

NOTES
Mines-In Acton, on Tuesday, December 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacK. a son.
S. DIED.—At 61 St. Mark Street, Montreal, on Saturday, just before January, Miss Elizabeth MacKinnon, wife of C. Austin, H. D., late of Acton, in her 70th year.
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EDITORIAL NOTES

ACTON has the loosely distinction of returning to the liquor license system; this is not at all proud of it.—Yester-day's Globe.

THE TOTAL TRADE of Canada with other countries in 1912 amounted to approximately a billion dollars, the imports being \$600,000,000 and exports being about \$300,000,000. This is an increase this year over last of about \$100,000,000.

THE LOCAL OPTION BY-LAW of this municipality was repealed in the election on Monday, not because of any considerable change of sentiment on the part of the people who voted three years ago for the measure, but owing largely to the change of population since that time.

CANADIAN MILLS have found the manufacture of American oats and wheat, under bond, from flour and cereals profitable the past year. Early in the autumn when our own grain were high in price, considerable quantities were brought in from the other side, and the finished article was shipped to foreign buyers.

THESE are locked up in Fort William harbor, awaiting the opening of navigation. It consists of 151 million bushels of grain. In the elevators there are 10 million bushels more, making a total of 22 million bushels, which is a record. With 205,000,000 bushels Canada stands fifth among the nations of the world in wheat production.

THE ELECTORS of Acton gave 157 votes for the Local Option by-law, 226 against. The majority, being three-fifths of the total polled, the by-law was repealed. Because Acton has the right to Local Option it does not necessarily follow that hotels and shops in that village will be licensed to sell intoxicating liquors.—Yesterday's Mail and Empire.

LOUNGE'S DRUG STORES, Toronto, as well as those stores in the United States, have decided not to sell liquor, even on a doctor's prescription, in future. "We haven't an ounce of liquor in the store. We have cut it right out. We are cutting liquor free from this business entirely. We won't even sell on a doctor's prescription," said the manager to the Star on Saturday.

THE FOREST assets of Canada, industrially, stands her forest production. The annual output for 1912 is estimated to be worth \$100,000,000. During the last forty years Canada's forest products have been worth more to her by one-third than her farm products. Considering the fact that two-thirds of the country is not only for timber growth, but for her best structural timber in the world. Canada, if she follows out the policy of conservation, has begun, may look forward to her forests as an unlimited source of wealth.

THE FAVORITE expression of some who are opposed to the closing of the breweries is "Oh, this Local Option craze is just a wave sweeping over the country, and it will soon subside." This was reiterated, and the "I told you so" ejaculation freely used on Monday night when the result in Acton was given out. The expression was not to be construed as a personal rebuke, what was meant was that Acton has the only place in Ontario where retail had been successful, and that Monday's vote had closed more than seventy additional bars.

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE for January contains fine appreciation of Sir Richard Cartwright by Professor W. L. Green, of Queen's University, Kingston, and a comprehensive article titled "Canadian Wholesalers and Retailers," by J. D. Logan, a startling account of "A Summer Night in My Lodging-house," by Kenneth Douglas; an exposure in superstition by Dr. Wilfred Greenfall; "The Life of the Bohemian," being an account of railway labour and construction work, by W. Laury Amy; a popular scientific article by Prof. D. Fraser Harris, entitled "Mechanisms Before Metals"; a review of the early theatrical season in New York, by John E. Webster; a picturesque description of Bristol, entitled "Canada's Oracle," and other contributions of note.

MEM

Reverend McElroy, Deputy Reeve, Harbour, Councillors—Jesops, Beaumont and Blance.

BALTIMORE

The young people of the Methodist Church, Baltimore, are practising for their annual entertainment to be held on January 13th.

Rev. Mr. Weddell and family expect to be settled in the manse this week. We hope they will like their new home and parish.

Mr. Fred Shortell and his sister, Miss Anna, had a narrow escape on their way to League Tuesday night. Doc. M. H. when the bit broke and their horse ran away. Miss Shortell was thrown out of the cart at Baldwin corner and Mr. Weddell jumped after her. He received the Methodist Church. They received no serious injury.

Miss Jessie Bennett has returned to Guelph to resume her studies at the Macmillan Institute.

Miss McWhorter, of Penrose school was unable to return to her duties this week on account of illness.

Mr. A. McDevitt, who had been confined to the house most of the winter, is not recovering very rapidly.

Ex-COUN.BROWN FOR COUN.BELL

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Majority for the by-law—204.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

Oh, the pathos of it! Little boys laughing with delight for the triumph of their fathers over the men and women who had been trying to protect such as them, in the Local Option election on Monday.

And almost as pathetic the frantic glee and yelling of men who would score the thought of their boys going to a "dive," but who had helped to bring in a condition of legal public destruction. Look at it in cold type, the favorite yell of grown men and their own little boys, "To hell with Local Option."

For a wonder, politics seemed to cast no figure in Acton's municipal election this time. Political parties were split up on both sides, or rather on all sides, which was one hopeful sign of the day's doings whatever others there might or might not be.

Had the Chairman at the Repeal meeting introduced "Our Coming Policy," he would have hit it better than in introducing our "Coming Member," at Liberal meetings in recent political contests.

"The joke of the day," as it was called, gave something to live up to the day's doings, but Monday itself, was no joke on anyone's calendar.

Action now holds a position of "splendid isolation" in that she is the first municipality of a total of 220 open to attack in three years, to repeat Local Option. A distinction that should give seven or eight people something to think about.

Did anyone ever hear a public speaker who seemed to find himself up against a stone wall more desperately than "Rev." Mr. Weddell at the Repeal meeting, as he advanced his peculiar Biblical theories? Repeal men that are not all nitwits had, however, for he seemed to look in vain for encouragement.

Action having acted on the advice tendered by James Livingston, of Grimsby, will now need no further help if citizens buy up to sixteen or seventeen years are all in their beds at five minutes past eight unless at some extreme temperament with their parents. But if any should in later years of young manhood happen to get "in with kinsmen," "oh, don't take a soothsayer and chop their heads off."

"I may how-do-as-much-as-we-like, I'm going to have my thirty-five minutes," said Rev. John Muir, but perhaps he might as well have let the "bood-ooing" go on.

To their credit, repeal men did the unexpected and hillock unusual thing, by coming out in good time in speech and pamphlet, whatever was in either, and presented a front for attack. Of course they should have led the way at the very first, and were probably forced to accept the challenge, but they did accept it.

Four years ago, in 1873, Action chose her first Council. Citizens today would do well to hunt for the names and study the kind of men and what they stand for, those were the first attended to her municipal affairs.

Said a thoughtful young lad since Monday, "Well if this doesn't knock Action worse than any of the pamphlets, or any 'new wave' org, tb have it go out over the country that more than three-fifths of the people are for the open bar-rooms."

Observer

SUFFERED

WITH BILLOWEWS AND SICK HEADACHE

Galgay, Alberta, July 8, 1911. I was a great sufferer for a long time with Billowebs, Sick Headache and Liver trouble. Nothing seemed to do me any good. I had almost given up in despair when I decided to try Fig Pills.

After taking about half box the biloweb stopped and my appetite improved. I have just finished the fifth box and feel as well as ever. I can heartily recommend Fig Pills for stomach and liver trouble. —MRS. MARY BILLOWEBS.

Gold at all dealers in 20 and 50 cent boxes or mailed by The Fig Pill Co., St. Thomas, Ont.

MASSAGE WASH.

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M. J. Coxon and Matthew Job.

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Henderson & Co.  
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