### BORN

WRINGLESWORTH—In Esquesing, on Jan. 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wringlesworth, a son.

### DIED.

WILLIAMSON—At the Methodist Parsonage, Chesley, on Sunday, 17th January, Harold, son of Rev. J. S. Williamson, D. D., in his 19th year.

ELLIOTT—At the Methodist Parsonage, Harriston, on Sunday, 17th January, Rev. Robert J. Elliott, aged 65 years.

IN MEMORIAM

NELLIS—In loving memory of Elizabeth Smith, wife of the late Wm. Nellis, Nassagaweya, who died January 13th, 1914, aged 72 years.

One year has passed, our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss her more,
Her cheerful voice, her welcome face,
No one can take a mother's place.

Her memory is as dear to-day
As at the hour she passed away,
When days are dark and friends are few,
Oh, mother, how I long for you.

Our Father in his wisdom called,
The one his love has given,
And though on earth the body lies,
The soul is safe in heaven.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS.


# The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1915


## EDITORIAL NOTES

THE Ontario legislature will convene on Tuesday, February 16th. This definite announcement was made following an afternoon session of the cabinet last Friday. The proclamation has already been signed by the lieutenant-governor and the notices of assembly will at once be sent forth to the members.

THE PENSION system for the Canadian expeditionary force has been prepared by the militia department and will be dealt with by the cabinet at an early date. If the war continues for any length of time this will be one of its serious, though necessary financial results. It has been estimated that the annual pension list may run up to eight or ten millions a year.

FEDERAL and provincial governments are co-operating in a great agricultural educational campaign to sweep Ontario within the next two months. It will be known as the Patriotic and Production Campaign of 1915, and plans formulated by the agricultural departments of the two governments are nearly complete. It will be launched on February 9th, and meetings will be held regularly in all the counties. Experts and skilled speakers will be heard on every occasion, and the burden of their appeal will be to urge farmers in general to exert themselves to the utmost to raise all the food products possible to supply the famished markets of next year.

AN exchange very appropriately remarks that every laboring man should buy himself a town lot, get that paid for, and then work to add the necessary improvements. A little here and a little there will in due time produce you a home of your own, and place you outside of the landlord's monthly rental bill. Remember that fifty dollars a year saved in rent will in a few years pay for your own home, and the money it costs you to move and shift about will, without any loss of furniture and time, pay the interest of a five hundred dollar mortgage against your property until you can gradually reduce it to nothing. You can all buy in that way; why do you not risk it? If you fail, you are no worse off; if you succeed, as any careful man is sure to do, you have made a home and established a credit which will start you in business, or give you other advantages when needed or desired.

## ST. ALBAN'S ENTERTAINMENT

### A Delightful Evening Enjoyed by a Crowded Audience in the Parish Hall

St. Alban's Sunday School held their annual entertainment on Thursday last and the parish hall was severely taxed to accommodate the number who attended. The scholars were assembled at 5 o'clock for games, etc., before having tea, which was served by Misses Ethel Clarke, White, Stuckey and Prevost.

The evening's programme at 7.30 was provided solely by the members of the school. The opening and closing choruses were very well rendered, as was also the "Three Kings" sung by E. Hipkins, H. Hutton and T. Savage. Recitations were given by Nora Frowen, Rosie Hutton, Pearl Nutley, H. Hutton, T. Savage and W. Nutley. These little folk did splendidly and certainly deserved the generous applause which was accorded them.

During the evening the Rector, Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, M. A., gave a short address reminding the parents of their duty and asking them to assist the children in their lessons at home and not to leave everything to be done in one hour on Sundays by the teachers of the Sunday School.

Following the Rector's speech came the distribution of special prizes for meritorious work during the past year. Those awarded by Miss Adah Clarke were won by Norah Frowen, Rose Hutton, Miriam Clifford, and Jessie Stuckey. Miss Chapman's prize was won by Phyllis Clarke. These prizes were charmingly presented by Miss Eris White who was presented with a large bouquet of roses and carnations.

At the close of the programme the Christmas tree was lighted and every scholar received a present from the Sunday School.

