

BORN
MURRAY—Mill Ringer, Action, on Thursday, February 12, 1912, son of Mr. Edward Hyde, a son—Edward Gandy.

MARRIED
HUFFMAN ANDREWS—At Thorburn, on Wednesday, February 11, 1912, to Mrs. W. J. Booth, daughter of George Anderson, to Mr. Huffman, all of Thorburn.

FARROW O'NEILL—At the H. C. Church, Georgetown, on Saturday, February 11, 1912, to Mr. Farrow, Father, Wesley, Action, Edward Farrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill, of Thorburn, and Mrs. James, daughter of James O'Neill, of Littleton.

DIED
McLELLAN—At Peterborough, on Sunday, February 12, 1912, Mrs. John McLellan, wife of John McLellan, of Thorburn, Lake Avenue, aged 74 years.

DEAN—John Dean, wife of James Dean, of Thorburn, died on Monday, February 13, 1912, Mrs. John Dean, wife of James Dean, daughter of James O'Neill, of Thorburn, and Mrs. James, daughter of James O'Neill, of Littleton.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1912

EDITORIAL NOTES

IN AN EDITORIAL in the Toronto Globe on Monday on "Politics and Moral Reform" that journal declared: "The Globe stands, as we believe, the solid body of temperance opinion in Ontario side—and that quite independent of the views and actions of the Dominion Alliance—for the closing of every bar-room in the Province."

A Bill has been introduced in the Ontario Legislature to prevent the extirpation of ginseng. Digging or gathering in its wild state is prohibited between Jan. 1st and Sept. 1st, penalty for the violation not less than \$2 or not more than \$20. Half of penalty goes to the prosecutor unless otherwise ordered by the convicting magistrate.

IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT to the number of 300,000 arrived in Canada during the first two months of the current fiscal year, April to February. Of this number 200,000 arrived at ocean ports and 111,000 from the United States. These figures show an increase of 15 per cent. as compared with those for the corresponding months of last fiscal year.

PASSENGER SERVICE from the Atlantic to the Pacific over the Canadian Northern Railway in the summer of 1912 was the forecast of Sir Donald Mann as he passed through Winnipeg from the coast to Toronto this week. A freight service from coast to coast, it was stated, would go into operation in two years, with passenger service the following summer.

A REPRESENTATIVE MEETING of citizens of Nassau, Bahamas, attended by many members of the Legislature and other prominent personages last week, reaffirmed with but three dissenting votes the desire of the colony to discuss with the Dominion Government the proposition to enter the Canadian Confederation. The meeting urged His Excellency, the Governor of the Colony, to obtain the consent of the imperial authorities to such a discussion.

"WILD DUCK CONSERVATION" by Fred Hyde, formerly Editor of Ontario Game, is the leading number in the February issue of Rod and Gun in Canada published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont. No sportsman interested in the preservation of this important species of our wild fowl should fail to procure a copy of the February number and read this article from first to last. Other articles serve as interesting reminders of the representative character of this Canadian sportsman's publication.

Both the Dominion and Provincial Governments have agreed to give grants for the extension of good roads throughout the country. The Oakville Star, whose editor was a member of the delegation which waited upon the Government in the matter, says: "Halton will share handsomely in these grants and it now behoves the county council to take a hand in advancing this good work by immediately passing a by-law to spend two hundred thousand dollars more, which with better machinery, and the improved knowledge of construction, should give this county quite a number of high class roads. Let not one opportunity be lost."

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION of temperance workers, held in Mississauga last week, was the most influential and representative gathering of the kind ever held in the Dominion. Representatives were present from every province. The determination was strong to aim at the banishment of the bar-rooms everywhere and this was especially the case as far as Ontario is concerned, since naturally the larger attendance naturally came at the county convention at Georgetown on Monday the same issue prevailed. The delegates determined to vote the amendment to the "Provincial Situation," by Rev. Dr. Abraham that the four remaining towns in the county under license are also likely to have contests on the same date with the same object in view.

