MARRIED.

MILLS—LaFORTUNE—At Toronto, on Wednesday, December 23rd, by the Rev. Charles Darling, M. A., William T. Mills, of Toronto, to Gertrude Ida Fortune, of Limehouse.

HOLMES—GARDINER—At Grace Methodist Church, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, 23rd December, by Rev. Dr. Sparling, Mr. Robert E. Holmes, formerly of Acton, to Bertha, daughter of John Gardiner, Esq., of Lucknow.

DENNISTOUN—BANDY—At the Methodist parsonage, Willow Street, Acton, on Wednesday, January 6th, by Rev. G. W. Barker, Mr. Alexander M. Dennistoun, of Redwood Falls, Minn., to Sara, daughter of Mr. Samuel Bandy, Acton.

DIED.

PARSONS—At Ashgrove, on Friday, Dec. 28th, Catharine Barnes, aged 1[illegible] years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1909

EDITORIAL NOTES

The coming session of the Provincial Legislature will be asked to prohibit the sale of liquor on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Day, with strong hope of the promoters of the amendment that it will be enacted.

In only three of the places which on Monday voted on the Hydro-Electric Power By-law did the people pronounced against the scheme. In all the other municipalities it was endorsed, in almost every case, by handsome majorities. The three places which rejected it are Brantford, Thamesville and Kingsville. The latest proposition is for a line from Toronto to Guelph, to take in Brampton, Georgetown and Acton.

As an indication of the outlook for an increased yield of grain through the West for the year 1909, figures recently published by the Manitoba Government are interesting. They show the total area prepared for the crop of the coming summer to be 2,273,862 acres, which compare with the 1,713,016 acres from which the Manitoba crops of this year were taken. This striking increase in the land put to seed is largely the result of excellent weather conditions during the past three months.

Monday's campaign against the licensed bar was a great victory. Ontario is determined, both in the city and in the country, to give the bar-room its death blow. In the interest of justice and equity the three-fifths clause should, and surely it will, be repealed in the near future. Although splendid majorities were polled in a large number of places, majorities larger than originally polled in the places that have now sustained local option in repeal contests, the by-law has been defeated by the three-fifths requirement. One has only to look at the returns to be convinced that the three-fifths clause is an unqualified injustice.

Mr. B. H. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, summarizes the result of Monday's vote on Local Option as follows: "Of repeal contests, twenty-six in number, local option was sustained in twenty-four, in most cases by an increased majority. In two places only is local option repealed; even in these two places the result is really a victory. We have heard from forty-seven new contests. We have polled majorities in thirty-nine; the liquor men in eight. Out of the thirty-nine we were deprived of the fruits of victory in twenty—in other words, on the straight majority vote we would have been successful in thirty-nine cases, the liquor men in eight. Under the three-fifths clause the liquor men are successful in twenty-eight; we in nineteen. The argument used to support the three-fifths clause has been that it is necessary for permanency. The result certainly disproves that, for although repeal might in any of these cases have been obtained by a mere majority, there has been no repeal in any place that carried the law."

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

W. Williams, P. G., Presented with a Veteran's Jewel

The installation of officers of Acton Lodge I. O. O. F. took place in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday evening and was conducted by D. D. G. M. Trueman, of Brampton, as follows:

J. P. G.—W. McNabb.
N. G.—G. Hayward.
V. G.—G. R. Agnew.
R. S.—S. G. Gunton.
F. S.—S. Hornby.
Treas.—D. M. Henderson.
Warden—Jos. Agnew.
Cond.—R. M. McDonald.
R. S. S.—P. Brown.
L. S. S.—H. H. Worden.
R. S. N. G.—R. McPherson.
L. S. N. G.—C. Hynds.
R. S. V. G.—S. Lasby.
L. S. V. G.—W. Frankum.
I. G.—N. McNabb.
O. G.—W. Coleman.
Chap.—T. Hurd.

An interesting event in the evening's proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Wm. Williams of a veteran's jewel by R. M. McDonald, P. G., in a neat speech on behalf of the lodge. Mr. Williams, who has been a member of Acton Lodge for thirty-three years, made a feeling reply expressing his love for Oddfellowship and the interest he has felt through all the years in Acton Lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the Acton House for their annual banquet. Here a very fine menu awaited them, and the members and their visitors did ample justice to the dainty viands provided.

Brother Williams was the toastmaster and the following toasts were spoken to:—"The King and Our Country" by Bro. Trueman D. D. G. M.; "Acton Lodge" by Bros. W. McNabb and G. Hayward; "Visiting Brethren" by Bros. Dennistoun, of Redwood Falls, Minn.; Chapman, of Wingham; Clavel, of St. Catharines; Agnew, of Hartney, Man.; and Wilson, Lewis, Thompson and Bell Smith, of Brampton; Bros. Elliott, of Rexdale, Toronto and Dobbie, of Georgetown, were also present. The toast to the "Host and Hostess" was replied to by Mr. E. R. Biggar.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs by Bros. McClure, Henderson and Coleman, and instrumental numbers by Bros. Ross, Leishman and Lee.