The hall was very tastefully decorated and the results of Mr. George's work in this direction were greatly admired. The whole evening passed off without a hitch and the arrangements reflected great credit on the organizing and managing ability of the teachers of the school and their efforts were well rewarded by the success of the evening.

Though she has hardly recovered from her recent illness, Miss Ina White officiated at the piano in her most efficient manner. All connected with Church and Sunday School were very pleased indeed to see her well enough to be present and it is sincerely hoped that she will soon recover her lost strength and be able to resume her position as organist in the Church and Sunday School.

## CHEWSONS CORNERS

### Sleighing Good. Water Very Scarce

The thaw last week spoiled the sleighing in some parts, but a bountiful supply of the beautiful on Monday night has improved it again. Water is very low in the wells and creeks on some of the farms about here.

Mr. F. A. Williamson, Watrous, Sask., formerly of Nassagaweya, visited at the home of Mr. W. A. Murray, last week.

Miss Maggie Cowson visited friends in Nassagaweya last week.

## ANOTHER LETTER FROM SALISBURY PLAIN

### Sergt. W. Coles Writes Interesting News from the Training Camp

F. Co'y, 5th Batt., 2nd Brigade,
Canadians, Salisbury Plain,
December 30th, 1914.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:

Dear Sir: Although no longer with the Halton Rifles, Pres. Riley, Lane and myself still remember Acton and the many friends we left behind. We do not know why we were left out of the Halton contingent. There was a good reason, no doubt. We were sorry at the time but since we have become acquainted with our new chums and surroundings we are well satisfied. We are now serving with the 31st British Columbia Horse. Except for severe colds there has been no serious sickness among we three. This, despite the fact that some of us have been reported sick with typhoid and dead.

I have read in the FREE PRESS the account of our voyage to England, so will say nothing about it, except that, according to the reports of the 4th Battalion men we fared a little better than they did in the way of food and quarters.

After disembarking we had the same kind of long march into camp and were very glad when we arrived. We are now living in huts and are far more comfortable than when we were in tents. We have had much rain and the condition of the ground just now makes walking and marching anything but pleasant.

We live chiefly on bread and jam and cheese, with one hot meal every day. Some seem to think that we may do better, but, considering the job we are on I think we are doing well as regards food.

I notice that the Canadian troops are well respected. People who are perfect strangers to us give us a hearty handshake. Gentlemen raise their hats, ladies young and old, chase us for buttons, badges and Canadian coins, and children smartly salute us in real military style.

We fared well at Christmas. Every man was given six days leave, except those who lost the privilege through misconduct. The leave started on Dec. 16th, and ended on Jan. 5th, 25 per cent. going with each batch. I went with the first party on December 16th and thought I was going to spend Christmas in Camp, my leave expiring at 6 a. m., December 22nd. Owing to the arrival of Mrs. Coles I applied for two days extra and was lucky enough to get it—Christmas and Boxing Day.

Mrs. Coles returned to Salisbury with me and spent two days sightseeing on the plain. She was invited to supper at the Sergeants' Mess and enjoyed the meal, although the waiters had managed to mix coal oil with the mustard pickles.

The nearest town to us is Amesbury, ten miles from Salisbury. I went into the post office to purchase stamps and discovered that the Postmaster was an old workmate, who used to work at the Acton tannery. Mr. Grace and a few others will perhaps remember Frank Hale and will be pleased to know that he is doing well as postmaster of Amesbury.

One very dark night on my way to camp I fell in with a man I had never seen before. The conversation was mainly about Canada. Before we got home I found that I had met a cousin of Rob McPherson's. He told me that his name was Whale, that his home was in Toronto and that he had spent many pleasant days in Acton.

"Happy" Reilly has "gone and done it." He was married, while on leave to a young lady with whom he chummed at school.

It is rumored here that we leave for France about January 15th.

We thank the ladies of Acton for the parcel of Christmas cakes and things sent to keep us warm. I delivered the goods for the boys of the 4th Battalion to Corporal Harwood and he saw that each man got his share.

