

BORN.  
SWANSON.—In Acton on Thursday, 13th January, Mrs. William Swanson, wife of Mr. Swanson, and Mrs. William Swanson, wife of Mr. Swanson.

MARRIED.

HARDY—On the residence of the bride's parents, Revd Mr. Alton, on Saturday, 13th January, Mr. and Mrs. Alton, daughter of Robert Hibbert, formerly of Weston, to Mr. William Wellington Hibbert, of Weston.

DIED.

VANORMAN.—At Rockwood, on Monday, 13th January, the wife of A. K. Vanorman, aged 70 years.  
HARVEY.—At Guelph, on Wednesday, Jan. 15th, Mrs. Mary Harvey, widow of Joseph Smith, aged 70 years.  
NEAL.—On Monday, Jan. 20th, Phoenix Crawford, widow of the late Arthur Norris, trader.  
KAWASAWA.—In Acton, on Monday, 25th January, Hubert Wilson, infant son of Frank Kawasawa, aged one week.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1908.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Mr. M. V. McAllan, editor of the Expressor, Northam, was elected to a seat in the House of Commons in the Liberal interests, for South Huron last Wednesday in the by-election by a majority of 123.

Million Councill is having his flurry over the chairmanship of the Electric Light Committee as well as Action Councillor. McDowell was chairman last year and felt that he should have the honour next year. In his absence from the first meeting he was unseated by another member, and has in consequence tendered his resignation.

All fears that a large amount of the low grade grain might be left in western elevators and prove a loss to the owners has been removed and the grain itself is going eastward as fast as the railroads can handle it. The general freight agent of the C.P.R. has stated that the company had succeeded in placing very large orders for this wheat in Europe, and that it is being rapidly shipped from St. John New York and Boston. It is hoped that all the elevators will be cleared of this class of wheat long before the arrival of warm weather.

The opponents of prohibition are very anxious these days in the collection of statistics to prove that more liquor is consumed in the territory covered by prohibitory laws than elsewhere. It is all very interesting. And the most interesting thing of all is to witness the phenomenal activity of the brewers and liquor dealers in promoting temperance legislation, in order that they may be able thus to sell more of their wares. Our readers no doubt are all witnesses of this notorious activity! — Nashville Ad vocate.

The Dominion Government is taking very commendable steps to aid the settlers in the west who lost their grain last season. It has been decided to advance to those settlers of Alberta and the Saskatchewan, whose crops were a failure, sufficient funds to enable them to purchase seed grain. These advances will be made by way of a loan. About four million dollars is needed to finance the whole scheme. Seed oats will likely be purchased in Britain, and probably in Norway and Sweden, so as to introduce diversified cereal crops in western provinces.

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The Bank of Hamilton presents a statement which shows a satisfactory increase in profits, even over the records of last year, being at the rate of 13.57 per cent. on the paid-up capital. In consequence, the bank is able to carry forward to credit of profit and loss the very handsome balance of \$310,270, as compared with \$110,270 last year. The general statement shows little change from last year. The deposits are practically the same and in this respect the Bank of Hamilton has fared better than the majority of institutions, those having been a decrease in the deposit items in most cases. The capital stock and reserve continue to decline, and other items, Capital, have been reduced by \$910,000, while commercial loans have slightly increased. In view of the conditions prevailing in recent months the Bank of Hamilton is to be congratulated on holding its own capably.

The depth from which our words are spoken is the measure of the depth at which they will be heard. — Julian Hawthorne.

Do good constantly, patiently and wisely, and you will never have cause to say this life is not worth living.

COUNCIL DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Preliminary Flurry At Opening Soon Subsided and Progress was then Made.

JOHN HARVEY THE ASSESSOR.

As the Free Press predicted the small sized gallery at the meeting on Monday evening. They hardly got their trouble's worth at this sitting, however. After a preliminary exchange of compliments between the Mayor and Chairman of Committee on Finance, business went forward with a bang.

All the members were present promptly at eight.

Revoe—Chairman of the minutes Dr. Gray said he desired the minutes of the previous meetings to be corrected, and the resolutions recorded which were not inserted in the records, before they were adopted.

Bouquets were hurled back and forth in rapid order, the municipal law in the statutes, Dr. Fournier's opinion as to procedure, etc., and the professor of Requeuing.

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The Reeve—Will I confirm the minutes.

Dr. Gray—I move the minutes be not confirmed.

Reeve—Will I not agree to confirming the minutes until the two motions the solicitor declared should have been put to record on the minutes.

The Reeve—It is not necessary to record the Dr. Gray's motion, as the motion was passed by the Council.

Reeve—After three sessions during the day the Council adjourned at ten p.m.

