BORN

FARNELL.—At Baltinafad, on Sunday, January 9, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farnell, a son—Albert Edgar Graham.

MARRIED

MEASLES-BRUSH—At the Methodist Parsonage, Milton, on Sat., Dec. 25th, 1915, by the Rev. C. D. Draper, Myrtle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brush, of Milton, to William Frederick Measles, son of Peter Measles, of Acton.

EAGER-BROWN—At Grace Church, Waterdown, Ontario, on January 6, 1916, by the Rev. John Douglas, B.A., rector, Louie, daughter of William McEvery Brown, M. D., of Nonstadt, to Captain Joseph Culloden Eager, A. M. C., son of Mr. James E. Eager, of Waterdown.

DIED

RUSTON—At Georgetown, on Sunday, January 9th, 1916, Thomas Booth Ruston.

GORDON—At Victoria Hospital, Edmonton, Alta., on Sunday, 26th December, 1915, John Gordon, of Maidstone, Sask., formerly of Acton, aged 52 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1916

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE Presbyterians of Canada have indicatated by ballot by a majority of 53,066, that they desire union with the Methodist and Congregational churches of the Dominion. Nevertheless, it is generally conceded that the General Assembly will not consider the majority sufficient as a mandate to put union into effect.

REFERRING to the vote on Local Option in Oakville the News says: "It is rumored that the liquor men spent a fortune to keep the temperance vote below the three-fifths mark. They might as well keep their money in their pockets in the next fight. The Canada Temperance Act only needs one of a majority to make it law. Within a week or two the liquor dealers will find that they are "out of the frying-pan and into the fire."

IN military and political circles it is persistently rumored that the Ontario government has decided to pass an act closing all the bar-rooms in the province on May 1st, until after the war, and that the question of whether they will be opened again will be left to a vote of the electors. It is said that the action is contemplated because of pressure from the military authorities, who are strongly impressed with the evils of the liquor traffic and its menace to the success of the war.

THE Conference of the new Civic Improvement League of Canada, to be held in Ottawa on the 26th inst., is likely to be one of the most important municipal gatherings ever been held in the Dominion. The Conference will be held in the large Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons, and representatives are likely to be present from all the nine provinces. It is anticipated that municipal questions will be dealt with under three main heads, namely:

Municipal Government and Finance.

Immigration, Unemployment and Public Health.

Housing, Town Planning and Local Improvements.

It is agreed that there is urgent need for discussion of the many civic problems that have already arisen and are likely to arise in the future as a result of the war.

THE Wardenship of the county will naturally fall to Reeve Forster, of Oakville, this year. Mr. Forster is one of the oldest members of the County Council, and has been faithful and energetic in the fulfillment of the duties of the office. He has all the qualifications for the position and will fill it with grace and dignity. Mr. Forster could reasonably have expected the honor earlier in his municipal career, but he has graciously stepped aside to allow other members the honor without contest. Last year it was pretty generally conceded that if the personnel of the Council of 1916 was practically the same as that of the previous year his election to the Warden's Chair would be certain. The FREE PRESS fully expects to have the pleasure of congratulating Warden Forster when the County Council for 1916 is organized.

MASSAGAWEYA

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Bethel Church on Monday evening to arrange for the circulation of petitions for the Canada Temperance Act. Mr. W. J. Akins, who attended the county meeting at Burlington last week, explained the interest which is being manifested throughout the county and the strong probability that the Act will sweep the county and clear out the barrooms in the towns and the one township still under license. Rev. Mr. Carter gave a stirring address and emphasized the duty of all good citizens to do all in their power to minimize the evils of the drink traffic. Committees were appointed to canvass the north end of the township as follows: First line, D. H. Taylor and D. J. Gilbertson; second line, John Marshall and John Ramsay; third line, James Moffat and Elwood Wilson; fourth line, Thomas Diamond and Chas. Darby; fifth line, George Gordon and Colin Kitching; sixth line and town line, George Nelles, Duncan Robertson and Fyfe Somerville. The work is to be completed as far as possible on Friday evening and a meeting will be held that evening to report.

HIGH CLASS ART PRINTING

Work Sent to Saskatchewan Superior to What was Expected

Monday morning's mail brought the FREE PRESS the following pleasing letter:

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January 6th, 1916.

The Acton FREE PRESS:

Gentlemen: Enclosed you will find bank money order for $58.40, in payment of your account for printing the beautiful autographic calendars for the Drinkwater Ladies' Aid.

The ladies wish me to convey to you their appreciation of the work received from you in connection with this calendar order. They were highly pleased with them in every way and say they are much superior to what they ever expected.

While they all helped to secure the names and did what they could to make the proposition a success, many of them never saw an autographic calendar before, and were highly pleased with the finished article.

Again thanking you for your efforts in making this first proposition a success, I am,

Yours very truly,
J. A. DAVIDSON.

