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BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS:

Victoria Day will be observed on Monday, May 25th.
Guelpth's rate of taxation is likely to be 22 mills this year.
The Court of Revision will be held on Monday evening, 24th inst.
Reeve Swackhamer attended the meeting of the County Council on Tuesday.
April went out with a fall-sled snow storm. The temperature will soon creep higher now.
The Guelpth Mercury has installed a new web press.
The Mercury office is now thoroughly well equipped.
The Marlboroughs of Hampton, who play baseball with the local players in the park Saturday evening at six o'clock.
Durington's Council has instructed the Clerk to write to engineers re estimates as to cost of waterworks for that village.
Mr. J. P. Downey was nominated for South Wellington in Conservative interests at the convention in Guelpth on Saturday.
John H. Watson is building a house on the new property purchased on Main Street opposite the residence of Mr. Hugh Wallace.
Georgetown Electric Light Co. offers a reward of \$10.00 for information as to parties tampering with the electrical lighting system.

Mary Moore and her husband, Stewart Moorhead—Toronto Star.
In another column Mr. R. D. Warren solicits the vote and influence of the readers of the Province in his election to the Provincial Parliament.

Nowadays don't throw your paper wrappers on the streets. It's untidy; it's illegal; it's dangerous to the horses. Let's try and keep a tidy town this summer.

The scholars of the Methodist Sunday School, Georgetown, will give a May Day entertainment under the direction of Miss Amy Dotts, London, to-morrow evening.

Church Street had a little cleaning done on the roadbed last week. The cleaning revealed all the more the crying need for repairs and a liberal coating of broken stone.

The fourth quarterly communion service of the Conference year will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday, May 21st. Sacrament at close of evening service.

"Young men, don't make your mother's heart ache," exhorted Rev. G. W. Barker in his sermon to young men on the life and character of Jesus in relation to his mother, last Sunday evening.

Several members of Acton Lodge, No. 201, I.O.O.F., went to Milton last Sunday to hear the Rev. A. J. Delt preach the annual sermon to the Odd-fellows, and also to take part in the church parade.

At 8:00, on Monday evening, May 11th, a "Three-Sided-Affair" will be held by the B. Y. P. U. in the Baptist Church. An excellent programme has been provided and admission, 25-cent; every ninth person admitted free.

The Milton Champion says: An effort will be made to form a baseball league, including Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Hampton. D. M. McGowan, W. Springay and M. Telfer have been elected delegates to attend the organization meeting.

The Young Bachelors Club will hold an assembly in the town hall to-morrow evening. Mrs. and Miss Johnston and Mr. Johnston are the patrons. The committee comprise Messrs. Fred Ross, Reginald Johnston, Frank Hill and William Mullin.

ROCKWOOD.
Mrs. (Rev.) D. Taylor, who had the misfortune, early last week, to fall and break a limb, between the knee and the thigh, is progressing favorably. She was doing some work in the woodshed and fell heavily from a chair upon which she was standing. At the time of the accident Mrs. Taylor was alone in the house, and being unable to help herself was obliged to lie where she fell until Mr. Taylor's return, over an hour afterward.

Rev. W. G. Dodds, the new minister of the Presbyterian Churches of Rockwood and Eden Mills, was inducted into his new charge last Thursday, in the Church here. There was a large attendance of members of the two congregations and visitors from other Churches. Rev. R. W. Ross, M. A., of Guelpth, the moderator of the assembly, presided; Rev. Robert Oray, of Pergus, preached the induction sermon; and Rev. A. Blair, B. A., of Walsingham, addressed the choir.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., of Acton, addressed the people. The service was a very impressive one.

In the evening a reception service was held at which timely and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Toronto; D. H. Taylor, of the Methodist Church, and Webb, of the Episcopalian Church, and also by Elder Gordon, of Rockwood, and Elder Auld, of Eden Mills. Rev. Mr. Dodds has commenced his new pastorate under auspicious conditions. The stipend has been fixed at \$1000.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A Damaged Pavement.
A traction engine ran over the Mill Street pavement, south side the other day, and caused serious damage to the road. The Corporation will collect damages.

