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Knox—In Brockville, Friday, 8th February.
To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Taylor, daughter.
Barlow—in Aiston, on Saturday, 9th February,
to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, husband
of Mrs. Thompson, wife, and son, John Morrison.
DIED.

Dudson—At Guelph, on Wednesday, February
14th, at the age of 80 years, Rev. J. W. Howes, M.A., and wife of Rev. W. H.
Van Wyk. Visiting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at her
residence, 138 Howard Avenue, Toronto,
the widow of the late Rev. James
Van Wyk, B.A.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1908

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the time for a general election approaching, bye-elections are becoming significant of the state of public opinion. Within a few weeks there have been seven bye-elections as follows: In Ontario, four; Guelph, York, North Wellington, Ottawa, and South Huron. In Quebec, three: Nicolet, Labeau, Haute-Sainte-Croix. The government candidate was returned in each case, and in South Huron the Liberals gained the seat.

The House of Commons on Monday discussed a resolution of Mr. Hugh Guthrie, of Guelph: "That it is expedient that a committee of enquiry be appointed to investigate the conduct of Canadian political education and to report on ways and means by which those needs may be met." The importance of technical instruction was emphasized by Mosher, Smith, Oxford, and Cockshutt, Bradford, and the debate was adjourned for further discussion.

When Winter is King in Canada the delights of the Dominion come out in manifold force. The winds put on new beauties and sportsmen turn to the open, sure of fresh pleasures and increased enjoyment. Winter scenes are as characteristic of Canada, as much misunderstood abroad, and as heartily enjoyed within the borders of our own country. But the Redan Guelph Mercury in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor at Woodstock, Ont., in issuing a winter number and directing attention to the wonders of the season in Canada, is doing good service.

Accompanying the report was a letter from the Auditor which said: "We find the books of the Village-Treasurer, the Treasurer of the School Board and the Treasurer of the Public Library Board in excellent shape and correctly kept and all the entries are duly verified by proper signatures. Your auditor's report on the books of the Electrical and the Municipal Officer is kept by the Municipal Clerk and that the officers keep a blotter on which to make entries as they occur, to be checked and entered by the Clerk in the proper books weekly."

An order in council has been passed by the Government at Ottawa excluding foreign ships from trading from one Canadian port to another. After January 1st, 1909, the carrying trade will be carried on by British ships exclusively. This is viewed favorably as an encouragement to Canadian shipping interests. The exclusion of foreign vessels from the carrying trade will, we trust, benefit Canadian shipping in the coal trade between Sydney, G.B., and Montreal. Under the revised law the development of the merchant marine of Canada is expected to receive a great stimulus.

If a bill which passed the first reading in the British House of Commons on Monday becomes a law, juvenile users of the cigarette will have a hard time indulging their appetite. The act is a government measure, which amends the existing laws for the protection of children. It prohibits smoking under the age of 18, providing penalties for any one less than 10 years old caught smoking on the street or other public places, and makes the use of cigarettes to any person under the age of 16 a punishable offence. Among other interesting features, the bill establishes juvenile courts throughout the country and calls for special places of detention for children, instead of sending them to the ordinary prisons.

The Canadian Magazine for February is more than ever distinctly Canadian. It starts off with an illustrated article by Frank Leigh entitled "The Caribou Trail," and some of the other most important contributions are as follows: "The Washingtonian," by M. O. Scott, illustrated, being an account of a work done by the Ottawa Improvement Commission to beautify the Capital; "The Last Letters of Wolfe and Montcalm," by H. V. Ross; an outline of the "Canadian Immigration Policy" by W. S. Wallace; "The Art of St. Thomas Smith" by R. Holmes, with reproductions of Mr. Smith's pictures; "The Trade into the North," by Aubrey Fullerton, illustrated, and an article entitled "The Canadian Flag," by John S. Kwart, K.C., of Ottawa.

In the Manitoba Legislature last week, Mr. Gordon, Sir W. Whipple presented a petition from 6,000 persons asking for a recall election of the Province praying that liquor laws be so amended as to provide for the compulsory closing of hotel bars at six o'clock. The petition was in the form of a huge leather-bound volume, among the signers being many of the most prominent clergymen and laymen of all the churches. The name of Archbishop of St. Boniface appears first, followed by many well-known ecclesiastics and laymen of his faith. Then come representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational bodies, the Royal Templars of Temperance, Independent Order of Good Templars, Salvation Army, and like organizations. The Iceland Scandinavian lodges were strongly represented.

