

**DIED.**  
Burke—In Toronto, on Saturday, 6th May, Mrs. Burke, aged 70.  
WILMOTT—In Milton, on Tuesday, 8th May, John Rose Wilmott, in his 65th year.  
PARKER—In Acton, on Friday, 11th May, Daniel Eugene Arnold Mackay, in his 65th year.  
PARKER—In Acton, on Friday, 11th May, Hannah Parker, widow of Peter Parker.  
AWAY—At the family residence, Park Ave., Acton, on Saturday, May 12th, Robert Agnew, in his 65th year.  
MORTON—In Brandon, Man., on Friday, 11th May, Earl George Morton, son of Robert Morton, Acton, in his 60th year.

## The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1908

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Hon. Thomas Gage, M.P., of Manitoba, made the statement in the House of Commons that there was not a legal voter's list in Manitoba, and no provision in the law by which a legal voter's list can be had. This is a disability under which the election of Manitoba exists to-day, and which the Government is taking steps to remedy.

Official reports to Ottawa confirm those which have come from the West regarding the 20 per cent. increase in the acreage put to seed. The Department of Agriculture is taking steps to organize a staff of correspondents living in all parts of Canada who will return periodic reports regarding grain statistics of the agriculture of the Dominion.

The London, Eng., Financial News exhaustively analyzes Mr. Fielding's budget speech, saying that the speech is a model of what such addresses should be. It is concise, to the point, without a superfluous sentence, and entirely free from ambiguous phraseology. The Financial News says Mr. Fielding's proposed bill amending the bank act is a clear indication of the expansion of the country's business, with which the natural increase of bank capital is apparently unable to cope.

A distinguished gathering attended the Canada Club dinner in London, Eng., Charles A. Hanson, who presided, testified as to Canada's stability during the crisis of last fall, and expatiated on the value of the fact that London, the financial centre of the world, had been thrown open to the Canadian market to a remarkable extent. During the last sixteen months at least \$25,000,000 has been sent to Canada on the most gratifying terms. This was an intelligent preference, and an emphatic answer to the allegation that there was an appalling ignorance about Canada throughout the empire. The Chancery also referred to the coming ter-centenary celebrations amidst enthusiasm.

The political contest is wagging warmly by the end of the month, most politicians will have gotten up to the usual election enthusiasm. It will be well for all to remember that although our neighbor may differ from us politically he may be just as honest in his convictions as any of us, that this is a free country where freedom of opinion is one of the biggest stones of the broad foundation stones of our government. Let us therefore be tolerant, rational, patriotic and good natured. Stand by your neighbor stand by him if so desired. Keep up the Anti-Socialistic if you will, but do it calmly and reasonably, and bear this fact always in mind, that just as you have made up your mind unalterably as to the way in which you will vote, the majority of the voting population has also done the same thing.

### FATALLY INJURED AT BRANDON

Karl Nicklin, son of Robert Nicklin, Acton, Switchman in C.P.R. Yards.

### THE FUNERAL HERE YESTERDAY

Sad indeed were the news received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicklin last Thursday that their young son, Karl, had suffered a fatal injury while in the performance of his duties, in the C.P.R. yards at Brandon, Man., that morning.

The Brandon Sun gave the following particulars of the lamentable accident:

"A sad accident occurred at about two o'clock this morning in the C.P.R. yards in charge of Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., assisted by Rev. G. W. Barker. The members of Walker Lodge and visiting members of the Masonic fraternity from Georgetown and Milton attended, and conducted the funeral ceremony of the order, of which deceased was for many years a member.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon

was in charge of Rev. G. W. Barker, pastor, and the service was opened with the singing of hymns, and concluding with the benediction of the Master.

After the service, the body was carried to the church, and interred in the cemetery.

Mr. Nicklin was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Brandon Lodge of the Knights of Columbus.

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### DEATH OF ROBERT AGNEW

A Familiar Citizen in Acton for Forty Years Called to Rest.

### MASONIC FUNERAL ON TUESDAY.

After more than two years of serious illness, and five months confined to bed, death ended the suffering of one of our best-known citizens, in the person of Robert Agnew, last Saturday evening. The cozy home on Park Avenue, of which he was the highly esteemed head, is now bereft and the scene of much genuine sorrow.

Robert Agnew, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1838. He was the son of the late John Agnew, who with his wife resided here for many years. The mother died at the Douglass Hotel, in 1880, and the father in 1881. In his boyhood, the subject of this sketch removed with his parents to Lancashire, England, having performed the task of finding work, they were joined in the former by his wife, in 1882. The company was re-formed by the late Rev. John White, in the Hamilton Street United Free Church of Scotland, at Carlisle. This old man lived till the end of the parenthesis, and only last week, Mr. Agnew received a copy of the Carlisle local paper giving particulars of his death at over ninety years, with his portrait and the memorial sermon preached at the funeral.

