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THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1911

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

March is here. Spring is coming. Preparations for the maple sugar harvest.

Several cars of very fine maple logs were shipped last week by D. A. Henderson.

Bilphey walks again this week. The present winter has been unusual for frosty weather.

The Dominion Government has appointed Frank Lee, of Oakville, Fishery Inspector for Halton.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., presided at a special meeting of Guelph Presbytery on Thursday afternoon.

Funeral home of Scotland, announce an assembly to be held in the town hall to-morrow evening, 3rd inst.

Select a name for the new St. Catharines and you will receive a copy of the new directory.

Acton Lodge I. O. O. F. will hold their fourth annual at home in the town hall on Thursday evening, 10th inst.

The Guelph Society concert on the 11th inst. will have a full house. The reserved seat section is selling out rapidly.

G. A. Black is making some alterations in his store and will put in a good line of musical instruments and sewing machines.

Exhausting Township Council will meet on Monday, 13th inst. The members of highway will be appointed at that meeting.

Mr. George Edwards has removed his business to the brick store on Main Street formerly occupied by N. Patterson.

There have been thirteen weeks of continuous sleighing, at all times in very fair condition, but it is about done for the season now.

The Metropolitan Bank will remove to its new premises in the Patterson block in a few days. The new bank fixtures have arrived and are being installed.

The subject for next Sunday morning in the Baptist Church is "Healing Through Jesus' Stripes" and in the evening "Remembering Our Creator in Our Youth."

White packing ice on Saturday Mr. R. N. Brown had the misfortune to give the back of his right hand a painful gash. The cord of the center finger was severed.

Mr. Joe M. Moore, of the Georgetown Herald, intends securing a fine black residence on his lot near the park, during the summer. Joe is evidently prospering.

The second social under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild of St. Alban's Church, held at the home of Mrs. Bauer on Tuesday evening, was an unqualified success.

The influx of henlock bark continues. Over a hundred men and ten teams have been employed lately in transferring bark from the cars at the G. T. R. to the tannery yards.

A number of our citizens attended the Queen Esther Cantata, given in Georgetown by the Milton Dramatic Society last Friday evening. They speak very highly of the production.

Mr. Sydney Harvey had the fingers of his right hand caught in one of the rolling machines at the tannery on Tuesday afternoon. Three fingers were painfully bruised and lacerated.

Frank Collins, of Guelph, was fined \$25 and costs on Monday for permitting gambling in his house on Saturday night and on Monday was fined another \$100 and costs for selling liquor there.

Going to a row among the Italians employed by Taylor-Forbes Co., Guelph, last week, that firm has decided to employ no more Italians. Their work there has not been satisfactory.

Godwin's firemen handed in their rubber boots and coats on Saturday and quit the job because the Council would not accede to raising their pay beyond new men, however, took their places at once.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Institute will be held on Friday afternoon, March 3rd, at three o'clock in the council chamber. An interesting programme, including a number of musical selections, is being prepared.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Action Man Fined at Guelph. Charged with being drunk was Wm. G. Blair in public court Monday morning. He is from Acton, where they have Local Option, and consequently his Worship was lenient with him, the fine being only \$1 and costs.

China-Painting Kit. Miss E. K. Graham, leader of china painting and painting in oils, has put in a china-painting kit of the most approved construction, and is now in a position to give her pupils and others, who heretofore have been obliged to send their china out of town to be fired.

St. Alban's Ministers. The entertainment by St. Alban's Ministers in the town hall on Monday evening was well attended. The programme pleased some and is vociferously criticized by others. It however, had a leading performer made so great a success in impersonating a man with a well-developed jaw that some in the audience really gave him credit for having himself imbibed very freely in something stronger than cold water.

Business Property Changes Hands. Mr. Lawrence Williams has purchased from Mr. Geo. Stovell, the brick store and lawyer's office on Mill Street, next to Rev. Hynds' property. Mr. Williams secured the premises as a business investment, having very faith in the future of Acton. Mr. Stovell has leased the store for his bakery and confectionery business, and Mr. A. J. MacIntosh continues the lease of the law office. W. H. Donny, real estate agent, negotiated the sale. It is reported that Mr. Stovell is considering the erection of a new store on Mill Street.

Georgetown League Visits Acton. About forty members of Georgetown Epworth League paid a visit to Acton on Friday and Saturday morning, and provided the programme for the meeting. Miss Minnie Bennett, President of Acton League, presided, and the programme included: Devotional exercises by Rev. Dr. Guelph; instrumental numbers by Miss Luck and Mr. Carter, solos by Messrs. Adams, Bowman and White, quartettes by Messrs. Adams, Near, Bowman and White, an address on "The Tea" given by Rev. Dr. Guelph. The tea was served by the ladies of the League at the close. The visit was much enjoyed by all concerned.

