

BORN.
Markham—In Acton, on Tuesday, February 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. MacLean, a daughter.

MARRIED.

Hawthorne—At the home of the bride's parents, near Elora, on Wednesday, February 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hayes, of Elora, and Miss Jessie Townsend, a daughter of G. R. Hayes, Miss Townsend, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

DEATHS.

Hicks—In Georgetown, on Monday, February 10th, Paul Hicks, aged 74 years. Wainright—At his residence, Georgetown, February 10th, John McElroy, aged 74 years and 6 months. Inquiring—On Saturday, February 14th, John McElroy, aged 74 years and 6 months. At his late residence, Dunn Street, Oakville—John McElroy, aged 74 years and 6 months. Ford—Warden County of Halton, aged 41 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

Visscher—In loving memory of Catharine M. (Kathleen) Visscher, who departed this life on January 28th, 1919.

The last ask us if we take her.

Oh we think she has passed,

Or we have her passing soon.

She has been very well and care,

And we hope she is now.

Her last days were very good.

We could not call her back again.

But she had bid us come.

Will say "They will be there."

PARKINSON, MINTON AND JUDITHMIRE

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

An increase of \$10,000,401.35 is shown in the Ontario collections of the Dominion for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending on Tuesday, the total being \$10,388,301.55. Collections for February total \$5,000,981.61, an increase of \$101,250.38.

Hon. Dr. Pynne's bill to provide for industrial classes, for which a vote of \$20,000 was included in the supplement, was introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Alexander MacLennan, of Oakville, on Monday, January 24th, and will be read a second time on Monday.

Mr. MacLennan's bill leaves it to municipalities to open industrial classes.

It authorizes any incorporated village or town School Board to establish general industrial schools, technical high schools of fine and applied art. The schools are to be operated under regulations of the Department of Education.

The apportioning of money granted by the Legislature is to be in charge of the Minister of Education. This apportionment will be made upon the same basis as the high school grant, according to the number of pupils, equipment and qualification of teachers.

Cleanliness of Oshawa laundries is aimed at in a bill of Sir James Whitney, which provides that every shop, building or room in which one or more persons are employed in laundry work by way of trade or for the purpose of gain, shall be deemed a factory within the meaning of the Act, and shall be visited by the factory inspectors in the same way as any other factory, and the same inspection shall apply to all who are occupied in large factories which hold six or more employees, and thus all Oshawa laundries excepted. The bill goes into particulars that will make for cleanliness. It declares that no public laundry work shall be done in a room that is used for a sleeping or living room, and that every laundry shall be kept in a clean condition and free from all impurities of an infectious or contagious nature.

Some people and some newspapers started the story for their own purposes that free trade with the United States would mean the annexation of Canada to that country. There was no truth in the story, of course. Indeed it was preposterous. But it excited Colonies Hughes, Lord Harry, and several others, that they blew smoke out of their nostrils and shouted five, wheresoever those people who do not know a painted lath from a real sword got wildly excited too.—Montreal Witness. As a matter of fact the supporters of the reciprocity agreement are in every respect loyal and patriotic, and the most venomous of its opponents who prize the annexation cry. Someones said the other day that the difference between the government and those opposing reciprocity is that the former shows its loyalty by its deeds, and the others by their words.

NASSAGAWAYA.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Black and daughter left this week for their home at High River, Alta.

William Darrah has rented his home to William Service, of Mississauga. He will hold an auction sale on the 11th March.

An interesting union service was held in Kenesher Church last Sunday.

Bluegrass—An evening service will be held on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. A. N. Conner, will preside at 11 o'clock and 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday evening a concert and tea will be given. The programme will be provided by Acton Methodist Sunday School Orchestra, comprising twelve trained musicians, a ladies' quartette and an amateur band. Tea will be served after the concert. An enjoyable evening is anticipated.

ALMA COLLEGE CONVERSATION.

Brilliant Scene at Annual Event—Many Guests from Out of Town Present for the Occasion.

The annual "conversat" at Alma has become a red letter day in the history of this college and a day of great interest to the social life of the city. It has been a sort of thermometer that measures the progress and up-to-dateness of the institution, and judged by Friday's gathering, Alma College, Mr. Thomas, has touched high-water mark. Never has there been a finer grade of students, (now numbering about one hundred in residence) and never did corridors and halls present a more animated scene of youth and beauty to visitors who flocked. The effect was kaleidoscopic, for the dresses presented every fashionable shade of color and style, from "low neck, high neck, short skirt and blouse" but best of all and above all, the newest, prettiest, fanciest and grandest types of young womanhood that shall go forth equipped for the duties of life with the physical education that Alma College gives.

The guests numbered over 500 and were from all parts of the province and some from the far West and the States.

DISASTROUS FIRE YESTERDAY.
Morris Saxe, Junk Dealer, Lower Hill Warehouse and Contents.

RESIDENCE IS BADLY DAMAGED.