Mr. H. G. Whittoughby, was taken ill with the flu last week and was unable to fill his appointment at Churchhill. Mr. J. W. Sparrow, who was a local preacher in England for several years, supplied the pulpit very acceptably.

The Corporation in the Courts.
Reeve Swackhamer was served with a writ last week because of the Council's refusal to pay for a barrel of boiler compound they allege they never obtained. The suit will be heard in Division Court, next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis were in Toronto several days last week and while there purchased a new eight roomed house on Mainland Street, which they intend to make their home after last July. The price of the new property is \$12,500.

Improvements at the Post Office.
Postmaster Matthews has been effecting a much improved appearance to the interior of the post office this past week. It has been repainted and refurnished throughout. The effect is very pleasing and gives the premises a much more attractive appearance.

Acton Pupils at Georgetown H. S.
At the Easter Examinations at Georgetown High School, Dara Clark, Acton, took highest standing with honors in Form I of the lower school, and Ada Clark won the same distinction in Form III. In Senior Teachers' Examination, Part I, Florence Spraggs stood fourth. Ray Watson passed for drugist's matriculation.

Tisot Bible Pictures.
The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church has secured the services of Mr. W. E. Dyer, of Toronto, General Manager for Canada, of The American Tisot Society, to give a lecture on the evening of May 20th on the Tisot Bible Pictures. The lecture will be illustrated with 120 lantern views in original colorings of the magnificent paintings.

Crossings Improved.
Several blocks of stone have been brought for the improvement of the crossing at the corner of Mill and John Streets. This crossing was built so much above the level of the road that the rig has been able to come only with a ruck. The placing of these loads of stone will make the approach easier and pleasant.

A Striking Co-incident.
In our "Twenty Years Ago" column on the first page appears an item relating to the N. McGowan, who had set out a neat Norway spruce hedge at his residence. During the past week Mr. Wm. Johnston, who recently purchased this fine property, has been engaged beautifying the grounds and the hedge has been planted in two or three trees of the hedge planted by Dr. McGowan twenty years ago have outlived the ravages of time and middle-aged boys.

Women's Institute Officers.
The annual meeting of the Woman's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Swackhamer last Friday. The officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. J. L. Warren.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. S. Husband.
Sec.—Mrs. N. F. Moore.
Directors—Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. D. Graham.

Press Com.—Mrs. Havill, Miss O. E. Moore.
After the business of the afternoon refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent.

Acton Football Club.
A very enthusiastic meeting was held in the town hall last Thursday evening when Acton Football Club was organized. The following officers were elected: C. Beaman, Hon. Sec.; A. J. MacKinnon, President; J. Clarke, Vice Pres.; Managing Committee: E. Ryder, Chairman; C. H. McIntosh, J. Wood, R. M. McDonald, Manager; W. Flood, Secy.; Treas., S. G. Gordon; J. W. Webster, Caretaker of ground; N. H. Gordon was appointed to go to Guelpth as a representative from Acton to attend the meeting of the Guelpth Football League. O. R. McIntosh presided at the meeting.

Acton boys expect to do great things this season in the football contests.

The Acton Chopping Mill.
A well attended meeting of members of the Board of Trade and other citizens was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening to consider the matter of securing the re-opening of the chopping mill here. Messrs. Beardon & Co. had closed it because it was not profitable to them to operate it. It was felt that the operation of the mill is highly desirable and that the business men of the town should at once take steps to secure its re-opening or to arrange for another mill at some other point in town. Councillors Gray and Bell, Mr. John Harvey and President H. P. Moore of the Board of Trade were appointed a committee to ascertain the best terms upon which the mill may be re-opened. The committee is in conference with the Messrs. Beardon & Co. and will report to the Board in a day or so.

Fixed for Shooting in Town.
On Saturday Edwy Hoves appeared before Magistrate Dice, charged with discharging a firearm inside the limits of the corporation, contrary to the provisions of a town-by-law. The boy had fired a shot gun on the north side of the pond, and a second later something hit W. J. Dower on one of his hands as he stood in his yard. Fortunately it did not penetrate. The boy acknowledged the shooting, and explained that he did not know it was forbidden. Under the circumstances he was let off with a nominal fine, fifty cents and costs. It appears that there have been several cases of 22 cal. bullets going through windows in town. It is supposed they were fired at sparrows, but this kind of sport is to be stopped. The chief constable says he will prosecute in every case of this nature where there is no special knowledge.—Champion. A by-law similar to that of Milton is in force in Acton.