A New Mill Possible. Mr. Williams, of Toronto, was in town on Friday and Saturday morning over the prospect of opening a flour and chopping mill here. Mr. Shaw is quite satisfied that Acton is a good location for a flour mill, and with the new improved producer gas system for power a mill can be operated at much lower cost than by either steam or electricity. He is prepared to form a joint stock company if any practical offer is given. The movement by the citizens of the community and business men of the town. Mr. Shaw has had a practical and successful experience as a miller for nearly thirty years, and would enjoy getting back home again in a milling enterprise.

Neglected Children at Milton. Mr. Ginton, of Toronto, representing the department of neglected and dependent children, was in town on Tuesday and Wednesday in response to complaints concerning neglected families of small children. In one case the father and housekeeper are addicted to drink, and the latter is not held in very good repute. The language of the mother in this house is very bad. The other case is that of a father who is now in jail, and accused of abusing and neglecting to provide for his wife and children. Their place of abode is in the town of Milton, and the father is a very bad character.

Mr. John M. Coleman, teacher of the school, gave an address on "Historical Concert - Preacher, choir leader and shoemaker," at the meeting of the King's Order last Friday evening. He told a story of a man who once knew his younger brother who once conducted a Sunday evening prayer meeting by the church where he attended. He related how this golly man by his example had been the means of great good to that community. Mr. Coleman said that all the musical education he had acquired had been taught by this man as choir leader. Rev. Dr. Antill, who was present, told a few interesting experiences of his early ministry. He also mentioned some of the prominent local preachers of those days. The addresses were both much enjoyed and appreciated by the large number present. To-morrow evening Mr. John E. Moore will give an address on "Success." All men are cordially invited.

"Pastor Social" at Mr. Johnston's. That pastor socials are a popular form of entertainment was amply proven last Thursday evening by the very large number of persons who attended the one at the home of Mr. Wm. Johnston. Mr. St. Alban's under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the church. Refreshments were provided, besides an excellent musical and literary programme, consisting of solos by Miss Gertrude Johnston and Mr. D. M. Henderson, quartettes by Messrs. M. O'Brien, Harvey, Brown and Williams; recitations by Miss Nellie Williams, and instrumental music by Miss Laura Gray and the Methodist Sunday School Orchestra. A Beth pond was a feature of the evening, from which various articles were landed for a small fee. This proved so popular that only in the evening it was completely fished out. Delicately refreshments were served after the programme, which added to the enjoyment of the pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and family proved themselves to be very hospitable hosts. The proceeds amounted to about \$40.00.

Lincoln House. Mr. W. J. Sharp, of Milton, is spending a few weeks at his mother's home here. The Lincoln House now has two candidates after returning from a big session at the mines both here and at "The Dolly."

Mr. McDowell's sale yesterday and Mr. Paul Kennedy's on Friday were both successful.

You will notice that we are continually talking about our ability to repair watches and clocks. Well, that is because we have the complete assortment of the evening, from which various articles were landed for a small fee. First, because we served our full term of apprenticeship and afterwards worked under the best makers in Toronto, and 40 years experience gives us such a great advantage over most others, that we can to you in full confidence that it will be carefully and quickly done. Pringle the Jeweler, Guelph.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. Thomas Gray is expected home from his trip to California next Saturday. Mrs. R. E. Nelson, of Guelph, visited her mother and other friends on Tuesday.

Mr. Ira Stewart, of Effieville, during the week. Mr. Wm. Shaw, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. Robert Shaw last week.

Sarge. Chival was home from Stanley Barracks, Toronto, a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Stovel, of Guelph, spent Monday with Acton friends.

Mr. G. A. Procculer and son, of Corlouth, were guests of Mr. I. Snyder this week. Miss Corude, of Guelph, was the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ebbage and babe, of Berlin, visited Acton relatives during the week. "Reeve Hynds went to Milton on Monday to attend the meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Arch. Wilson, of Regina, visited friends here last week. He returned to the west on Monday.

Mr. Isaac Snyder, who has been in very poor health since Christmas, was able to take a drive out on Tuesday.

Mr. Harold Little has removed from Los Angeles, Cal., to Hamilton, and is at present residing with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Penland.

Mr. N. F. Lindsay, who has been confined to the house with a severe attack of the grippe, for several weeks, is able to be about again.

Mr. Warner Nicklin, who has been in Guelph since his accident on Christ. mas night, came to town on Tuesday. He is quite himself again.

Mr. A. H. Devitt, Toronto, District Manager of the Northern Life Assurance Company, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Devitt will shortly remove to Berlin.

