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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1915

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—The icy pavements have wearied walkers a great deal lately.

—Oats is selling in Germany now at $2.50 per bushel.

—Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., preached able sermons in Knox Church, Guelph, on Sunday.

—Baptist Church Anniversary next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Gilmour, of McMaster University, will preach.

—Friday night's mild spell relieved the trees and wires of the burden of ice they had carried for five days.

—Sleighing parties and snow-shoeing excursions are much in vogue among the young people here just now.

—A number of young people will hold what they have named a patriotic dance in the town hall to-morrow evening.

—Last Saturday was another busy day. The roads were in fair condition again and the farmers came to town in large numbers.

—It was like fairyland on Friday morning when the heavy coat of hoar frost was added to the ice on all the trees and foliage.

—Owing to the war and the conditions thereby brought about in Canada, the Galt Horse Show will not be held this year, but will be deferred until 1916.

—At the request of the Free Library Board, Georgetown Council has increased the annual amount for maintenance of the library from one-half to three-quarters of a mill.

—Mr. William Poer, of Nelson Township has purchased the 200 acre farm at Lowville, belonging to Mr. Wm. Harbottle, of Milton. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown, Ont.

—A meeting of the Executive Committee of Acton Branch Bible Society will be held at the home of the Secretary, Mr. A. T. Brown, on Friday evening to appoint collectors and arrange for annual meeting.

—At last meeting of Brampton Council Deputy Reeve Beatty resigned to accept the position of Assessor at $900 salary, and Councillor Dawson resigned with a view to securing the vacant Deputy Reeveship.

—The FREE PRESS received on Saturday a post card portrait of Pte. J. Reilly, of the 5th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, F. Camp, Salisbury Plain, England, posted on Saturday, 23rd January. "Happy" sent kind regards to all.

—A special train ran through Acton to Brampton on Monday evening about 7.30 o'clock conveying the Young People of St. George's and St. James' Churches, Guelph, on their annual visit to the Brampton Anglican Young Peoples' Association.

—A very attractive pamphlet on the best methods and the big advantage of farm drainage is issued, free, by the Hamilton Sewer Pipe Company, of Swansea, Ontario, and everyone interested is invited to write at once to the firm for a copy.

—Your portrait will carry a message of thoughtfulness that is next to a personal visit.—Matthews' Studio.

LIMEHOUSE

A Strong Young People's Guild Organized—Mr. G. T. Coo, Home from Hospital

Mr. W. Gowdy and Mr. Crawshaw were at Milton on Monday attending the funeral of the late John W. Bows.

On Wednesday evening, January 27th, a Young People's Guild was organized and the following officers were elected:

President—Alfred Marshall.
First Vice-Pres.—Miss Winnifred Ivens.
Second Vice-Pres.—Miss Winnifred Polkinghorne.
Third Vice-Pres.—Miss Dorothy Polkinghorne.
Fourth Vice-Pres.—Douglas Gowdy.

Several committees were appointed to assist in the work. Thursday evening, Feb. 5th, the opening social meeting was held. The programme consisted of addresses, recitations and music, after which lunch was served. Much interest was manifested and 43 members were enrolled, which was very encouraging, considering the small community.

Mr. Geo. T. Coo, who was in Toronto for treatment for his eyes, returned home several days ago. Otherwise than being a little painful, not much change is reported.

Mr. John Scott, sixth line, and his daughter Hazel, have been suffering from la grippe during the past week. Both are improving.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Arch is very ill with bronchitis.

Mr. Gowdy's reputation as a vocalist is becoming quite wide spread. He sang on Monday evening at the anniversary tea-meeting of Knox Church, Acton. Mr. Carl Adams, teacher, also sang at this gathering with much acceptance.

Horse Breaks through the Ice

While being used in the process of cutting ice, one of W. J. Ritchie's horses slipped into the water through a thin coat of ice on Monday. The horse at the time was hauling the ice plow and was operating close to the edge of the opening where the ice had been removed. At the point where the accident occurred the water is about eight feet in depth. The animal was landed on terra firma again after great difficulty. The thin ice was broken from the place of the accident to the shore and the horse drawn out by his team mate. The immersed animal, well blanketed, was returned to his stable but was in commission next day, none the worse.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Methodist Sacramental Services

Sacramental services will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday. The love feast will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the evening service.

