

Bethel, Maryland, and District are now charged for the following values: Birthdays, \$1.00; marriages, \$1.00; deaths, \$1.00.

BORN

Garrison—At Oakwood, Balaclava, on Friday, 29th July, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibbons, a daughter.

MARRIED

HOMEVILLE-HARVEY—At the home of the bride's parents, Lake Ave., Acton, on Thursday, 10th August, 1916, by Rev. J. G. Harvey, A. M. and Anna A. Denomme of Fort William, to Anna, daughter of John Harvey, Esq.

DIED

HROVAT—At Guelph General Hospital, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1916, Margaret Hovar, wife of George Hovat, aged 43 years.

BURIAL—On Wednesday, August 14th, at the residence of his son-in-law, A. J. Hlog, Toronto, Nellie Gamble, widow of late Robert Barber, of Hesperville, in her 76th year.

MEMORIAL

Savory—In loving memory of our dear brother, John H. Snyder, who died August 14th, 1908.

"One in our love ones have us,

And the bitter pain of loss,

Teaches that the heart's best shelter

Is in the shadow of the cross.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 1916

EDITORIAL NOTES

Monkeys originate in rubber heaps that from any other source. The rubber heap is a menace because there is always a possibility of fire starting up in it, and it may burn when least expected. Consider what might happen and then without delay eliminate the menace of the rubber by having it promptly carted away—Canadian Conservation.

Canadian Horizons are paying unusually high prices for both native and foreign fruit this season. Continued dry weather has burnt up the small fruits, and available supplies of foreign fruits are light. Lemons for instance have been selling at \$3.00 a case wholesale, while oranges have been going at \$5.00 to \$5.25. Cherries have brought \$1.25 during the week for firsts.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is contemplating the confiscation of all the German-owned property in Britain in retaliation for the execution of Capt. Charles Fryatt of the British Line Brussels was revealed in the House of Lords last week by Lord Lansdowne. He stated that the government was consulting with financial houses as to the advisability of taking the step. The German property in England runs into many hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pearvers are fairly bright for a 200,000 bushel bushel of Western wheat. Unfavorable seedling conditions in April and May had had their effect on the crop, and the fact that June and the early part of July was not more favorable for making up for lost time, added to the initial handicap. Harvesting has accordingly been set back, and the danger from early frosts has become greater. A two-hundred-million bushel crop will have an extraordinarily beneficial effect on Canada's financial condition, following the phenomenal 1915 yield.

The question of the satisfactory repair of the county good roads is a problem our County Council should face without delay or there will be serious depreciation of those well-built roadways. The heavy frosts of winter and wet weather of the spring, succeeded by the long spell of drought, have interfered with the construction work, and with the roads which were under construction. Most of our local roads now have much loose stone on the surface. City Clerk T. J. Moore, of Guelph, who has just returned from a long trip over-gated roads in New York State, says: "The plan has been adopted over there of giving a certain amount of roadway to look after. Supplies of crushed stone are placed here and there along the road side, so that when he passes a slight depression in the road the man in charge comes along with his wheelbarrow, takes up some crushed stone with the top dressing of tar and puts it into the depression and in a very short time the stone has crushed down and level with the road. In this way the cost of roads are minimized; they are not allowed to deteriorate."

ALL INDUSTRIAL BRAVEMEN support the view that the Minister of Finance has chosen a propitious moment for the new financial banding. Early in September Sir Thomas White is expected to make public his proposal for a large internal loan. Its terms will not be known until the proposed experiments are made. There is a large accumulation of profits and wages, a steadily increasing volume of unemployed skilled to which is just now being added the first remittance from the shipyards ahead of the early return of the harvest. In spite of the unenviable fact that individual country has not been well practised in Canada this year, wages have been such that the average increase in savings accounts is probably larger than at any other period, and as an intelligent and well-directed effort to bring funds to acquire the public with the fact that it will be good business and good patriotic to invest in the loan, individual subscriptions will probably be very large.

