

HORN.
McKenna—On December 1st, 1893, to
Dr. and Mrs. McKenna's daughter.
Lawson—In Regaling on Tuesday, 15th Dec.
1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Lawson, & son.

DIED.

ROBERTSON—At "The Balance," Massachusetts,
on Friday, 1st December, 1893, just
about five years ago, Donald Robertson, aged
67 years.
EASTMAN—In Massachusetts, on Sunday,
March 1st, George Eastman, in his
81st year.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1893.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The glad day has come once more. One thing we have had that no future Christmas will ever bring back to us again, and that is the sense of liberty possessed by our forefathers. They took time for it. It came at a season when work was light. To feed the stock and keep up good fires was about all that could be done. Steam and electricity had not yet come to banish slow mirths forever from this earth. People took time to think, to pray, and to rest. Now this is changed, and, unlike some changes, perhaps, it is not for the best. In other respects we have grown better. The day is not made a season of relaxation to the extent formerly done. We move more and more and upward—the perfect day will come. Let us work and wait—work with energy because of love, and wait with the patience born of faith.

The wrong shall fall.

The right prevail.
With peace on earth, good will to men.

But Christmas will be useless if it does not bring us into closer touch with others. And the closer it brings us to one another the more it bids us render our intercourse sweet, wholesome, and lastingly beneficial. May every reader of the Free Press be able to adopt this helpful spirit and enjoy a Merry Christmas in the truest sense.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is considerable curiosity, not to say anxiety, respecting the probable personnel of next year's Council. It is stated that Councillors Jean and Brown have both positively decided to retire. There will evidently be room for new aspirants. The nominations next Monday will give indications along that line.

The candidates for the coming contest in the House of Commons elections are now before the electors of the County of Halton. With a measurable degree of certainty, the Convention concluded that D. Henderson, Esq., the present member, will again be chosen by the Conservatives. For several past contests the cry, "no outsider need apply," has been worked against the Liberal party with telling effect, and the only candidates they selected consequently suffered defeat. In this contest a popular resident of the county, well and favorably known in every polling division, will carry the standard of the Liberals, and they believe to victory. At the convention held at Milton on Monday, Mr. J. S. Deacon, of Milton, was the unanimous choice and has accepted the nomination. Mr. Deacon has been an honored resident of Milton for more than twenty years and his personal interests are located there. He has during his years of residence been well allied with all matters of interest to the county's welfare. In his town he has proved himself a worthy and useful citizen by exerting himself to advance its welfare. In recognition of this the people repeatedly honored him with election to the Mayor's chair. In his position as chief magistrate of the county town Mr. Deacon proved himself a most capable administrator, and assiduously and successfully performed all the duties pertaining to this responsible office with unusual benefit to the municipality. Mr. Deacon brings into the present contest all the qualifications necessary to a successful candidature. He is a man of stanch uprightness of character who has a clean record; has utility as a platform speaker; possesses the happy faculty of winning friends wherever he goes; and will treat his opponent with gentlemanly courtesy, will conduct a campaign on the most fair and honorable lines. His professional duties have given him personal acquaintance with citizens in every part of the country, which will prove of material advantage. Mr. Deacon will no doubt wait upon the electors of this section in due time.

LESSONS ON CANADA.

Remarkable statements made in Test Books of English Schools.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Strathcona confirms in a letter to the Board of Education the complaint against the test books used in the board schools. The following are some of the statements which he thought to have corrected:—"Inhabitants frozen to death in their beds," "slaves were born all to be done at night," "how many more dare not face the tides on hot days," "Summer milk is delivered in solid cakes to customers," "What once winter sets in the people are frozen up till spring."

MALTON'S NEW TEACHERS.

Miss Edith Macklin and Miss Helen Smyth, Acton, Head the List.

The following Model School students have received certificates of qualification as Public School Teachers. Six others will receive similar certificates when they meet the legal requirements as to age and non-professional standing. Sixty per cent. (510 marks) is the minimum required for pass.

Edith Nicklin..... 784

Helen Smyth..... 717

Nellie Foster..... 696

Mary Langtry..... 688

Alberta Langtry..... 688

Claude McDonald..... 681

Ruth Gandy..... 681

Lily Cartwright..... 680

J. Dudley Williamson..... 628

Georgina Merriam..... 627

Laura Scott..... 618

Bethany Parker..... 608

Hazel Hirschman..... 608

Jennie Moore..... 672

PRINCIPAL T. T. MOORE HONORED
Presented With a Complimentary Address by the Liberal Party
Chair by Pauline Thompson
and Friends.

A QUARTER CENTURY PRINCIPALSHIP COMPLETED.

The Christmas examinations at the Public School were held on Tuesday. There was a fair attendance of visitors and these iterated from department to another with freedom and kindly comments were heard on all topics respecting the accomplishings of the pupils under the various teachers:

To T. T. Moore, Esq.,
Principal Acton Public School,

Dear Friend:

On the eve of your retirement from active political life, and the anniversary of the birth of the bond which has connected you with the educational interests of this community for a quarter of a century, we send you our hearty congratulations. All the contributions were Mr. D. O. Cameron, Oakville, by Mayor John Kelley of Oakville and Mr. W. H. Spence, Brantford and Dr. P. Stuart of Milton, by Mr. A. J. McElroy of Acton and Mr. James Logie of Niagara township. Dr. Sturt, on a message being sent to him, replied that he could not accept the nomination. On a ballot being taken Mr. Deacon was declared to have a majority, and amidst loud cheering the nomination was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mayor Kelley.

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J. S. DEACON THE CHOICE.
Our Public School Inspector Chosen
by the Liberals as Candidate for
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HE IS AN ESTREME LOCAL MAN.

The convention of the Liberals of Milton, held in Milton on Monday, was one of the largest and the most successful in the county's history, 122 delegates out of 135 appointed being present. Every part of the riding was

represented.

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Itching Skin

Distressed day and night—
Those that complain of those who
are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with
Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward
applications do not cure.
They can't.

The source of the trouble is in the
meat—make that pure and this scal-
ling, itching skin disease will

disappear.