

**HORN**  
HOSPITAL—At the Royal Alexander Hospital, Parry, on Wednesday evening, of Hamilton, a son and a daughter—No. 1111.

MICHAEL MURRAY—At Union Avenue, Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, of Hamilton, Action, 123 St. M. Street, of Alton, Mrs. Mary—Walter—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter, 123 St. M. Street, of Alton, Misses Walter, a daughter and a daughter of Walter, wife of Action.

**The Acton Free Press**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1914

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The opening of the new Parliamentary session will be the last week of January, it has been learned. There is very little legislation on the agenda except that relating to the war. The session is expected to be short and full of an immediate general election is believed to be pure speculation.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—We now have a Burlington. With the exception of 270 that followed the opening of parliament, no British soldier was yesterday made a hero by the Ontario Legislature and Municipal House. Burlington will now have a mayor and he divided into wards. In all probability, Reeve Smith will be the new town's first Mayor.

IS THERE A QUIET SIGNIFICANCE IN THE TWO bye-elections held lately? Mr. Irwin Hilliard, K.C., was elected on Thursday to represent Dundas County, the constituency held by the late Sir James Whitmore, Princeton, with majorities from 504 to 221, by a majority of only 28. Mayor Allan, of Hamilton, was elected three weeks ago to succeed Lieutenant-Governor Hendrie by 39. Mr. Hendrie at his last election had a majority of 1498.

REMARKS OF THE INTELLIGENT CHARACTER OF BRITISH SOLDIERS ON THE FIGHTING LINE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, of New York, says this week: "It is difficult to find a corps more perfect in its organization than those which cannot read or write. This is quite a contrast to the class of men here, subjects of enemy countries. Of the 77 now on parole in Acton not more than forty per cent of them are able to write their own names."

WHEN evening falls you like to gather round the table and read, the whole family does. The Weekly Sun of Toronto has departments of interest to everyone, from the markets and editorials for father down to a story for the boy and a bright thoughtful homily for mother and the girls. It is all interesting, and every issue has a well worth while. How would it be for a Christmas gift; it would certainly be a profitable one, and help you make the extra money.

**THE MILTON REPUBLICAN** says: "There appears to be a general feeling throughout the county that Mr. Henderson, M.P., will be made a Senator. If not shortly, then before the next general elections. We know of no one who has made such claims as such a man, and there are certain reasons for Milton, who has represented the county almost continuously for 27 years or more. His recent sad bereavement has also secured for him the sympathy of the people generally irrespective of politics."

AT THE annual meeting of the Ontario Reform Association, in Toronto, the retiring President, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, expressed the hope for greater tolerance and less bitterness between political parties at the result of the present war. He pointed out that the Liberal party was observing a strict neutrality, and in any way condoning its policies. He also praised the policies of his party in certain regards notably in its attempt to strengthen the feeling of friendship with the United States with a view to gaining for Canada the widest possible markets. He discussed the Laurier policy for a Canadian-owned fleet, regretting that Canada had not had such a fleet in the present emergency with which to aid the Motherland as Australia is doing so nobly.

CANADIAN manufacturers of housing have not suffered from the war. For some weeks past large orders for this class of goods have been placed with Canadian firms on behalf of both the Imperial and Canadian governments. A repeat order for 750,000 pairs of socks to be completed before the end of March, recently issued by the British authorities, with orders already on hand, will keep Canadian firms working well up to capacity till the spring. The fact that they are now in full swing, and will be so, are coming from the United Kingdom shows that the goods already furnished are satisfactory and may be taken as a sign that further orders may be expected.

**LIMBOURNE**  
The Patriotic Citizens Supper Last Week An Unqualified Success.

The Children's Picnic held in Limbourne on Tuesday evening of last week was largely attended, and ample justice was done to the tempting viands with which the fully decorated hall. After the excellent programme was rendered, consisting of musical selections, recitations, dramatic sketches and addresses will be given. The captain of the Elizabethtown Church Band, Captain Wm. H. Marshall, entitled "The New Minister," promises to be a pleasing and interesting event.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Riddell, of Guelph, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall this week.

Mr. Wm. Alexander has bought the Patton farm in Ermonia and is moving there.