CHEWSONS CORNERS

The facilities of Messrs. John R. Kennedy, James E. Warren, W. Johnston and Principal Stewart, of Acton, have been camping at Blue Spring Park this week.

Mr. Wesley Kingbury, who has suffered more or less from an internal growth for a year was suddenly taken ill last Saturday morning as Mr. H. C. Richardson's thrashing. Willing hands assisted him to the house, and his parents and a physician were summoned immediately and everything possible done to relieve him. He is still in a very precarious condition at Mr. Richardson's house, being weak with hemorrhage but recovering. His many friends hope he will soon rally.

Mr. John Young, Erin, visited friends here over Sunday.

Miss Eddy Young, Erin, is spending her holidays at Mr. W. A. Murray's.

DISASTROUS FIRE ON MONDAY

Henderson & Co.'s General Store and Stock Suffer Serious Damage

HEROIC WORK CONFINED THE FIRE

When the firebomber sounded on Monday afternoon about half past two and it was ascertained that the Glasgow House, the general store of Messrs. Henderson & Co., the largest mercantile establishment in town, was on fire, there were feelings of consternation among our citizens.

The fire started in the oil house at the west corner of the premises and rapidly spread to the main building. With the westerly wind prevailing it looked for a time as if the building and its contents must be entirely consumed, and possibly the Warren Block and the Government Building across the street might fall prey to the flames.

The fire spread rapidly, but from the outset four or five heroic and determined efforts were made to put out the flames by the fire brigade but to no avail. The firemen were promptly at work with three lines of hose quickly laid and the ladders in position. To supplement that this did effective service. The chemical engine was also brought up town from the tannery and the firemen also did good work in fighting the flames.

The fire was a hot one and soon worked its way under the metal siding and the roofing and persistently forged into places difficult of access to the fire fighters. But the work never slackened. The hose men fought with energy forgetful of danger. The hook and ladder men proved themselves skilled workers in their department, while the volunteer helpers were active everywhere they were needed.

Before four o'clock the fire was entirely extinguished, but by that time considerable damage was done in the building.

While the brick facade on Mill and Willow Streets show little effect of the disaster the rear walls were practically burned off as well as the roofs of the grocery and men's furnishing departments. The roof of the main building was also badly damaged.

The stock suffered very severely. The woolen goods and furs, and the new fall goods just received, on the second floor were completely ruined. The grocery stock and much of the goods on the main floor were destroyed, and merchandise in all parts of the store were rendered unsaleable through smoke and water.

The origin of the fire is not a mystery. A junior clerk was burning a pile of waste paper and rubbish in the rear of the building. He failed to clean up the floor of a small auxiliary storeroom belonging to the house. While thus engaged the lad closed a cluster through the main door. In an instant the place was in flames. Terrified, the lad gave the alarm, but the flames rushed on with the disastrous results noted.

Messrs. Henderson & Co. estimate their loss will aggregate \$7,000 and it is not known yet the extent of the damage to the building. The whole is covered by insurance in the P. & G. Wellington, Gore and Provincial Companies.

As soon as the losses are appraised this enterprising firm will proceed to repair the building, rearrange and replenish its stock, and resume business. The interruption of business even for a week is a distinct inconvenience to the community. For sixty years this has been the leading store in Acton, and since the enlargement and improvement of the premises nine years ago, it enjoyed an increased trade from a wider area.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

The fire alarm caused at the same time deep concern, and a general alarm. Few people like to miss a fire excitement. It could have been considered a calamity if the old "Glasgow House" had been destroyed.

It looks—and felt—for a time, as though the policy of fire insurance companies like to mislead a fire enthusiast. As soon as the losses are appraised the Committee on Finance will be presented with the amount required to be levied for the maintenance of the High and Public Schools determined upon.

The estimated amount will be paid to the Committee on Finance as follows:

Legislative Grant to Continuous Education School \$ 525.10

Grant to School Board 525.10

Public School Grants 175.00

Continuous School Fees 300.00

Non-resident Fees 148.43

To be raised by Taxation 525.00

\$4,673.81

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