

BORN
THOMPSON—At Owen Sound, on Friday, March 10th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Thompson, a son.
WACHSMAN—At Chesham, on Saturday, 11th March, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton B. Wachsmann, a son.
MARRIED
ROBINSON-BLACK—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. E. Robinson, on Wednesday, 8th March, 1916, by Rev. Wm. Munro, George Robertson, son of David Robertson, to Margaret, daughter of the late James Black, all of Toronto.
DIED
WALKER—In (dupli), on Thursday, March 10th, 1916, Rev. James Walker, in his 75th year.
WALKER—In (dupli), on Saturday, 11th March, 1916, Susan George, widow of the late Rev. James Walker, in her 75th year.
Funeral—At Rochester, N. Y., on Friday, February 25th, 1916, Rev. W. J. Piggott, at one time rector of St. Allan's Church, Acton, in his 82nd year.

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 THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1916

EDITORIAL NOTES

A newspaper is in no sense a child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives, and it is second to no enterprise in contributing to the up-building of a community. Its pages are filled with benefits from its publishers and contributors in calling for the support of the community in which it is published, it asks for no more than its fair share of the public's attention.

THE RESPONSIBILITY of a father is great who permits a newspaper or magazine containing enticing advertisements of liquor and tobacco to come daily into his home for the instruction and amusement of his boys and girls. These advertisements are skillfully worded and illustrated to attract the boys of the house especially. What wonder if boys in some of the best Christian homes go away and sow the seeds of a drunkard's and profligate's life through those alluring liquor and cigarette advertisements in the family paper.

REPLYING to a deputation of the Council of Christian Churches of England last week, David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, said that the police records show a reduction of something like forty per cent. in drunkenness throughout the country. He hoped the nation would be convinced that success in war largely depended upon removing the drug which the efficiency caused by drink. However successful in war the country might be, he added, he was convinced that victory in this matter would be the greatest triumph of all.

IT IS A CURIOUS FACT that the nation whose soldiers are little Belgian children is able to protect them against the fire of British and French guns, the nation which refuses who would drop from Zeppelin the innocent English children, the nation that assailed with the bodies of murdered children from the Lusitania fleet of the ocean, is the one which before the outbreak of the war made toys for children all over the world. There was no child in the world who does not know that every child throughout the world who plays with toys and every little girl dearest doll. It was a matter of business to supply the universal demand. To promote the manufacture in Canada of dolls and toys on a scale sufficiently wide to take the place of the German-made toys which are now under a ban throughout the British Empire, the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa will open in Toronto, on March 25th, a Toy Conference and exhibition and manufacturers are invited to attend and investigate the opportunities for supplying toys for this important trade in our Dominion.

THE GOVERNMENT have seen the big deputation which waited upon the Hon. Mr. Laurier a majority vote on the proposed prohibition referendum. These men, however, to be a growing tendency in public opinion that there should be no vote on the prohibition question at present, but that the Legislature on the issue of prohibition should await prohibition, followed by a referendum at the close of the war as to whether prohibition is to be continued or not. This solution, for example, would solve the difficulty about the referendum vote. The World (Ottawa) says, "If the Government intends to enact a prohibition measure it does not seem wise that a campaign should be inaugurated either for or against the principle. If the Premier would lose nothing by taking the step he proposes as a war measure without delay or the agitation which will accompany a referendum. Toronto Telegram (Ott.) says, "Every objection that can be urged against a vote on Federal issues in war times is applicable with multiplied force and force to a provincial vote in war time. If the Federal Government feels that Ontario has given the rulers of this Province a mandate to accept the Committee of One Hundred policy, let the Federal Government legislate in fulfillment of that mandate and spare Ontario the affliction of a war time election on the liquor issue. Mr. Rowell's views on the matter were expressed as follows: "I hope the Premier and his colleagues will see their way clear to provide in the bill that it shall go into effect at the earliest practicable date on a war measure, not to be repealed except by a majority vote of the electors after the war is over. The adoption of a prohibition bill without a vote will save the province at least \$150,000. The bill will probably be submitted next week."

MANITOBA SWEEPS OUT BOOZE

The People Declared in Favour of Prohibition by More Than Two to One
SOLDIERS GAVE LARGE MAJORITY
 In the election on a prohibition law in Manitoba on Monday a majority of 21,078 prohibition was given in a total vote of 40,163 for and 24,503 against. Every city and all the municipalities in the province but one gave a majority for prohibition. Winnipeg gave a majority of over 4,000. The vote was decisive. The feature of the vote everywhere was the magnificent support given the Act by the soldiers, who had been provided with special polls in the various constituencies. In not a single case did the soldiers record an adverse vote to temperance, and in Brandon barracks the typical vote of 127 to 03 was cast. All liquor selling in Manitoba will cease on May 31st.

