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## The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30, 1915

### BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

- Happy New Year!
- The schools re-open next Monday.
- Plenty of snow for sleighing anywhere now.
- The sleighing was very heavy on Christmas day.
- New Year will bring its quota of welcome home-comers.
- The pen may slip for a day or so, but writes "1916" now.
- At midnight to-morrow year will be ushered in.
- Greetings! Have you received your Xmas Postcard subscription for 1916?
- The Knox Sunday School entertainment in the town hall on New Year's night.
- The big snow storm which has completed the Christmas season.
- The Board of Education held their last meeting for the year on Tuesday evening.
- Rev. W. E. Hudson, of Guelph, formerly of Georgetown, has been named as chaplain of the 133rd Wellington Battalion.
- A happy holiday to-morrow, then for a year of busy business and a fair measure of prosperity.
- The girls of the Kitchener Club have sent out invitations to a New Year's eve dance for Friday night.
- It was emphatically not a green Christmas. The white predominated in generous measure.
- Handmaster Dwar, of Milton, is advertising for handmen for the Halton-Dufferin Battalion.
- The holiday trains have been fairly well on time during the week, considering the abnormally heavy traffic.
- Rev. H. E. Hillwell, B. A., returned missionary from India, will preach again at the Baptist Church, next Sunday.
- W. G. Evans, son of H. Evans, of O. A. C. Guelph, lost his right hand while feeding a threshing machine on Monday.
- Sacramental services were held in Knox Church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a very appropriate communion sermon.
- In referring to the big fire in Milton last week the Champion says: "The big blaze took the town council for new hats two years ago, but without result."
- Neil Gillies & Sons, of the Scotch Block, were very successful at the recent poultry show held in Berlin. They carried off five firsts, six seconds and two thirds.
- The ladies of the Red Cross assisted with the receipt of \$180.00 for Laidlaw's School, through Miss McDonald, teacher, as a donation to their funds.
- On account of the burning of the Pleasant Theatre Milton will have no moving pictures for the present, perhaps until a new building is erected.
- Champion.
- About a foot of snow fell on Christmas Day and many of the pavements were not cleared off for hours. The snow in the town gave rather a ragged appearance to the numerous visitors who were here.
- Congratulations! Hoops Hynds. This year will round out the perfect number. Seven years of faithful service as Chief Magistrate of the town where you have spent nearly half a century of your life.
- The Christmas entertainment of St. Alban's Sunday School in the town hall on Tuesday evening was one of the most enjoyable events of Christmas for the kiddies. The programme was very creditable.
- District Representative Haro Ellis**  
Mr. H. H. Haro, the popular District Representative of the Department of Agriculture for this county, has resigned his position and left this week to take a course in military training for overseas service. Mr. Haro took up his duties as district representative here seven months ago, and during this time his excellent work has been of valuable service to all classes of farmers in the county. Through untiring efforts on his part the Halton county silos has attained a degree of efficiency envied by every office in the Province of Ontario to-day. Mr. Haro came into the county a perfect stranger, and through his affable, genial personality, noble character and sound judgment, has won a great following. No appointment has yet been made, but it is expected, that Mr. Haro will have charge of the office, and under his supervision the work will be given every attention.—Hurlington Gazette.
- State of Ohio, City of Toledo.**  
Lecia Cherry, et al.  
Frank J. Cherry sues that that he is the sole partner of the firm of F. J. Cherry & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and that the said Cherry & Co. will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the use of the name of FRANK J. CHERRY. The case was argued in the court at Toledo, Ohio, on the 24th day of December, 1915. The court found in favor of the plaintiff, and ordered that the defendant pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to the plaintiff, with costs. The case was argued in the court at Toledo, Ohio, on the 24th day of December, 1915. The court found in favor of the plaintiff, and ordered that the defendant pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to the plaintiff, with costs.  
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## NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

**Surgt. Harwood Not Coming**  
Surgt. Harry Harwood, who was expected home this week, has been detained in England, and is still in hospital. It will probably be some time before he reaches Acton.

