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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—It's leap year now, girls.

—Very icy pavements since Sunday.

—The schools re-opened yesterday morning.

—Saturday night's snow storm gave very fair sleighing.

—Old Country Christmas mail is still being received.

—Logs have already been coming in to Henderson's saw mill.

—Fine moonlight winter nights now, with very passable sleighing thrown in.

—Mrs. J. W. Bews, Milton, sang with splendid effect a Christmas solo at the Methodist Church at the evening service last Sunday.

—Acton senior hockey team went to Erin on New Year's day for a game. A well contested match resulted in a draw, with a score of 4 4.

—The annual meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall, Milton, on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, at one o'clock p. m.

—William A. Smith won out in the running for Alderman in Acton, just as William H. Smith did in the contest for Board of Education in Ward five, Toronto.

—Rev. Griffin Thompson, of Erin, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Clark at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton, last week. He is to be appointed to Stoney Creek and Bartonville.

—This has been a busy week for Councillor Bell. He hustled for a good second place in the race for Municipal Council on Monday, and got a brand new son-in-law on Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. Tovell for the Anniversary

Rev. Mr. Draper, pastor of the Methodist Church, has been successful in securing the services of Rev. L. Tovell, D. D., of Trinity Church, Toronto, as the preacher for the church anniversary to be held on Sunday, 28th January. Dr. Tovell is one of the best loved and most successful pastors in Toronto. He was pastor in Acton in the early seventies of last century, and will naturally be accorded a very cordial welcome on this occasion.

Fifty-Seven Years Postmaster

The death of Matthew Teefy, Postmaster of Richmond Hill last month leaves Postmaster Matthews, of Acton, the longest in service of the postmasters of the Dominion. Mr. Teefy was appointed in 1858, while Mr. Matthews' appointment dates from June 1863. It is very probable that Mr. Matthews is the oldest postmaster in America. He hopes the government will celebrate his lengthened term of faithful service by the erection in Acton of a fine new Post Office and Custom House—smaller to those erected last year in Fergus and Elora.

The New King George Stamps

The FREE PRESS was the first purchaser of the new King George issue of postage stamps opened by Postmaster Matthews yesterday afternoon. The new stamp differs somewhat from the old one bearing the head of the late King Edward. The maple leaf on the new stamp is much more prominent than on the old one, and the words "one cent" and "two cents" are below the head on the new stamp and in the circle on the old ones. The colored inks used in printing are deeper in color. These are the only two denominations received so far. Others are expected in a few days.

Celebrated Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnston of 157 Wright avenue, Toronto, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, December 23rd. Mr. Johnston, who was born in the county of Carleton, near Ottawa, in 1838, and Mrs. Johnston, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Glenn, was born in Norval, Ont., in 1844, both come of that vigorous and sturdy Canadian Irish stock which has done so much for the settlement and development of this province, all their parents having come from the County Tyrone, Ireland, as pioneers to Ontario over seventy years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were married in Glenallen, Perth County, on December 23rd, 1861, and lived for some time in Erin and Acton. About twenty-two years ago they took up their permanent residence in Toronto. Three sons and a daughter are living out of a family of eight. There are also five grandchildren. Their eldest daughter, Mrs. William B. Catton, died two years ago. The surviving family consisting of Robert and William, of the firm of Robertson and Johnston, Ltd.; Mrs. Charles E. Neal and Dr. Samuel Johnston, all living in Toronto.

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NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Gone to Reside in Winnipeg

Mr. Samuel Brown arrived last week to take his mother, who was widowed the middle of December, to his home in Winnipeg. They left for the West on Monday.

The Free Library

The readers of the Free Library now number 311. The number of volumes issued during the year was 6156, of which 3153 were fiction and 3001 non-fiction. During December 572 volumes were issued.

Graduates in Main School

Sunday was graduation day in the Methodist Sunday School. Elsie Stewart, Muriel Morris, Lucy Edwards, Clara Cutting, Elwell Beadle, Hugh Brown, Ray Agnew and George Soper were each presented with diplomas and bibles, each having creditably passed their examinations.