The members of the Lodge consider the event a most successful one.

SWACKHAMER WAS RE-ELECTED

In an Exciting Contest—Dr. Gray was only 13 Votes Behind.

THE WARDENSHIP FOR ACTON

One of the most keenly contested election contests Acton has ever had in municipal matters was the election on Monday between H. Swackhamer and Dr. Gray for the Reeveship. Mr. Swackhamer's appeal for support was almost exclusively on the ground of his strong hope and expectation of securing the Wardenship of the County this year. This engendered a considerable degree of sympathy, sufficient in fact to give him a plurality of the vote cast, but by the narrow majority of sixteen. Those who opposed Mr. Swackhamer felt, that having already been in the Reeve's chair for five years, sufficient honors had been bestowed by this municipality, and it was time some other citizen who had given much time and careful attention to the town's interests should have an opportunity for preferment. Dr. Gray was the citizen chosen and he and his friends have the satisfaction of knowing that in this contest Reeve Swackhamer was given the closest fight of his municipal experience.

The vote polled was a heavy one and was as follows:

	GRAY	SWACKHAMER
No. 1, Town Hall	66	74
No. 2, Speight's Shop	92	100
	158	174

Majority for Swackhamer 16, eight in each polling place.

The Council for 1909 will be comprised as follows:

Reeve.—H. Swackhamer.

Councillors.—A. Bell, Geo. Hynds, J. H. Denny, and one still to be elected.

When the results of the polls had been announced, Returning Officer Mackinnon was appointed chairman.

Reeve-elect Swackhamer thanked the electors for again electing him and said he expected to land the Wardenship.

Dr. Gray, who, by the way, is a capital loser, took his defeat very philosophically. He thanked very cordially the 152 citizens who had favored him with their support. He appreciated the splendid vote he had received very highly. During his incumbency of office he had freely given his best services in the interests of the town. There were some matters he could have wished to have had the opportunity of completing, but hoped the new Council would give them their earnest attention.

Councillor-elect Hynds was called and gave one of his spicy and characteristic speeches. He realized the contest had been a hot one. Now that Mr. Swackhamer was elected he hoped he would realize his anticipations and be elected Warden of the County.

ELECTIONS ELSEWHERE

The total vote polled in Esquesing was as follows:

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	TOT.
REEVE							
McGibbon	66	65	77	36	61	121	—451
Near	13	78	57	61	51	71	—361
COUNCILLORS							
Wrigglesworth	77	80	86	48	53	163	—447
Cook	44	14	75	97	97	47	—401
Bingham	17	75	69	22	48	126	—359
Mullin	51	49	48	110	65	57	—381
Brown	40	125	49	6	17	61	—294

ESQUESING.—Reeve—Jno. McGibbon. Deputy Reeve—W. Thompson. Councillors—Thos. Cook, W. Bingham and Geo. Wrigglesworth.

GUELPH.—Mayor—G. Hastings.

TORONTO.—Mayor—Jos. Oliver by 10,000 majority.

ERAMOSA.—Reeve—Grieve, by a majority of 80 over McDougall. Councillors—Black, 338, Wood 310, McNabb, 297, Parkinson, 293.

ECHOES OF THE ELECTION

Joe Perkins was re-elected an alderman of Brockville on Monday.

W. S. Dingman, editor of the Herald, Stratford, was elected mayor.

Elections are very uncertain. There is not a candidate in the County but thinks so.

Mr. George Wrigglesworth headed the poll in the elections for Councillors in Esquesing.

Lou McBrine was a candidate for the mayoralty of Berlin, but he was short on votes.

General regret is felt that the Council has lost so valuable a municipal legislator as Dr. Gray.

In Guelph George Hastings defeated Geo. J. Thorp in the mayoralty contest by just twenty votes.

Mr. C. W. Kelly, who has many friends in Acton, was elected an alderman at Guelph on Monday.

Dr. Gray made a plucky fight until the last vote was polled and gave the Reeve the hustle of his municipal life.

Reeve Swackhamer must now lay the lines for the Wardenship so as to secure the plum beyond peradventure!

Councillor Cook, of Esquesing keeps his seat like an old rider. The Reeveship will loom up large before him some of these times.

It was a great race and Swackhamer barely pulled in a neck ahead at the wire. The race was a pretty lively one on the home stretch.

Reeve Swackhamer's majority of over eighty, above all doubtful voters, claimed by some of his friends, came very nearly all vanishing into thin air in his fight with the Dr.

Ex-Councillor Mullin is well thought of at home at any rate. In Dublin ward he received 110 out of a possible 123 votes. He will be missed from Esquesing Council this year.

