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THURSDAY, APRIL 31, 1915

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Watch Acton grow this summer. —Wild flowers will soon be in bloom. —Trotting thing opens in three weeks. —Gardening operations have commenced. —Sunday's weather was not profitable for the new Easter bonnets. —The pavements are all clear of ice again, a feature generally appreciated. —It is expected the work on the Beardmore siding will soon commence again. —Easter Sunday morning's warm sun effectively washed off the face of nature. —The Beave's health notice requests all citizens to put their premises in a tidy and sanitary condition. —Rev. John Lindsay, of Kintore, has accepted a call to the Erie and Oswego Presbyterian Churches. —Mr. Arthur Plant, who has been agent of the G. T. R. at Seaforth for the past two years, has been appointed station master at Brantford. —It was rather disappointing to find the thermometer down to thirty degrees and the ground covered with snow again on Monday morning. —The teachers for Oakville's proposed new sewage system were opened last week and were \$21,000 and \$10,000. —Rather fancy figures, surely. —Mr. Frank Wright, son of Mr. Geo. Wright, of Ashgrove, is expected to return for apprenticeship on Monday last. He is progressing favorably. —It is the intention of Hon. L. P. Pelletier to introduce a bill next session increasing the salaries of the rural postmen. The present minimum salary of \$35 will be increased to \$50. —At a meeting of the K-queuing Board of Health last week, it was deemed necessary that all dogs in the township should be locked up or muzzled. The by-law took effect yesterday. —"I do wish boys would lay something besides eggs," said the little girl of the family on Easter morning after she had gotten through with her second egg, and was feeling a bit satisfied. —TOMBING OF APPRECIATION Mr. A. T. Mann, leader of Knox Church Choir for 25 years. —A very interesting evening was spent by Knox Church congregation in the school room Tuesday. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Beardmore, occupied the chair and an interesting programme was carried out. —The most recent feature included music by Misses Minnie and Ada Holmes, and quartets by Mrs. John H. Keen and Misses Ada and Minnie Holmes and Miss McOura. —The real object of the gathering being apparent, however, when Mr. D. Henderson, of the floor and called upon Mr. A. T. Mann, leader of the choir. In an informal address of well-chosen sentences Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the congregation, expressed the cordial appreciation of the services Mr. Mann had so faithfully and efficiently rendered for a quarter of a century as leader of the choir. Kind words were also spoken by John H. Kennedy and the pastor, and an arm chair and couch upholstered in leather were presented to Mr. Mann. —Mr. Mann thanked the congregation very liberally both for himself and Mrs. Mann for the valuable gifts presented, and especially for the kind words spoken. He had performed the services referred to with much pleasure to himself though at times with considerable inconvenience. He had felt his best services were due to the church of himself and his father. After such a long term in office he thought a change would be beneficial, and after careful consideration he had finally decided to retire from the position of choir leader. He expressed his wishes for the success of the musical service through all the coming years. —At the conclusion of the programme arrangements were made and 50 cents was collected for the choir. —\$500 REWARD GOOD The names of this paper will be placed in a hat and the names of the donors will be drawn out. The names of the donors will be drawn out. The names of the donors will be drawn out.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Firemen's Demonstration—July last Acton Fire Brigade has decided to hold a big demonstration here on July 1st. A programme for the day's proceedings of an attractive character is under preparation.

Celebrated the Holiday—A resident of Acton, which is a very dry town, came to the city yesterday to celebrate Good Friday. He did so with the result that he became a little too noisy and was run in by the police. This morning after he had sobered up he was allowed to go to St. Joseph's.

Grants to Fossil Road Veterans—The Bill under which the men who took the field against the Fenians in 1800 and 1870 are to receive an allowance of \$100 apiece has been passed. The Minister of Militia, Col. E. D. Togo, has been appointed to meet the millionaires. They will have the interview in New York next week.

Visit of Sir William Mackenzie—On Good Friday Sir William and Lady Mackenzie arrived from Toronto in their private "Autocrat" to spend a portion of Easter week with their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Beardmore and Mr. Beardmore and family. The visit of course was of a family nature and included inspection of the new residence in course of construction on the five property. They returned to the city Saturday morning.

Left on Tuesday For Saskatchewan—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnstone and Mr. William Johnstone left on Tuesday for Saskatchewan, where they have important real estate investments. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Jr., intend making their home there, and Mr. William Johnstone will spend several months in the west, returning to the city in the summer. They took a car of furniture and effects, a team of heavy horses and their driver. The car was accompanied by Mr. James A. Watson, Rockwood.

The Easter Holidays—Good Friday was a delightful spring day and citizens generally and the numerous holiday visitors enjoyed the warm weather and bright sunshine exceedingly. Easter Sunday was considerably a contrast. During the day the mercury fell 25 or 30 degrees and as a consequence, with the strong westerly gales prevailing, the weather was rather unseasonable. Bright Easter services were held in all the churches and the entertainments at the various clubs was much enjoyed.

Funeral of Mrs. Monroe Yesterday—Mrs. Charlotte Monroe, who was an esteemed resident of Acton for many years, died on Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. McCallister, Rockwood, after a brief illness. About a week before she was stricken with paralysis and lingered without pain until the end came. The remains were brought to Acton on Tuesday evening and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. J. C. Wilson, R. A. officiating. Mrs. Monroe was a godly woman and was generally beloved for her kindness of spirit and sterling character.

The Ladies' Association—This popular social entertainment, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, will be given in the town hall next Monday evening, 16th inst. The most complete menu of thirty-five courses and the entertainments promise to be fascinating throughout. There will be old-fashioned and fantastic costumes and through the wonderful transforming powers of Prof. Mackenzie a galaxy of beautiful made-over maids will be presented. Mr. W. W. Beardmore has consented to give several violin solos. Miss Lauretta Gray will be the accompanist.

