MARRIED.

SMITH-UPWIN-SWACKHAMER—At the home of the bride's parents, Main Street, Acton, on Saturday, 23rd December, by Rev. J. G. Wilson, M. A., M. L. Smith Upwin, to Gertrude E., only daughter of ex-Warden Hiram Swackhamer, all of Acton.

DIED.

BELL—In Esquesing, on Thursday, 21st December, Alex. Bell, aged 85 years.

GRAHAM—At his home in Blind River, on Dec. 18th, John M. Graham, in his 35th year.

LITTLE—In Guelph, on Tuesday, 19th December, the wife of Joseph Little, formerly of Nassagaweya.

CONNAN—At his residence, Weston, on Monday, December 25th, 1911, Rev. Christopher Connan, aged 71 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1911

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another year has come to its close. Its hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, triumphs and disappointments, are today but a memory and now we stand upon the threshold of a new year. We should be ready to cope with its difficulties, seize its opportunities, and bear bravely its responsibilities. If, with strong hearts and undaunted courage, we, as individuals, take up the work of the days of the new year, we shall be able in large measure to triumph over every obstacle and fill the days with useful service, and the result will be happiness and satisfaction. If, however, we shrink from the duties that are imposed upon us and are faint-hearted, we shall fall in our undertakings and disappointment will be our portion.

Let us all endeavor to make this new year, 1912, a new year in very truth. Put into it new ambitions, hopes as fresh as the year itself, and purposes as unmarred as the first new white page to be turned over next Monday morning. Start in the first day of the new year as if beginning life over again—as in very truth we are—unhampered by past errors and misteps, and full of splendid enthusiasm for the new life of the future.

The FREE PRESS wishes every reader very cordially a Happy New Year.

THE SCHOOL'S ROLL OF HONOR

Standing of Pupils of Acton Schools at the Christmas Examinations

LIST OF THE PUPILS PROMOTED

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SENIOR CLASS

Class I—E. Cole, D. Folster, B. Brown, N. Williams.

Class II—R. Nelson, B. Mullin.

Class III—G. Moffat, H. Hord, M. Matthews, B. Cook.

Highest in Geometry—D. Folster; in French—B. Brown; in Eng. Literature—N. Williams; in Chemistry—N. Williams; in Oral Composition—E. Cole.

JUNIOR CLASS

Class I—M. Macdonald, D. Nelson.

Class III—N. Kenney, R. Cole, M. Brown, I. McPherson.

Highest in Geometry, French, Eng. Literature, Chemistry and Oral Composition—M. Macdonald.

THE LOWER SCHOOL

SENIOR CLASS

Class I—I. Anderson, J. Moore, M. Henderson, E. White, K. Gibbons, B. Clark.

Class II—J. O'Brien, J. Gibbons.

Highest in Oral Composition—I. Anderson, and J. Moore; in Geography—E. White; in French—K. Gibbons; in Biology—I. Anderson, and M. Henderson; in Written Composition—I. Anderson; in Art—M. Henderson.

JUNIOR CLASS

Class I—N. Anderson, H. Warren, D. Harvey, M. McPherson, E. McLaughlin, H. Agnew.

Class II—L. Scott.

Class III—E. Vincent.

Highest in Oral Composition, Geography, Biology, Written Composition and Art—N. Anderson; in French—J. Moore; in Penmanship—M. McPherson.

No. on register—82.

W. H. STEWART, Principal.
MISS B. ROWENA HUMPHRIES, Assistant.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Sr. IV—Mildred Staunton, 238; Clara Brown, 203; Gordon McLeod, 200; Mae Smith, 199; Wilma Johnstone, 179; Alicia O'Brien, 177. Total 275.

Jr. IV—Percy Ault, 208; Jean Wilson, 204; Margaret Wilson, 187; Harold Mowat, 185; Vera Harvey 159; Charlie McLeod, 153. Total 250.

No. on register 250.

MISS M. Z. BENNETT, Teacher.

Sr. III—Phyllis Clarke, 363; Marguerite Stewart, 355; George Anderson, 334; Wilfrid McDonald, 331; Roy Brown, 326; Harold Reed, 321. Total 400.

PROMOTION FROM JR. III TO SR. III—Rose Starkman, Joe Swackhamer, Olive Mowat, Mary Lehman, Deleine Gibbons, Melvin Williams, Martin Clawel, Annie Collier, Victor Algaw.

No. on register—42.

MISS VIDA FOLSTER, Teacher.

