

**BORN**  
WEDNESDAY—At Knox Church, Manse, Acton, on Tuesday, 10th July, to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, parents.  
McBROWNE.—In Enquiry, on Sunday, July 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McBrowne, son.

**MARRIED.**

BROWN—BROWNS.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Guelph, Ontario, on Saturday, 13th July, to Rev. and Mrs. John Brown, Willow St., in New Zealand, and Miss Mary Brown, Willow St., in New Zealand, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.  
TOWN—COUNCIL.—On Tuesday, July 10th, at the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray, 10th Avenue, Guelph, Ontario, Mr. Edward Gray, of Business Church, Sarah Macmillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Macmillan, Arthur Tuer, formerly of the Georgetown, Ontario.  
MURKIN—MURKINS.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Wednesday, July 10th, to Rev. G. W. Murkin, and Miss Alice Murklin, only daughter of Mrs. W. Murkin, Acton.

**DIED.**

HURSTON.—At the home of her daughter, 45 King Ave., Hamilton, on Saturday, July 13th, Mrs. Hurston, the late David Hurston, aged 73 years.

HIBBERD—In Nassagawey, on Tuesday, July 13th, Edward Hibberd, in his 70th year.

**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1907.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

In the British House of Commons, the other day, when the treasurer announced diminished revenue because of a diminished traffic in drink, the whole house rose to its feet and cheered. After hearing that, one is not surprised to learn that two hundred members of the house are total abstainers.

The committee's statistics department of the government of Ontario has figured up Canadian population up to April 1 last at 5,050,000, an increase of 1,192,380 in the last six years. This is an advance of considerably more than twenty per cent. upon the census of 1901, and constitutes a very remarkable and gratifying showing.

From present appearances, the promoters of the good roads by-law are going to have some difficulty in getting the measure through at the next meeting of the county council, as the Commissioners of Highways for Ontario have shifted his ground somewhat in regard to the conditions imposed in respect of the improvements made to streets in towns which would be affected by the by-law.—*Reformer.*

This is how Canada's century is no longer questioned. From one end of the land to the other reports come of ripening crops, increased bank returns, expanding commerce, rapid railway construction, and best of all, genuine contentment. The people of Canada are grateful for the blessings they enjoy, and one of the choicest, which makes for the well being of the citizens generally, is intelligent progressive government.

In the march of Canadian civilization and population northward, a movement which is now assuming mighty proportions, the railroads are a most important factor. Some interesting incidents in connection with the railroad fight for supremacy in this movement will tell "What Canada's Race to the North." By Aubrey Fullerton, a clever young Torontonian, in the August number of The Blue Moon Magazine.

The holiday equipment would be well supplemented with a copy of the August number of The Canadian Magazine, which contains a good supply of short stories and excellent travel articles. The art features are exceedingly good this month, the wash and pen drawings being above the average. With one or two exceptions, for instance, an article entitled "Party Government," by Prof. Goldwin Smith, the number contains light, warm weather reading matter.

The important subject of child labor is engaging the attention of Canadian legislatures. Quebec has just enacted a law raising the age limit for children employed in factories from thirteen to fourteen years. Another law now provides that every child less than sixteen years of age, employed in an industrial establishment and not able to read and write, shall, so long as he or she continues to be so employed, or until he or she is able to write, continuously attend a night school within the municipality where he or she resides, if there be one there.

**NASSAGAWEY.**

Mr. Edward Hibberd, a well-known resident of this township for many years, died on Tuesday at the home of Mr. Daniel Wriggins, The old gentleman had reached his 78th year.

The estate of the late D. Wriggins, of Campbellville, will enrich the provincial treasury by the handsome sum of \$25,000 for succession duties. The estate comprises \$15,000 in real estate in Ontario, \$25,000 in the United States and \$20,000 in bank and other stocks in Ontario, a total of \$60,000.

Rev. J. Mullan of Penique, preaching for Rev. A. Blair, B.A., last Sunday. His sermons were much enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Mullan has retired from active ministerial work and will shortly make his home in Elora.

While pitching hay in a loft in the barn of Watson brothers, Nassagawey, a week ago, Alfred Watson, son of Mr. Leonard Watson, met with a painful accident. The scaffolding gave way, precipitating him to the barn floor, a distance of 11 feet. He received a bad scalp wound, as well as a slight concussion of the brain. Latest reports were that he is progressing favorably.