Home for a Farewell Visit

Sergt. W. J. Gould, of the 20th Regiment of the second contingent of Overseas Expeditionary Forces, was home from Toronto Saturday and Sunday, for a last visit prior to leaving for Halifax. The 20th Regiment expects to leave Toronto to-day, and embark on the transports from Halifax within a fortnight.

Patriotic Concert by Knox Guild

The Senior Guild of Knox Church will give a Patriotic Concert in the Sunday School Room of the church on Monday evening, February 15th, in aid of the Red Cross Society. A splendid programme of addresses, vocal and instrumental music, etc., will be given by the young people of the church. Silver collection at the door.

More Pictures from Salisbury Plain

The FREE PRESS has received this week from Salisbury Plain, England, an excellent portrait of Fred J. Wright, one of the Acton members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. A group portrait of members of the Postal Motor drivers of the Salisbury Camp has also been received. In this group Driver Norman Speight, of Georgetown, occupies a prominent position.

Mr. Lisant Beardmore Enlists

Mrs. Walter Beardmore, Toronto, has received a cablegram from her oldest son, Mr. G. Lissant Beardmore, who was studying in Germany when the war broke out, when he escaped to Switzerland. His message said: "Escaped capture, lost everything; enlisting." Mr. Beardmore was born in Toronto in 1878, but spent his early boyhood days with his parents in Acton.

A Sleighride Experience

A couple of our popular young people had rather an uncomfortable experience when out for a cutter ride on Saturday afternoon. In passing another rig their cutter upset and the horse freeing himself returned toward town at a lively clip, leaving the young couple to walk home through the snow. They were overtaken by a kind-hearted farmer who gave them a life on a load of chop, which they both appreciated and enjoyed.

Acton—Past, Present and Future

The other day Rev. Mr. Draper was in Toronto and went into a restaurant for lunch. He sat down at the first convenient table and was somewhat surprised to find that Rev. Geo. W. Barker, of Guelph, was already seated at the same table. They had hardly given their order when Rev. H. W. Avison, B.A., B.D., entered and sat down beside them. At once the ejaculation was made by one of the trio, "Well, this is a co-incidence; Acton, past, present and future."

Rear-Admiral Kingsmill Promoted

Rear-Admiral Kingsmill, of the Canadian Navy, has been promoted to Vice-Admiral. Vice-Admiral Charles Edmund Kingsmill was born at Guelph July 7, 1883. He married a daughter of Walter Beardmore, Esq. He served in the the royal navy till 1908, when he accepted command of the marine service of Canada, and retired from the active list in order to retain the appointment. He served in Egypt and holds the Egyptian medal, bronze star, and is an officer of the French Legion of Honor. He resides in Ottawa.

Bread at $1.00 a Loaf

Mr. Morris Saxe has just received a letter from his father, who lives near Kiev, Russia. The old gentleman reported conditions as very distressing in that section of the country. Over 10,000 refugees from Poland have reached that town and are quartered with the 6,000 inhabitants. As a result the food supplies have become very scare, so much so that the ordinary five pound loaf of bread is now being sold for $1.00 and bread is being sold on the streets by the slice. If the war is prolonged there will be great suffering among the people in that part of the country.

Another Box of Comforts

The children's clothing, bedding, etc., which was being prepared for the Belgian refugees by the ladies, under the auspices of the Woman's Institute, was taken to the meeting of the Institute on Friday afternoon. When all the goods were baled it was found that a good generous $100 worth of very comfortable and much-needed articles had been contributed. A much appreciated donation was a number of excellent children's coats sent in by Messrs. Henderson & Co. The goods were shipped to the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, to be forwarded to Queen Mary's Needle Work Guild in England.

Denominational Fellowship

Rev. C. Draper preached a very able and impressive sermon last Sunday morning on Christian Unity and Denominational Fellowship. This subject was chosen because of the friendly spirit prevailing in Acton between the various churches, and from the fact that last Sunday the Baptists attended the Presbyterian anniversary in the morning and the Methodists attended the evening service, and next Sunday the Methodists will attend the Baptist anniversary in the morning and the Presbyterians at night. The discourse was based upon John 10: 16, "Other sheep I have, them also must I bring, and there shall be one fold and shepherd." Mr. Draper showed the value of the different denominations in the work of God, and the desirability of a fraternal and helpful spirit among them, and the unity of effort in matters essential to the betterment of the life of the community and the uplift of humanity on all moral issues. The sermon created profound impressions on the large congregation assembled.

