BORN.

DE LESSEPS—At 112 Quai D'Orsay, Paris, France, on Sunday, the 10th of December, the wife of Count Jacques De Lesseps, of a son.

DIED.

BIGGAR—In Burlington, on Sunday, December 10th, E. R. Biggar, formerly of Acton, aged 53 years.

HUTSON—At St. Catharines on Friday, 8th December, Hattie, widow of the late Capt. M. Simpson, aged 67 years.

THOMPSON—In Esquesing, on Sunday, 10th December, Mary Reid, wife of William Thompson, Reeve of Esquesing.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. R. D. Warren, the Liberal candidate in the election on Monday made a highly creditable run and succeeded in reducing the majority of his opponent, Dr. Nixon, by about seventy votes from that of last contest. Mr. Warren is one of the most desirable candidates ever nominated in this county. This applies to his business ability, clean, honest and successful career, and high ideals in public affairs. Mr. Warren takes his defeat in a manly and philosophical way. When the result became known on Monday night he spoke to his friends expressing his thanks to all throughout the county who had given their kind and cheerful co-operation.

IT IS VERY GRATIFYING that the Municipal Council, at their Monday evening meeting, unanimously supported the resolution to amend the cigarette by-law so as to render illegal the sale of cigarette paper, as well as cigarettes, and cigarette tobacco in Acton, without a license. Medical experts assert that the evil effects of cigarette smoking are due as much if not more to the paper, which is impregnated with opium and other deleterious drugs, as to the tobacco contained. The amendments to the by-law come into effect on the first of January next. Under the cigarette by-law, which came into force in 1903, cigarettes and cigarette tobacco cannot be legally sold in Acton without a license. As no dealer in Acton has taken out a license, these commodities cannot be legally sold by any dealer to any person in Acton, now. After January 1st, next, it will be equally illegal to sell cigarette paper, under the same penalties of not less than $10 nor more than $50 and costs. Of course the municipal authorities will enforce their own by-law. The Dominion statutes already make it a criminal offence to sell or give cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person under 16 years of age. It will be remembered by some that when the hotels were licensed their liquor license carried the right to sell cigarettes, but now that there are no liquor licenses they have no privileges above others who deal in tobacco, and any sales in hotels are illegal and liable to above penalties.

THE ELECTION IN HALTON

Dr. Nixon Elected for the Third Time, But by Decreased Majority

MR. WARREN PUT UP A PLUCKY FIGHT

The election in Halton on Monday lacked the enthusiasm of the recent Dominion General Election, but the vote was pretty well brought out nevertheless.

It was with admirable temerity that Mr. Warren entered the contest with a majority of 353, against him in the previous election, and 435 in the Henderson-Smith election on the 21st September last. He put up a courageous and manly fight, and succeeded in reducing this handicap to 280.

The majorities in the various polling places of the county were as follows:

	NIXON	WARREN
Acton	37	—
Burlington	105	—
Georgetown	69	—
Milton	40	—
Oakville	83	—
ESQUESING		
Sprout's	—	21
Norval	—	7
Stewarttown	16	—
Dublin	—	31
Thompson's	55	—
Glenwilliams	65	—
NASSAGAWEYA		
Campbellville	—	18
Brookville	—	8
Kpatchbull	—	75
NELSON		
Freeman	—	1
Nelson Village	—	23
Kilbride	—	5
Lowville	13	—
Bell's	—	1
Appleby	36	—
TRAFALGAR		
Boyne	—	33
Drumquin	25	—
Postville	—	18
Munn's	—	8
Paleruno	—	18
Bronte	41	—
Ninth Line	—	38
	205	575

Majority for Nixon 280.

In the vote in Acton Dr. Nixon's majority was reduced from 40 to 27.

WHY DO YOU FARM?

