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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1916

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

Old fashioned winter weather this week. Next Sunday will be a connection day in the Methodist church. It is when the power is off we appreciate the Hydro current the most. Rev. W. N. McDonald is expected to preach in the Baptist Church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Huxtable, of Toronto, preached in the Baptist Church last Sunday.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Church Parade of Soldiers

Church parade of soldiers... The parade was held on Monday morning to attend divine services. Rev. Mr. Avdon, the minister, will address them.

Promoted to Good Position

Mr. Robert Edgic, formerly a member of the C. N. R. staff, but lately with the Canadian Northern Railway, has been promoted to the position of city freight, express and passenger agent of the C. N. R. at Ottawa.

Death Caused by Measles

The death took place last week of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Halden, Bridge Street, from an attack of measles, followed by pneumonia. The child contracted the disease a short time ago from some visitors from Toronto. (Times Herald).

Twenty Recruits Here Now

The following additional recruits have enlisted during the week: Matthew Conroy, single, Canadian. Jack Eason, single, Canadian. Melvin Roper, single, Canadian. Ernest Barr, single, Canadian.

Recruiting Meeting Sunday Evening

The Acton War Auxiliary has arranged for a recruiting meeting at the town hall on Sunday evening after the church services, in the interest of recruiting. A prominent speaker from Toronto will address the gathering. All citizens should attend.

Clutter Blighted by Thrown Out

While dining at a restaurant a couple of weeks ago, Councillor John Bingham, of Esquewagh, was thrown from his cutter when it slipped on the icy road. He was severely bruised and badly shaken up and was able to attend the meeting of the Council last week.

Canada's Official War Cake

A sale of home made baking will be conducted by the ladies of St. Margaret's in the Parish Hall on Saturday next, from 4 till 7 p.m. Afternoon tea will also be served. Recipes for the Canada War Cake, together with sample slices may be obtained at the sale.

Lecture on John Huss

On Tuesday evening, January 25th, Rev. G. W. Ross, B. A., of Boston Church, Esquewagh, will deliver a lecture on the life and work of John Huss in Knox Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Guild. Meeting opens at eight o'clock. The Guild extends a hearty welcome to all.

Commissioned Officers Qualified

The following officers of the 20th Halton Rifle have qualified for Lieutenant's certificates attending the classes at the Infantry School of Instruction, Toronto: J. C. O'Brien, A. L. Carson, W. G. Douglas, H. M. Kennedy, F. W. Annandale, W. F. Amis, C. B. Green, J. O. McMillan, V. C. Peplatt, E. T. Leslie.

Three Sons—Acton Boys—Enlisted

Three sons of Mr. Wm. T. Smyth have enlisted. Capt. F. J. Smyth, 14th Battalion, Watford, Paymaster of the 14th Battalion; Capt. Arthur T. Smyth, Colalt, Paymaster of the 150th Battalion, and Wm. H. Smyth, London, Paymaster's Sergeant of the 14th Battalion. These three loyal sons were home from Acton.

Our 200 New Books in the Library

A supply of new catalogues of new books will be available to readers at the Free Library on Saturday evening. These comprise a careful selection of all the latest books of history, biography, travel, the war, adult and juvenile literature. The new "Chronicle of Canada," a much valued contribution to Canadian literature is included.

Where the Zeppelins Have Been

Everyone ought to make a special effort to hear the Rev. Archdeacon Davidson's Lenten Lecture on London, on Thursday, January 27th, at 8 o'clock, in the Town Hall. The lecture should be of special interest to all people in these times of war, when London, the seat of the Imperial Government, is threatened by aerial attacks by the German Zeppelins.

Road Rule Decision Sustained

About two months ago H. J. Campbell, J. P., fined Capt. Fennell, C. Smyth, \$5.00 and costs for refusing to give half the road to A. E. Chambers' motor, car when asked to do so. Hearingington appealed through his solicitor, E. H. Cleaver. Judge Elliott dismissed the appeal and Hearingington appealed last Monday morning. He paid \$18.54 altogether, fine and costs. Judge Elliott's action in this case should be a warning to drivers that motor cars as well as horse-drawn vehicles have rights on the roads.—Clampson.

