

BORN:
James At Dugay married on Wednesday, 11th March, 1902, to Madeline, Miss. E. L. Jones, aged 4.

MARRIED:

Bruce-Garrison.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Campbell, Galt, Ontario, on Saturday, April 11, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Garrison, of Galt, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wylie, of Hamilton, to Miss Margaret Graham, of Guelph.

DIED:

Brooks—After a long illness, Mrs. E. S. Brooks, Toronto, on Sunday, April 10, 1902, aged 78 years and 10 months.

Hannan—At the residence of his daughters, on the 2nd floor of the Hotel Metropole, 111 King Street West, on Saturday, April 11, 1902, aged 77 years and six months.

Deacon—In Milton, Sunday, April 12, 1902, aged 78 years and 10 days.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1902.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Petitions are being circulated by the County Councils of the province praying the Legislature to make the term for which township, town and village councils are elected to be two years instead of one, the elections to be held at the same time as elections for County Councils.

A petition bearing the signatures of 27 of Milton's 100 citizens was presented at last meeting of Milton Town Council, praying that the cigarette by-law be repealed. Pretty good evidence that to whom the petition was referred recommended that no action be taken, and the Council so decided.

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ROYAL COMMISSION AT WORK

Mr. Gamay is cross-examining Admire Hawkin, who gave \$1,000 for his son's education.

BROAD SCOPE FOR INVESTIGATION.

Toronto, April 12.—Promptly at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, Sir John Royl and Chief Justice P. G. Crowley allowed the investigation. Objection was made at the outset by the counsel for the defence who claimed that the indictment exceeded the powers of investigation conferred upon the commission. The objection was promptly overruled. Their Lordships holding that they were there to investigate the charges made by Mr. Gamay on the floor of the House.

Robert Howell Gaunce was the first witness and the first cross-examination took place at the hands of Mr. E. V. H. Johnston, the senior counsel for the prosecution. History is not materially different from the statement which he made with sensational effect to the legislature, and which has since been amplified by the publication of the written indictment, the correspondence and other evidence. There was some interesting detail that made his defense something more than mere recitation, but the main facts developed during the direct examination were the substance of "statements" previously made in the House.

The cross-examination began in dead earnest, and the spirit of the conflict has not flagged. E. F. Johnston called the witness with the evident intention of making the government's section stand. Mr. Danby's friends were somewhat surprised and pleased to see that the star witness for the prosecution should even partially succumb to this cross-examination.

Mr. Gaunce was predicted, though as cool and collected under his cross-examination as under S. H. Blake. This prediction was not verified by the result. Though the member for Mount St. John stuck well to his story, it was apparent that the aggravating ways of Mr. Johnston clung him and finally seemed to think that every question invited combat. As a result of this the court was obliged at intervals to caution Mr. Gaunce.

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LIMEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob, Lane and Son Wesley are spending the Easter holidays in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nickell are visiting family friends.

Mrs. Paulette Evans, of Toronto, was here for Good Friday.

Mrs. Grieves, of Brampton, is visiting at Mrs. Jack Nickel's.

We understand the wedding bells are ringing shortly.

Mr. Craig, of Buffalo, is guest at Mr. T. P. Evans'.

Mrs. and Miss Maw and Mrs. Dalton and husband, their Lordships Justice Boyd and Valentinebridge took their seats to hear the investigation of the famous Gaunce charges made in the House on March 11th.

The feature of the opening day was undoubtedly the scope which Sir John Royl and Chief Justice P. G. Crowley allowed the investigation. Objection was made at the outset by the counsel for the defence who claimed that the indictment exceeded the powers of investigation conferred upon the commission. The objection was promptly overruled. Their Lordships holding that they were there to investigate the charges made by Mr. Gaunce on the floor of the House.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayes, of Guelph, spent Easter at Mr. H. A. Bennett's.

Miss D. M. McPherson and Miss Kettle Nickell are visiting Toronto friends.

CREWSON'S CORNERS.

Seedling operations are now quite general and fine weather-roots will set a large quantity of grain crops in these parts.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Flagg, of Niagara-on-the-Lake circuit, will preach here at 11 a.m.

The band committee was reorganized last week with the following members: T. R. Earmy, M. Maw, J. A. Tracey, Chas McDonald, S. McMillan, W. H. Wilson and R. D. Warren.