Fractured His Left Ankle

Mr. Fred Swansonburg, of Beardmore Crescent, had the misfortune when going down the incline from the park to Fairy Lake on a skating excursion, to slip and fall on his left foot fracturing the ankle. Mr. Henry Neil, was with him, helped him to Dr. Holmes' surgery where the fracture was reduced. He will be laid up for several weeks.

New Years Day

The New Year was ushered in with a good degree of old-fashioned winter weather, sufficient snow to make very fair sleighing and a bright, crisp, frosty tang in the air. The day was very generally observed as a holiday and visitors to and from town were quite numerous. The New Year's entertainment of Knox Sunday School in the town hall was a fitting climax to the day's festivities.

More of the Skating Accident Story

The record of particulars of the skaters' involuntary plunge into Fairy Lake and their subsequent rescue was only partially related in last FREE PRESS. When Ralph Swackhamer went to the rescue of Miss Matthews and Herbert Measles, he was himself precipitated into the icy depths through the breaking of the ice at the edge of the aperature. Fortunately Mr. Thomas Williamson, a young Scotchman who has resided in Acton for some time, saw the predicament of the three young people and with courage and caution he rescued first Miss Matthews and then young Measles and Swackhamer. He assisted the dripping girl to Mrs. Brunt's residence and then hurried to her father's home for dry clothing. Had Williamson not been nearby one or more drowning fatalities would probably have occurred.

Seven Years of Faithful Service

Mr. Charles A. G. Matthews, who came to the FREE PRESS seven years ago as an apprentice, and who for several years has been the very competent and esteemed foreman of the office, left this week to take a position in the printing department of the United Typewriter Co., Toronto, of which office Mr. John S. Moore, another FREE PRESS graduate, is the mechanical superintendent. Mr. Matthews was a most faithful and satisfactory employee, an artistic printer with a fine fund of the initiative. He enjoyed the entire confidence of the FREE PRESS management as well as the general public with whom he transacted business. Not only does he excel as a printer, but he has literary taste and ability to a commendable degree. As an enterprising young citizen he was universally esteemed. The FREE PRESS wishes him UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS in the wider sphere to which he has gone.

Pretty Wedding at Councillor Bell's

On Tuesday evening a very happy function was held at the home of Councillor Bell, Knox Street, when his younger daughter, Miss Agnes Elizabeth, and Mr. John C. Leslie, of Calgary, son of Township Treasurer Leslie, of Esquesing, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Promptly as the town bell was ringing the hour of six o'clock the bride entered the drawing room on her father's arm and took her place beside the groom under the decorations of myrtle and white roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A. The bride was attired in a dainty costume of white duchess satin with trimmings of crystal and pearl. Her travelling gown was of cadet blue diagonal with hat to match. The bride carried a bouquet of bridal roses, lilies of the valley. The dining room decorations were carnations. After congratulations the wedding repast was partaken of and the young couple left by the nine o'clock train on a honeymoon tour to New York and possibly to Bermuda. They will return to Acton and about the third week in January will proceed to their new home in Calgary, Alta.

Knox Sunday School Entertainment

The annual entertainment of Knox Sunday School was a great success, the hall being crowded to the doors and the programme full of merit throughout. The proceedings commenced at eight o'clock sharp. Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., the chairman, made a brief address, after which the Lawrie Boys, who made such a hit at the Thanksgiving entertainment, were called upon. They certainly upheld the reputation they won on their former appearance as Scotch singers and were encored after each number. Master Thompson Laurie's solo "The Gift" was exceptionally well rendered. The chairman presented diplomas for saying the shorter catechism to Misses Vera Harvey, Jean and Margaret Wilson, they having answered all of the one hundred and seven questions. The doll drill by the little tots was exceedingly well done and gave evidence of much work on the part of the children and those in charge. The candle drill by the young ladies was very pretty, all the hall lights being turned out, and only the light from their candles illuminating the hall. The last item on the programme was a tableau entitled "The Death of Minnehaha" and was very pretty indeed. The audience, however, was not satisfied until they had heard the Lawrie Boys again and they were consequently called upon for the closing number.

