

BORN
WILLIAMS—In Toronto, on Saturday, 12th November, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, a daughter.

MARRIED

MOON-NAMHAN—In Toronto, on Wednesday, November 10th, Thomas Bailey, aged 26 years.

WALTER—At the home of his son, William Charles Walter, on Sunday, 14th November, James Walter, aged 75 years.

ALEXIS—At the General Hospital, Guelph, on Tuesday, 13th November, Robert Atkins, formerly of Nassauago, in his 80th year.

IN MEMORIAM

HUNTERSON—In sweet and loving memory of James Gordon Hunterson, who died 20th November, 1907 and Alice Christie Hunterson who died 20th November, 1914.

Gone from us, but not forgotten;

Never shall their memories fade;

Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger.

Round the bed where they lie.

D. HUNTERSON AND FAMILY.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1918

EDITORIAL NOTES

Two of Canada's highest agricultural authorities after a careful study of the field crops of Canada last year, estimate that it is in excess of last year's value of \$250,000,000. Already about 100,000,000 bushels of wheat of this season's crop of wheat have been harvested.

This is more than twice the total a year ago at this time. By far the larger percentage of the wheat that has been shipped from the Atlantic seaboard for Europe has been Canadian grown wheat.

Contractors, travellers whose business brings them in very close touch with trade conditions throughout the country report that Western Canada's big crop year has resulted in a great improvement of business. Dealers, as a rule, had allowed their stocks to fall to the lowest margin, but now, with big a crop threatened, they are ordering heavily. This means not only more business in the country towns, but greater prosperity for the manufacturers and wholesalers, and increased activity in transportation circles.

At an address before the Montreal Reform Club last night, N. W. Howell K. C. said: "Our valiant Canadian sons, both British and French, continue to serve on the plains of Europe, fighting in numerous causes, sealed with their blood a covenant which should bind together the two great races in Canada." The people of Canada he continued, would not permit any small nationalist movement here to date from those doing their duty as Canadian citizens in this supreme hour, and the people of Canada of both British and French origin would unite, as the Boers in South Africa had united, to fight for the common cause of liberty and justice.

Karen VENIAZON CORCORAN is taking strong measures to see that the electors of that municipality shall be given full opportunity before exercising the franchise. At last meeting the following resolution was passed: "Moved by Jas. Justice, seconded by Jas. Hamilton, that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law under the provisions of Chap. 162, Sec. 290, sub-sec. 2, of Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, which provides: 'For disqualifying from voting, an elector who has not, on or before the 14th day of December, next preceding the election, paid all municipal taxes due by him or her; it is possible that Collector Harvey will appreciate similar action taken in this town."

REPRESENTATION of Prester Asquith's historic pledge regarding the Estates' allies' terms of peace delivered at the Lord Mayor's banquet, Nov. 9, 1914, was made by Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, Monday in a written answer to a question put by Sir Arthur Martineau, Liberal member of Parliament for the Mansfield division of Nottinghamshire. After stating that Great Britain's position in the war is fixed by her alliances with Japan, France and Russia, the Foreign Secretary concluded: "In our view the conditions of peace will still be those laid down by the Prime Minister on Nov. 9, 1914. It is very difficult to say what the undetermined case and for all that this is the determination of the Government, collectively and individually, and of the nation."

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the Acton High School Literary Society was held last Friday afternoon. Contributors were given by Adams Orr and East Morris. An interesting recitation was given by Miss Margaret Willis entitled "Little Orphant Annie". Short impromptu speeches were made by the following: Miss Myrtle Claviger, "Caught in Rain Storm"; Miss Lois Kennedy, "Baseball from a Girl's Point of View"; Miss Clara Brown, "A Hot Sunday Church"; Miss Violet Morris, "The Story of a Girl"; Miss Edna Lee, "A Judge's Decision"; Miss Evelyn Williams, "My Worst Day in School".

The most important business was the discussion of the advisability of having an "At Home". It was unanimously decided to have one at the end of the present term.

Miss Stewart gave a short address on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of an "At Home", but, agreeing with most of the pupils, failed to find any serious disadvantages.

The school's interesting paper, "The Gazette", was read by the editor, Miss Alice O'Brien. The critic's report was made by Miss Marguerite Stewart.

