

**DIED.**

Dury—At Marquette, Mich., on Thursday, Jan. 10, William Dury, formerly of the township of Paris, Ontario.

Perry—At his residence, Mount Street, Burlington, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, William George Perry.

IN MICHIGAN.

Gauvin—In ever loving memory of our dear brother, who died January 10, 1913.

McNamee—In loving memory of my dear father, Andrew McNamee, who died at his residence in Acton, January 10, 1913.

We miss him and mourn him.

And swell to the memory  
Of days that have gone.

HAROLD ANNIE,  
New Brunswick.

## The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1914

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Within the past week Canada has lost two of its prominent public men. Hon. Tom A. Gipps, Member of Parliament for Perth, and Sir Alexander Macdonald, High Commissioner at London, England, died early yesterday morning. Both were great and good men, and will be missed. Their philanthropies were one of most generous and well-directed scale. Canada may well mourn the loss of such citizens.

A meeting held in Toronto the month ago was taken looking to the formation of a federation of all automobile clubs and federations in Canada. The object of the federation is to be represented, to influence legislation, Dominion and Provincial, in the greater interest. It is with equal frankness acknowledged that it is desired to influence legislation in two directions—first with a view of Provincial highways, and second, for the purpose of making sure that the chief portion of the cost shall fall upon the shoulders of some one else.—Weekly Sun.

The Municipal Revaluation, the desirability of a higher assessment of all properties within the bounds of the municipality was referred to by Rev. H. H. Smith, after a step by the municipality should be taken immediately and equitably. It is a question if any competent man would agree to undertake a work of this nature alone. Why not appoint an assessment committee of say, the present assessor, whose past experience would be invaluable, and two other property owners who have had municipal experience and have a fair knowledge of local values. The result would undoubtedly be more satisfactory and less arbitrary than it possibly could be if only one person is entrusted with the work. An assessment of this nature would then form a fair basis for the future assessments for perhaps half a dozen years.

Our venerable fellow citizen, Mr. Samuel Laird, who has always taken a live interest in educational matters during his forty years residence here, and given his approval to every issue calculated to provide better opportunities for the children of the town to gain a competent education, made a proposal to the Free Press the other day which is well worthy of consideration, not only by the Board of Education but by the Municipal Council. It was this: "Why not take steps to open a foot path from Bower Avenue along the line of the Grand Trunk Railway right way to the school grounds? This would provide a safe and direct route at the east end of the school property which would be a great convenience and save half the distance for the pupils from the east end of the town, many of whom are in the primary department. The foot path proposed need not be more than a rod wide, and the bridge over the railway culvert need not be an expensive affair."

**MALLINAWAD**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawick celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day on Thursday, December 12th, when quite a number were present to enjoy the occasion with them.

Mr. Frank Ozarwinski, of Winnipeg, a former resident of this place, is now residing old acquaintances here.

The pulpit of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches were also filled on Sunday by members from the Dominion Alliance. The speaker of the meeting rendered two solo voices very sweetly.

Mr. P. O. Vannatter and children, of Georgia, U. S. A., Mrs. Walker, of New Orleans, U. S. A., Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Shortill, of Winnipeg, and Robert, of Bellville, attended the funeral of their father, the late William Shortill.

Mr. L. M. Bennett has been appointed assessor of the township of Erin for the year 1914.

Mr. John McDowell, who has been living on the farm of Andrew Wiley of the sixth line, has joined the family of Mr. John Sinclair, lot 6, 19th line.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howell visited at Mr. O. C. Walker's, Inglewood, for a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bennett visited Mr. Ruddell near Georgetown on Sunday last.

The annual tea-meeting of the Methodist Church, will be held on Friday evening, 26th February.

**WHISKEY ON PASTOR'S DOOR**

Four Pastors Hotel Guests Apologized for their Trick

Brampton, Jan. 10.—A despicable trick was played on a Paris minister this week when four young women employees of a prominent hotel in town very generally left a bottle of ink and stuff at his front door, pattered "To H— with you and Local Option too."

Besides this, this blunder was ignorantly plastered with eggs at forty cents a dozen.

But the perpetrators made a mistake in wrapping the bottle in a piece of paper with their employer's name on it.

The affair was reported to Chief Falter, who easily traced the guilty parties.

An ample apology was tendered, and the reverend gentlemen allowed the matter to drop.

—Keep the boys on the farm.—Mr. John Chisholm, of Peru, has shown an inclination to keep the boys on the farm and close to him. He has purchased the 100 acre farm across the road belonging to Edwin Robertson. He was made by J. A. Williamson.