COUNCIL COMMENCES BUSINESS

The Members-Elect Met for Organization at Eleven O'clock Monday Morning

THE COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR

The Council met as per statutory requirement on Monday forenoon at eleven o'clock. The members subscribed to their declarations of office before Clerk Mackinnon and took their places, as follows:

Reeve—George Hynds.

Councillors—Alex. Hall, Charles E. Bailey, D. A. Henderson and W. H. Smith.

Reeve Hynds said he had no inaugural address. There are no important issues before the Council. He hoped the members would work in harmony as during the past year and that the work assigned to each member would receive careful attention.

The standing committees were struck as follows:

Fire and Light—The Reeve, Chairman, Alex. Hall and Chas. E. Bailey.

Town Hall—Chas. E. Bailey, Chairman, W. H. Smith and the Reeve.

Finance—Alex. Hall, Chairman, Chas. E. Bailey and the Reeve.

Streets and Walks—D. A. Henderson, Chairman, Alex. Hall and Chas. E. Bailey.

The Park—W. H. Smith, Chairman, Alex. Hall and D. A. Henderson.

The Cemetery—The Reeve, Chairman, W. H. Smith and Alex. Hall.

The usual by-law to appoint auditors was introduced, read the required number of times and passed, A. E. Nicklin and George Agnew being appointed at salaries of $20.00 each.

Rev. W. H. Avison, M.A., B.D., was appointed a member of the Free Library Board to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. C. D. Draper.

Owing to the removal of Dr. E. D. Ault, Medical Officer of Health, the Reeve reported that Dr. T. Gray has agreed to act as M.O.H. until a permanent officer is appointed.

The Board adjourned before twelve to meet again at 8 p.m.

At eight o'clock Council resumed, all members present.

The first report of the Committee on Finance passed the following accounts:

HYDRO-ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS—	
Hydro Power Commission, supplies	$41.40
Jas. Gass, Inspector	7.78
Acton Free Press, printing	7.50
James Hymon, supplies	3.60
Robert Storey, labor	2.25
John Harvey, electric light book	1.90
James Henderson, electric pole	3.60
N. F. Moore, cartage	7.73
	$65.16
GENERAL ACCOUNT—	
Robert Storey, work at cemetery	$ 2.80
Acton Tanning Co., supplies	1.23
John Harvey, stationery	2.55
J. H. Mackenzie, cement	.50
James Henderson, lumber	2.77
Acton Free Press, printing	12.50
Goldsmiths' Stock Co., supplies	49.77
	$74.21

The report was adopted.

Moved by A. Hall, seconded by C. E. Bailey, that a grant of $25.00 be made to the Children's Aid Society of the county.—Carried.

Moved by C. E. Bailey, seconded by W. H. Smith, that a grant of $25.00 be made to Acton Citizens' Band, cheque to be made payable to J. C. Hill, bandmaster.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

OUR BOYS IN KHAKI

Sergt. Coles, Recruiting Officer is Enrolling Men Daily

Recruiting has been going forward at a good rate the past week and the recruits for the 164th Halton-Dufferin Battalion are coming in very well at the Acton Recruiting Station.

Sergt. Coles has enlisted the following men here:

NAME		BIRTHPLACE
J. P. Scarrow	Married	England
H. George	Single	"
C. Matthews	"	Canada
R. Swackhamer	"	"
A. Watson	"	"
E. Eade	Married	England
A. Bland	Single	Scotland
W. Hughes	"	"
J. J. Cooney	"	Canada
K. St. John	"	U.S.A.
P. Lastaluk	"	Russia
L. Easdown	Married	England
F. Green	"	England
G. W. Cook	"	England
J. Winton	Single	Canada
M. Kelay	"	"

Of the four men enlisted at Georgetown for the 164th one is Harry Goldham, son of H. Goldham, Bower Avenue, Acton.

Sergt. Coles will commence drilling the recruits here very shortly.

NO CHANGE IN COUNTY COUNCIL

All the Members of Last Year's Council Were Re-elected.

Seldom if ever before in Halton County have all the Reeves and Deputy Reeves, who form the County Council, been re-elected. This is, however, the case this year and the County Council of 1916 will have the same personnel as that of last year. They are evidently sent back "to finish their work.

The members are as follows:

Acton—George Hynds.

Burlington—Fred Ghent.

Georgetown—L. Black.

Milton—John F. Little.

Oakville—Arthur S. Forster and T. Hillmer.

Esquesing—T. Cox and Alex Jos.

Nassagaweya—Duncan Campbell.

Nelson—Charles Readhead and Stanley Dynes.

Trafalgar—Alex. Porter and C. H. Turner.

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A man is a fool whose plans all end this side of eternity.

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GIBRALTAR.

The Rock That Guards the Mouth of the Mediterranean.

