

**NOW**  
Atmosphere, on Saturday, March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. James Ashe, a son—Harry.

**CHARLES ALPHONSE MARCHANT**, in W. Dundas, April 1st. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marchant, who died March 1913, 1913.  
Just a year ago he was away.  
How we know that he is here,  
But we know that he is here.  
**THIS FAMILY.**

### The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1914.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

China has objected to the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Duff in the Legislature excluding white women employees in Oriental restaurants. Most white people of Ontario feel that the reasons for such a bill are simply justified.

Business is in the hands of factories and countries, while they have increased encouragingly during March and this month to date, are not yet normal, taken as a whole, and this is because of lack of funds in the consumers' hands to pay the merchant, who pays the wholesaler, who pays the manufacturer. Before normal activity is resumed in the various departments of trade, another good crop in Canada, especially Western Canada, must be an assured thing. Finally the money, which in power to buy, must come chiefly from the agriculturalists—farmers.

EMPLOYEES OF THE Imperial Thresher & Trailing Company have secured judgment for \$10,500 and costs against the Royal Bank at Vancouver. The amount represented the men's wages for November and December, 1913, up till the time the bank took possession of the property of the company as security for advances. The action was of particular interest to the legal fraternity, as being the first action brought in Canada under the new amendment to section 88 of the new Bank Act, making any bank liable for wage claims where it takes possession of a business.

THE RETURN SHOWS that the liquor forces suffered reverses at the elections in Michigan on Monday. Out of the twelve counties voting on local option, eight show that the "dry" carried the day with good, safe majorities. The county courtesies: Flint, Shiawasseo, Woodford, Monroe, Midland, Genesee, Kalkaska and Roscommon. Two counties, Clare and Oscoda, voted "wet" for two years' experience under local option, shift like the weather, reversed their position and changed from the "wet" into the "dry" column. By this vote fifty-one saloons and one brewery are put out of business.

THE UNITED KINGDOM took more of Canada's exports than any other country in the fiscal year ending there being worth \$170,000,000 against United States imports from Canada of \$107,000,000. In imports, however, Canada took by far the greatest value from the United States the total being \$411,000,000, compared with \$180,000,000 from the United Kingdom which ranked second. France was the third greatest exporter to Canada while Germany ranked fourth. This country exported agricultural implements implements to the value of \$3,228,000, compared with \$2,660,520 imported. The United States took a large proportion of Canadian made farm machinery.

**THE PRINCIPAL TARIFF CHANGES**  
Announced in the Budget Speech of the Minister of Finance on Monday.

**GRANITE COUNTERS REFUSED IN PREMIUM WHOLESALE**

Ottawa, April 7.—The principal changes effected by the new tariff schedule submitted by the Finance Minister in his budget speech yesterday are as follows:

Reduction in duty from 17½ per cent. to 12½ per cent. upon lindens and mowers.

No reduction upon ploughs and other farm implements.

No free wheat.

Increase in tariff upon building stone.

Increased protection for iron and steel beams.

Wire rods, hitherto free made subject to duty, except wire for fencing which is made subject to duty.

No reduction in duty on drawings and imported pig iron used in manufacturing.

Blimstone coal, for smelting and foundry purposes only, made subject to drawback of 50 per cent.

Increase in tariff upon iron and steel tubing.

Bronze sheets, bars and rods, hitherto free, made subject to 10 per cent. tariff.

Importation of algeettes, capay, plumes and other plumage prohibited after January 1st, 1915.

Sixty-one schedules of tariff changes submitted.

The existing tariff provides for an import duty of 10 per cent. of the value of the goods, and the Minister of Finance said he would submit an amendment under which imports from countries having differential rates of import duty would be subject to a surtax above the regular valuation of an amount not exceeding 20 per cent. ad valorem.

#### LIMOUSINE

News of the death of James W. Blanton, formerly of Acton, on April 1st at Toronto, has reached friends there.

Miss Helen Newton has been seriously ill the past few weeks. She was taken to the hospital at Guelph on Tuesday, and is doing nicely.

Mr. John Newton, of Guelph, was down to see his sister and brother William, who was also poorly last week.

Master Duncan Sharp and William A. McDowell are settled again at Guelph, and busy with railway fencing contracts.

Mr. John Newton and Mrs. W. Nickell, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. of Acton, Mr. Carrick and Miss Ethel Nickell, of Detroit, and Miss Ethel Nickell, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newton over Sunday.

We are pleased to see that Mr. H. Doughty is now able to walk without the aid of crutches.

A card received by the parents of Abe Minio, states that he arrived at his destination in Saskatchewan with the horses in his charge O. M. .

Miss L. Polkinghorne, of Waubaushene, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. G. E. Polkinghorne.

### THE ANNUAL MASONIC SERMON

Rev. W. A. Macpherson, of Toronto, Preaches an Able and Impressive Discourse

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE D. D. C. M.

Sunday evening the members of Walker Lodge A. Y. & A. M. and their friends.

On Sunday evening the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren marched in a file from the Lodge room to Knox Church, to listen to the annual sermon of the order by Rev. W. A. Macpherson, the minister of Church's Church, Toronto.

Wednesday evening Mr. H. H. Kilgour of Hamilton, D. B. G. M. for the district, paid his annual visit to the Lodge.

After the official business of the evening was completed the brethren, with their ladies, and a number of invited guests, proceeded to St. Albans Parish Hall, where a delightful banquet was held.

The sermon on Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Macpherson was both inspiring and helpful.

The attendance was large, the church being taxed to accommodate the congregation which assembled. Although it is nearly eleven years since Rev. Mr. Macpherson retired from the pastorate of the church his presence in the pulpit was as natural as if he had never left it.

The dinner was a great success, the sum upon Genesis 2:7. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became living soul." It was shown that man had lost the best things by the fall, and he has been trying ever since to recover the precious things taken from him by the power of the evil one.

The church and the order represented by the brethren present have a tremendous task before them in the effort to show men how they ought to live. No man can be induced to accomplish this. We must stand together, taking Christ as our leader. Men do not live for themselves, nor for this life alone, but must all impress upon ourselves and others the great fact of the immortality of man.

The banquet was a very enjoyable function. The menu, the table appointments and the decorations were prepared by the ladies of the members of Walker Lodge and their efforts were all in respects praiseworthy.

Inspector Mills invited the members of the Board to a conference in the laboratory for four o'clock on Friday afternoon. He complimented the Board upon the splendid addition which was completed and put into use at the end of the year. He found the premises well suited to the requirements of the schools and up-to-date in all respects.

In the matter of library and laboratory equipment the Inspector recommended to the Board that steps be taken to provide for an addition to each school to bring them up to the minimum requirement of the Department of Education. This will not mean a very heavy expenditure and it is all returned to grants by the Department at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum. The Board would appreciate the matter receiving their attention.

The requirement of physical training was also pointed out. The various forms of each school are required to have an hour and a half's instruction in drill, and athletics each week. Steps will be taken to accomplish this.

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