

MARRIED
HOMES-WATKINS—At the home, Georgetown, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, Mr. Hay, 36, Gander, and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, both of Georgetown.

EMMETT-BEATTIE—At the Josephine Councill Parsonage, 2, Trafalgar, Thomas Francis Beattie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Beattie, daughter of W.H. Bell, Guelph Township.

EDDIE—

BURGESS—At the home, 10, King Street, Guelph, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess, daughter of James H. Burgess, aged 21 years.

HORNBY—At Hornby Station, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, Mr. and Mrs. John Hornby, beloved wife of Isaac J. Hornby, aged 30 years.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1914

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Hydro-Electric Commission has been requested to investigate the advisability of inaugurating a system of public telephones for the Province, to be operated by that commission. The Ontario Municipal Association at their annual meeting made the request, and also petitioned the Dominion Government to grant a subsidy to the municipalities in Ontario which are financing the proposed Hydro radial railway.

As Briti, the terrible war wages, the week has been eventful in many ways. The losses on both sides are enormous; the suffering everywhere is great; and the human toll being paid is harrowing. The ominous clouds over all the world is dark indeed. The prayer of all this dawn of the New Year is that this bloody war will soon cease and universal peace be established.

The official list published shows there were 83 convictions returned to the office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Halton during the quarter ending the 30th day of November, 1914. Of these, 42 were from Oakville, 17 from Milton, 13 from Acton, and 11 from Georgetown. This is the largest list that has been published in good many years. Of these, 23 were for being drunk and disorderly, and the Canada Temperance Act is still in force in Halton, either. Funny, isn't it?—Milnes Reference.

Toronto has another case where a man, in words of the police, "cray drunk," tried to shoot his wife. It's about this that Canadians looked seriously at Russia, where the national drink was cut off at a stroke. Whisky and a merry Christmas don't jibe.—Gerald Mercury. That's so Acton people drunkards on their streets during Christmas week than were reported on the streets of Russia's great capital city, Petrograd, with its millions that week.

OBITUARY

JAMES BURKE

The township of Erin lost one of its first-born sons and oldest residents when James Burke died in his home, 105, con. 6, last Wednesday, December 23rd. Mr. Burke had suffered much during an illness of about two years, but he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-one. He was a son of the late George and Bathie Burke and was born Oct. 17, 1833. Fifty-seven years ago he married Sarah Ann Smith, daughter of the late John Smith, who survives him, and settled on the farm where he died. Eight sons and daughters survive him. Mrs. H. Dohla, of Brantford; Mrs. John Harper, Mrs. George McMillan, and Mrs. James MacLennan, Erin; W. T., of Acton; D. H. and R. J., of Collingwood, and Jacob, at home, all of whom were present at the funeral. Mr. Burke was a man of sterling character, highly esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. He was for forty years Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of School Section No. 5, Erin. In religion he was a Methodist and a political Reformer. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, interment being made at Conisby Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Smith, his pastor, conducted the service. The survivors were his four sons and two sons-in-law, Moore, G. Griffin and John Harper.

BALLINAVAD

Mr. Jas. Henderson filled the pulpit in Knox Church on Sabbath morning of last week in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilson, of Cataract, visited Ballinavad friends last week.

Some of our young people attended the Box Social at Woodlawn School on Friday evening before closing.

Mr. J. McLean, Toronto, visited at D. McLean, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ross and son attended the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Hornby, at Nottawasaga on Friday.

Mrs. K. Ross, of Acton, visited at I. Ross's last week.

Miss M. Hayes, who has been visiting Acton friends for two weeks has returned home again.

We wish the editor and his staff a very Happy New Year.

Mr. Will Hills, of London, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Misses Besant and Millie Swindell are visiting friends at Rockwood.

Mr. L. Worden, accompanied by Miss M. Thompson, of Acton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferguson.

Misses Florence and Nettie Cook, of Georgetown, are holidaying at Mr. D. Cook's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean.

Miss Ethel Hayes, of Hamilton, is visiting her parental home.

NASSAGAWEWA

The following is the annual school report of St. B. No. 8, Nassagawea:

Mr. IV—Annie Carnahan.

Mr. IV—Abrahim Anderson, Willie Anderson.

Class III—Edith Anderson, Elymer Anderson, Norah Smith, Reuben Carnahan.

Mr. II—Archie Diamond, Endi Anderson, John Anderson, Annie Millington.

Mr. II—Rosie McGregor.

Mr. Parmer—David Williamson.

Mr. Parmer—Tommy Smith.

Misses—J. Johnson, Teacher.

THE COUNCIL, BY ACCLAMATION

Reeve Hyndes Re-Elected and Both Council and School Board Voted

THE ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY

An election was generally hoped for there will be no elections in Acton next Monday. The Council for 1915 will be formed as follows:

REEVE—John Hyndes

COUNCILLORS—Alexander Hall

Charles E. Bailey

R. M. McDonald

William H. Smith

BOARD OF EDUCATION—Nicholas Forbes

William Johnston

John Keeney

Ruth Scott

Charles C. Speight.

The customary handful of ratepayers attended the nomination meeting at the Council Chamber on Monday evening. The Council seemed to prevail to avoid an election. With this in view the number of persons nominated was less than usual. Reeve Hyndes was re-elected by acclamation, a proceeding which will be satisfactory to citizens generally. For Councillors the old members were well nominated also. Ex-Councillor Hall and a new man in the person of Mr. Charles E. Bailey, Main Councillor Brown, who has been anxious to retire for a couple of years, presented Mr. Bailey to stand, and reluctantly agreed. Mr. Bailey agreed to do and subsequently filed his qualifications. The only other change in the Council of 1915 therefore will be the substitution of Mr. Hall for Councillor Cooper. Mr. Bailey, though a comparatively new man in town, is already very well acquainted. He came from Toronto a couple of years ago and has a good practical knowledge of municipal affairs.

For the School Board Messrs. William Johnston, N. Forbes and Ruth Scott, the retiring members, were all nominated for reelection. The name of James Hyndes was also proposed. Mr. Hyndes has since retired and the Board of Education will consequently be of the same personnel as during the past two years.

The nominations were as follows:

REEVE—John Hyndes

COUNCILLORS—Proposed by Dr. T. Gray, seconded by Neil Patterson.

FOR COUNCILLORS—Proposed by J. H. Davis, seconded by Jas. Hall.

REVIEWER—A. T.—Proposed by George Havill, seconded by R. M. McDonald.

TEACHER—CHARLES E.—Proposed by A. T. Brown, seconded by N. Forbes.

COOPER, W. M.—Proposed by W. H. Smith, seconded by William Fisher.

HORNBY, M.—Proposed by Jas. Keeney.

HARRIS, WILLIAM H.—Proposed by D. A. Henderson, seconded by John Keeney.

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