At eight o'clock yesterday morning the fire alarm sounded and it was ascertained that the warehouse of Morris Saxe, junk dealer, Main Street, was on fire. The strong wind which accompanied the fire caused the work of the flames, and fifteen minutes later the building was a mass of ruins. The year of the double dwelling was soon ignited, and only the prompt and efficient work of the fire brigade saved the building from total destruction. As it was the rear walls were badly charred and a hole was burned through the roof of the main building. The large quantity of water required to subdue the flames also caused considerable damage. The loss to house and contents is estimated at about \$100. There is an insurance of \$700 on the building and \$200 on the contents. Mr. Saxe and Mr. Dan Lawson own the house.

The rest of the warehouse and contents were saved, though much damage was carried. In the building there were twelve tons of scrap copper, worth between \$2000 and \$3000; sixteen tons of wool, worth \$1700; scrap rubber worth \$500; raw fur valued at \$300; boxes and signs, worth \$250. The damage to the copper is small, but the other commodities are a total loss and with the building will foot up to about \$3000 or \$4000.

The only suggestion as to the cause of the fire is that it was spontaneous combustion, possibly starting in the wool, which may have been damaged. Mr. Saxe had no indication of the fire until he saw the flames as he was getting ready for breakfast. He had not been in the building since the night before.

THE DEATH OF EX-WARDEN FORD.

County Council Adjourned on Tuesday Out of Respect to His Memory.

ATTENDED THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

When the members of the County Council met on Tuesday morning for the February session they received the sad news that one of their number, Mr. J. O. Ford, Reeve of Oakville, had died the previous afternoon. Out of respect to the memory of Mr. Ford the Council adjourned after arranging to attend the funeral in a body at Oakville the following day.

Two weeks ago Mr. Ford was attacked with grippe. This was followed by an acute attack of diabetes, and death resulted at two o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Three representatives are to be appointed to represent the regiment at the coronation. Sgt.-Major Robert Nobles Captain James Halliday, Adjutant Clements, Arnold and Paymaster Anderson: Lieutenants Cooper, Bastado and Askin, and Bandmaster Caetano.

Other matters of interest to the regiment and concerning matters in connection with the annual camp of instruction at Niagara were deliberated upon.

Major Hall, Paymaster Anderson and Lieut. Cooper were appointed to secure suitable literature for the men while in camp and to look after their social welfare generally.

A strong rifle committee composed of all the company officers was appointed to take steps to see proper representation in the company.

The canton of the 30th Regiment at Camp Niagara will be conducted as usual, without intoxicating liquor. A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction with the conduct of the men at last year's camp. The present determination of the officers is to keep off intoxicating liquors entirely from the regimental canton in future.

Cadets reassured their well-known loyalty to the Mother Country in a vote in the House of Commons last week proposed by one of the somewhat excitable Nationalists members from Quebec. Premier Laurier, good-naturedly approved of this fresh affirmation on the part of the members, stating in substance, that if it made the Nationalists feel better there could be no objection to emphasizing a very well known fact.

Major C. Ford was a native of Teufelberg and has been a resident of Oakville since his boyhood. He was a successful business man and in his management of the Oakville Bazaar Company built up a fine business.

He was much interested in municipal matters, was a member of the County Council for ten years and the past seven years has been a member of the County Council. To this body he was first elected seven years ago and his colleagues here were Messrs. A. McMillan, G. S. Bear, R. L. Warren, H. W. Gook, H. E. Moore, J. G. Willis and J. O. Smith. In 1897 he was elected Warden of the County. He took a large interest in the County Roads System and had much to do with its general adoption.

He was a Conservative and at the time of his death was Vice-President of the Conservative Association of the County. He was considered a possible candidate for parliamentary honours.

Mr. Ford was a member of the Methodist Church, a leading member of the Masonic fraternity and a director of the Public Library. He was man of many talents, kindly disposition and was very highly esteemed generally. Mr. Ford and several children survive him.

The funeral yesterday afternoon was very largely attended.

MONTON PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A. G. Forster, of the Oakville Star, Re-Elected President at the Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Monton Press Association was held in the Public Library, Burlington, last Friday. All the newspapers of the county were represented with one exception.

At the morning session the usual routine business was transacted and the officers elected as follows:

President—A. G. Forster, Star, Oakville.

1st Vice-Pres.—R. White, Reformer, Guelph.

2nd Vice-Pres.—E. A. Harris, Gazette, Burlington.

Sec-Treas.—J. M. Moore, Herald, Georgetown.

Asst. Sec.—W. J. Plouty, Record, Oakville.

Executive—The officers and G. G. Mitchell, News, Oakville; R. D. Warren, Herald, Georgetown; W. Pantor, Champion, Milton; H. P. Moore and C. A. G. Matthews, Free Press, Acton.

Mr. E. A. Harris, of Burlington, authorized the members to dinner at Queen's Hotel. Steve Smith was also a guest. He extended the fruitfulness of his travels and enterprise to the whole of the association and expressed regret that the volume of business they had on hand would prevent the carrying out of plans that had been formulated for showing the growth and improvements effected since the last meeting. President Forster in fitting terms expressed the appreciation of the members.

At the afternoon session Mr. John J. Irvin, editor of Reformer and Publisher, Toronto, gave a very brief and interesting illustrated address on a book binding system for country newspaper and job offices. Mr. Irvin gave many points of interest and showed that very generally costs have been reduced at no material inadequacy and improved quality.

Before adjournment President Forster invited the members and their ladies to spend two days at the coming summer meeting at Oakville as his guests.

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