WORK THAT WEAKENS

Booth's Kidney Pills Have Done Great Service For People Who Work

Many people work every day in some strained unnatural position, bending constantly over a desk, riding on jolting wagons or cars, bending over heavy house work, lifting, reaching, pulling, all these strains tend to wear, weaken and injure the kidneys until they fall behind in their work of filtering the poisons from the blood. Booth's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, put new strength in bad backs. They are sold in Acton at Brown's Drug Store.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERTS

The Methodist on Christmas Night and the Presbyterian New Year's Night

BOTH GRATIFYING SUCCESSES

For many years the Sunday Schools in town have provided the holiday entertainments, the Methodist School pre-empting Christmas night and the Presbyterian New Years. These entertainments have invariably been successful, and those of the holiday season just closed were fitting successors to many of former years.

The concert on Christmas night was given under the supervision and training of Miss Amy L. Doty, London, Directress of Sunday School entertainments. This was Miss Doty's fourth engagement in successive years by the Methodist Sunday School, and the programme presented was characterized by the excellence of her previous efforts here. The programme breathed forth the Christmas spirit from beginning to end, and there was no number of the twenty given which was not calculated to elevate as well as to entertain. Seventy-five scholars and the Sunday School Orchestra took part, and every part was taken with spirit. All classes of the school were represented from the little tots in the primary classes to the young ladies in the senior classes. There was a versatility in the numbers which introduced pleasing surprises from beginning to end. The recitations choruses, motion songs, etc., were much enjoyed, but it was the splendid drills and marches by the young ladies which brought down the house. The marching evolutions were worthy of a trained regiment of regulars, and when it is known that this precision and graceful movement was accomplished by less than ten days' practice the result is surprising. The posing was most effective. Every feature of the entertainment was meritorous.

On New Year's night the Presbyterian Sunday School was favored with a bumper house, and the school provided a most enjoyable programme. The splendid local talent of the school itself was re-inforced by the Manchester Male Quartette, of Galt, which won such golden opinions at the Thanksgiving concert in the church. The solos, recitations and quartettes by members of the school were well rendered and the large audience gave manifest evidence of appreciation. The fancy flag drill by sixteen young ladies reflected much credit upon the young ladies and their instructors. The drill was well executed and the numerous figures and posings were very pretty. The Manchester Quartette fully sustained their previous reputation. Mr. George Hynds, the Superintendent of the school, occupied the chair.

HARRY REID KNOWS

A. T. Brown, the druggist, does not guarantee Parisian Sage to grow hair on every bald head, but if there is any life left in the roots of your hair, Parisian Sage will stimulate the hair bulbs and cause your hair to grow again. Here is one case. "I am now using the second bottle of your Parisian Sage, and can notice a new crop of hair appearing. I am glad to say it is a darker color than my hair was before I became bald." Harry Reid, 10 Manhattan St., Rochester, N. Y.

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CREWSONS CORNERS

The mild weather of the past few days has caused the snow to disappear but every one is thankful for the rain as water had become very scarce in wells and cisterns.

The elections are over for another year and the Dominion and Provincial contests for four years. Everything will now be serene.

Mr. Frank Day has purchased Mr. Chas. McNabb's farm of eighty-five acres. The price paid was $4,400.

Mr. and Miss McPhedran, of Nassagaweya, and their cousins from St. Thomas, spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cripps.

OUR COUNTY POST OFFICES

Similarity of Revenue of Halton's Five Civic Post Offices

The annual report of the Postmaster-General, which has just been issued, shows that the revenues of Halton's town post offices are growing, and that they are remarkably similar in amount. The postal revenues, postmasters' salaries and commissions are as follows:

	REVENUE.	SALARY	COM., etc.
Acton	$3,049.91	$1,191.00	$277.51
Burlington	2,970.57	900.00	326.50
Georgetown	3,633.31	1,310.00	386.45
Milton	3,383.20	1,315.00	369.98
Oakville	3,301.07	1,305.00	350.28

The moneys handled in each of the post offices in connection with money orders and postal notes was as follows: Acton, $28,068.31; Burlington, $20,510.94; Georgetown, $27,320.53; Milton, $30,910.22; Oakville, $26,822.18.

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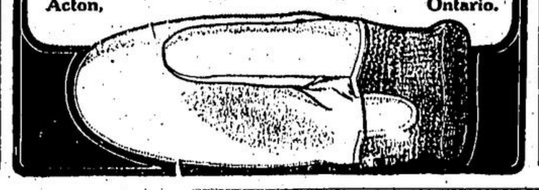

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Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situate. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at any Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.
DUTIES.—(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.
(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. He may also do so by living with father or mother, on certain conditions. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.
(3) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.
W. W. CORY,
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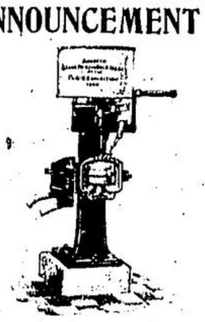

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