MASHAGAWAYA

The funeral of the late Robert Atkins from Biggs's residence, the old homestead, on Monday was largely attended. Interment was made at Elizabethtown Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cox and daughter, Anna, motored to Hamilton last week and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. Maude with their son, Kenneth, of the 76th Batt., who was in the task force from Niagara. On Wednesday morning, the 10th, the 76th entrained at Hamilton for Harrisville where they will spend the winter in training for overseas service.

Mr. James Carnahan's sale last Thursday was largely attended and quite successful. Mr. Carnahan and family will shortly return to Acton to reside.

HENDERSON'S MILL DESTROYED
Secondary Fire on Sunday Night was
Disastrous
\$12,000 WORTH OF LUMBER SAVED

Just as the Post-Office clock was striking nine on Sunday evening the fire bell ran an alarm. It did not take long to ascertain the location of the fire for in a minute or two the western section of the town was illuminated with a lurid glow of large proportions. The word was promptly passed that Henderson's saw mill was on fire.

The fire brigade was promptly on the scene, but the building was surrounded in flames at this time and all efforts were centred upon saving the stock of lumber, shingles and wool. These are valued at between \$12,000 and \$15,000. In this the firm, with the assistance of citizens, were successful, there being but a small quantity of wood and lumber destroyed.

It was unfortunate that when the fire was at its height a auction value blow out of the building. This reduced the price but did not detract from the enthusiasm of the men who were saving the mill.

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VERY INTERESTING RECRUITING MEETING
Effective Addresses by Pte. Cockburn,
A Wounded Hero from the Trenches

AND O. HEZELWOOD, ESQ., TORONTO

A very important meeting of citizens was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening which was of a highly dramatic character. It was, in fact, a recruiting meeting and its influence will undoubtedly have far-reaching results.

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LEARNING
Learning without thought is labor lost. Thought without learning is perilous.—Confucius.

He might be a very clever man by nature, for all I know, but he had so many books upon his head that his brains could not move.—Hall.

Menakes make men wise; poets, witty; mathematicians, subtle; natural philosophers, deep; moralists, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend.—Hacon.

No man is wise for his learning. Wit and wisdom are born with a man.—Holden.

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TORONTO LOSSES

Total Killed in War War Number
206 Men

Toronto men who have been slain, or who have died in Britain's service, number 206. The Star Weekly in a recent review of the subject gives the following figures:

This is the figure given out to-day by the City Treasurer's Department, which receives the official notification of death from the Military Department.

Toronto has paid insurance claims on 176 dead Toronto soldiers. There are thirty more claims which have not yet been paid.

The city will, therefore, have paid soon \$205,000 in insurance. In insurance premiums to the various companies, the city has paid out to date \$1,474,000.

Some odd cases have had to be settled by the Civic Board of Insurance Adjustment, which consists of City Clerk, City Surveyor, City Clerk Littlejohn, and Property Commissioner Chisholm. One policy was claimed by three women—the mother of a dead soldier, the widow of the dead soldier, and the widow of his 18-year-old son fighting side by side with him at the front when he was killed.

The man had thought his wife dead, but she had been living in a nearby village. He had come to life in eight years, but she came to life in Niagara Falls, and contested the claim of the mother of the dead soldier. The civic chief had a lot of worry over that claim.

He did considerable investigating. They found that the supposed wife had died, but the widow looked exactly like her. The fact was that the wife was dead and the claim was being made by the sister. Finally, he decided to leave the money to the boy, and the widow died eventually. His, it seems, had a very influential young soldier to sign his claim over to her, and she got the \$10,000.

DISTRICT RICH IN METALS

Expert Report on Minerals Territory.

Mr. Percy Hopkins, the geological expert, says Keweenaw has a preliminary examination of the recent gold discovery in that area, has been made.

Miss Doddie made his spectacular gold discovery on August 21 by walking over some rocky hills below Howard Falls, which have been covered with moss and trees on the previous day.

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"The Boots Act was carried in Halton this year, and it is in that County and in Peel. Now there is no one in Peel and only 14 in Halton, a reduction of 13. These, too, the Ontario government has been asked to consider.

Mr. Hazelwood is a fine specimen of physical young manhood and is evidently well and in good health.

He is a good speaker, and his arguments are clearly looking on, when the streams watered from the engine do not soon appear or are lacking in force. None are ready to criticize what he says.

MY THE OLD SCOTT ACT

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