An Unforgettable Trip to Calcutta—Mr. George Murray favored the members of the King's Orderlies with a highly enjoyable and instructive resume of a trip from London, England, to Calcutta, India, at the meeting last Monday evening at the home of Mr. Sunderland Taylor, Frederick Street. Mr. Murray visited many points on route such as Gibraltar, Malacca, Penang, Singapore, and then he described in vivid detail. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor provided much appreciated refreshments at the close. Mr. J. B. Nelson, the new President, occupied the chair.

Spring Freshets Damaged Here—Good Friday was a day of high temperatures on Friday and Saturday, every stream in this vicinity was swollen to points far above high water marks. Fairy Lake filled to overflow and was hardly of sufficient capacity to carry away the volume of water which was increasing every hour. The stream below the mill was almost as high as the new sluice constructed by Messrs. Beardmore & Co. for the lanterne last summer. The Church Street Bridge was undermined at one corner and the dam at Sinclair's wagon shops showed signs of dissolution. Debris about the taneries floated down stream. No serious damage resulted here.

Wife Minister's (Continued) Illness—Last Thursday the illness of Rev. D. H. Hoock, pastor Methodist Church, took a bad turn. His right side was paralyzed and he became comatose. A leading Toronto physician was summoned. On examining the patient he pronounced the case hopeless. On Friday morning Mr. Hoock was thought to be dying, but he rallied and regained consciousness. This morning he is reported to be holding his own, with his heart action fairly strong. His condition is still extremely critical, but his physician says it is hardly as hopeless as it was. Mr. Hoock is very popular with the people of Milton and all districts, and his condition is the cause of general anxiety. —Chambers.

DEPLORABLE FATAL ACCIDENT

George Gray Caught in Wringer at Sole Leather Tannery and Terribly Mangled AND DIED DURING THE NIGHT

Between seven and eight o'clock last Saturday morning George Gray, an employe of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., was caught between the heavy iron rolls in one of the wringers at the sole leather tannery, and terribly injured so that he died during the night.

The sad accident occurred shortly after the work of the day commenced. While there were workmen all around the mill as usual, when the accident occurred, the first intimation being the terrific screams of the poor fellow as he was being drawn between the ponderous rollers of the wringer with the hide he was putting through.

The machinery was at once thrown out of gear and fellow-workmen proceeded to liberate the mangled man, who, though enduring terrible suffering from his injuries never lost consciousness. The left arm was fractured in several places and torn out of the socket at the shoulder, while the hand and the flesh of the arm adhered to the rollers. The left leg was also fractured and much lacerated, while several ribs were torn from the spinal column and one lung was punctured.

Dr. Gray and Holmes were called and rendered first aid. Dr. Holmes accompanied him to the Guelph General Hospital on the 12:30 train. The poor fellow died during the night.

Deceased came to Canada from Dundee, Scotland, in August, 1907, and with the exception of a few months spent in Galt, has resided here ever since and been employed at the tannery of Messrs. Beardmore & Co. He was thirty-three years of age, a married man, a good citizen and a faithful employee. Mr. Gray went home to the old country some time ago on a visit and has not returned. The sad news of her husband's death will be a great shock to her. She has the sympathy of the community in her great sorrow.

Mr. Gray was a member of the Sons of England, and the brethren of this order took charge of the remains and attended the funeral in a body on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held from St. Alban's Church and interment took place at Fairview Cemetery, Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, M. A., conducting the service. Both tanneries were closed and the workmen attended the funeral.

The Education Examination—The Department of Education has announced that the Junior High School entrance examinations for 1915 will begin on Wednesday, June 10th, and continue until Friday, June 21st; also that the Junior Public School graduation diploma examination will begin on Monday, June 17th, and continue till Friday, June 25th.

Awarded One Cent as Damages—In a libel suit brought against the Stratford Beacon for inserting, in good faith, a personal item, the judge awarded the two aggrieved parties each one cent without costs. The item was not in as a "joke," and so soon as the mistake was made known the paper published an explanation. The verdict does not carry costs against the Beacon. They will be heavy.

Asking Pair Business Prices—The blacksmiths of K-queuing, Napanague, Erin and Kramora are arranging a scale of business prices for horsehoesing at a small percentage in advance of the rates which have been in vogue in past years. The increasing prices of material and labor and the cost of living have rendered a higher price necessary. It is gratifying that about twenty-five of the blacksmiths in these townships have mutually agreed upon the new uniform schedule.

Death of a Former Resident—News reached the friends here this week of the death of Mrs. Alex. Kennedy, formerly of Acton, at the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of Rockwood. Mrs. Kennedy was in fair health until the 23rd of March, when she was stricken with paralysis. She never spoke again but passed away on the 31st inst. Mr. Kennedy predeceased her at Edmonston in 1908. They were esteemed residents of this locality for many years. They resided in Northwell, and came to Guelph and finally settled in Edmonston.

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CREWSON'S CORNER

Mrs. Wm. A. Murray was in Toronto for a few days last week attending the funeral of Mrs. Edwin Smith, sister of Mr. John Murray.

Miss Maggie Crewson spent Saturday in Guelph.

Master Garfield and Kenneth Campbell, of Pine Lake, spent the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Jas. Gault.

Mr. H. H. Brown, of Guelph, was home over the holidays.

Misses Clara and Marie Lantz, of Guelph, visited relatives here.

Mr. A. Stevenson and Miss A. Crewson, of Milton, spent a few days with Mrs. M. Crewson.

Mrs. Dampier, who has been quite ill, is improving.

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