Sr. I—Emma Barnes, 259; Herbert Hutton, 244; Able Soltz, 226; Max Belt, 223; Jennie Lasby, 204; Willie Smith, 186. Total 300.

Jr. I—Ting Wong, 290; Nellie Cann, 278; Jessie Mowat, 268; Ether Henderson, 245; Marion James, 244; Charlie Mann, 243.

PROMOTION FROM SR. I TO JR. II—Herbert Hutton.

PROMOTION FROM JR. I TO SR. I—Nellie Cann, Charlie Mann, Harry Prevost, Victoria Prevost, Hazel McDonald, Margaret McNabb, Annie Goldstein, Jappie Mowat, Elmer Henderson.

No. on register—41.

MISS R. C. CLARK, Teacher.

SR. PRIMER—Willie Smith, Rollie Chinery, Doris Goldham, George Taylor, Rosie Algar, Jordan Lawson.

JR. PRIMER—Elizabeth Murphy, Johnnie Robertson, Esther Starkman, Jean Moffat, Celia Murphy, David Henderson.

No. on register—75.

MISS M. R. HOLMES, Teacher.

—The value of a paper is tested by the quality of its circulation, and judged from this standpoint the Weekly Sun occupies the foremost place. Each week it enters the homes of the most advanced farmers in the Province. The Weekly Sun on the table is the sign of progress on the farm.

REEVE HYNDS BY ACCLAMATION

W. H. Smith Forces a Contest for Councillors

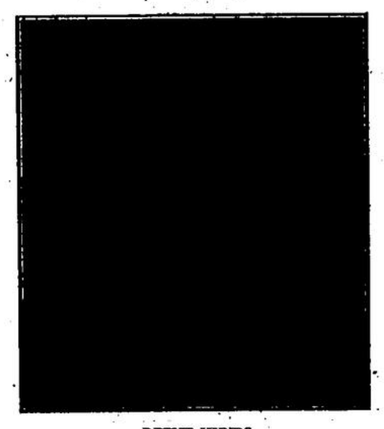
ONLY TWO TRUSTEES ELECTED

The nomination proceedings at noon on Friday were as quiet and slimly attended as usual. Until a quarter to one less than a dozen ratepayers had put in an appearance, and when the hour had elapsed and Returning Officer Mackinnon declared the time for nomination had closed, the attendance was then less than a score.

The list of nominees for Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees, with their respective proposers and seconders were as follows:

FOR REEVE

GEORGE HYNDS—proposed by Dr. T. Gray, seconded by W. A. Storey.



REEVE HYNDS
RE-ELECTED

FOR COUNCILLORS

1. A. T. BROWN—proposed by J. H. Deany, seconded by Geo. J. Wallace.
2. R. M. MCDONALD—proposed by John Cameron, seconded by John Harvey.
3. WM. COOPER—proposed by W. Williams, seconded by A. B. McLean.
4. W. H. SMITH—proposed by W. D. Smith, seconded by Ernest Macklin.
5. ALEX. BELL—proposed by J. A. Mowat, seconded by H. P. Moore.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES

1. JOHN KENNEY, JR.—proposed by Murray McDonald, seconded by Wm. Cooper.
2. JOHN WILLIAMS—proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by Wm. Plank.
3. JOHN A. MOWAT—proposed by W. C. Plank, seconded by H. P. Moore.
4. D. M. HENDERSON—proposed by John Cameron, seconded by John S. Coleman.
5. C. C. SPEIGHT—proposed by Alex. Bell, seconded by John Cameron.

Mr. Smith has put in his qualification papers in addition to the former members of the Council, whom citizens generally were anxious to have re-elected by acclamation because of their satisfactory services the past two years. This will necessitate an election and a good many electors feel strongly against the action taken, inasmuch as there is no issue demanding any change in the personnel of the Council which has done such excellent service, and especially as Reeve Hynds was re-elected by acclamation. It is stated that Mr. Smith is the nominee of the Fire Brigade and that that organization is anxious to have a representative in the Council. The desirability of this is difficult to understand, for the services of this excellent body of men have always been appreciated by the Council as well as by the general public, their requests have been invariably given careful consideration, and liberal treatment has been tendered them. The opinion is freely expressed, however, that it is not the firemen who desire Mr. Smith to run for a place in the Council, but a certain other interest which desires to use him in case certain contingencies arise during the year.