The venomous tongue cannot cover its guile by calling it candor. Strong prejudices indicate a weak mind.

KNOX CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

Eloquent and stirring sermons by Rev. H. G. McBeth, M.A., of Paris.

LARGE CONGREGATIONS WERE PRESENT.

Deacon—At Guelph, on Wednesday, February 14th, at the First United Methodist Church, Rev. J. W. Howes, M.A., and wife of Rev. W. H. Van Wyk. Visiting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at her residence, 138 Howard Avenue, Toronto, the widow of the late Rev. James Van Wyk, B.A.

COUNCIL MOURNS THE DEATH OF AN EFFICIENT OFFICER.

Resolution of Condolence to the Late Clerk, T. T. Moore.

BARRISTER JACKINSON HIS SUCCESSOR.

There was a distinct sense of personal loss felt at the first meeting of the Municipal Council since the death of Mr. T. T. Moore, the Clerk of the Corporation, on Monday evening. The Clerk and each of the members felt that by his removal the town had lost an official who had lost personal friends, but more than that they had lost an official in whom they had repose that most implicit trust, and in whose ability to keep the municipal machinery running smoothly under all circumstances, they had the utmost confidence. They had all learned of his loss and in his absence from the familiar position he had occupied for the past sixteen years, felt a distinct and personal loss.

The resolution of condolence passed is a fitting tribute to the faithfulness of a faithful official and to the sterling character of a good man. The action of the Council in voting three months salary to the widow was truly proper under the circumstances and will have the approval of all rational men.

The resolution of commendation of Mr. A. J. Mackinon, Barrister, to the vacancy, the Council has secured an official well qualified to interpret municipal law and procedure, who will do doubt fulfil the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Council met at eight o'clock. Members present: Rev. E. Swackhamer and Councillors Spight, Williams and Dr. Gray.

The Committee on finance presented their third report and recommended payment of accounts as follows:

Acton Plaza Purges, printing.....	\$ 8.35
Municipal World, supplies.....	4.50
Torrance & Wheeler, express.....	45
Geo. Campbell, constable at Guelph.....	1.25
James Abraham.....	1.05
W. M. Cooper, constable at Guelph.....	1.25
H. Barnes, collector for hall tax.....	1.20
D. Smith.....	1.00
W. E. Swackhamer, wood.....	2.25
Pred. Guelph sanitary policeman.....	21.00
J. Carnahan, 4 men at snow.....	4.00
W. Lee, shovelling snow.....	1.00
R. Craig.....	1.00
E. P. Cobley.....	0.00

The report was adopted.

Before adjourning with the general business of the session Dr. Gray referred to the great loss the Council had sustained in the death of Mr. Thomas T. Moore, who had for so many years been Clerk and Treasurer of the Municipality. He spoke in terms of eulogy of his sterling character, his great influence upon the community, and the splendid services he had rendered the Council in his capacity as Clerk and Treasurer for so many years.

The following resolution was then carried unanimously:

Moved by T. Gray seconded by C. O. Spight and resolved that we the members of the Municipal Council of the corporation of the village of Acton do give expression to our sincere regret at the loss we feel at the death of Mr. Thomas T. Moore, the Clerk and Treasurer, and to place upon record our great appreciation of his abilities in the faithful fulfillment of all the duties of his office, his uniform courtesy and helpfulness, and of his probity and humor as a man.

That in the death of Thomas T. Moore this council and this town have sustained an irreparable loss.

That we desire to convey our respects to the family of the deceased, and we pray that heavenly consolation may be imparted to them in this day of great sorrow and deepest of all, theirs, but also that of the town and community.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Moore.

Moved by T. Gray, seconded by W. Williams, widow of our late Clerk and Treasurer, in recognition of his faithful and satisfactory services for so many years.—Carried.

The special committee appointed to report as to the advisability of supplying current for moving picture machines in the town hall recommended that a new transformer be installed for the use of users of current in the vicinity of the town hall, and that the present transformer be used for lighting the hall and for use of moving picture entertainments, and that such entertainments be for the benefit of the town and the immediate life of Christ, show them that, though steeped in sin, Christ will clean up everyone who comes repentant. The modern thought is to decline to call sin by its right name; hence there are so many who do not realize they are full of sin. Our prophets to day must awake them from their lethargy, show them the contrast between their wicked state and the immediate life of Christ, show them that, though steeped in sin, Christ will clean up everyone who comes repentant.

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