The day after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Agnew left Scotland for Canada. It was their honeymoon tour, and the voyage across occupied two months. They came direct to Esquimalt and settled at Kennedy's saw mill on the creek line, on the farm now owned by Mr. Peter Gibbons. Here they conducted a boarding house. Shortly after they were induced to remove to the mill a concession further west operated by Goldie & Smith. Here they kept the mill boarding house for eight years. They then came to Acton about forty years ago. After a short stay in town, James Agnew, his wife and Mrs. Agnew became host and proprietors of the old California Hotel, which stood on the present site of Stephenson's blacksmith shop on Main Street. This building was destroyed by fire over thirty years ago. Here they spent between two and three years, and then took over the Royal Exchange, which is now the Acton House. About thirty-five years ago Mr. Agnew bought the property upon which the new Dominion Hotel stands, erected a commodious new hotel, and for twenty-nine years conducted this house. During his term as landlord the house enjoyed a provincial reputation as a comfortable home for commercial travellers and the travel lung public. In all his efforts to conduct a well-ordered hotel he was seconded by Mrs. Agnew. By scores of travellers she was familiarly addressed as "mother," and the comfort of the "boys of the road" was well known.

Following the burden of years growing heavier and the exactions of a public house life growing more and irksome, the hotel property and all its interests were disposed of to Mr. A. J. Lohman. For six years he and his partner have lived a quiet retired life and they enjoyed their well-earned rest together.

Mr. Agnew was a kind-hearted man, and methodical, and as a hotel man far above the average. It was in the relationship with his family, however, that his better character was most manifest.

He was always concerned for their welfare and anxious for their comfort.

It was a favorite assertion of the old man that although his eldest son had never brought up in a hotel he had never known the taste of liquor.

Speaking of his good qualities to the Fane Pugas on Monday Mrs. Agnew handed the writer the following verse, remarking that it spoke truly of him:

"He was a father kind and true,

A patient's love had her;

A friend to all who knew him,

A heart both kind and free,

He was an adherent of the Presbyterians,

Kept his home well,

and bore this fact always in mind,

that just as you have made up your mind unalterably as to the way in which you will vote, the majority of the voting population has also done the same thing.

### THE ORCHESTRA BANQUETTED.

A Delightful Function Tendered by the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League.

A banquet was tendered the members of the Methodist Sunday School Orchestra and their ladies on Tuesday evening, in the school room, by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society and the young people of the Epworth League.

About one hundred sat down to enjoy the bountiful spread provided by the ladies. Attractive and tempting indeed were the artistically decorated tables, with the snow-white napery, their china and silverware, their profusion of floral decorations and the multitudinous array of appetizing tributes of the culinary art.

After the edibles had been fully enjoyed, Rev. G. W. Barker, pastor, took the platform after speaking on the special character of the Epworth League and expressing the general appreciation felt by all concerned for the splendid services of the orchestra, so frequently and willingly tendered, an enjoyable programme was rendered.

It included selections by the orchestra, duett, solo by Miss Hudson and Laing, solo by Miss Betty Smith, and reading by Miss M. Z. Bennett, and Mr. H. P. Moore. Brief expressions of thanks to the orchestra were then made by Mrs. A. T. Brown, of the Ladies' Aid; H. P. Moore, of the Sunday School, and A. T. Brown, of the Epworth League.

Mr. Chas. W. Mason, the leader, repaid very gallantly on behalf of the orchestra, and said it had always been, and it always would be a pleasure to contribute the very best at their command to any organization in connection with the church. As a result of the splendid entertainment this evening they would like to give even better services than in the past.

The ladies then presented each member with a bouquet of carnations and the function was brought to a close with the national anthem.

### MI-O-NA MEANS STOMACH COMFORT.

Its Special Value to Many Here in Acton.

A notable discovery and one that appeals especially to many people in Acton is the combination of stomach help in the Mi-o-na treatment. This preparation works wonders in case of indigestion or weak stomach.

It acts directly upon the walls of the stomach and bowels, strengthening and stimulating them so that they readily take care of the food that is eaten without distress or suffering.

So positive are the good effects following the use of Mi-o-na that the remedy is sold by A. T. Brown under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it fails to cure. A 50 cent. bottle of Mi-o-na will do the good the stomach needs, which is simply to make it do its own work.

The mixture is sold to cleanse and strengthen the sluggish and inactive kidneys, overcomes backache, bladders weakness and urinary trouble of all kinds if taken before the stage of Bright's disease.

Those who have tried this say it positively overcomes pain in the back, clears the lungs of sediment and regulates urination, especially in night sweats, even the worst forms of bladder weakness.

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