Resigned After 37 Years' Service

At the meeting of Acton Citizens' Committee last Friday evening, H. P. Moore, J. P., tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Committee, owing to the pressure of duties, which are undermining his health. Mr. Moore has occupied the somewhat onerous position of secretary of the various committees of citizens organized from time to time during the past thirty-seven years to conduct campaigns to secure measures calculated to diminish the sale of intoxicating liquors. During that time there have been seven campaigns; and the Acton Citizens' Committee, since 1870, the repeal campaign in 1883; the prohibitive and referendum campaigns, two elections on Local Option and the repeal vote three years ago. In compliance with Mr. Moore's wishes his resignation was accepted. In the election of Mr. J. C. Matthews, a young, energetic and efficient man, the duties of the office will be continued with admirable skill and wisdom.

OBITUARY

Miss FRELAND

Miss Eleanor Washbrook Freland died suddenly Monday 10th January, at her home at Colchester. She was 60th year, was born on her father's farm near Milton and lived there many years. For a number of years Miss Freland resided in Acton. She was a lady of very fine character, a devoted Christian and a very useful member of society. She was sister of Mr. Thomas Henderson, of Quebec, late of Milton, and of Thomas Freland, of London. The funeral took place at Milton last Wednesday.

THE STREETVILLE REVIEW SAYS

"The Streetville Review says: 'Local Option was defeated in Oakville by a small majority. The Oakville newspapers, by printing glowing ads in favour of the honest man, showed plain that words can tell the truth better than any other way. When a newspaper cannot survive without printing its columns the "rum" stuff sent out by the liquor trade it had better suspend publication.'

FALL FAIR'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Annual Report of Acton Fall Fair

Very Gratifying to Directors \$204.00 NOW IN THE TREASURY

The annual meeting of Acton Fall Fair was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon.

The attendance was good and comprised the following members: Geo. Havill, President; J. E. Pearson, Vice-President; H. H. Lindsay, second Vice-President; Geo. Hynds, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors—Neil Patterson, C. Woodhall, John R. Kennedy, D. M. Henderson, H. P. Moore, John Smith, Wm. Hamphill, Wallace Lashy, A. B. McLean and Thos. Cox. Several members were also in attendance.

The auditors' report showed the payment of all accounts and a balance of \$204.00 bearing interest in the bank.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. John Firth

Mr. and Mrs. John Firth spent the week-end at the Trout Point.

Mrs. W. T. Stone

Mrs. W. T. Stone, Toronto, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. L. Warren.

Mrs. A. McTavish

Mrs. A. McTavish and Miss Wren are spending a few weeks with friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. Chas. McLean

Mrs. Chas. McLean, of Johnstown N. Y., visited at the home of Mrs. R. Garvin, West Street.

Mr. Hugh Wirthrook

Mr. Hugh Wirthrook, eldest son of W. A. Wirthrook, Esq., has enlisted and is in training at London, Ont.

Mr. Alex. C. Wray

Mr. Alex. C. Wray, of Toronto, has purchased a 155 acre farm in Nassagawaga Township from Mr. King Cooper, through J. A. Willoughby. This is the second buyer from the same place who has purchased a farm through Willoughby during the last two months.



Shrewd Buyers

In Acton will take advantage of our Great Clothing Sale, Saturday, January 22nd.

Every purchase you make at this Great Clothing Sale means a double saving to you; because all these goods on sale now were purchased before the sharp advance in price.

REASONS WHY?

You avoid the advanced prices; get all our profit, and we will pay you return fare on every ten dollar purchase.

Think! Be fair to yourself and your pocket book. Can you afford to miss it? Watch for particulars of the many specials we will have for you next Saturday.

For the Boy, the Man, and the Grandfather.

Remember the date, Jan. 22nd, 1916.

George Wallace

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Genuine Economy

IS THE KEY-NOTE OF THIS JANUARY CLEARING

For January reductions are in price only, not in QUALITIES. Winter merchandise is sharply price-reduced for thorough winter clearance, but qualities tip-top the mark of our regular high standards. Instantaneous values are these price-quotations (styles and qualities being of the order that may be expected from a high-class departmental store):

Men's Hats

All soft and hard, black and colored shapes reduced, for instance, \$7.50 values for \$1.50.

Women's Coats

All this season's models bear price-reductions like this: values up to \$15 for \$3.75.

Women's Suits

Every smart style is price-reduced, for instance, \$11.75.

Men's Overcoats

Regular values up to \$25 in a similar group of broken size ranges, clearing at \$11.75.

Women's Skirts

Smart, practical models, worth up to \$5.75 are clearing at \$2.49.

Boys' Overcoats

Clearings of broken lines, in one instance, worth up to \$7.50 at \$3.49.