ONTARIO TO HAVE PROHIBITION

Premier Hurst Promised the Measure and His Cabinet Endorsed Him
A GREAT PARADE IN TORONTO
 The people of the province of Ontario informed Premier Hurst in a remarkable manifestation, on Wednesday last week, that he had made no mistake when in the speech from the Throne he had promised an act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, to the full powers of the Legislature.
 According to General Secretary Warburton of the Committee of One Hundred, about fifteen thousand representatives of 25,000 petitioners for prohibition marched through Toronto streets to the Parliament Buildings to present the huge petition to the Premier. Unfettered by the menace of wintry weather, by the discomfort of slushy streets and the somewhat threatening attitude of anti-prohibitionists who sought the aid of a number of soldiers in their endeavor to break up the procession, the paraders completed their programme, and are more strongly convinced than ever of ultimate success. The parade was the biggest and most successful demonstration of public opinion for reform ever held in the Dominion of Canada.
 Practically every rural and urban municipality in Ontario was represented in the mammoth procession. Men and women representing every walk of life signified their approval of the object held in view by the Committee of One Hundred. There were clergymen and judges, educationists and magistrates, lawyers and doctors, farmers and financiers, manufacturers and merchants.
 A score of notable hundreds who have taken a leading interest in reorganizing the commencement of the war, members of the war auxiliaries, prominent workers for the various Patriotic and Red Cross funds. Men and women by the thousand who made through age and logical reason, to end themselves, have been assiduous workers from the beginning in providing comforts for our soldiers, and maintenance for their wives, families and dependents. The thousands who were in the ranks were all most sincerely the friends of the soldiers and by their support of such a war measure as prohibition proved their friendly interest, inasmuch as it is generally conceded that by the enactment of a prohibitory law for Ontario the \$100,000,000 daily expended for liquor in the province will be largely saved for war purposes and the support of the soldiers and their families.
 It is most regrettable that many men in khaki along the line of march, and especially in University Avenue, opposite the armories, addressed money carrying remarks to those in the parade and finally led a march in pelting snarls, and lamps of ice, and snatching banners from the county and city representatives appointed to carry them at the head of each delegation. After the hundreds of thousands of whom had already enlisted—Hilton's delegation and their banner suffered perhaps the hottest attack of the melee. The Lincoln banner had been torn from its bearers by soldiers and torn into shreds. Hilton County followed. The banner, which the bodies of murdered children from the Lusitania fleet of the ocean, is the one which before the outbreak of the war made toys for children all over the world. There was no child in the world who does not know that every child throughout the world who plays with toys and every little girl dearest doll. It was a matter of business to supply the universal demand. To promote the manufacture in Canada of dolls and toys on a scale sufficiently wide to take the place of the German-made toys which are now under a ban throughout the British Empire, the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa will open in Toronto, on March 25th, a Toy Conference and exhibition and manufacturers are invited to attend and investigate the opportunities for supplying toys for this important trade in our Dominion.

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 2a. Testing O. A. C. No. 21 Barley and Oats... 2
 2b. Testing two varieties of two-rowed Barley... 2
 3. Testing two varieties of Hulled Barley... 2
 4. Testing two varieties of Spring Wheat... 2
 5. Testing two varieties of Buckwheat... 2
 6. Testing three varieties of Fall peas... 2
 7. Testing two varieties of Spring Peas... 2
 8. Testing two varieties of Soy, Soja or Japanese Beans... 2
 9. Testing seven varieties of Husking Corn... 7
ROOT CROPS
 10. Testing three varieties of Manioca... 3
 11. Testing two varieties of Sugar Beets for feeding purposes... 2
 12. Testing three varieties of Swedish Turnips... 3
 13. Testing two varieties of Fall turnips... 2
 14. Testing two varieties of Celeriac... 2
 15. Testing the planting of Corn at six distances in the row... 6
 16. Testing three varieties of Millet... 3
 17. Testing two varieties of Sorghum... 2
 18. Testing five varieties of Sorghum... 5
 19. Testing Hops, Kale and Field Cabbage... 3
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 26. Testing three grain mixtures for grain production... 3
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CHEWSON'S CORNERS