Is it just to put in the time or for profit? No doubt you will say for profit. In that case you should take a weekly paper that looks after the business end of the farm. That paper is The Weekly Sun. Its market reports are without an equal. They have made many dollars for Sun readers. They say so. When renewing your subscription do not forget the Sun, the farmer's business paper.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC VS. PROD. GAS

The Relative Merits of These Modern Powers Discussed at Council Meeting

HYDRO-ELECTRICITY ADAPTED TO ACTON

For several weeks the matter of securing Hydro-Electric connection for Acton has been freely discussed, owing to the dangerously over-loaded condition of the local municipal lighting plant. Hon. Mr. Beck was here at the request of the Council late in October and explained the feasibility of Hydro-Electric connection. The engineers of the commission have made several visits to Acton to secure data and general information upon which to base estimates of cost. The past week or so representatives of producer gas plant manufacturers have been here to impress members of the Council and interested citizens with the greater economy of their systems.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Fairburst, representing Crossley Bros., Limited, of Manchester, Eng., and Mr. Gordon Renaud, representing the Colonial Engineering Co., of Montreal, addressed the Council relative to the merits of their respective systems. Both submitted figures to show that producer gas power could be supplied at a considerably lower rate per h. p. than the figures quoted for Hydro-Electric power. When by questioning on the part of the members of the Council it was ascertained that the initial outlay for either of these plants would be at least $16,000, and that the estimates in either case did not include either the cost of the necessary new buildings or additions nor any sum for annual depreciation of the plant, the price per h. p. however, really reached higher figures than for the Hydro-Electric installation.

Mr. P. W. Sothman, Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, was also present and gave valuable comparisons and much important information concerning Hydro-Electric power and installation. He showed that when Acton installs Hydro-Electric power, there will not be a wheel turning for motive power in the local station day or night, and that the supervision of the power plant will be at a minimum of cost, while for the producer plant system there is necessarily expensive machinery constantly in operation, expert supervision, large depreciation, constant attention by experienced workmen, the purchase and handling of coal, etc.

Acton occupies a very favorable location for Hydro-Electric, said Mr. Sothman, it being on the line which is to be run from Guelph to Brampton to complete the loop to Port Credit. By this connection we will have the advantage of power both from the Guelph and Port Credit Stations, and in case of possible accident to one line the other would be immediately available.

Mr. Sothman was interrogated on many important points by Reeve Hynds and others, to all of which he gave satisfactory explanation. Several very vital points were emphasized:

1. Contracts with the Hydro Electric Power Commission fix prices per h. p. at definite figures. These may be lowered, and are in fact being constantly reduced to the municipalities already installed.

2. If Acton contracts for 150 or 200 h. p. and only uses 50 or 100 h. p. the municipality pays only for what is used, as indicated by the metre in the local station, and at the rate contracted for.

Other questions of interest were also considered.

Mr. A. O. Beardmore, said, whatsoever system may be adopted, if Acton can sell us power cheaper than we can produce it we will buy it. We want the very cheapest power obtainable whether it be Hydro-Electric or producer gas. We might take 100 h. p. during the day when you would not be using the power for lighting. The gas producer representatives certainly did not allow for depreciation as they should have done in submitting their approximate estimates. I would request, he said, that, as large ratepayers, the Council confer with us before any definite action is taken.

The two gas producer representatives disagreed very considerably in the efficiency of producer gas and the qualities of coal that could be used.

At the close of the discussion a vital question crepped up, viz: the quantity of water used by the producer gas engines, a four inch pipe to each engine, and the disposal of the filthy water and tar from an inch pipe running continuously from the scrubbers in which the gas is washed. This, owing to lack of any other drainage, would run into the stream through Fairview Place, across Main Street and into Fairy Lake from which Messrs. Beardmore & Co. draw their water supply for their tanneries. When this fact came out Mr. Beardmore at once stated: "That would never do; we've already spent thousands of dollars to secure pure water, and we could not permit contamination of this character now."

AUCTION SALE REGISTER

TUESDAY, DEC. 19th—D. R. Rae, Hanover, 40 tons hay, 2,000 bushels grain, 3,000 bushels roots.
R. J. KERR, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22nd—Stock, implements, grain, etc., of the estate of the late W. A. Stewart, lot 35, con. 2, Esquesing, half a mile from Acton. BENJ. PETCH, Auctioneer.