Boys' Suits

Like clearings of broken size ranges, regularly worth up to \$8.50 for \$3.49.

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The Empire's Call to Ontario: "ECONOMIZE"

The existence of the British Empire depends upon the outcome of the War. All our resources must be thrown into the scale.

The Empire's call is for men, munitions, food, clothing, and, above all things, MONEY. We are being called upon to give our millions to carry on the war. Sir Geo. E. Foster has stated that the Dominion Government might even ask for a Domestic Loan of \$300,000,000. It is only a few weeks ago that Canadians subscribed over \$100,000,000 to a War Loan.

These facts bring right home to us that this is, as Premier Asquith stated, "A War of Money as well as Men."

Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister, and other prominent men have emphasized the necessity of economy.

Conserve our wealth. Cut down expenses. This is what we must do.

Something to Think About

Did you ever seriously think about the millions of dollars expended annually for alcoholic beverages in the Province of Ontario?

As nearly as can be estimated from figures, based on Dominion Government returns, the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Dominion in 1914 was \$103,049,129. Assuming that Ontario, whose population is one-third of the Dominion, consumes one-third of the alcoholic beverages, her share amounts to \$34,349,709.66. Let us say \$33,000,000.

In other words, Ontario's Annual Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages represents the cost of—

- 1st. Rifles, Machine Guns and Field Guns for an army of 690,625 men on active service for a period of 12 months.
- 2nd. Or Accoutrements, Camp Equipment, Harness and Saddlery, Transport Vehicles, Signalling and Telephone Equipment, Tools and Miscellaneous Requirements for 1,289,231 men at the front.
- 3rd. Or one year's Clothing and Necessaries for 330,000 men.
- 4th. Or Rations, Subsistence or Money Allowances for 228,027 "boys" on active service for one year.
- 5th. Or the Canadian Government's Separation Allowance for 117,773 dependents for the entire year of 1916.

The foregoing figures are based on the war estimates of the Department of Militia and Defence for 1916-17, as published on December 31st, 1915, in The Toronto Globe.

Eliminate This Expenditure

The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred believes that as a war-time measure, if for no other reason, this colossal expenditure for alcoholic beverages in Ontario should be eliminated. The Committee also has every confidence that the Provincial Government will move in this important matter as rapidly as public opinion will support them. The function of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred is to organize, crystallize and give expression to the present state of public opinion on the question of prohibition. The Committee believes that it can demonstrate to the Government that Ontario is overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition. The people will shortly be given the opportunity of signing a petition for presentation to the Government. The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred is the executive head of this big new prohibition movement. It represents the whole Province. It numbers men of both political parties—men who welcome this chance to work for prohibition now that it has been taken out of politics—earnest men who are working together for the common good. The public, and this includes those living in DRY municipalities, are urged to join hands with the Committee and insure the success of the movement. Doing so will show that you appreciate the benefits of prohibition in your own municipality and add great strength to the Committee's campaign. If you live in a Local Option municipality your signature to the petition is just as urgently wanted as it would be if you were under license. Province-wide prohibition would not only confer a benefit on people living where Local Option does not prevail, but would also help to enforce the law in Local Option municipalities.

Citizens' Committee of One Hundred

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Signs of the Times

England

The sale of liquor has been curtailed to five and sixpence bottles per day. WIVY

France

The French Government has prohibited the manufacture of sale of alcoholic beverages for any person supplying any such liquor to soldiers.

Russia

The most outstanding example in the world's history of the prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in Russia. Our city has enacted a total prohibition with inflexible enforcement.

Germany

On February 13th, 1915, the German Government issued a proclamation prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Berlin.

United States

Seven more States voted "yes" on December 20th, for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor. WIVY

Canada

Prince Edward Island is dry.

New Scotia is all the way for prohibition except the city of Halifax.

New Brunswick has prohibition in ten out of its eleven counties.

Quebec has 60 dry municipalities and only 23 wet.

Manitoba will vote on prohibition in the year 1917.

Saskatchewan—Every bar was closed on June 20th, 1915.

Alberta—Declared for prohibition on July 1st, 1915, by 57,000 votes, as against 37,500.

British Columbia—The Province is pledged to take a plebiscite.

Ontario

573 municipalities are now dry and 109 are license in only 211. This counts as dry the municipalities which voted "yes" on January 1st.

During the past two years only a single municipality in Ontario has voted for prohibition to repeal its license law.

Over 100 municipalities have joined with the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred to share in the campaign to enforce the law in Local Option municipalities.