

BORN
LAWSON—In Acton, on Monday, 3rd January, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, a daughter—Ellen.

MARRIED

HARSHAW-HARVEY—At the home of the bride's parents, Lake Avenue, Acton, on Wednesday, January 5th, 1916, by Rev. C. Wilson, B. A., E. J. Harshaw, Esq., Justice of the Peace, daughter of John Harvey, Esq., Acton.

GRANBY-McWILLIAMS—On November 8th, 1915, at the manse, Moose Jaw, Sask., by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, Presbyterian Minister, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, of Fort William, to John L. Granby, agent bank of Hamilton, Mawer, Bank, formerly of Georgetown, Ont.

DIED

HOESE—In Mount Forest, on Saturday, January 1st, 1916, Mrs. Charlotte Nicklin, beloved wife of John Hoe, in her 78th year.

MACKENZIE—At the home of her son-in-law, John A. Mackay, Oakville, on Wednesday, December 18th, 1915, Catherine Mackenzie, wife of the late John Mackenzie, pensioner, formerly of Acton, aged 86 years.

HOOTON—On Wednesday morning, December 29th, 1915, at 18 Orde Gardens, Toronto, Mrs. Mabel Anna Scott, oldest daughter of the late Harry Hooton, Queen's Sound, and only sister of Mrs. Scott Raff, Toronto.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1916

EDITORIAL NOTES

How would it do for Acton to do as some other towns are doing, viz.: take a census of all medically fit unmarried men of military age? This and the "chums" plus might very appreciably increase the local enrollment.

Our general officer commanding at Balaclava Camp has issued a divisional order congratulating Canadian troops on their good conduct. The general adds: "The proportion of drunkenness is less than the usual record of regular troops, even in time of peace."

Great Britain now has enough in France to face the maximum effort the Germans are capable of making. The announcement that the Indian troops, who have been in that country for a year, as part of the expeditionary force, have been transferred to another sphere of operations, confirms the fact of British's confidence in that line. Canada's contribution of soldiers is now to be increased to 800,000.

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