A District Press Association

A very interesting meeting of the newspaper men of Halton, Peel and Dufferin was held at Brampton on Saturday. Practical addresses pertaining to the newspaper and printing business were given by Messrs. W. E. Smallfield, of the Mercury, Renfrew, Vice-President of the Canadian Press Association; Roy V. Bayles, of the Times, Port Elgin, Chairman of the Weekly Section of the Canadian Press Association, L. Eedy, of the Journal, St. Marys, and Jno. M. Imrie, Manager of the Canadian Press Association, Toronto. At the conclusion of the day's programme a District Association was formed with Elgin Harris, of the Gazette, Burlington, President, F. N. Loavens, of the Enterprise, Bolton, Vice-President, and T. F. E. Clarridge, of the Economist, Shelburne, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. S. Charters, ex-M. P. P., of the Conservator, Brampton, presided. The newspapers of Acton, Bolton, Brampton, Burlington, Georgetown and Orangeville were represented at the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF DONATIONS

By Officials of Belgian Relief Committee to Acton Red Cross Aid Society

The local officers of the Red Cross Aid Society have received the following letters acknowledging the aid sent for the relief of the victims of the war during January and February:

Montreal, Jan. 9th, 1915.

Mrs. J. L. Warren,
Acton, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Warren: Wo beg to acknowledge receipt of the box of clothing which you so generously forwarded to our Relief Work for the victims of the war in Belgium.

We are exceedingly grateful to you for this splendid contribution to our work and beg you to accept our heartiest thanks and our deepest gratitude for your generosity and the kind interest you take in relieving distressed Belgians.

Yours faithfully,
LOUISE S. CALWELL,
For the Honorary Treasurer.

Montreal, Feb. 2, 1915.

Mrs. E. Chapman,
Treasurer Red Cross Aid Society,
Acton, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Chapman: We are in receipt of your letter of the 30th of January enclosing a draft for $122.35 as a contribution from the Acton Red Cross Aid Society to the Belgian Relief Fund.

This is certainly a splendid contribution from your society and we are deeply grateful for same. Will you kindly thank each of the contributors and your fellow-workers in our name.

With many thanks to yourself, I am,
Yours faithfully,
HELEN PITS'HORNE,
Honorary Treasurer.

OBITUARY

JOHN W. BOWS

In the death last Friday of Mr. John W. Bows, Milton lost one of its most esteemed sons, and most honored and useful citizens. For nearly three years Mr. Bows suffered from ill health, first from hardening of the arteries and lately from Bright's disease. His illness had many distressing features. A year ago his death was hourly expected and his brothers in Revelstoke, B. C., were sent for and came home. He rallied, however, and another year of suffering and weakness were patiently endured. Through all his prolonged illness Mrs. Bows was his constant companion, ministering with loving care and solicitude. John W. Bows was the eldest son of the late William Bows, who died 18 years ago. He was born in Milton, learned his father's business of merchant tailoring and was his partner. At his father's death his brother Samuel R. was admitted to partnership and the firm name was registered as Wm. Bows' Sons. Nineteen years ago he married Lottie Homestreet, daughter of William Homestreet, Acton, and their home has been a happy one. There is one child, Doris, now in her twelfth year. To the bereaved wife and daughter the sincerest sympathy of the community is extended. Mr. Bows' mother, his sister Margaret, his brother Samuel, all of Milton, and Walter, Fred and Harry, of Revelstoke, B. C., survive. He was a noble Christian man, much interested in the activities of the town and community. An active member of the Methodist Church, he occupied the honored position of Recording Steward up to the time of his death. He was for two years a member of the town Council and belonged to St. Clair Lodge A. F. and A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Sons of Scotland. The funeral on Tuesday was very largely attended. It was conducted by Rev. M. J. Wilson, assisted by Rev. Dr. Moore, Toronto, who officiated at the marriage nineteen years ago, and Rev. Mr. McKay, of Knox Church. The Oddfellows attended in a body. The bearers were Messrs. George Andrew, J. H. Peacock, W. B. Clements, R. A. Harrison, F. McJannett and Jos. Peacock.

SURVEYOR'S MARKS

H. P. Moore, Esq.,
Free Press, Acton.

Dear Sir: I thank you for the copy of the FREE PRESS giving an account of the bottle buried at the corner of lots 13 and 14 con. 6, Nassagaweya, on November 3rd, 1870, to perpetuate that corner. The marks on the beech tree were made about the year 1817 or 1819, when the township was surveyed by Mr. Sherwood—if I remember correctly—now nearly 100 years ago.