**Cartridge Exploded Prematurely**  
On Christmas Eve Mr. Thos. H. Cook, of the sixth line, was inserting a cartridge in a shot gun when it exploded and the powder and pieces of shell struck him in the face. While no serious injury was inflicted the face was painfully burned and somewhat lacerated.

**All Soldiers Invited to Reception**  
All Acton soldiers, attached to any of the Battalions at Toronto, Guelph, Barrie, and elsewhere will be welcomed home on the reception to be given by our citizens to Acton soldiers who have returned from the war, in the town hall on Tuesday evening, 4th January.

**News From Old Home Appreciated**  
"Dear Friend, you have been sending me news of our old home fifty-two times a year for a long time. Hey you continue to do so. I enclose subscription for another year. Our best wishes go out to you in your home and business relations."  
W. Mel, Brantford, Man.

**New Year's Night Entertainment**  
The Annual New Year's Entertainment of Knox Sunday School will be held on Saturday night. An exceptionally attractive programme has been prepared. It will consist of choruses, dialogues, recitations, songs, drills, etc., by the members of the school. The entertainment will be held in the town hall.

**Red Cross Workers**  
The ladies of the Red Cross Aid Society will resume their weekly operations next Thursday, 6th January, in their rooms over Russell's store. Several new sewing machines have been received and more workers can now be accommodated. The ladies of the community are appealed to give their aid in this important work.

**County Clerk for Half a Century**  
At the last meeting of the County Council, William Patton, County Clerk, was presented with two easy chairs in recognition of fifty years of continuous service in his office. Mr. Patton succeeded his father to this office in 1865. At that time neither Acton nor Burlington were incorporated and were not represented in the County Council.

**Recruiting for the 164th Battalion**  
Surgt. Cole, recruiting officer, was engaged on Monday when two of our boys offered themselves for enlistment in the Halton-Dufferin Battalion—Ralph Swackhamer and Clarence Matthews. There are a number of other young men of their age in town who should offer themselves for service in the cause of empire and native land. Acton is proud that between seventy and eighty of her sons and residents have already enlisted.

**The Snow Changes**  
When an abnormally large amount of snow falls, mostly foreigners though they have been seen going to Guelph with outcarts on Christmas eve, during the regime of Lord Opaton, there was a great lull and cry by friends of the licensed liquor traffic about the failure of that measure. Success was seen last Friday going to the same destination with their suit cases, and this under license. What is to be said about these suspicious expeditions now?

**Diplomas and Bibles to Graduates**  
A morning service in the Methodist Church last Sunday the following graduates from the primary classes were presented with their diplomas and a copy of the scriptures: Jessie McNabb, Gladys Caldwell, Doris Beavron, Beatrice Blair, Nellie Taylor, Doris Lambert, Robert Stewart and Fay Gamble. The Minister, Rev. H. W. Ayson, M. A., B. D., addressed a few words of encouragement and counsel to the graduates as he presented them with the diplomas, which were properly inscribed.

**Lowering Electricity Rates**  
At a public meeting at Guelph last week Sir Adam Beck made the announcement that at the beginning of the new year the Guelph rate for power would be reduced from \$21 to \$20 per horse power, that the power rate would be reduced 15 per cent, and the domestic rate to be the lowest in the world, as it is in London at present. Acton Hydro plant shows a surplus of \$1621.50 on the 31st of December. We may therefore reasonably expect a reduction in our rates also for 1916.

**The Post Office's Busiest Year**  
Postmaster Matthews and his staff deserve the thanks of over 2,000 citizens for the manner in which they handled the enormous quantity of mail matter during Christmas week. The largest mail ever delivered at Acton Post Office was distributed. The fact that citizens were not obliged to wait unduly long at any time for their letters, Christmas cards and parcels was due to the strenuous efforts of the staff to distribute every incoming mail with dispatch. They have continued to work long after closing hours and have been at it before breakfast every morning for at least a week. This smooth running of the Christmas mail would have been impossible in the old post office.