ESQUEWING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Re-arrangement of the Road Divisions Proposed.
THE YEAR'S NEW PATHWAYERS.
At the meeting of the Township Council last week the following accounts were passed:

John Bullantine, \$7 for one ton of coal in James Weenly, he being in judgment circumstances; Alexander Fleming he paid \$30, board and care for Ann Wilkinson; Robert Cook he granted the sum of \$10 per month until this motion is rescinded; Avery Ross, he paid \$15 funeral expenses for burying the late James Key; Green Ross, one half cost of \$30 for plank supplied Wm. Henry for base line \$12.80; R. J. Hoare, refund for statute labor \$1.32, he having worked in the same; R. D. Warren, 100 copies Auditors' Reports \$20; James McKeown \$15, one-half road fee; J. O. Chingonyo paying a like sum; J. McMillan \$3.00, statute labor collected in his road division.

Cook—Bingham, that a by-law to re-arrange the Township of Esqueving into road divisions according to the statute before in the road divisions and repeal the existing by-laws affecting the same, be read the first time—Carried.

The following claims for sheep killed by dogs, the owners of which are unknown, was passed: Peter Cole, 1 sheep, \$8.00; W. J. Little, 1 sheep, \$8.00.

Pathwayers for 1908 were appointed as follows: No. 1, Division, Harry O'Connor; No. 2, John Robinson; No. 3, Richard Burnside; No. 4, John Crawford; No. 5, Nathan Dredge; No. 6, John Crawford; No. 7, Alex. Waddie; No. 8, Thomas Watkins; No. 9, Wm. Stark; No. 10, John McKeown; No. 11, Malcolm Taylor; No. 12, Peter McLean; No. 13, William Dobbie; No. 14, Thomas Ryder; No. 15, Walter Shortwood; No. 16, Jas. Murray; No. 17, Ronald McDonald; No. 18, Joseph Arltman; No. 19, William Barber; No. 20, William McDonald; No. 21, Charles Scott; No. 22, Peter Fisher; No. 23, Douglas McGill; No. 24, Leonard Oshlala; No. 25, James Rath; No. 26, R. S. Henderson; No. 27, J. M. Preston; No. 28, Jas. L. Standish; No. 29, Robt. Ruddoll; No. 30, John Owen; No. 31, George Mino; No. 32, Peter Cole; No. 33, Edward May; No. 34, Wm. Hunter; No. 35, H. A. Reed; No. 36, Robt. Erwin; No. 37, John Shortill; No. 38, John Hoffman; No. 39, R. P. Brown; No. 40, James Cleave; No. 41, Robert Logan; No. 42, Wm. McKay; No. 43, Joe Switzer; No. 44, Phillip Early; No. 45, Francis Hughes; No. 46, Charles Street; No. 47, Fred Thompson; No. 48, John Humphries; No. 49, Wm. Smellie; No. 50, J. Bird; No. 51, Couray Cole; No. 52, John McDonald; No. 53, John Steves.

Next meeting of Council will be on the 18th May.

This is Oakville's growing time. The work of the assessor at Oakville has been completed and the results show unusual growth in the Lakeside town. The total assessment is now \$380,000, an increase for the year of \$2,575. The business assessment is \$248,400. The population is 2002. Number of dogs, nines 183, founines 18.

Annual Meeting—Guelpth District.
The annual meeting of the Guelpth District of the Methodist Church will be held at 8:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th. The ministerial session will be held on Tuesday afternoon. In the evening Mr. W. E. Dyer, Secretary of the Adult Bible Class Movement in Toronto, will deliver an address relative to the movement. The joint meeting of ministers and laymen will be held on Wednesday commencing at 9 a. m.