With reference to the nominations for school trustees the situation is different. Five nomination papers were put in. These were for Messrs. D. M. Henderson, John A. Mowat, John Williams, the retiring members of the Board, and Messrs. John Kenney and C. C. Speight. The former three feeling that they have already given a fair share of service on the Board, have put in withdrawals. This action automatically elects Messrs. Kenney and Speight by acclamation, but it leaves the Board one short in its membership. A new election will therefore be necessary to fill the seat remaining vacant. Messrs. Kenney and Speight are both natives of Acton, were pupils of the school in their boyhood days, have both taken a hearty interest in local affairs, and being active business men they will naturally make useful members of the Board.

At the close of the hour for receiving nominations Mr. John Cameron was appointed chairman. He said he was glad to see Reeve Hynds elected by acclamation and hoped matters would be arranged among the candidates for the Council so that no election would be necessary.

Reeve Hynds said that at this busy season people are too busy to spend much time at nomination meetings. He felt that the people of Acton are quite satisfied that the present Council has done good and satisfactory work. He considered Acton's financial position the best of any municipality in the county. Milton, Oakville and Burlington each has a 25 mill rate this year, and Georgetown required 23 mills, while Acton kept the town in good condition on 20 mills, and we have the lowest debenture debt in the county. He referred to the Good Roads movement, and stated that the county had expended $60,000 on good roads this year, and Acton and vicinity had been given a fair share of this amount in improved roads. The Mill Pond road to Nassagaweya is vastly improved and those who drive over it are delighted. The good work at Fairview Cemetery was pointed out. Referring to the electric lighting plant the Reeve showed that the system had been a paying concern and this year showed a net profit of over $400. But, he said, we are at this moment up against a serious problem. Our plant is much overloaded, and in such a condition that it is liable to give out at any moment. The Hydro Electric Commission are prepared to negotiate for installation of their system, and, after careful consideration I have concluded it is the best possible scheme. With it we have no machinery running to care for, no coal to buy, no expensive man to superintend. Twenty-eight Ontario municipalities have already installed this system and are satisfied with results. With it in Acton we can offer tempting inducements to manufacturers to settle here. When the matter comes before the people we want them to seriously consider the question. He felt sure none would vote to put more expensive machinery into our present plant, to wear out and cause further expenses. Hydro-Electric equipment will answer all our possible demands for all time. He thanked the people for his election by acclamation. I have given my very best ability to the duties of the office, he said, and I assure you it is no sinecure. A faithful Reeve is on duty day and night every day during the year. He spoke in terms of highest praise of the loyal and faithful support accorded him by every member of the Council and he hoped they too would be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Cameron said he thought it was of the utmost importance to Acton's future that Hydro-Electric connection be secured.

Councillor Cooper, chairman of the Town Hall committee, felt that the work of that committee had been well done. He thanked his nominees and said he would consider the nomination.

Councillor Bell, chairman of Streets and Walks, thought all the people could see the result of the good work executed by his committee. The electric lighting plant demands careful consideration. The Council has three alternatives, 1st, secure Hydro-Electric connection, 2nd, put in expensive additional machinery, or 3rd, let the town go in darkness. He thought the first proposition was most feasable. It is up to us to get busy. I accept the nomination, he concluded.

Mr. John Williams was the only representative of the School Board present. He was pleased to notice the nomination of new candidates for the Board of Education. He had personally given considerable of his time to public matters for years and felt the time had come for him to retire. He would in the proper manner retire from the contest.

ESQUESING

Reeve—John Bingham (acc); Deputy Reeve—Thomas Coxe (acc); Councillors—W. Cleave, James Brown, W. McGregor, James Newton, James McMenemy.

NASSAGAWEYA

In this township the old council was re-elected by acclamation.

ERIN

Reeve—A. McKinnon, Wm. Sutton and Jos. Benham; Deputy Reeve—E. Barber, E. Marshall; Councillors—D. Gray, W. Jessop, John McIntyre, E. Beswick, W. J. Byrne, D. Sinclair.

EDITORIAL NOTES

IT IS STATED in the press of Montreal that the cocaine evil is attracting considerable unfavorable comment in that city. Two doctors were fined recently for selling it. This led some members of the city Council to express themselves as being in favor of requesting the Government to absolutely forbid the importation of the drug into the country. Commenting on the above the Christian Guardian remarks—"And this is Montreal with its 1,400 bar-rooms. Evidently whiskey does not banish cocaine."