It is quite interesting to know that the bottle with its contents are so well preserved, and I hope that all were put in the same place again to preserve the corner.

I hope the parties did not do as we done in Georgetown some years ago, when the fine stone building was built, that stands on the west side of Main Street. After the building was up I mentioned that there was a stone planted by Mr. Hugh Black at the north east angle of where the old frame store stood, and I said that I hoped it was preserved and taken care of. The proprietor said: "Oh yes, I took good care of the stone; I have it up stairs above the store." Just fancy! the stone might as well be in Kalamazoo, so far as its usefulness was concerned. If more corners were marked by the old settlers there would be fewer law suits.

Some of the persons whose names you mentioned have passed away, when there are only three left, and we too must soon follow.

With kind regards,
I am yours truly,
JAMES WARREN.

Walkerton, February 8th, 1915.

Mr. Melvin Mann accompanied the remains of his mother from Port Arthur last week. The following other friends attended the funeral here from a distance: Messrs. T. Tushingham, J. Tushingham, F. Tushingham, E. Tushingham and Mr. Whale and Mrs. H. Noble, all of Toronto, and Mr. George A. Mann, Milton.

PERSONAL AND TRAVEL NOTES

Social and Personal Items of Interest to Free Press Readers

GLEANED DURING THE WEEK

Mr. Edward Tweedale was home from Guelph this week.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin left last week on a business trip to the west.

Mrs. Anna Maddock left last week to visit her son at Roblin, Man.

Mr. Charles Clark, of Toronto, spent the week-end at his mother's home.

Miss Minnie Nelson is spending a few weeks with friends in Toronto.

Miss Jackson, of Masboro, was the guest last week of Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie.

Mr. J. B. MacKenzie and Master Sam visited friends in Goderich this week.

Miss Lottie E. Speight has been spending a few days with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Ralston Brown was home from Victoria University for a couple of days.

Miss Copeland, of Burlington, was a guest this week at the home of Mr. N. F. Moore.

Miss Rae Brandon, of Grillia, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. B. E. Caldwell.

Mr. Harold Nicklin, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Wallace, of Guelph, attended Knox Church Anniversary services on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alie Smith and babe, of Minitonas, Manitoba, visited at L. E. Atkinson's the past week.

Miss Winnifred Watson, of Toronto, spent several days with Acton friends. She was the guest of Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mrs. George Dills and her grand-daughter Dorothy MacPherson visited her children at Brampton and Toronto this week.

Mrs. W. D. Smith was in Toronto during the week visiting her friend, Mrs. Jennie Smith, who has been critically ill lately.

Mrs. James Ryder, of Toronto, spent Monday at her son's home here. She had been for several weeks visiting her daughter at Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald have moved from Prince Edward County to Acton. They will go on Mr. Brown's farm, which he recently purchased, in the spring.

Mr. H. P. Moore and Miss Clara E. Moore and Messrs. W. Johnstone and James Symon attended the funeral of the late John W. Bows at Milton on Monday.

Mr. Thomas Eldridge, who has been very ill and confined to his bed since midsummer, has made rapid progress toward recovery lately and is now able to be about the house again.

Miss Queena V. Smith, who has many friends in Acton, has opened a studio for piano and vocal instructions at 297 College Street, Toronto. Miss Smith may arrange for a concert in Acton in the near future.

Mr. J. D. McGibbon, who has never fully recovered from the effects of the automobile accident he figured in last fall, has been spending a few weeks at the Preston Mineral Springs, he has just returned home, greatly benefitted as a result.—Milton Reformer.

CREWSONS CORNERS

The storm last week blocked the roads so badly that it was impossible for C. W. Lambert, mail carrier, to make a trip on Tuesday or Wednesday. This winter is the first time since the rural route was started that he has failed to make the round-trip, and has only missed three days, which is a very good record.

A gloom was cast over this community, when the news of the sudden death of Mr. James Black was learned. Mr. Black was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, to undergo an operation, on Saturday, and died there Saturday night. The funeral will take place on Thursday to Everton Cemetery.

James Black, Reeve of Eramosa Dies Suddenly

Death Follows an Operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, On Saturday

FATHER DIED SUDDENLY IN JUNE

Reeve Black is dead! This sudden announcement on Sunday morning filled the people of Eramosa, and even a wider circle, with amazement and sorrow. Great sympathy is felt for the family bereft so suddenly of a husband and father so greatly beloved and honored.

