

BORN

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Bannister—In Acton, on Saturday, November 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Torrance Boardman, a son.

MARRIED

Gordon—In Acton, on Saturday, November 10th, by Rev. J. D. Wilson, A. John Cole, son of Mr. Cole, and Margaret MacLean, daughter of Noble V. MacLean, Kirk, Acton.

BAPTIZED

Conrad—In Georgetown, on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, Barbara Jane Moulton, wife of Jacob Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad.

Harris—Baptized at St. Paul's, on Friday, 13th of November, Margaret Marie MacLean, wife of Mr. and Mrs. George MacLean, County Court of Wellington.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1914

EDITORIAL NOTES

MAKING FRIENDS
Herrmann—Minister of Militia, on Friday, had a meeting of 400 soldiers, who have mobilized at Acton for overseas duty. After the review he addressed the men and officers. He strongly denounced the use of strong drink, and made the remark that he had never yet been able to find a place in military work for drunkards.

Russia—This was the last day on which it was possible to purchase light beer and beer under the prohibition laws of the Hellen government, which on Monday becomes absolute. The final prohibition act is the last of three distinct liquor reforms, the first curtailing the sale of vodka and the second abolishing it absolutely. The third measure extends the prohibition to every form of alcoholic drink in all portions of the Empire under martial law.

The postmaster general has been authorized by order-in-council to exclude from multi all newspaper, tracts, or periodicals containing false statements regarding the war, or articles calculated to influence any section of the present opinion of Canada against Britain or in favor of the enemy. The minister can also prevent the circulation of such papers in any manner. A penalty of \$3,000 or five years' imprisonment is fixed for the publication of such prohibited matter.

One of the most influential agricultural papers in the Dominion, is the way others refer to the Weekly Sun of Toronto. It is a paper which appeals to the wide-wake farmers. Independent and fearless, it has always guarded the best interests of Canadian agriculture. Aside from that, it occupies a carefully compiled market report and contains the news of a practical growth of numbers, statistics, "you have saved me dollars," is the repeated recommendation of hundreds of its readers. The Sun is on the ground, and it is not influenced by any packing houses or commission merchants. It stands for farmers alone, every day in the year. It is the farmers' friend, you ought to be a reader.

Statistics published by the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce show that the imports of merchandise of the Dominion for the month of September totalled \$31,307,372, a decrease of \$107,771,913 from the total imports for the corresponding month in 1913. Exports of Canadian produce totalled \$31,769,613, which is \$3,251,322 less than those for September last year. The twelve months' figures end with October, show that the total trade of Canada has again got below the billion mark, which was passed on the up-grade about two years ago. The shrinkage in customs revenue during the past twelve months has been nearly thirty million dollars.

To Monday, November 10th, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian prime minister, celebrated his seventieth birthday. With health and vigor undimmed this Canadian Gladstone stands recognized throughout the world as the most conspicuous Canadian statesman in Greater Britain. For nearly half a century he has stood unassailed and unshaken in the fierce fight of party politics, a pride to all Canadians. After forty years continuous membership in the House of Commons, after twenty-six years as leader of the Liberal party, over fifteen of which were spent as Prime Minister of his country, he is still erect of bearing, there is still the same keen, virile and undisputed leadership. The Free Press extends its honor to unit in the country's congratulations to-morrow.

Two months ago a London newspaper contrasted the unruffled aspect of London life with the transformation that war had cast over Paris and Berlin. Since then England has been through a period of profound and thoughtless peace to a military status which pervades all the activities of life. To-day politics and "society"—the absorbing interests of the population before the war—have disappeared from the columns of newspapers, from the talk of the people, and have almost vanished from existence. There are no social columns in the newspapers because there are no social events to record. There is no dinner giving, and there are no balls, or shooting parties on country estates. We need not be more in harmony with existing conditions if we, in Canada, would go into this same serious mood and drop the frivolities of society for the present season at least!"

NEWSWORTHY CORNERS

The farmers are hoping that the cold disagreeable weather of the past week will not continue as considerable outside work has yet to be done.

