BORN

McCALLUM—At 902 Poplar Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask., on Thursday, 18th December, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. K. McCallum, a daughter.

MARRIED

RICHARDSON-STEWART—In Esquesing, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. G. H. Draper, John Alfred Richardson, of Concord, Ont., to Clara Elizabeth, daughter of John Stewart, Esq.

DIED.

KNOTT—In Welland, on Saturday, December 20th, John Joseph Rider, proprietor of the Welland Tribune, in his 70th year.

BROOKS—In Nassagaweya, on Monday, December 15th, Mary Elizabeth Laqlee, beloved wife of Frederick Brooks, in her 56th year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1913

CHRISTMAS—1913

Christmas is here! Merry, merry Christmas to all!

Christmas should be an occasion for magnifying the sweetness and sacredness of home life. Christ loved the home, and he blessed it for all time. Happy is the family whose homecircle, though it has been broken by the absence of some of its members, which is able to re-form that circle by homecomings for Christmas Day. The reunion invariably brings joy. But there are home circles which, since last Christmas, have been broken by the absence of those who can never come back in body. They sleep under the wintry whiteness. Their souls have entered the eternal Brightness. Yet it will be a chastened pleasure for those who are left to meet again and honor Him in whose keeping the lost and loved ones have been placed. And many homes will be blessed to-day through the opening of their doors to those who cannot get to the old home. May Christmas be happy to all. The FREE PRESS bears a glad Christmas greeting to all the homes where it goes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE FACT that Canada had to import 13,294,000 dozen eggs in 1912, indicates the condition of the trade here. This country is not producing nearly enough eggs to meet home needs. We used to export as much as we have to import now.

WORD comes from Ottawa that the Federal Government is now busy preparing the programme of the Administration for the approaching session of Parliament, which opens about the middle of the month. Among other measures in prospect will be the redistribution of seats bill. Some gerrymandering is anticipated in all the Provinces.

A REDUCTION in parcels post rates between Canada and Australia will go into effect on January 1st. The rate to and from Vancouver for two-pound packages is reduced from 48 to 36 cents, for three-pound packages from 73 to 49 cents, five-pounds from $1.21 to 73 cents, with corresponding reductions up to ten pounds, for which the old rate of $2.07 is reduced to $1.46.

REEVE FORSTER, of Oakville, is to be opposed next January by a Mr. Marsh. Foolish man. Oakville never had a better Reeve than the present incumbent, nor one who spent more time and money in looking after the interests of his town. If the people of Oakville know a good man when they see him, they will elect Reeve Forster by a handsome majority befitting his services to the town.—Reformer.

ALTHOUGH Acton has been fortunate in having no fire losses for over a year those for the Dominion continue altogether too large. Many Canadians have yet to realize that fire is one of the most useful of all servants, but a very dangerous master, and the lesson of precaution should be rigidly enforced by all employers, be practised in the homes, and made a part of instruction in the schools. Let us all continue to be extremely careful where all fire is concerned so as to keep down our quota of loss.

THE NOMINATIONS will be held at noon next Monday. All ratepayers interested in municipal affairs should attend. It is especially important that a large attendance of citizens be present at the nominations here on Monday as Reeve Hynds will give a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Installation of the Hydro-Electric system. This has not been made public heretofore and will naturally possess much of interest to citizens generally. The Chairman of the various committees will also give an account of their stewardship during the year.

LORNE

A successful entertainment, consisting of dialogues, recitations and songs, interspersed with selections on the gramaphone by Mr. C. Bailey, was given by the pupils of Lorne School on Friday afternoon. At the close of the programme candies and presents were distributed to the scholars by Santa Claus from a well laden Christmas Tree. Miss Nellie A. Jardine, the efficient teacher, deserves much credit for the preparation of the excellent programme. Mr. A. A. Worden, trustee, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of parents and friends.

BALLINAFAD

The remains of Sarah McEnery, widow of the late John Shortill, were interred in the family plot in the Cemetery here last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. McArthur officiating. She had reached her seventy-fourth year. Both Mrs. Shortill and her late husband were among the early settlers of this locality. They were natives of Erin. About forty years ago they went to reside at Arthur, but in 1904 removed to Guelph. Deceased is survived by four sons and two daughters, Messrs. John, of Georgetown; Joseph, of Buffalo; William, of Tacoma, Washington; and Richard at home; and Mrs. Saunders, of Emerson, Manitoba; and Mrs. Joseph Hewitt, of London, Ontario. The funeral was very largely attended.