### OBITUARY

Wm. H. SHORTILL

Wm. H. Shortill expired suddenly at his home in Esquinton on the 10th last. He had been in poor health for the past twelve months, but was able to be around, and got up and dressed himself as usual on the morning of his death. He had just remarried to Mrs. Shortill about three weeks ago. He was born on the farm on which he died 72 years ago, and during his life long residence in Esquinton made many friends and was held in high esteem. In 1888 he was married to Jane Bonnett, with a family of four sons and three daughters survive. The sons are Mr. F. V. Shortill, Athelstan; Mrs. Walker, New Orleans; Miss Annie at home; Cowan, Whinlapp; Robert, Bellville; William, Esquinton, and Fred at home. In religion deceased was a Methodist and in politics a Conservative. The remains were interred in Bellville cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. McArthur. The four sons and two nephews, John and Richard Shortill, were pall bearers. All the members of the family attended the funeral.

### GOOD STATEMENT OF METROPOLITAN

Liquid Assets Over Forty-Five Per Cent of Public Liabilities

The annual statement of the Metropolitan Bank for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1913, out-to-day shows the bank to be in a strong position.

At the end of the year the liquid assets of the Metropolitan Bank amounted to \$1,259,211.00, equal to 45.45 per cent of the total liabilities to the public, while the cash on hand as represented by current gold and subsidiary coin and Dominion Government notes stood at \$11,773,291.00, equal to 19.70 per cent of liabilities to the public.

The net profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors relate on immatured loans and after making full provisons for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to \$165,020.15.

The total assets of the bank at the end of the year stood at \$12,454,151.72. Of this amount current and discount in Canada took \$7,501,763.25, call and short loans \$1,055,318.63. Dominion Bank notes \$1,053,661.80. Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date, amounted to \$7,163,032.76 and deposits not bearing interest \$1,603,934.82.

The profit and loss account at the end of last year amounted to \$151,662.34, to which was added the profit of the year, amounting to \$165,020.15, leaving the amount available for distribution \$317,687.51. Of this amount

the net profits to the bank was entirely set aside in view of the conditions faced by this and other banks during the past year.

The statement carries the certificate of G. T. Clarkson, chartered accountant.—Toronto World.

### OPINION

The Sons of Holland of Osgoode held their annual oyster supper at the home of Mr. E. Currie on Friday evening, January 10th. About 150 were present.

The entertainment and other attractions will be the singing of music, etc. The feature of the evening, however, was the Highland dancing and Irish step rendered by Miss Anna Rose, of Toronto, accompanied by her father on the pipes. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Opposite can boast of a new blacksmith from the old and Mr. Martin has rented part of Mr. A. McCutcheon's house and has got fairly settled.

We are pleased to see Mr. L. Currie is back to be around again.

Mr. Miller attended the funeral of his aunt on January 11th, in Georgetown.

Mr. Lorne Matthews is spending a few days with his friend, Mr. C. Cook, Mr. V. McCutcheon in taking a short course at the O. A. C. Guelph.

Mrs. Holt-Damper had the misfortune to fall and break her leg above the ankle on Monday.

### Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills

In Southern Alberta, Near Cowley

These are composed of plants which are very different but all grow from the same cause—a system clogged with impurities. The pills are made to move regularly, strengthen and stimulate the body and open up the pores of the skin.

These pills immediately throw off all accumulated impurities and allergies, including Typhoid, Consumption, Kidney Troubles, Headaches, Rheumatism and similar ailments. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are Save Doctors' Bills.

FOR SALE ACTON, ONT.

Wm. C. McKeown, ONT.

—The Metropolitan Bank

Capital \$1,000,000.00

Assets \$1,250,000.00

Transact your business in the way of paying and receiving money through this Bank. Pay your current accounts by cheque, collect money owing you by drawing upon your debtor and make your remittances by our Bank Money Orders.

Savings department at all branches and the highest current rate of interest paid.

BRANCHES IN THIS DISTRICT  
Acton, Milton, Guelph, Campbellville

### FINE SERMONS BY A GREAT MAN

Professor Campbell, of McMaster University, has written Able Discourses

AT THE BAPTIST ANNIVERSARY

The pastor and congregation of the Baptist Church may well feel gratified with the success of their anniversary week-end in Bingham.

The pastor had a glorious winter day, excellent preaching, large congregations, splendid music, liberal offerings and majestic gospel services.

Prof. Campbell, of McMaster University, Toronto, was the preacher of Jane Bonnett, with a family of four sons and three daughters survive.

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