Gibraltar was captured by the British July 24, 1704, and from that day has not been out of British hands.

At first little was thought of the importance of this stronghold. For the succeeding nine years the Spaniards made repeated attempts to recapture it. On one occasion they nearly succeeded.

A French and Spanish force having been collected on the isthmus that joins the rock to the mainland, a goatherd offered to show them a path up the sloping sides of the rock, which he had reason to believe was unknown to the British. This offer was accepted.

Five hundred troops ascended quietly one night and took shelter in a hollow called by the Spaniards "the little chair." At daybreak next morning they ascended higher, took the signal station, killed the guard and anxiously looked for expected re-enforcements. The re-enforcements failed to arrive. The armed garrison sallied out and drove the invaders down the rock. The "little chair" was filled up and the place made stronger than ever.

All subsequent attempts to capture the rock have failed. One of them was a siege by Spain and France, beginning in 1779 and not terminating until September, 1783.

The rock of Gibraltar takes on a more important bearing than ever in these days of big guns because of its commanding position at the mouth of the Mediterranean, where that sea is little more than twenty miles wide.—Exchange.

LITTLE ANDORRA.

The Tiny Republic That Nestles in a Nook in the Pyrenees.

Andorra is a republic of 175 square miles situated in the valley of the same name in the Eastern Pyrenees. It forms an irregular little square plug between France and Spain and is a hotbed for smugglers plying between the two countries. It leads a semi-independent existence under the protection of France and the Bishop of Urgel, Spain. Charlemagne declared it independent in return for its services against the Moors.

In 1278 it was transferred to the Comte de Foix and the Bishopric of Urgel. During the French revolution relations between it and France were interrupted, on account of the refusal of France to accept the annual tribute, which was considered incompatible with a Republican form of government. In 1806, however, the former relations were renewed, and free importation of cereals, made necessary by the limited area of Andorra, was allowed by France in return for an annual tribute of 960 francs.

Andorra is governed by a council of twenty-four members chosen for four years by the heads of the communities. Revenue is derived from lands and a few taxes. The manner of life is very simple. Every able-bodied male is liable to military service between the ages of sixteen and sixty. The capital is Andorra, with about 1,000 inhabitants. The total population is about 6,000 and remains practically stationary.

Repeating Another Drop.

Some time ago Mrs. Green called on her friend, Mrs. White, and, after clutching, kissing and saying how dreadfully delighted they were to see each other, they turned to the interesting topics of the day.

"By the way," said Mrs. Green after a time, "I haven't heard anything about Eva's divorce lately. I wonder what has become of it?"

"I heard a few days ago that she had dropped all proceedings," answered Mrs. White.

"Dropped all proceedings!" was the wondering rejoinder of Mrs. Green. "You don't really mean it?"

"Yes," returned Mrs. White. "Her husband has taken to aeroplaning, and she has decided to let the thing adjust itself."

Interesting Comparison.

"It beats all how luck does play favorites," remarked Farmer Corntossel. "I jes' been to see Exra Hankins."

"How's he gettin' along since he hurt his foot?"

"He's purty glum. The doctor charged him $100 for cuttin' his foot off. An' when the railroad cut off Uncle Jake's foot the company paid him $600 in cash. Maybe these great corporations ain't as grasplin' as some people says."

Force of Habit.

"See here, boss, I ordered tripe and beans, with coffee, and the waitress has brought me a lettuce sandwich and a cup of weak tea."

"You must excuse her, sir. All due to absentmindedness. She's a former society girl, and she can't seem to grasp the idea that a quick lunch is not a function."

Presence of Mind.

"That woman over there looks as if she were painted."

"Sir, that is my wife."

"I had not finished my sentence. She looks as if she were painted by Raphael and had just stepped out of the frame."—Exchange.

Risky.

A girl may warble to you that she doesn't like flattery, but don't take a chance on telling her that she looks like a rhinoceros.

Faint hearted men are the fruit of luxurious countries.—Herodotus.

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A PEEP INTO SPACE

To the visible universe there are attainable limits. It may be that the greatest telescopes have not yet reached the bottom, or the boundaries, of the entire system, but they have almost done so.

This is shown by the thinning out of the fainter stars. These stars, as a whole, are the most distant, and if they were unlimited numerically every increase in the penetrating power of telescopes would bring previously unseen ones into view, in proportionately diminishing numbers.

As a fact, however, there is a rapid falling off in the proportionate numbers at great distances. This is shown by Kapteyn's "law of star density." Taking the "parsec" as the unit of measurement (a parsec is equal to nineteen million million miles), the density of the stars at increasing distances comes out as follows: At 0 distance, 1.00; at 50 parsecs, 0.60; at 135 parsecs, 0.36; at 215 parsecs, 0.07; at 340 parsecs, 0.50; at 850 parsecs, 0.15.