No Criminal Cases at High Court. The spring sitting of the High Court of Justice commenced Monday afternoon at the County Court House, Guelph. Mr. Justice Maitland presiding. There were no criminal cases on the docket, and Sheriff Allan presented the Lordship with a pair of white gloves.

Rev. Dr. Moore is Now President. The Lord's Day Alliance says: "It is our privilege to announce that the former General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance has become its present President. The Convention in choosing Dr. Moore did so with absolute unanimity and with great enthusiasm. With Dr. Moore in the president's chair the Alliance will have the benefit of his wise counsel, his large experience, his extensive knowledge, his strong advocacy, as well as of the confidence which has been placed in him. He has always displayed in the prosecution of the work when engaged as General Secretary. Welcome as President."

To Protect Acton's Interests. Reeve Hynds and Municipal Solicitor Mackinnon went to Toronto on Friday to meet the Dominion Railway Commission and appeal against the proposal of the Commission to make Acton a party to the payment of the cost of diverting the highway at the Grand Union Railway crossing at Crewe's Corners. They showed that Acton was in no respect interested in the proposed change. It is improbable that the municipality will be assessed any part of the cost if the work is undertaken. Representatives of Esquimaux, Nasagawaya, Kramusa and Erin were also present at the meeting of the Commission.

Children Rescued in Wellington. Guelph, Col. J. J. Craig, M. P. P., National Inspector for South Wellington, is reported as saying: "I deplore the depredation of the rural population of Wellington County. Pilkington has some of the best land in Ontario and School Section No. 1 has a splendid school building and good equipment, with an efficient teacher. Yet on the 5,300 acres which constitute that school section, there are but three children of a school age. That there are so many old hachelors is deplorable. It would pay the trustees of that school to buy a horse and survey to take those three children to another school and close up the present building."

Trooper Mulloy's Marriage. It is not given to many men to marry a woman they have never seen, but such will be the case when Trooper I. W. R. Mulloy, one of the best known of Canadians in the late South African war, leads to the altar Miss Jean Murray, of Seattle, Washington, in the Methodist Church at Washington, N. Y., on Friday, March 3rd. The bride-elect is an accomplished musician, has travelled much and is wealthy. Trooper Mulloy is well-known in Acton. He lectured here on two occasions after returning from South Africa, and spent a week or so visiting friends in town. Mr. Mulloy is a graduate of Oxford University and may enter politics in England. He has been offered one or two commissions. He lost his sight in the war and is incurably blind.

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CANADA'S OPEN DOOR

This is the second of the series of articles on West-Prospect republished from the Canadian Century to which reference was made in our issue of last week.

Canadian Fruit Farmers in Great Faith. (From The Canadian Century.) The largest deputation of farmers that ever waited on an Ontario Government was that of the fruit growers of Western Ontario, who went to Ottawa on February 10th to protest against the Reciprocity Agreement. The case they presented to the Government was strong enough to show that if the Reciprocity Agreement was enforced by the Canadian Parliament and the United States Congress it would reduce the value of every orchard in Ontario and ruin thousands of small fruit farmers who had paid high prices for their little farms and spent time and money in planting trees. They showed that many large farms had been subdivided for fruit-growing purposes, and that new subdivisions were constantly being made. They also showed that the Reciprocity Agreement would force the fruit farmers to sell their fruit at a low price in the United States market, and that the value of their fruit would be reduced to a very small fraction of its present value.

We, the undersigned, the president and executive committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, composed entirely of men born and bred in the Dominion of Canada, and who are engaged in fruit growing, respectfully and earnestly beg to draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the fact that the Reciprocity Agreement would force the fruit farmers to sell their fruit at a low price in the United States market, and that the value of their fruit would be reduced to a very small fraction of its present value.

We have a great deal from the poll-tax that we are asked to pay. Why should there be any such consideration for the vast rights of manufacturing farmers than for the small farmer who grows fruit? Has not the small farmer a vested right in the fruit tree that cost him money, labor, and care to establish? Do we not believe that the proper course for the Dominion Government is to protect the fruit growers of the Dominion of Canada, and to prevent the Reciprocity Agreement from being enforced? We do not believe that the proper course for the Dominion Government is to protect the fruit growers of the Dominion of Canada, and to prevent the Reciprocity Agreement from being enforced.

World Competition for Canadian Farmers. Why should Canadian farmers lose every vestige of protection for their products? Why should their manufactured goods remain untouched? If farm products from the United States, Canada, England, France, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Australia, and Italy are to be admitted to our market, why should our own products be subjected to a heavy tariff? Has not the small farmer a vested right in the fruit tree that cost him money, labor, and care to establish? Do we not believe that the proper course for the Dominion Government is to protect the fruit growers of the Dominion of Canada, and to prevent the Reciprocity Agreement from being enforced?

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