Dr. L. L. Bennett was re-elected President of the Lord's Day Alliance at the annual meeting last week.

John R. Barb, M. P. H. Ross and Rev. W. S. McAlpine, B. A., are

appointed Managing Director of the Guelph Floral Club.

The Horse Fair on Friday, was well attended, the holiday increasing the number of participants.

Spadefield, the Carlton, will appear in the town hall this evening.

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Mr. H. W. Kennedy, B. A., is

employed Manager of the

Guelph Agricultural Society.

Miss L. M. Coleman, of Toronto, spent the Easter holidays at her home here.

Master Horatio Gamble, of Acton, is spending his holidays at his uncle's, Mr. Jim Gamble.

HAMMONDSPORT.

This is the report of the Easter Examinations held at School Section No. 13, Esopus, on Wednesday, April 8th. Examinations in four subjects were held throughout all the classes, and the percentage of each pupil is given here.

The average attendance for March was 32.

FOURTH CLASS.

Ray Watson, B. E. Apple, Henderson, Willie Plant, John Manly, Mabel Moffat, G. Solo Cole, Harold Hardling, 39, Maggie McDonald, 38, Willie Dobbs, 38.

SECOND CLASS.

Artie Plain, 61, Everett Donny, 74, Tom Moffat, 60, Alex Mann, 25, Regis Mann, 43, Emily Hardling, 48, Oliver Moffat, 47, Sandy Mann, 60, Annie Dobbs, 40.

THIRD CLASS.

George Moffat, 76, Shirley Watson, 75, Elsie Cole, 70, Willie Andrew, 60, Harold Mann, 59, John Watson, 54, Charles Moffat, 54, Peter Watson, 53, Peter McDonald, 47, J. Albert Mann, 47, Joseph Watson, Willie McDonald.

PAINT II OR FINGER PAINT.

Griffith Sprout, 82, Jessie Dobbs, 60, Birdie, Ryder, 75, Jessie Sprout, 72, Nancy Denby, 61, Anna Scott, 60.

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HOWARD OHM, Teacher.

MILTON.

The town still has \$300 of taxes of 1902 uncollected.

Milton Council is not ready to repeat the cigarette by-law, even if 27 trustees demand action for it.

Mr. D. McMillan has purchased the Wallace House, of which he has been the lessee for the past five years.

Mr. E. Morton has sold his leather business to Mr. Moore, of Galt.

Mr. Morton has gone to Guelph.

J. H. Peacock's shipment of hops last week was one of the largest ever sent from Milton, 203 barrels, for which he paid over \$4,000.

"A Night in the Holy Land" was given in the Methodist Church last evening by Rev. John Pickering, of Brampton. This entertainment, descriptive of life in the Orient as seen in two recent journeys to the Holy Land, was full of information, bright with the charm of wit, humor and story, and made vividly realistic with about 25 young persons dressed in the actual native costumes of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Joppa, &c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McConnell and George Evans left last week for Winnipeg. The former will be engaged very much by the Milton fair, having developed into a clarion player of what he calls "the best music in the world."

Halton spring house show to be held on Friday April 21.

Mr. Walter Heyes, of Revelstoke, B. C., after an absence of four years, is home on a visit to his mother. Walter looks well and intends taking a month's holidays.

Mr. E. W. Ihod, barrister, has joined the Hamilton firm of Messrs. Meekins & Ambrose. Mr. Boyd left last week, but his family will remain here until the first of June.

A. T. BROWN, Phm. B.

Druggist - and - Stationer,

ACTON, ONT.

IN THE SPRING

Nature Teaches Us Lessons That, Educated Men and Women Should Follow.

Spring is the season when nature prepares for summer. All the trees and plants are filled with new sap to build and brace them to withstand the coming hot season. Without new sap in the spring a plant would wither and die beneath the midsummer sun. It is the same with men and women. If you want to be healthy and strong you must eat a fresh supply of new sap every day.

Without new sap you will be weak and easily fatigued.

What you need at this season is a tonic to give you new, rich, red blood, braces the nerves and overcomes all weakness, headaches, backaches, indigestion, loss of appetite, skin eruptions and other troubles so common in spring.

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