**A WOMAN FOR TRUSTEE**  
Mrs. K. K. Brown, Winnipeg, is a candidate for the Board of Education of that City.

The Winnipeg Telegram says of the inauguration of the candidature of Mrs. J. Kerr Brown, for the position of school trustee in that city: "Not a single woman who was indulged in at the first campaign meeting ever held in Winnipeg in the interests of a woman candidate for school trustee, which took place last evening, in the Lord Selkirk school, Elmwood. The voters, both male and female, of Ward 7 were present in large numbers to listen to Mrs. J. K. Brown, the candidate for the school trustee, and the election was decided in her favor. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr Brown, who are the parents of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Brown, were present at the meeting."

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**ALLIES IN BEST POSITION SINCE OCTOBER**

**ANOTHER LETTER FROM CAMP**  
J. H. C. Lane Writes to the Free Press from Ballybunion Plains

**OFFENSIVE REVEALED**

**GERMANS HAVE RETAKEN LODZ**

The German retirement from Flandres is continuing, and the Germans have either left or are attempting to leave the advanced trenches, while the allies are endeavoring to inflict as heavy losses as possible on them.

The Germans on Saturday evening commenced a formidable attack upon the British positions at Ypres without result, being thrown back by the British every time they rolled forward.

British positions from which the soldiers were forced by the terrible attacks were recuperated almost immediately by the British.

The German assault was followed by a vigorous offensive by the British, who pushed forward north of the Lys River at Paschendaele, making half way from Ypres to the front and the advanced position, which the allied forces have occupied since the battle line was formed.

**THE ENGLISH CAVALE**

The great battle for possession of Poland continues. The front extends along 300 miles and victory over a part of it, at least appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pushing upon Cracow in the south. That Lodz is in possession of the Germans seems undoubted and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public mind for the news by referring to the difficulty of defending the city, which gives to the Russians front an abnormal contour and fore-casts a reforming of the line. The general fact that this has been fearful slaughter and intense suffering from the cold compelled us to make up our minds to the best of our ability to hold our ground.

We reached our destination at 12:30 p.m. On the 21st October we had a visitor, who was proclaimed our leader and who was in the Box War, viz. General Alterton. After giving us a political speech he said that in a few weeks we shall be on the firing line alongside of our comrades. We will, we have come here for the safety of our King and Country.

On the 22nd October we had the King and Queen besides Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts our Leader, Minister of War, and several other Lords and Earls and Dukes.

We have had dreadful weather; enough rain to kill the man. Words can hardly begin to express how disagreeable it has been with rain and fog.

I must bring my episode to a wind up. Kindly express my regards to all inquiring friends. And I will remain,

Yours sincerely, J. H. C. Lane.

Addressee: J. H. C. Lane, 17(82) 1st Batt., 1st Balaclava, B.C. Balaclava Camp, Ballybunion Plains, Wiltsshire, England.

**\$14.00 MORE FOR DOGS' HAVOC**

At the last meeting Council of Merchants Meeting Passed Bill for War Dogs.

**NOTES RECEIVED DECEMBER 1914**

The council met pursuant to adjournment, in Norwell session, the Rev. Mr. Cox in the chair; members all present.

Moved by Alex. Joe, seconded by Wm. Claws, that the treasurer pay Mr. McLean \$4 for drawing covering and filing bridge on check line, con. 3; E. Errols for plank and putting in same on Gles cross road \$1.50; Joe MacKenney for fixing bridges 2nd con. 10 sides road \$1—Carried.

Moved by Alex. Joe, seconded by Wm. Claws, that the treasurer pay Mr. McLean \$4 for two days operating greater near Norwell \$4; C. Hollingshead for repairing bridge on 6th line, lot 1, \$1.50; John Nallion for cleaning out ditch lot 10, \$1.00; by order of P. McLean \$1.50—Carried.

Moved by Wm. Claws, seconded by J. L. Marshall, that the treasurer pay the following sums: W. O. Morris, \$16.15 for tiles supplied on 5th cross road con. 8; and W. R. Rowsdorpe for entrance over ditch \$1.00—Carried.

Moved by J. L. Marshall, seconded by Alex. Joe, that the treasurer pay Hodges Barnes the sum of \$22.50 repairing and graveling on hill on 8th line, lot 15—Carried.

Moved by Wm. Claws, seconded by Alex. Joe, that the treasurer pay John Campbell for clearing out ditches and putting on 7th line, \$1.50; Robert McInnes for work done on 5th line, \$1.50—Carried.

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