BEARDMORE EMPLOYEES' XMAS

Tea Party in the Town Hall Tuesday Afternoon. Santa Claus Last Night

SCORES OF HAPPY CHILDREN

The children of the employees of the several works of Messrs. Beardmore & Co. in town have been given a real happy Christmas time this week. For years the members of this firm have interested themselves in the comfort and pleasure of all the children of their men's families under fourteen during Christmastide. This year this much-appreciated event has been rendered more joyous than usual by spreading the festures over two distinct days.

On Monday afternoon the children and their mothers were invited to assemble at the town hall at 3:30 o'clock. About 270 responded to the invitation.

Mr. Alfred Beardmore addressed the assembled company in felicitous terms and wished all present a very happy Christmas. He advised them not to be disappointed because the usual Christmas Tree with the abundance of presents was not in evidence. Santa Claus, he said, had some mysterious methods. This year he would appear on Christmas eve, and they could every one expect a visit from him on Wednesday evening.

A jolly Punch and Judy show was then given and the little folks were uproarious in their unfeigned enjoyment of the entertainment.

Following this the company was served to ice cream, cake, milk, tea and coffee. This, too, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Alfred Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Beardmore were of course the moving spirits in making the children happy, but they were ably assisted by Misses Ethel and Bertha MacKenzie, Mrs. Cawthra Mulock, Miss Halton and Mr. Thos. Moss, Toronto, Mrs. John Clark and others.

Every child in town who could by any means claim his or her father or big brother was an employee of the Beardmores looked with keenest anticipation to Santa Claus' visit last night. None were disappointed.

SINGER'S STORE BURGLARIZED

Considerable Clothing, Underwear, Sweaters and Boots Taken

AND AN OLD SUIT WAS LEFT

Last Friday morning between two and three o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Singer, of the Acton Bargain Store, were aroused from their slumbers by the ringing of the electric alarm attached to the front door of the store on Mill Street.

Investigation showed the clothing stock and other goods in the store considerably disarranged and much evidence that the store had been burglarized. The thief or thieves had evidently gained an entrance through the rear of the premises and by way of the stock room on the Willow Street side of the building entered the main store. A couple of carpenter's chisels were found at the rear door.

Having secured what was wanted departure was made through the front door. The bar was removed and it was when the latch was raised that the alarm sounded which awakened Mr. and Mrs. Singer.

They immediately dressed and went for help. As they proceeded up Main Street they found opposite the Dominion Hotel, a bundle of old clothing with one of the new sweaters from the store protruding. Chief Lawson was notified and investigated the robbery. When the stock was examined it was found that 2 brown twill heavy overcoats with strap on back, 3 buttons on strap, one with shawl collar, the other plain; several suits clothes, one grey twill, one blue serge; several men's sweaters, 5 suits underwear, working stockings, rubbers, 1 pair Dunford's Rik boots, laced and buckled and various other goods were missing.

The Chief notified the police in all the surrounding towns, but up to the present no arrests have been made.

One of the suits was taken from a display form in the window.

Mr. Singer estimates his loss at between $200 and $300.

CLOSE BARS AT NOON SATURDAY

Provincial Government Will Pass More Restrictive Legislation

AGAINST THE LIQUOR BUSINESS

The possibility of further provincial restriction of the liquor traffic is under consideration by the Government.

The next regulation will probably close all the bars in the province at one o'clock on Saturday and for the entire day on legal holidays.

Such legislation would round out the restriction laid on the traffic last year, whereby the morning sale was materially shortened. It has been felt, moreover, that the Saturday afternoon trade militated against the spirit of recent regulations.

The arguments presented to the government in advocating shorter hours of sale on ordinary week days, have been pressed strongly in reference to the new proposal. The case of the workingman who is now relieved of the temptation of a morning "nip" before work, is revived to show that his salary envelope is in special danger on the last afternoon of the week.

The question of prohibition on holidays has been under cabinet consideration for some time. A special bill dealing with Good Friday restriction was voted down last session, on the understanding that the government would enquire into the feasibility of a more universal measure.

There is a further possibility of Ontario emulating the recent step taken by Quebec in cutting out C. O. D. orders for liquor, and preventing delivery after the closing hour of sale. The former practice is recognized as one of the strong branches of the trade in the larger cities.

LIMEHOUSE

One day last week Mr. Robert Doughty, who is living on Dr. Lindsay's farm, was attacked and seriously trampled by a vicious steer. One leg was so badly injured that it had to be put in a plaster cast. Dr. Lindsay and Messrs. W. T. and Edward Doughty motored down to see him on Friday.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

Poor unhappy Ireland! to need so much discussion, and planning for and doctoring. And yet the old story goes to show that in the great search through the nations for the shirt of the happy man, no one with even the semblance of happiness could be found until the Green Isle was reached and Patrick, who declared himself as being "happy as the day is long" was found to have under his coat no shirt at all.