Mrs. Coles reports a fairly good passage to England. Ernest was rather surprised that his grandad did not have long whiskers and he laughed exceedingly at the funny little tales and the broad talk of the Somersetshire people.

I have heard from Mrs. Coles that the people of Acton were very attentive to her and there was never any danger of her being in want. I am thankful to the people of Acton for their kindness, but hope that through the government allowance and my own allowance she was no great trouble. I daresay that most people know by this time that when I volunteered I did so as a married man and was accepted as such.

"Happy" Reilly, Victor Lane and Fred Coles wish the citizens of Acton a Happy New Year.

13350 SERGT. W. COLES.

## BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

The fiscal year of the Bank of Nova Scotia ended on 31st December and its eighty-third annual Statement appears in this issue. As usual it exhibits a unique position of strength, for the quickly convertible assets, comprising cash, bank balances, investments and call loans total $48,222,412, which amounts to no less than 64 per cent. of the bank's liability to the public; of this 20 per cent. is in holdings of cash alone. The total resources of the bank mounted during the year from $60,151,720 to $65,733,670 by reason of the purchase of the Metropolitan Bank last November in addition to an increase of $2,900,000 in deposits.

The profits for 1914, like those of the other large banks reporting at this time, are smaller than in 1913—$1,168,118 as compared with $1,210,774—for the strengthening of cash reserves made necessary by the unusual financial situation, means a sacrifice of profits. The bank paid its usual dividend of 14 per cent., contributed $37,439 to the various patriotic funds in Canada, Newfoundland and Jamaica, and the fund raised to provide for the families of the Newfoundland sealers who lost their lives in the disaster of 1st March; contributed $50,000 to the bank's pension fund and $100,000 to the reserve fund. This sound old institution easily holds its strong position and sets an enviable example of preparedness, despite the financial stress of wartime.

## RESOLVE TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS

What do the people of our town know about their schools? How many of them ever go inside of a school building? What do they know from personal observation? They send their children there for six hours every day for nine months of the year, and that is about the end of it. The public schools are too much neglected by the people. One can see that more school visitation by parents would be a great stimulus to both teachers and pupils. Why not give a little more attention to the training in the school.

## KNOX MISSIONARY BANQUET

### Stirring Address By G. Tower Ferguson, Toronto, to Enthusiastic Assemblage

Over fifty men attended the missionary banquet tendered in Knox Church last Monday evening.

The artistic appointments of the tables were very attractive. The banquet was provided by the ladies of the congregation, and the serving was attended to in very acceptable style by members of the Young People's Guild.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, acting in the capacity of chairman, in a brief address introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. G. Tower Ferguson, a Toronto broker.

Mr. Ferguson's address was an eloquent appeal for greater interest in missions, foreign and home. In his thoroughly convincing style he caused the complete capitulation of any objections that might be raised to the scheme of missions. It dealt with the observations of many critics that more attention should be given to home missions, showing that the majority of expenditure was in the home field.

The purpose of his address was to present the missionary budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The church is asked to contribute $750,000 for foreign missions and $450,000 for home missions. Of this total expenditure Knox Church is asked to contribute $1000. In the course of his address Mr. Ferguson outlined tried and approved schemes for the raising of this amount.

Throughout Mr. Ferguson's dissertation was an eloquent and convincing presenting of the great good, national, congregational and individual that inevitably accrues from a live, active interest in missionary work.

His address was received with very enthusiastic approval by the men present.

A motion was presented by Messrs. D. Henderson, M. P., and Wm. Johnstone, and supported by Messrs. Hynds and Kennedy, and carried unanimously, requesting the annual meeting, to be held this (Thursday) evening to authorize an every-member canvass for missions and current expenditure.

## BALLINAFAD

### Valuable Fox Poisoned—Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary—Slipped on the Ice

Mr. Byard Hilts, of Grand Valley, spent last week with friends here.

Mr. Blake Vanmatter had a valuable fox poisoned about a month ago. They have a detective working on the case. He visited Ballinafad a week ago last Monday and interviewed a number of young men around here, but we do not think that there is any person around here that would be guilty of such an act.