E. H. Rice is now handling Gibbons' bread, of Georgetown. A trial will convince you that it is all right.

Acton's Civic Holiday and Georgetown's big demonstration next Monday. Go to Georgetown.

**BUSINESS COLLEGE EDUCATION.**

All young men and women who intend entering a business college this fall are invited to write to the Elliot Business College, Toronto, for their catalogues. This school is classed among the best business colleges in Canada. The advertisement of the college appears in this paper.

*Observer*

**EDITOR CHARTERS MAYER OF BRAMPTON.**

An election for Major of Brampton was held on Monday to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mayor Milner some weeks ago. Mr. S. Charver, editor of The Conservator, was elected by over two hundred votes. Only about one-third of the vote was polled.

**THE 20 MILL BY-LAW PASSED:**

About two Miles of New Pavement Likely to Be Built this Season.

**10 PER FOOT IS THE CONTRACT PRICE.**

Council met on Monday evening in regular session. Members present, Reeve Swackhamer, and Councillors Gray, Williams, and Hob.

The meeting was an important one and the business was pushed forward with dispatch.

The rate of 20 miles on the assessment of the current year was confirmed in a by-law in which the various items to be levied were set forth.

As far as having to pay for the terms of the permanent pavement by-law on all properties except those which are paying the full 100 per cent. cost of the pavements fronting their properties, which were laid under the original by-law.

Tenders for the pavements to be laid in the present season were received from C. Conroy, S. Burrow and A. Matthews. The latter being the lowest—ten cents per square foot—was accepted. The specifications are to be the same as those of last year and work must be commenced by next Tuesday.

The fourteenth report of the Committee on Finance was presented and the following accounts ordered to be paid:

C. E. Phillips, the	\$21.20
G. H. Ritchie	3.00
A. Cook	1.25
Canadian Rubber Co., supplies	10.02
Can. Glass Co., supplies	10.20
J. O. Hill, cost	23.50

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The report was adopted.

Chairman of Council, Tristano Francis and Secretary, H. P. Moore, of the Board of Education waited upon the Council to present a petition for a general walk on Education Lane, from Main street to the school buildings, under the terms of the permanent pavement by-law.

It was pointed out that this course was not feasible under the conditions of the by-law. The pavement will be built, however, under the supervision of the Council, and the payment thereof will be assumed by the Trustee Board, who will arrange the payments to be spread over a term of years.

M. T. T. Moore, the indefatigable Municipal Clerk, asked for leave of absence for a few weeks to enable him to enjoy a holiday which he purposes spending in New Ontario.

The Council willingly granted Mr. Moore's request and wished him a very enjoyable outing.

Council then adjourned.

**SOME OBSERVATIONS.**

What a commotion a few tips of fire bell make! People turn out of every place where people may be found, and the first question is, "Where's the fire?" Anxious to find that no place involving personal concern is in danger, some return to their homes, indeed, necessarily, as well as common sense, often calls for it.

The driving shed, which was also on a stone foundation, was 30x35 feet, and contained a large number of implements and vehicles, many of which were destroyed.

The main part of the barn was erected in 1872, and the enlargement was made in 1880.

For three years there was no insurance on the buildings or contents, but early in the present year Mr. Davidson arranged to put on \$2,500 worth of Home Mortal.

On the \$1700 was

the day's cutting was fully enjoyed and the bowlers arrived home at 8.15.

**CALED JENKINS' ON CANADA.**

We Write to Chicago About Her Growth and Her Healthy Laws.

The well-known "Caled Jenkins," whose homely letters from Jenkins' Corners, are crowded with sound philosophy and up to date common sense—the product of Mr. J. W. Bengough, cartoonist, lecturer, etc.—has just written one of his interesting and characteristic letter to the Chicago Canadian-American. From it we quote the following paragraphs:

And air it is gratifying for me to state that Canada is doing well so far as character goes. They hardly spot in in the hill town of Cobalt, Ontario, where the miners have a chance to show what they can do.

Mr. Davidson will make preparations at once to rebuild. General sympathy is felt for him in his loss, and property is not persecuted by the strong arm of the government. Jenks has a chapter in Cobalt for example. It is way up in the north in a kentry that haint sett os you into say, but these thousands of miners thars & at present they arnt out on strike. But you dont hear nothin of rats and murders & such things. The first thing the government done was the strike started was to shut up all the bars in the town nevir by, they dont hav no licenses in Cobalt anyhow, and stop all ticket books bring in to the destrick. The government owns the ticket books, they can't do nothing but stop them. 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