FINE SCENERY ON G. T. P.

Letter received by the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. headquarters from one of the prominent artists of New York, who has just returned from a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific as far as the Canadain Rockies, contains the following:

"I went out to the end of steel on the Grand Trunk Pacific, then took the trail over to Maligne Lake, which I fond to be the most beautiful I ever saw in my life. I had a delightful trip, and made several sketches. Returning I stopped off at Wainwright, and from there went out duck shooting in different directions, and had a most delightful time. Next year I hope to get away earlier and see more of your magnificent country."

NO CIGARETTES FOR ACTON

Cigarettes, Cigarette Tobacco and Cigarette Papers not to be Sold Without License

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COMING

Council met on Tuesday evening, at the call of the Reeve.

Members present, Reeve Hynds, and Councillors A. Bell, R. M. McDonald, W. Cooper and A. T. Brown.

The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-fifth report and recommended payment of accounts as follows:

Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	$ 34 90
A. J. Mackinnon, Voters' Lists, appeals	27 86
Sunbeam Electric Co., lamps	52 75
Wm. Ritchie, teaming coal	12 19
Canadian Westinghouse Co.	6 07
W. D. Anderson, express, &c.	5 08
Jno. Harvey, supplies	2 60
Acton Free Press, printing	1 45
The Reeve, charity	20 00
Grant to Firemen	100 00
	$202 00

The report was adopted.

The matter of the need for the amendment of the Cigarette By-Law, to include cigarette paper, as well as cigarettes in Cigarette By-Law was introduced.

Moved by A. T. Brown, seconded by A. Bell, that leave be granted to amend By-Law No. 375, entitled "A By-Law for Licensing and Regulating the Sale of Cigarettes," as follows:

1. The title of the By-Law to include after the words cigarettes "and cigarette paper."

2. In clauses one and three, after the word cigarettes wherever it occurs, add the words, "and cigarette paper."—Carried.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Murray McDonald, seconded by Wm. Cooper, that By-Law No. 375, as amended be now read a second and third times, the Council going into Committee of the Whole on the same, rule 19 being suspended to permit of same.—Carried.

The By-Law was finally amended as per resolution and it was decided that the amendment should not come into effect until the 1st January, 1912, giving dealers a couple of weeks to return whatever stock of cigarette papers they may have on hand.

Moved by A. T. Brown, seconded by A. Bell, that permission be and is hereby granted to Messrs. Beardmore & Co., to take proceedings to close and convey that portion of Queen Street between Guelph and Maria Streets, the usual legal proceedings to be taken.—Carried.

Mr. A. O. Beardmore requested in behalf of the 300 employees of the firm that an electric lamp be placed at the corner of Elgin and Queen street.

The Council will look into the matter.

The by-law providing for the Municipal and School Trustee elections was passed, the usual places of polling fixed and the Clerk and R. J. McNabb being appointed deputy returning officers.

The succeeding two hours were spent in listening to the respective merits of producer gas plants and Hydro-Electric power.

CREWSONS CORNERS

The Methodist Sunday School intend holding a Christmas-tree entertainment on Wednesday, December 20th, for which a good programme is being prepared. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses.

Mr. Robt. Nelles' many friends will congratulate him on his recent marriage to Miss Pattison, of Garafraxa, and will wish them many years of happiness.

Miss E. Cripps and Miss L. M. Coleman, of Acton, spent a few days last week with friends here.

Miss Annie Crewson was home from Milton for a few days.

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Take an agency; send for terms. Outfit free. Thos. W. Bowman & Sons, Co., Ltd., Ridgeville, Ont.

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Friday, Dec. 22nd,

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SHEEP & PIGS—1 Lincoln ram, 4 years old; 1 Lincoln ewe, 3 years old; 2 Yorkshire sows, due April 1st; 9 pigs, 4 months old.

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