Shiloh's Cure

Milton Bible Society

Milton Bible Society raised $137.35 last year. The officers for 1912 are: President—S. Dice; Vice-President—G. S. Bowes; Secretary—J. S. Deacon; Treasurer—W. H. Clements. Executive Committee—Dr. Robertson, Jas. A. Fraser, Rev. J. C. Willmott, M. A., J. S. McCassell, John Maxted and resident ministers.

Remembered their Pastor and Wife

Rev. and Mrs. M. Cree, of Norwood, are visiting at Mr. Ronald Sinclair's and other friends. Before leaving for their Christmas holidays their congregation presented Mrs. Cree with a beautiful mink muff and Mr. Cree with a purse of one hundred dollars in gold to fit himself with a fur-lined overcoat.

The Canadian Almanac for 1912

The Canadian Almanac, which forms the sixty-fifth of the series, is unusually valuable, and is indispensable to every office and library in the Dominion. Many of the lists given are not found elsewhere, and in no other volume can so much information about Canada be found in so small a space. The Canadian Almanac has been published continuously since 1848 by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. Its lists of names of Post Offices of Canada, and names of Dominion and Provincial cabinets, members and officers are alone worth the price, 60 cents. The Almanac contains 504 pages.

Sub-Contractor Injured in Cave-in

Sub-contractor Alex. McIsaac, of Hamilton, met with painful, though fortunately not serious injuries, in a cave-in at the sand pit on Queen Street, yesterday while at work at the Beardmore sidings. About fifty tons of the bank caved in and struck Mr. McIsaac and one of his men, knocking the former against the hub of a waggon, and burying the latter under the mass. Mr. McIsaac sustained a severely sprained hip and had his chest bruised by the impact. The other man was promptly dug out and was not much hurt. Dr. Holmes attended the injuries and says Mr. McIsaac will be able to be about in a few day.

Funeral of Rev. C. Cookman

The funeral of the late Rev. C. Cookman was held at Weston on Wednesday evening of last week, and was conducted by five brother ministers who had been colleagues of deceased. The remains were brought to Acton Thursday morning and interred in Fairview Cemetery in the Hall family plot. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. C. D. Draper, Acton, Rev. D. W. Snider, Elora, representing the Hamilton Conference. Messrs. James Moore, Wm. Hemstreet, Joseph Leahy, Thos. Elliott, Peter McNabb and H. P. Moore were the pall bearers.

Officers Walker Lodge A. F. & A. M.

At the regular meeting of Walker Lodge No. 211, G. R. C., A. F. & A. M. held Wednesday, Dec. 27th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

W. M.—John Wood.
J. P. M.—Geo. J. Wallace.
S. W.—A. O. T. Beardmore.
J. W.—Dr. R. E. Holmes.
Chap.—W. M. Cooper, P. M.
Treas.—John Kenney, Jr., P. M.
Secry.—R. M. McDonald, P. M.
S. D.—W. H. Flood.
J. D.—E. J. Hassard.
D. C. C.—John Lawson, P. M.
I. G.—Alex. Mackie.
Sr. Std.—F. A. MacLean.
Jr. Std.—T. H. Cook.
Tyler—John Kenney, Sr.

Installing Master, Wor. Bro.—A. J. MacKinnon.

The Methodist Sunday School

The annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. Chas. D. Draper, pastor, presiding. The reports for the year were encouraging and gave evidence of progress. The average attendance for the year was 151, the offerings for the school purposes $152, and for Missions $214.36. This latter was augmented on Sunday by the annual Christmas offering for Missions which amounted to $36.00. The officers and teachers of last year were re-elected, with a few necessary changes owing to removals. With the annual meeting the Superintendent, Mr. H. P. Moore, completed his twenty-fifth year in continuous service in that office. This epoch,—which Messrs. A. E. Nickle, J. P., and J. S. Coleman, Associate Superintendents, were pleased to refer to at the session on Sunday as the Superintendent's silver anniversary—was marked by the presentation of a much appreciated address on behalf of the school, to Mr. Moore.

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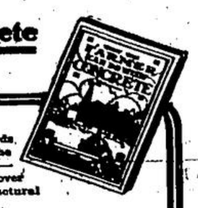

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