HALTON CONSERVATIVES.  
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1908.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of Halton was held at Milton. There was a large turnout, all parts of the county being represented.

Officers for 1908 were elected as follows:—President, J. C. Smith, Burlington; Vice-President, Dr. R. K. Anderson, Milton; Secy., E. R. Hollinshead, Milton; Treas., J. M. Bustado, Milton; Vice-Presidents—Nassagawaya, W. L. Elliott; J. C. Blacklock, John Lester, Nelson, John A. Pott, John Brockton, W. Irving, W. Foster, Gao, Richardson, John H. Shields, Trafalgar, Samuel Alberta, Capt. McDonald, John Dering, A. R. Riggs, W. H. Spence, Wm. Patterson, W. C. Robinson, E. E. Egan, T. J. Johnson, J. W. Martin, Robt. Watson, Jr., Geo. B. Thompson, James Newton, H. Hobday, Burlington, Jas. S. Allen, Oakville, Wm. Parrish, Georgetown, John Willoughby, Acton, John Williams, Milton.

Addressess were delivered by Dr. Hanson, M.P., and Dr. A. W. Nixon, M.P.P. Mr. Henderson attacked the French treaty, explained its provisions and asserted that Canada would gain nothing from it, and that it would probably affect certain industries.

Resolutions of confidence in R. L. Borden and Hon. J. P. Whitney were carried unanimously.

BALLINAFAD.

A very sad bereavement has come to Mr. James A. Imond, youngest son of Nathaniel Imond of the fifth line, this week, in the loss of his young wife, through death from consumption. Mr. and Mrs. Imond and their babe came from Edmonton, Alta., to the old home last fall to visit the friends there. Mrs. Imond was in poor health and instead of the change being a benefit she gradually declined and on Tuesday death came. Her sorrowing husband and a half of six months survived. Mrs. Imond was a Christian young woman, a member of the Methodist Church. The funeral will be held this Thursday—afternoon at one o'clock to the cemetery here. Rev. G. T. Watt will be in charge.

He that would be truly happy must live his own lot best.

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WILLIAMS' SHOE STORE.

I carry a full line of boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., for people of all ages and sizes.

Fall and winter stock now ready for your inspection.

Wm. Williams  
The Shoe Man  
Mill Street — Acton.

\$55.00

H. P. Moore was appointed Clerk and Treasurer, pro tem, during the absence of T. T. Moore.

The Reeve and Councillors Williams and Spight were appointed a committee to look into the matter of permitting moving picture entertainments the use of electric current at the town hall.

A by-law was passed giving power to borrow money for current expenses.

The Assessor's by-law was passed, John Harvey being appointed assessor at the salary of \$75.00.

Moved by C. O. Spight, seconded by W. Williams, that the salary of T. T. Moore be reduced to \$100.00.

Carried unanimously.

Reeve—Swackhamer stated that Westleton, of Streetsville, visited town last week and made a proposition for the establishment of a factory in Acton for the manufacture of furniture plush and artificial fur. He said that they would start with twenty-five hands and increase the number probably within the year to one hundred.

Moved by Dr. Gray, seconded by C. O. Spight, that the Committee on Finance, report at next meeting of Council to offer to locate a factory here for the manufacture of plush and artificial fur.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Clifford Fisher, an Indian, aged sixteen, set fire to the barn of the Mount Elgin Institute and burned up a lot of stock in the hope of escaping during the conflagration.

According to Minto's Directory, the population of Toronto is 835,750.

JAMES PALLET, Toronto Junction, overcome by escape coal gas, was found dead.

Pringle John Page has been awarded \$2,000 damages against the Toronto Railway Company for injuries received through being ejected from a car.

ROCKWOOD.

The missionary anniversary services of the Methodist Church on this circuit last Sunday were most successful and gratifying. The subscriptions agreeably \$300, an increase of \$70 over last year, and \$120 on two years ago. The services were conducted by Rev. D. H. Taylor, the pastor, at the request of the congregations.

Rockwood has what is alleged to be a case of smallpox and a suspect or two. The provincial authorities have been notified. How the matter originated is difficult to ascertain.

P. M. Dairy is still shipping turnips. He has had a busy season.

A lot of so-called golden alluvium is only plated.

JOHN McGIBBON IS WARDEN.

Reeve Swackhamer was nominated and voted to get the plum next year.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the County Council was held in the Old Town Hall, Milton, on Tuesday.

All the members were present.

Reeve Harvey, of Georgetown, who has been very ill with lung trouble since the municipal election, being among the number.

The first business of the Council after subsuming to the declarations of qualifications and of office, was the election of the Warden for 1908.

Reeve Swackhamer was the first nominee, his sponsor being Reeve Potts, of Nanticoke, and Reeve Smith, of Burlington.

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Principal

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