A very pleasant family re-union took place at the home of Mr. Ira Rossel on Friday the 15th January, when quite a number of the friends of the family were present to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. The time was spent in games and music. Mr. W. J. Gibson gave a number of violin selections, his daughter, Blanche, accompanied him on the organ. Miss Waddell gave a couple of instrumental selections. There were addresses by Rev. Mr. Waddell and Mr. E. Vanmatter. There were friends present from Floshetton, Cataract, Grand Valley, Inglewood, Toronto and Aurora.

Mrs. Wm. Walker and daughter, Irene, are the guests of Ballinafad friends.

Miss Fannie Rossel has gone to Toronto where she will spend a month or two.

A sleigh load of our young people went to the rink at Georgetown last Friday night.

Mr. James Binnie has returned home after an absence of two months.

Mr. McMurchie, third line, happened with a serious accident a week ago Saturday, while breaking in a colt, he slipped breaking his hip.

Mr. Peter Ferguson, Sr., is spending a few weeks holidays at the home of Mr. Wm. Thompson, Dublin.

—Mr. H. T. Morris, of Guelph, has purchased a fifty acre farm from the Spear Bros., being the north west ½ of lot 13, con. 10, Trafalgar township. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown.


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## The Bank of Nova Scotia

Capital Paid-Up, $8,800,000 Reserve Fund, $12,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance December 31st, 1913 | $41,124 27 |
| Net profits for current year, losses by bad debts estimated and provided for | 1,196,116 90 |
| | $1,237,241 17 |
| Dividends for year at 14% | $840,000 00 |
| Contributions to Canadian, Newfoundland and Jamaica ($37,439) Patriotic Funds | 32,433 32 |
| Contribution to Newfoundland Sealers Disaster Fund | 5,000 00 |
| Contribution to Officers Pension Fund | 50,000 00 |
| Transferred to Reserve Fund | 100,000 00 |
| Balance Carried Forward December 31st, 1914 | 201,057 84 |
| | $1,237,241 17 |

RESERVE FUND

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|---|---|
| Balance December 31st, 1913 | $11,000,000 00 |
| The Metropolitan Bank Reserve Fund | 900,000 00 |
| Transferred from Profit and Loss | 100,000 00 |
| Total December 31st, 1914 | $12,000,000 00 |

CONDENSED GENERAL STATEMENT as at December 31st, 1914

LIABILITIES

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|---|---|
| Notes in circulation | 87,148,813 49 |
| Deposits by the public | 68,955,350 55 |
| Balances due to other Banks | 547,413 51 |
| Other liabilities | 161,126 24 |
| Total liabilities to the public | 76,813,703 79 |
| Capital | 6,500,000 00 |
| Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits | 12,201,057 84 |
| Dividends Declared and Unpaid | 219,909 00 |
| | $95,733,670 63 |

ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Specie and legal tenders | $14,333,641 34 |
| Notes and Cheques on other Banks | 4,773,756 39 |
| Balances due from other Banks | 4,623,321 82 |
| Deposit in Central Gold Reserves | 1,500,000 00 |
| Government and other bonds and stocks | 7,399,890 76 |
| Call and demand loans | 16,643,863 43 |
| Total Quick Assets | 49,332,473 74 |
| Commercial and other loans | 43,230,264 62 |
| Bank Premises | 2,388,158 25 |
| Other Assets | 882,838 02 |
| | $95,733,670 63 |

JOHN Y. PAYZANT, President. H. A. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

In accordance with the provisions of sub-section 19 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the General Manager's Office and the certified returns received from the branches and the above statement, which is in accordance therewith, is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at December 31st, 1914, as well as at another time during the year, and found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We have also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and we are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.
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The country is vastly different from the city in the personal relations of its people. While in the city one is not expected to have even a speaking acquaintance with the man who lives ten feet away, in the country everyone knows everyone else in the whole community, and the paper which comes to the home filled with items concerning neighbors is a message of human interest to every member of the family, and receives an intensive reading that no other publication is ever given.

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