Certain it is that the ready wit and kindly humor of the people in the land whence came many of the ancestors of we Canadians, has been to them a means of bearing up under many of life's burdens, and has also many times relieved the strain carried by others with whom they came in contact. A hearty laugh over an Irishman's sally of wit has often won the day. It is said that a sheep buyer once, out in the neighboring county of Wentworth, examining some roadside animals belonging to a small farmer living somewhere near the half-way of the great Guelph-Hamilton macadam, complained that they were not fat enough. "Fat!" said Ned, "Sure they have pasture enough, from here to Hamilton, from there to Guelph, and east and west as far as they like."

The "Twenty Years Ago" column of the FREE PRESS has during recent months had reference to Rev. Wm. Bryers, who had returned to Acton to live retired, having been removed from the Methodist pastorate here some nine years previously. In his later residence in Acton he spent some seven years or so, and not only lived in the society of his former friends but became attached to friends who had not previously known him. The biographer of the times when he entered the ministry in the fifties, described him as being a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and having a fund of patient good humor. If true in early life it certainly was so in his later years, for many are the sallies of his Irish wit quoted. He was known as an earnest Christian man, but was remarkable for his pleasantries.

It was related to the writer only a few months ago of Rev. Mr. Bryers, how that once in Port Dover, coming down the street carrying a pair of buggy shafts, a friend remarked how strange to see him thus. Quick as a flash came the retort, "I'd any time rather be between a pair of shafts, than beside a sharp tongue." A farmer entering Cowsson's Corners' Church once, accompanied by a Newfoundland dog, is said to have been requested to turn him out, as he "did not believe in preaching to dogs." Being driven out to the country once, and having to wait at the Main Street crossing for a train, he remarked "there is always ten feet more room at the rear than at the front of a train." Rev. Mr. Rae, of Knox Church, an Irishman himself, had many a "rise" with him, but was apt to come off second best. It is said that Mr. Bryers strolled along when the foundation lines were being laid for the new Knox Church on Main Street. The pastor was engaged with one of the lines, but remarked to his Methodist brother, "There's a shovel, Mr. Bryers," who replied "I think I would rather hold the end of a string." However, at Mr. Rae's farewell social Mr. B. said there was "one thing he had against that man. He came up one night among a lot of men in front of the post office and asked him if he was hunting tobacco." Tobacco was his special aversion. Being an ardent Conservative, like many others the evening of the great June, 1896, election he got up into the crowded committee rooms, but soon retired, disgusted, "there were there smoking." On his way home he met a friend on the crowded street and said, "Are you running with the multitude to do evil?" He said once that a Catholic clergyman once almost accused him of falsehood on being told that he had once "married a Priest." Mrs. Bryers' maiden name was Priest. This good man's physical and nervous powers failed soon after leaving Acton and he died some years ago at Napanee.

Observer

HALTON-PEEL CHANGES HANDS

Mr. Andrew Wiley, now of the city of Toronto, has sold his 100 acre farm, being lot No. 32 in the 6th concession, Esquesing Township, to Mr. Joseph Allen. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby.

HALTON REGT. MAY JOIN PEEL

This is a Suggestion for the Solution of the Difficulty in the 36th

PEEL, HALTON AND DUFFERIN

The report of the Board of Inquiry which investigated certain charges that were made in connection with the 36th Peel Regiment of Infantry has been forwarded to Ottawa.

It is understood that there is under consideration a scheme for the extension of the boundaries of the 36th Regiment to include the county of Halton, the recruiting ground of the 20th Halton Rifles. The 20th Regiment has not been to camp for a couple of years, having found it practically impossible to obtain enough recruits within their own area to fill their ranks.

It has been suggested that if the county of Halton be added to the counties of Peel and Dufferin, which constitute the present area of the 36th Regiment this difficulty in obtaining recruits would be overcome, and that the amalgamation of the two units would make one good strong regiment. The officers of the 20th could be absorbed into the 36th to considerable advantage it is stated.

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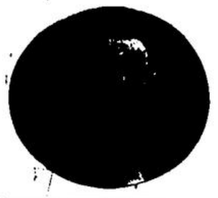

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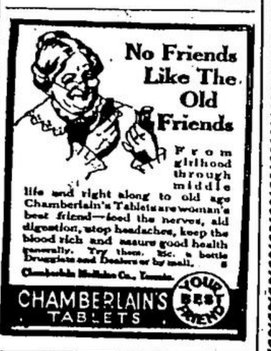

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