HALTON CHAMBERS

The County Chambers Presented Over by Councillor Smith, Action

The annual meeting of the County of Halton L. O. L. was held in Milton last week. Officers were elected as follows:

W. M.—W. H. Smith, Action.

P. M.—R. H. Walsh, Oakville.

Sec. Soc.—F. McEvily, Georgetown.

Trustee—J. N. O'Farrell, Oakville.

Chair—W. H. Lindsey, Oakville.

Loc.—Chair—McGrath, Oakville.

D. of C.—James Spence, Palermo.

"There will be no County celebration of the 15th of July in Halton this year."

Champion.

Johns, Baird, of Georgetown, was present and had not noticed a meeting in forty years. Mr. Baird is President of Action Lodge Cross and Crown of the Black Presbyterian, and it is noticeable that his wife, Mrs. Baird, was at the meeting. He is enjoying good health, although in his eighties.

THE VOTE ALMOST UNANIMOUS

In Favor of Hydro-Electric Power Connection for Action.

157 VOTES FOR, ONLY 8 AGAINST

Never before in the history of Action's municipal career was any by-law entailing the expenditure of money carried with such a degree of unanimity as were the Hydro-Electric by-laws at the election on Monday.

The vote was a splendid expression of Action's desire for progressive and up-to-date surroundings. The vote was also a practical, uncollected testimony of the fact of our property taxes. Action's future is based on confidence in the advantages to be derived from connection with the great "white coal" system developed by the provincial government. These advantages were placed before the people at the Council; at the meeting of citizens, and through the columns of the Free Press, but there was no systematic canvas nor any concerted plan for getting out the vote. The electors were left free to exercise their franchise as they deemed in the best interests of the town, and they did it with a spirit of unanimity, which will give the Government satisfaction in carrying out that express desire.

The votes were as follows:

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FOR AGAINST

No. 1 Town Hall... 71 2

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The Council will proceed without delay to have the installation of Hydro Electric completed at the earliest date consistent with perfect and permanent work. In this they will have the willing co-operation of the Hydro-Electric Commission and it is contemplated that by undertaking the "public service" and that full advantage should be taken wherever practicable for the adoption and putting into force of Local Option under the present Home law.

A largely attended mass meeting was held in the town hall at 7 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, when practical and inspiring addresses were delivered by Mr. McElrath, Dr. McTavish and Rev. Mr. Oulton.

Mr. Douglas Staunton, the boy contractor of Toronto, sang at all the churches and also at the mass meeting. This wonderful young vocalist ably sustained the splendid reputation earned at his previous visit to Action. His solo "Vote as you Please" and "Abolish the Bar" at the mass meeting were highly effective.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, who has been closely associated with Action all his life, ventured the prediction that Action would never repeal the Local Option by-law, and it is believed this prediction is absolutely sure.

At the meeting the President, H. P. Moore, Action, in his address referred to the fact that with the townships of Nassau, Nelson and Trafalgar, and the town of Action under Local Option, about half the population of the County had banished the legal sale of liquor. It was noted that it would be desirable that the municipalities of Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Guelph and Kitchener, the other half, should enter campaigns and close up the bar-rooms. The benefits of Local Option to Action and many of its citizens were shown. The Provincial government was given a large share of credit for the activities of its officers in their effort to secure satisfactory enforcement of the provisions of the law. In concluding his address Mr. Moore appealed strongly to the electors to support and encourage the campaign for Local Option.

The regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening was a brief session. All the members were present and the first proceeding was to congratulate each other upon the splendid vote in favor of the Hydro-Electric by-law.

The fourth report of the Committee on Finance passed the following accounts:

Gas & Electric Co., Ltd..... \$ 181 10

Action Local Tax Co., Ltd..... 5 75

Robt. Storey, work at cemetery..... 5 25

Alex. Moore, work at cemetery..... 1 25

Wm. McDonald, Post Clerk..... 1 00

Geo. Argue, do..... 3 00

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A. E. Nicklin, auditor..... 17 00

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