**Walker Lodge A. F. and M. O. R. C.**  
The officers of Walker Lodge, No. 321, A. F. and M. O. R. C. were installed at the meeting on Monday evening, as follows:  
W. Bro. E. J. Hessard—W. M.  
W. Bro. T. H. Cook—W. M.  
W. Bro. F. A. MacLean—R. W.  
W. Bro. W. L. Mullin—R. W.  
W. Bro. W. M. Cook—Chap.  
W. Bro. John Kenney—Treas.  
W. Bro. R. M. McDonald—Sec.  
W. Bro. H. Willgust—R. W.  
W. Bro. J. R. Hill—R. W.  
W. Bro. John Lawson—D. O. C.  
W. Bro. C. Blanchard—Steward  
W. Bro. W. J. L. Humphreys—Steward  
W. Bro. W. L. Kenney—Tyler.

**Week of Prayer**  
The Week of Prayer, under the world's Evangelical Association, will be observed in Acton from January 2nd to 7th, as follows:  
Monday night in the Baptist Church, address by Rev. Dr. Clive, of Georgetown.  
Tuesday night, Patriotic meeting in the Town Hall.  
Wednesday night in St. Alban's Anglican Church, address by Rev. G. H. E. Smith, M. A.  
Thursday night in Methodist Church, address by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A.  
Friday night in Knox Church, address by Rev. H. W. Ayson, M. A., B. D.  
There is a special service on the morning of the above churches. All citizens are invited to attend at 7.30 sharp, in the spirit of prayer. The choir of the respective churches will have charge of the singing.

## THE CHRISTMASIDE VISITORS

**This Happy Home Coming Season Brought Many to the Old Home AND TOOK MANY OUT OF TOWN**

Mr. Kennedy was home from Toronto. Miss Jessa Smith is home from Toronto. Miss Mona Smith was home from Toronto.

Miss Nellie Hynds was home from Toronto.

Mr. James Holloway was here from Toronto for the holidays.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin was home from Toronto.

Miss Jessie Douglas was home from Toronto.

Miss Jessie Husband was home from Toronto.

Miss Margaret Kennedy was home from Georgetown.

Mr. Perry Watson was home from Georgetown.

Miss Laura Moore, of Guelph, is visiting friends in Acton.

Mr. C. Blackhall spent Christmas at his home at Wingham.

Miss Hortie Smith, was home from Toronto for the holidays.

Miss Anna Gilmore was home from Toronto for the holiday.

Miss Ruby Clark is home from Toronto enjoying the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lippin Miss Elsie and Master Robbie spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Marshall, Lincolnton.

Mr. Arch. McNabb is spending the holidays with her daughter in Hamilton. Her grand daughter, Miss Margaret McNabb, accompanied her.

Miss P. Taylor, Mr. D. M. Taylor, Mr. J. R. Lancaster, of Toronto, and Miss Minnie Krogler, of Brantford, visited at the home of Mr. James Near during the holidays.

Mr. E. S. Harrison, of Yorkton, Sask., and little daughter Ula, are visiting at the home of Mr. W. Johnston. Lieut. E. R. Harrison is Transport Officer with the Canadian Highlanders now stationed at Sherbrooke.

Mr. Gordon Firstbrook and his sister, Miss Alice, with their friends, Miss Caroly, of the 95th Batt., Miss Karoline Caroly and Mr. Donald Hoack, spent the Christmas week-end at the Trout Pond enjoying the country's winter sports.

Mr. Cole and Master Ernie arrived home from England last Friday and Sgt. Cole is enjoying his own home and home surroundings after nearly a year and a half of separation. Miss Minnie Bricks, of Hamilton, accompanied them and will reside in town.

**THE CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS**

Seven from Senior Primary and Eleven from Junior Primary Rooms

The following promotions have been made in the Acton Public School as a result of Christmas examinations:

**FROM SENIOR PRIMARY TO JUNIOR PRIMARY:**  
Helen McDonald  
Oliver Cooper  
Jessie Martin  
Thomas Gumbel  
Joe Mans  
Eugene McPherson  
Matthew Tyler.