THE REPORTS are coming in from the municipalities which have had Hydro-Electric connection during the past year. Berlin reports a surplus of $31,000, Guelph about $13,000, and other places proportionately satisfactory profits. In all these places the rates to consumers have been greatly reduced both for light and power. Guelph has reduced the rate to about six cents per thousand watts. A news item from Berlin says: "The people here have been enthusiastic over Hydro-Electric from the outset but the results of the past year's operations have greatly strengthened this good opinion."

AUCTION SALE REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd—Sale of farm stock and implements of David Armstrong, lot 20, 7th line, Esquesing. R. J. KERR, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th—Sale of stock and implements of Fred Anston, lot 13, 4th line, Esquesing. R. J. KERR, Auctioneer.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS

Give Dr. Nixon a Majority of 333 over Mr. Warren

108 FEWER VOTES POLLED THAN IN 1908

Mr. J. M. Bastedo, Returning Officer for Halton at the recent Provincial elections, announces the official count of the vote in Halton as follows:

	NIXON	WARREN
Acton—No. 1	77	61
" —No. 2	98	77
	175	138
Maj. for Nixon 37.		
Burlington—No. 1	81	72
" —No. 2	105	53
" —No. 3	43	32
	229	126
Maj. for Nixon 103.		
Georgetown—No. 1	101	83
" —No. 2	124	71
	225	154
Maj. for Nixon 69.		
Milton—E. Ward	55	31
" —N. Ward	54	43
" —S. Ward	60	65
	170	139
Maj. for Nixon 40.		
ESQUESING		
Sprout's School	50	70
Norval	60	70
Stewartown	76	60
Dublin	38	69
Thompson's Corners	45	30
Glenwilliams	124	48
	431	353
Maj. for Nixon 78.		
NASSAGAWEYA		
Campbellville	85	91
Brookville	58	66
Knatchbull	31	93
	174	250
Maj. for Warren 76.		
NELSON		
Freeman	34	57
Nelson Village	53	54
Kilbride	41	49
Lowville	50	37
Bell's School	27	28
Appleby	81	48
	286	273
Maj. for Nixon 13.		
TRAFALGAR		
Hoyne	58	60
Drumquin	70	54
Postville	37	46
Munn's Corners	53	50
Palermo	58	51
Bronte	80	48
9th Line	28	50
	301	404
Maj. for Warren 13.		

Total vote for Nixon 2365
" " " Warren 2033

Total majority for Nixon 332

NASSAGAWEYA

It is only a few weeks since Mr. Jos. Little sold his property at Moffat and moved to Guelph. On Tuesday of last week Mrs. Little, passed peacefully away after a painful lingering illness. She was a daughter of the late Jas. McDowell, of Nelson township, and was married to Mr. Little in 1874. She was the mother of six children, two boys and four girls, James, of Vancouver, B. C.; Charles, of Cranbrook, B. C.; Mrs. J. H. Lowry, of Calgary, Alta.; Mrs. W. H. Lewis, of Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. John J. Henderson and Mrs. Duncan Holmes, of Nassagaweya. These are left with the sorrowing husband to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and mother. She was a kindly and genial woman who had many friends, and will be much missed around her old home in Nassagaweya. The funeral to Moffat on Thursday was largely attended.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have this day carefully counted the number of beans and peas contained in the jar, sealed by Councillor MacDonald on the 31st October last, and find the number of grains to be 8953.

F. A. MACLEAN.
H. R. BURLING.

The nearest number to this guessed was 8955 by Fred H. Storey.

W. L. Mullin guessed 8957, James Dunn 8948, James Anderson 8978, Fred Storey (other near guesses) 8960, 8965, 8970.

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70061	Roamin' in the Gloamin'	Lauder	12
70062	A wee Deoch an' Doris	Lauder	12
70063	Breakfast in Bed on Sunday Morn	Lauder	12

Alma Gluck Sings Home Sweet Home
Alma Gluck, Soprano 12

16979	Ok. You Beautiful Doll — Murray and American Qt. / Honey Man — American Qt. (My Little Lovin' Honey Man)	10

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That part of Queen Street in the Village of Acton between the Easterly limit of Maria Street and the Westerly limit of Elgin Street.

The Council of the Municipality will, at the expiration of one month, hear in person, or by counsel or solicitor, any one whose land may be prejudicially affected thereby and who petitions to be heard.

By order of the Council.
A. J. MACKINNON, Clerk.
GEO. HYNDS, Reeve.
Acton, December 19th, 1911.

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