

DIED

KENNERLY—At Dryden, on Monday, August 10th, Paul Kennedy, formerly of Esquimalt, in his 82nd year.
HOOT—At Erin Village, on Friday, 6th August, Isabella Hoot, widow of the late George Hoot, aged 84 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1915

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is known that Oakville is to have a shop license. Citizens of Halton will sincerely hope this will not be consummated. Halton County has not been cursed with a shop license for nearly forty years. We can get along very well without the harmful introduction of such a menace at this date in the history of the county.

The Ministry Department has abolished the regulation by which a man was prevented from enlisting because his wife, parents, object, and in future no man can change his mind and secure his discharge from overseas battalions by paying fifteen dollars. This should open the way for numbers of able-bodied young men.

AS WAR EXPOSED—The Norris Government swept the country in the general elections in Manitoba last Friday. Hon. Mr. Norris has 40 supporters while the Opposition is left with only 5 members. Premier Norris assures the country that legislation will be enacted to close all bar rooms, clubs and liquor stores, and that the investigations into the scandals left by the Roblin government will be most thorough and the guilty parties brought to justice. Halton is proud to own Premier Norris as one of its honored sons. His father resided for many years at Oshawa, near Milton.

This will be "Patriotic Year" at the Canadian National Exhibition, and our directors desire that all exhibitors will endeavor to give effect to the patriotic idea in the decoration of their booths." This is a paragraph taken from a circular sent out by the exhibition officials to all exhibitors, and is in keeping with the general plan laid out for the year. The idea is to make the whole exhibition a lesson in loyalty and Empire patriotism, and every exhibitor who gets space will be required to have a British flag or Union Jack prominently displayed. The Fair at Toronto this year will be one grand patriotic picture.

HALTON'S SHARE IN THE WAR

881 Officers and Men Recruit Through the 20th Regt. Alone

ALL WOMEN OF HOME OFFICERS

The following interesting letter was sent to the Georgetown Herald last week by Lieut.-Col. Nolle. It shows that this country is doing its fair quota in supplying men for the front and that they are commanded by intelligent and courageous officers.

Norval, Aug. 3d, 1915.

Dear Sirs:
As we are nearing the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities with Germany, it may be of interest to your readers to know something of what has been done by our local regiments towards furnishing men and means for the carrying on of the war.

Within two weeks after the declaration of war we had assembled 173 officers and men ready to be mobilized at Waterloo, and altogether we have recruited and sent forward 362 non-commissioned officers and men and officers. This work has been accomplished chiefly through the efforts of the different company officers at local company headquarters. No special recruiting officer has been appointed and there has been no chance to the public on account of this work.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Toronto papers to impress upon the public that the Youth Battalion of the First Infantry Brigade was composed chiefly of men of certain Toronto regiments, this battalion also had a large number of men and four officers from the 20th Halton Mills.

That the quality of our men was fully up to the best is amply proven by results, and we have no doubt that the officers and men who are still in training will prove themselves fully equal to the occasions when the opportunity offers. Capt. G. A. Clark, Adjutant of the 20th Regt., and now with the Signal Corps in France, writing after the battle of Langemarck, says:

"Perhaps the people in Canada wonder how far we have come since the time that the Canadians were told to march. Let me tell you, coming from the experience of one who has never fired a shot and whose chief work has been to mend wires, that the Canadians need take back water from nothing. Where the officers lead, the men will follow, and the officers have led and will lead anywhere. No one can realize the magnitude of this colonial struggle. That we will ultimately win no one doubts. The combined wealth of Britain, France, Russia and Italy must be more than a match for Germany and Austria, and it is wealth that counts in the long run."

Yours truly,
ALFRED NOLLE, L.W.C.,
O.C. 20th Regt.**BALTIMORE**

Mr. Fred Sinclair, who has spent the last two weeks in Guelph for medical treatment, has returned much benefited in health.

Miss Jessie Rosset has returned home after spending a month in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Lower were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes recently.

Mr. Wm. Hardling, of Dundalk, spent last week with his uncle, Mr. R. Hardling.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walker, of Burlington, spent the week-end with Hallinburg friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hillis, Erin, were the guests of Mr. Stephen Rossell of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baumstark, of Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Baumstark, of Georgetown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Van Vantassar last week.

Miss Mary Van Vantassar is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Conover, at Kitchener.

Master Roy Thurston, of Toronto, and little Miss Anna Horley, of Norval, are holidaying at Mr. J. Ross's.

Master Fred Campbell, of Toronto, is holidaying at Mr. A. Campbell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harvey and little daughter, Doris, who have been the guests of Mr. Sparks for the past week, have returned to their home in Toronto.

\$6,590.18 FOR SCHOOLS' UPKEEP
\$1600.18 Received in Grants and Fees and \$5000 From Municipal Assessment.

1914 ESTIMATES INCREASED 160%.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening. Members present: Jno. Kenney, Chairman, Hobt. Scott, C. C. Height, N. Forbes and John R. Kennedy.

Education was of unusual importance inasmuch as the requirements of the school for the year were under careful consideration, the estimates of the receipts and expenditures being presented by the Committee on Finance.

These were finally confirmed as follows:

Legislative Grant to Continuous School..... \$ 522.00

Legislative Grant to Public School..... 132.00

County Grant to Continuous School..... 522.00

Headmore & Co., non-resident fees..... 133.00

Continuous School Fees..... 5,000.00

From Municipal Assessment..... 86,000.18

EXPENDITURE—

Habitation..... \$3,000.00

Fuel..... 322.00

Repairs..... 100.00

Habits..... 100.00

Maps, Furniture and Library..... 93.00

Contingencies..... 75.18

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The following accounts were passed:

Mr. Wm. Hynd, examination paper, \$1.00

William Bridge, books for library..... 8.50

Printing, Telephoning, Express..... 3.00

James Symon, paint, etc..... 25.64

The Chairman reported that he had ordered a new 40-foot flag pole, the one on the tower being now out of commission and having the cause of leakage through the tower during wet weather. This pole will be removed.

SUNSHINE CHANCES PROSPECTS

After Continued Wet Weather Made Harvest Look Very Blue

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE

The continued wet weather during the last half of July and the first week of the present month retarded the work of the farmers very seriously and the crops were badly damaged as a result of the continued rain.

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