is highly spoken of by the Mayor and members of the Town Council. He has installed a large number of lights since he went to Newmarket, and unchanged nearly all the lights on the streets to incandescent. He expressed much pleasure at the growth and general success of the plant here.

The indications are that the Privy Council will declare the Manitoba Prohibition Act unconstitutional. Asay Morris, M. C. M. P., New Westminster, B. C., has just returned from Great Britain, where he had been on legal business, and from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Mr. Morris was present during the argument on Manitoba's prohibition law, and the opinion was expressed by a leading English counsel who was also present, but engaged in the case, that from the usual remarks of their Lordships they would decide the act to be ultra vires. If this decision materializes it will be a great victory for the prohibitionists.

The time for danger from frost in the Northwest is past and the entire harvest will in all probability be gathered in prime condition. During the past ten days nearly 20,000 men have gone to Manitoba and the Northwest from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and the phenomenal harvest will no doubt be gathered without any loss. Oats and other spring grains are in splendid condition as well as wheat.

The prospect of receiving this most bountiful harvest on record has imparted a great stimulus to trade in Manitoba and the Northwest, which has developed this summer to a very great extent. The wholesale houses whose warehouses could not accommodate enough space to judge the West are purchasing liberally in anticipation of greater retail demand. Many of the farmers propose to purchase purebred stock if this season's harvest equals their expectations. In that case they will come to Ontario to look for their stock. This is a timely hint to Ontario breeders. Ontario congratulates the Northwest upon its great crops and brilliant prospects.

GEORGETOWN.

The hand boys went to Acton last Thursday evening to aid their brethren of Action Cornet Band in a garden party tendered by the ladies of that town. The boys enjoyed the outing and speak highly of their treatment in Acton.

At the last meeting of the council Georgetown's tax rate for the year was fixed at twenty mills. This is quite gratifying and was not altogether expected but an increase in the property tax will continue the increase of last year's rate. The town's assessment is now \$34,300.

On Sunday the Presbyterian and Baptist congregations united. Service was held in the morning in the Presbyterian and in the evening in the Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. McAlpin preached helpful and inspiring sermons at both services.

A couple of old Georgetown boys, Messrs. Alexander and Dan McDonald, of Caron Hill, Alberta, who have succeeded well in business relations in the neighboring republics, are at present visiting old friends in this vicinity.

Mr. George Guthrie, of the Toronto police force, still keeps up his reputation as a skillful man of unusual ability. At the police races in Moncton recently he was quite successful, capturing three first prizes, one second and one third.

Work on the Presbyterian Church is rapidly advancing. The plasterers have finished with the second coat.

Habits of the G. T. H. platform are hundreds of tourists passing through to Muskoka this summer says.

The remains of the late Nellie Lindsay, who died on Sunday at her residence here were interred in the family plot at Ligonhouse cemetery on Tuesday. Ex-Warden Lindsay was one of the most useful and highly esteemed early settlers in the town.

Mr. A. Wilson is attending the annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Guelph, this week.

ASHBROOK.

Mrs. Sam Warren and babe, of Toronto, are visiting at Mrs. Alex. Warren's.

Mr. Thomas Preston, President of Preston Mills, is spending part of his vacation at his old home here.

Mr. Fred Nixon will take charge of the school here for the remainder of the year. He is spending this week at the Pan-American.

Miss Annie Alexander is holidaying with friends here at Guelph.

Miss Louie McDevitt, of Toronto, is spending a month at her home here.

Miss Anna Hawson, of Toronto Junction, is visiting relatives here. Master Albert Hawson was over Sunday at Mrs. B. K. Hubbard's.

Miss Jessie Henderson, of Toronto, and Miss Jessie Bryce, of Parkdale, spent a few days with friends here during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodfellow, of Elmvale, who have staying at Mr. J. H. Nixon's, spent last week at the Pan-American.

Quite a number from here are taking advantage of the cheap excursions to Manitoba. Some of those who leave this week are Master Robert Riddell, Harry Bridgen, Orson Thompson, Will Marland, Will Chisholm, John Shanks, Lindsey Neelands, McLean Brownridge and Mark Russell.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

TWENTY MILLS THE RATE

The Estimates Presented and the Rates Struck at Council on Monday Evening.

MORE PERMANENT PAVEMENTS.

The most important meeting of the Council of this municipality of the year was held on Monday evening, and the result was not entirely satisfactory to those generally.

As was surmised in the Committee on Finance presented their estimate and were able to take action fixing the rate for the current year at twenty mills on the dollar.

Council met on Monday evening in regular session. Members all present except Miller Jeanes. Harry Williams in the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented their estimate report, and recommended payment of the following account:

Canadian General Electric Co., interest \$12,000

T. T. Mark, lighting armature, 100

John Harvey, freight car charges, 100

G. H. Dando, on account of chimney, 300

Geo. Havill, repair, 100

1000

Moved by Mr. Swankhamer, seconded by George Hynd, that the thirteenth report of the Committee on Finance be adopted as read.—Carried.

The Committee on Finance presented the following estimate of receipts and payments for the year:

Interest on public debt, 1000

Legislative Grant to Public School, 1000

Licenses—Taverns \$200

do—Hospitals 100

Post Office 100

Town Tax 100

Gasometer 100

Electric Light 100

Pub. Hall 100

Police Protection 100

County Rate 100

Public School Maintenance 1000

Free Library 1000

Police Light and supplies 1000

Habits 100

Vice Brigade and repairs 100

Interest on Current Loans 100

Postage 100

Habits and Walks 100

Charities 100

1000

Varvarous 1000

Moving debt principal interest 1000

Postage due and interest 1000

Metrop. Park 1000

Gasometer 1000

Electric Light 1000

Pub. Hall 1000

Police Protection 1000

County Rate 1000

Public School Maintenance 1000

Free Library 1000

Police Light and supplies 1000

Habits 1000

Vice Brigade and repairs 1000

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