This does not mean that the absolute number of stars decreases with increase of distance, but that the ratio of their number to the volume of space occupied decreases in the proportion shown, so that at a distance of 850 parsecs there are only 15 per cent as many stars as there should be if there had been no falling off in relative density.

Various counts and estimates of the actual numbers included within various limiting distances have been made, and these show that the total number of stars in the visible universe is numerable and probably does not exceed a thousand millions at an outside estimate.

The fact that a fairly definite shape or outline has been found for the visible universe is in itself a proof that it is not unlimited in extent. We are virtually certain that it expands around us in such a manner as to assume roughly the form of a flat, irregular disk, the more distant parts or edges of which lie in the plane of the Milky way. It is thus like a floating island of stars in the ocean of space.

Space itself may be infinite, although what we call the universe is not. As to other universes existing beyond the limits of ours and invisible to us, that is purely a speculation, which appears more or less probable according to the manner in which one's mind approaches it.

But, at any rate, there is no positive evidence of the existence of such outer star systems. From time to time one hears suggestions that this or that nebula is an "outside universe," dimly shining to us from its millions of crowded stars across immeasurable tracts of intervening space. But it is far more probable that no nebula or other object visible in the mightiest telescope is unconnected with the universe to which our sun and our earth belong.

As to the continuance of the Creator's work in forming new suns and new planets, of that there can be no question. This work is, in truth, visibly going on before us in the heavens. There is the utmost variety of ages among the stars, just as there is among the human beings in a crowd. If our lives were lengthened so that a year would be but as a second to us we should see the stars around us disappearing and new ones springing into existence, as we see flowers fading and fresh ones blooming in the garden.

To return for a moment to the question of the infinitude of space, it is well known that the human mind cannot conceive a limit to space, for the instant you attempt to fix or imagine such a limit your imagination flies beyond it. You have got to think of as outside as well as of an inside.

And if you fly to another imagined boundary instantly another outside expanse stretches away before you! It is, then, perfectly legitimate to suppose that, while the visible universe is limited, the invisible universe has no bounds. In comparison with that, all that we see, or can ever see, is, truly, infinitely less than as a grain of sand to a desert or a drop of water to an ocean.—Garrett P. Serviss in

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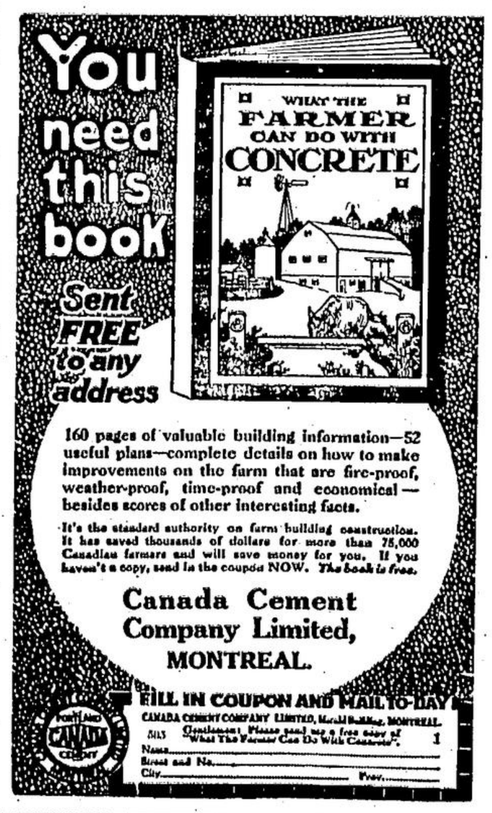

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SUNDAY, JAN. 16th

A. M.

Subject—"The Church at Pergamos"—third in series on the seven churches in Book of Revelations. Five minute talk to the boys and girls on "God wants our first."

Anthem—"Oh, Come every one that Thirsteth," by Wm. Reed.

Solo—Miss Bertie Smith.

P. M.

Subject—"Peace at any Price?"

Anthem—"In Heavenly Love Abiding." Male Quartette—"Jesus is Calling," by Messrs. Hayward, Moore, Matthews and McDonald.

Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

ALL WELCOME

Notice to Trespassers

ALL persons are strictly forbidden from trespassing on lots 30 from the 6th to the 7th con., Nassagaweya, also lot 24. This notice applies especially to those who engage in shooting with dogs.

15-15 JOHN H. BENNETT

ALL ACCOUNTS NOW DUE

HAVING disposed of our baking and other business we desire to have all outstanding accounts paid up at once. We have given up all business and must have all matters straightened at the earliest possible date.

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Acton, January 12th, 1916.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of Acton Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber at Acton

TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1916

at 2.30 p. m.

Business—Election of Officers and Directors for 1916. Receiving the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer and of the Auditors. A good attendance is requested

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