On Sunday Mr. Morrow, evangelist from Hamilton, gave an excellent address in the Church here. Owing to the very inclement weather not many were present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson and baby, Milton, visited at Mrs. M. Cawson's this week.

Mr. W. Prior, Esquinton, visited at Mr. H. Lampert's over Sunday.

Stockwood Man in Second Contingent
Frederick G. Ellis, single, publisher of Rockwood, who was three years with the 30th Regiment, and Harry St. Clough, single, with no previous experience, left with the 18th Field Battery of Guelph yesterday for London, where the troops of western Ontario are mobilizing until the second contingent is called for active service.

Hydro-Electric Commission
The State City Council on Monday without discussion adopted the Board of Control's recommendation, "That Mr. Adam Beck, Chairman of the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission, be requested to have a proper and adequate report made to the municipalities on a provincial telephone system which will provide for the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission operating the trunk lines and such municipal hydro-electric systems its own load line."

THE ALLIES HOLD ALL LINES

Every Effort of the Germans During the Week Successfully Repulsed

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The official reports during the week have shown that results have been entirely favorable to the Allies, and it may be taken as certain that the retreat of the Germans is but a question of time. Between our forces and the enemy, the whole way from Nieuport to Dixmude, there is now a protective shield of water and all hope of a German advance have been frustrated.

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From Petrograd comes the report that in Russia, Poland, along the Vistula and Warta Rivers, the fighting is "taking the character of a great battle." The price which will fall to the victor in this struggle is the undisputed possession of East Prussia and northwestern Poland. The Germans at the personal solicitation of the Kaiser, who fears the effect upon the entire nation of a second Russian occupation of East Prussia, have stripped all the garrisons within reach of every available man, and have even recalled troops from France to make a second attempt to stem the tide of invasion.

The Great German Lie
The official list of German casualties, announced, gives the total of \$10,917 killed wounded and missing. This list does not include the Bavarian, Hanov, Wurtzburg armies, the losses of which are estimated at more than 400,000 men.

CANADIANS GO TO EGYPT

The war office is considering the question of sending the Canadian Contingent to Egypt since the Turks have thrown in their lot with the Germans. A Canadian contingent went with the Nile expedition in 1885 and they acquitted themselves most creditably. The climate also agrees well with them. Col. John Currie, M. P., of Toronto, has been called to the war office to go to Egypt. Col. V. C. Voller, Williams and Col. Harry McDonald, M. P., of New Brunswick, are also being asked for their views and are to London.

CANADIAN KILLED ON PHUON LINE
Mr. A. Gordon Mackenzie, Toronto, has received a cable from England announcing the death of his son, Lient. C. Gordon Mackenzie, in action. Lient. Mackenzie was attached to the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and a graduate of the Royal Military College. Before leaving Toronto he studied at Upper Canada College. He was 38 years of age.

TRAGIC DEATH OF EARL ROBERTS
Earl Roberts, late Field Marshall of the British Army, went to France last week to visit the troops, especially his esteemed friends, the troops from India. During his visit he was attacked with pneumonia and on Saturday he died. His death caused great regret. The body on its arrival in England from Boulogne Tuesday evening was received by a large contingent of officers from the Guards, cavalry and other officials. The waiting room of the railway station had been converted into a mortuary chamber and the coffin was borne there by non-commissioned army officers. In the procession from the boat to the railway station marched a delegation of British, French and Indian officers. A guard of honor was posted about St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

The Bank of Nova Scotia
On Saturday the amalgamation of the Metropolitan Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia took place. The customers of the bank here are pleased that Mr. A. A. Tait is to continue the local manager of the bank.

Successful Deer Hunter

The W. C. D. Clothing and Furnishing Store

This is a grand chance for you to buy your Winter Wear. You don't often get a chance when the goods are most needed. COME IN AND THE PRICES WILL TALK TO YOU.

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Sale Commences

Friday, Nov. 20th, for 9 Days Only

W. C. DEVERELL, The Clothier

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