**FROM JUNIOR PRIMARY TO SENIOR PRIMARY:**  
Jocelyn Orr  
Fay McGee  
Helen Cox  
Mary Stewart  
Hugh Lauby  
Gordon Hoffman  
Florence Barr  
Janet McDonald  
Adelaide Hurst  
John Mann  
Annie Dunn.

**W. H. Brewster, Principal.**

**Dr. Nixon at Work in Camp**  
Dr. A. W. Nixon, M. D., P. P., in an interesting letter to the Herald last week, says he is giving professional attention daily at the I. A. M. C. at Aldershot Camp, about thirty miles from London. He examines 100 men a day and diagnoses their cases. He is enjoying his experience.

**\$1,000 Fire at The O. A. C.**  
Fire broke out in the Biological building at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, about two o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Some experiments had left the gas burning. With the aid of the City Fire Department the fire was extinguished with a loss of about \$1,000. The fire was on the second floor of the building, below which was the museum of the college, with the collection of wild fruits, considered the most valuable in the country. This, however, was all removed before any of the water got through.

**LIMEHOUSE**

Harbert Root, who went to work in the Coating Mills at Georgetown a couple of weeks ago, had the misfortune to get his left arm in the rollers of a cold churning machine on Friday. The arm was crushed from the points of the fingers to the shoulder. Dr. Nixon dressed the wounded member, and hopes are entertained for saving the arm.

Mr. Alex. Mino was home from Barrie for the holidays.

Tiny Maclellan and Jack Spoor, both ex-employees of the Toronto Lime Co., have enlisted at Stratford.

Mrs. Thomas Gowdy and Miss Nettie, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gowdy, Norman and Myrtle, and Mrs. Samuel Gowdy, of Guelph, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Gowdy.

The Red Cross Lazaar last week was quite successful. Over \$20 was realized for Red Cross funds.

Miss Winnifred Ivens, of Toronto teaching staff, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill were, finally, of Acton, spent Christmas at Mr. Wain's.

Mr. William J. Bohile, of the 86th Battalion, Hamilton, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Miss H. Newton spent Christmas day with Acton friends.

Miss Elsie Ivens was home from Toronto.

Miss Olive and Mr. W. Marshall, of Toronto, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marshall.

Mr. James Newton visited friends in Barrie.

Messrs. Baz. and Cecil Polkinghorne spent Christmas at the parent home.

The snow on Saturday caused a considerable disappointment to the young people who had, on Friday, cleared a large space of ice on the pond for skating. However, on Monday morning the ice was in good condition and a couple of hours skating by the light of a big bonfire was enjoyed by a large number.

## NO ALUM



**Prayers for Peace Next Sunday**  
The last issue of the Canadian Gazette contains a proclamation appointing Sunday, the 2nd day of January, to be observed throughout the Dominion of Canada as a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by Our Empire and Our Allies and of those who are offering their lives for it, and for a speedy and favourable peace that shall be founded on understanding and not hatred, to the end that peace and Master Robbie spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Marshall, Lincolnton.

## LORNE SCHOOL

The following is the report of the Christmas examinations of Lorne School: Six—Clara Lantz, Alvin Hyler, Isabelle Watkins.

Five—Caroline Hyler, Donald McDougall, Ella McKechnie.

Four—Donald McKechnie and Wilmar Watkins (equal), Arnold McDonald, Elmore Johnston, Hugh Brown, Laura Lambert.

Three—Jessie Hyler, Basile McDonald, Hector Macdonald, Marie Lantz, Roy Johnston.

Two—Gordon Johnston, Campbell Miller, Angus MacKechnie.

Class 4—Harold Huchausser.

Class 5—Kathleen Miller, Jack McDougall, Laura Murray, Gordon McDougall, Charlie Lambert.

**N. A. JARVIS, Teacher.**

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# WELCOME, 1916

STANDING AT THE THRESHOLD of the New Year, with the memory of highly satisfactory business which the year that is just closing has brought us, we announce that the liberal policies which have actuated our store in the past shall continue in force during the coming year.

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