Last week was the stormiest period of the winter. Owing to the roads being drifted so badly our rural mail carrier was unable to make the trip on Friday.
 The anniversary services in the Methodist Church here on Sunday were well attended. The tea-meeting on Monday night was a decided success. The programme consisted of solos by Sgt. Cole, Acton, and Frank Taylor, Rockwood, a youthful singer of much promise. Facilities were given by Miss Tuck, Edna Mills, and Miss Scott, Erinosa; instrumental music by Chewson's Corners quartette; grandiose selections by Mr. J. Bennett; reading by Sgt. Cole, and two excellent addresses, one by Rev. Wm. Munro, Everton, and the other by Capt. Peplatt, of Acton Company, Halton-Dufferin Battalion. A number of soldiers from Acton Company were present and sang one of their army ditties. Each number on the programme was well received. Rev. Southam made a very efficient chairman. Excellent order was maintained throughout. At the close a beautiful repast was dispensed by the ladies of the congregation.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Maringo, Sask., are visiting at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Graham.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fryer, Acton, visited friends here last week.
 Mrs. Geo. Goy, Guelph township, visited her mother, Mrs. J. Bennett, Sr., last week.
 Miss Pearl Oueling, Erinosa, is visiting her friend, Mrs. D. Crippa.

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Special Hearst, in an admirably delivered speech, after the presentation of the petition, said: "I desire, in the first place, to thank you for your kindly references to myself. I assure you that I appreciate your good wishes very much indeed. These immense petitions that you have presented to me are clearly evidence, and very tangible evidence, of a strong feeling on the part of the people of the Province of Ontario for legislative action along the lines indicated in the petition that has been so generously signed. And if the Government had not already decided upon its policy we would be called upon to scrutinize and weigh carefully the petitions that you have presented to us and to consider them. The Government have come to the conclusion that the large proportion of our people desire, and desire very earnestly, further legislative action on this question at the present time and the opinion and judgment of the Government has come to be endorsed and emphasized by the petitions you have presented to-day. The Government, as I mentioned some time ago, has announced its policy in the Speech from the Throne. We took that step because we thought it was right at the present period in the history of the Empire, and we took that step fearlessly so far as the consequences to us as a Government."

—Mr. D. J. Sinclair, of Bellinfield, has purchased a 100 acre farm in Erin Township from Mr. James McKeehan. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, George-town.

MILITARY NOTES

Bills have been received by D Company and are now being used daily in the drilling. Priv. Robert Stewart and Kipling Puffer went to Milton on Monday to take a course of instruction as buglers.
 Capt. Woodcock, rector of St. John's Church, Oakville, has been appointed Chaplain of the 10th Battalion.
 It is proposed to hold a monster parade of all units in Hamilton and surrounding districts on Saturday, 18th March.
 Every man who is holding back is helping to prolong the war, in addition to the slaughter, the sorrow, the suffering, the horror.
 Our brave boys who have gone already, who have fought so nobly, who have endured so heroically, must be reinforced; their numbers must be kept up. It is your part to do this.
 Soldiers who are away from barracks for more than six hours without leave are, according to latest orders, regarded as deserters and are subject to two years' imprisonment.
 The splendid progress, the fine appearance and exemplary conduct of the members of D Company, 164th Battalion, are qualifications of which Acton is very proud. We have a fine lot of soldiers here.
 Recalling in D Company of the 164th Battalion has been slower this week. Only two men have signed up:
 Edgar C. Stewart
 William Hobbs.
 The soldiers of D Company paraded to St. Allan's Church last Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Smith, the rector, preached a very helpful sermon appropriate to the first Sunday in Lent. They will parade to the Baptist Church next Sunday.
 Mrs. W. A. Stewart has surely done her "bit" for the war in giving three sons, Robert, of the FIVE Paces, enlisted in the Acton platoon a month ago; Elmer, enlisted about the same time in Saskatchewan, and last week Edgar was sworn in as a member of D Company.
 A class for Non-conventional Officers will be commenced at the 164th Battalion Headquarters, on Wednesday, March 15th. This is a good chance for any ambitious man to secure advancement in this grade. Battalion by enrolling now and joining the class. Bright young men particularly desired.

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Millinery Opening

The ladies of Acton and vicinity are cordially invited to inspect our Spring display of English and French and American Hats on
Tues. & Wed. MARCH 21, 22
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M. COOPER
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