To Protect the Public.
At the meeting of Oakville Council last week the following resolution was passed: That the council ask the G. T. R. to have placed on the 5th line and 7th line and on its crossing respectively, electric bells for the protection of the public who have to cross their tracks at the above named crossings, and that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Great Trunk Railway Company, and if the said railway company takes no notice of this motion, that the matter be placed in the hands of the railway commissioners.

A Marvellous Escape.
At Oakville yesterday at 4 p. m. Right Wood, aged 17, was working in Chap. Erwin's well, which is an old stone one, 23 feet deep. He was 15 feet down and Mr. Erwin was assisting him from above. A stone on which Wood put his foot gave way and all those above fell in. Mr. Erwin was horrified, believing that the young man was killed, but was relieved when, as soon as the noise of the moving stones ceased, he heard a voice from below saying, "I'm all right. Get them out of me as quickly as you can." A host of willing neighbors worked until after 8 p. m. when they got the young man out, practically unhurt. Two large stones had lodged just above his head and had formed an arch which protected him. He was squeezed tightly, but that was all.—Champion.

EVERETON.
The annual meeting of the Epworth League was held in the Methodist Church here Wednesday evening of last week. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Hon. Pres.—Rev. G. R. Smith; President—Miss Forester; 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. J. Smallbone; 2nd Vice Pres. Miss L. E. Talbot; 3rd Vice Pres. Miss M. Jackson; 4th Vice Pres. Mr. Irwin Jackson; Secretary, Miss L. E. Patmore; Treasurer, Miss L. E. Talbot.

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NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Miss Annie Quantie visited friends in Toronto last week.
Mr. W. P. Matthews, of Guelpth, was in town on Monday.

Miss Frie White is taking a course in Guelpth Business College.
Captain Arnold, of Georgetown, spent Sunday with Acton friends.

Mr. A. C. Chapman, of Toronto, was a guest at his father's home on Friday.
Mr. John M. Warren, of Wychwood Park, Toronto, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Clippinfield went to Galt last week to spend a few days with his friend, Mr. J. Morris.

Mr. A. H. Mann, of Dauphin, Man., was in town this week and visited his father and other friends.

Miss Abundio Masquil, who has just graduated from the Bishop's College at St. Thomas, returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. H. P. Moore was in Toronto on Tuesday afternoon attending a meeting of the Committee of the Methodist Book Room.

Mr. Morrison, who was in business in Acton a number of years, returned from Montreal last week. He intends making his home in Acton.

Miss Marie Clark arrived home from New York last week and is enjoying a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Guelpth St.—Herald.

At the closing exercises of the Congregational College, Montreal, last week, the degree of B. D. was conferred on Rev. R. J. Drysdale M. A., of Rochester N. Y., formerly of Churchhill.

BALLINAVAD.
Miss A. J. Shortill has accepted a situation as teacher in Orton, Alberta.

The following is a report of Easter examinations at the school here.

IV Class—Barbara Cook 77, William Roszel 68, Agnes Shortill 64, Frank Anthony 64, Iva Milne 65, Hazel Cole 60, W. Lindsay 60.

III—Herbert Allan 63, Margaret Hold 61, Helen Berts 62, Clara McEvoy 48, Ethel Shortill 43, Clara McEvoy 41.

II—Myrtle Young 75 Jennie Roszel 70, Muriel Milne 68.

Mr. H.—Pine: Hilda 70, Maude Allan 72, Gladys Cole 70, James Allan 68.

Mr. H.—Ruth Hills 67, Frankie Burgess 65, Purdie Gowen 75.

Mr. I.—Neil McLeod, Annie Cole. Roll 30. Average 80.

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CHEWENON CORNERS.
The growth so far this spring has been very backward but the fall wheat and muskies have an excellent appearance.

Mr. Jas. Trevelyan lost a valuable four year old driving mare on Monday from inflammation of the stomach.

Mr. Alex. Cripps has greatly improved the appearance of his property this spring.

Mr. E. Hall, of Acton, has rented the blacksmith shop and will shortly move here. Mr. Hall is a good tradesman and we have every reason to believe he will do well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dobbie, of Guelpth, spent Sunday at the home of D. Donnie.

Col. Sgt. Jas. Lynd, P. Co., 20th Regt., received last week from Ottawa his badge as best shot in the Regiment.

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