Reeve James Black, of Eramosa, passed away just before midnight on Saturday, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, following an operation for internal trouble. His death comes as a decided shock, although it was generally known that he was not in the best of health, even when he attended the January session of the County Council, at Guelph a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Black was one of the best known and highly respected men in the township of Eramosa, and had lived there all his life. He was 38 years of age and was the son of the late John Black, who expired so suddenly in the committee rooms of H. Carter, M. P. P., on the evening of June 20th last, and who resided in that city.

A peculiar co-incidence in connection with his death is the fact that Chas. McNabb, who was Reeve of Eramosa last year, also died while in office. Mr. Black was elected to fill out the balance of the year, and was re-elected in January by an increased majority. He was in attendance at every session of the County Council and was apparently in good spirits, but took seriously ill upon his return home.

He resided on the farm adjoining that one on which James J. Hill, the railway magnate, was born. He was well posted in municipal affairs, and was honored on several occasions with positions of trust by the ratepayers.

He leaves to mourn his death a sorrowing wife, five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Albert Robertson, wife of Professor Robertson, of the University of Toronto; Miss Lois Black, of Edmonton, a school teacher, and three daughters at home. Two sons also survive and several brothers and sisters. The funeral will not be held until this afternoon in order to allow Miss Lois Black to return home from Edmonton. Miss Black was for some time teacher at Lorne School, here.

For three generations the family of Blacks have been leading and influential residents of this section. They were prominent members of the Disciples Church and the grandfather of the deceased frequently preached in Acton with much acceptance. They were leading Liberals in their community.

LORNE

Lorne School report for the month of January is as follows:

Sr. IV Class—Laura Macdonald, Edna Johnston, John Watkins.

Jr. IV Class—Herbert Drone, Isabelle Watkins, Alvin Ryder, Clara Lantz.

III Class—Caroline Ryder, Effie McEachern, Donald McDougall.

II Class—Jean McDougall, Arnold McDonald, Hugh Brown, Wilmer Watkins, Elmore Johnston, Ronald McEachern.

Sr. I Class—Roy Johnston, Rosalie McDonald, Jessie Ryder, Hector Macdonald, Maria Lantz.

Jr. I Class—Angus McEachern, Gordon Johnston, Campbell Miller.

Class "A"—Marion Brown.

Class "B"—Jack McDougall, Gordon McDougall.

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Overcoats with fur collars, with cloth lining and rubber interlining, worth $15.00 for **$10.00.**

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The Empire's Call to Farmers

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HON. MARTIN BURRELL, Minister of Agriculture.

Britain must have food—food this year, and food next year. Britain is looking to Canada to supply most of that food. We are sending our surplus now, but we must prepare for a larger surplus this year and next year. Patriotism and Production must go hand in hand.

Because of this need of the Empire for more food, and the call to Canada in that need, the Canadian Department of Agriculture has arranged for a series of Conferences throughout the Dominion with the object of giving suggestions as to the best ways of increasing production of the particular products needed at this time. At these conferences agricultural specialists, who have studied agricultural conditions and production throughout the world, and the best means of increasing agricultural production in Canada, will give valuable information and suggestions to the farmers, live-stock men, dairymen, poultrymen, vegetable growers, and other producers of this country. The Canadian Department of Agriculture urges you to attend as many of these Conferences as possible, also to watch for other information on the subject that will be given in other announcements in this newspaper.

ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE

Put Energy into Production of Staple Foods

The Government does not ask farmers to work harder, so much as it urges them to make their work more productive, and to produce those staple foods that the Empire most needs and that can be most easily stored and transported.

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Wheat, oats, corn, beans, peas. Beef, mutton, bacon and ham. Cheese and butter.

Poultry and eggs.
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The larger the yield of these staple food products, the greater the service to the Empire. Germany in the last ten years has doubled the average yield of the majority of her field crops largely through better seed, thorough cultivation and use of fertilizer. And while the Empire's armies are busy putting down German Militarism, let us at home appropriate the best of Germany's agricultural methods for the Empire's advantage.

The Government urges farmers, stockmen, dairymen and other producers to make a wider use of the Free Bulletins issued by the Canadian Department of Agriculture. Clip out, fill in and mail the coupon below and get a list of these bulletins. Then select the bulletins that will be of value to you. Mail your coupon right now. Do not put a stamp on the envelope. Your coupon will be "On His Majesty's Service."

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