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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1916

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Shortest day of the year.

—More zero weather again this week.

—Potatoes are down to $1.75 in Toronto.

—Municipal nominations to-morrow at noon.

—Cheap fares on the railways for the holidays.

—Bobsleighing is possible now, even on the side lines.

—The mails are already heavy with Christmas gifts.

—The mercury got down a little below zero last Friday morning.

—Knox Church Sunday School entertainment on Christmas evening.

—The Guelph Herald issued an attractive Christmas number on Saturday.

—Billy Patterson, of Georgetown, has opened a branch meat store at Orangeville.

—Motor traffic is growing smaller daily. A few drivers are still willing to brave winter's cold and slippery roads.

—The farmers who have wheat to deliver these days are securing the highest prices that have ruled here for half a century.

—Acton is keeping right up to the times in the matter of high prices. Milk will be advanced to ten cents per quart on January 1st.

—The printed financial statement of the Municipality for 1916, to December 15th, will be presented at the nomination meeting to-morrow.

—Lieut. Peacock and his corps of recruiting officers commenced the canvass of Acton and vicinity yesterday for the 164th Battalion.

—Inspector Harvey is on the alert to perform faithfully all the duties of his office. Woe be to the man found drunk on the street, or who traffics in liquor in this county.

—Lodge Woodgreen, Sons of England, will hold their annual banquet in the Parish Hall, on January 8th. Mr. J. D. Proctor, the Supreme President, of Toronto will attend.

—The fourth barroom to close in Guelph since prohibition came into force was that of the Royal Hotel on Saturday night. The house will still accommodate guests for board and rooms.

—Judge McGibbon, of Peel, has retired, and R. F. Justin K. C., L. L. B., of Brampton, has been appointed to the vacancy. Judge Justin, is one of Halton's sons, having been born near Norval.

—Guelph's Medical Officer of Health reports that the city has two alternatives respecting the water, 1st to spend $75,000 for repairs to pipe line, or 2nd, to continue to chlorinate the water continuously.

—Up to date over $1,440,000 has been contributed to the British Red Cross Fund by the municipalities of the Province of Ontario. This amount is $125,000 in excess of the sum raised in connection with the Trafalgar Day appeal in 1915.

LIMEHOUSE

The concert held under the auspices of the Junior Relief Society last week was a success, both from entertainment and monetary standpoint. About eleven dollars was realized for Red Cross work.

The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Tough, of Shakespeare, last Sunday, as Rev. Mr. Cameron was preaching anniversary sermons there.

Gunner Morrison arrived in Limehouse last Friday morning. He had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes in a severe engagement this summer.

Miss Greta Shaw and Sergt. Joe Shaw, of Kitchener, visited their sister, Miss M. Shaw, over the week-end.

Miss M. McGill has returned to Limehouse after spending some time in Beeckville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gowdy motored over to Nassagaweya on Sunday to visit Mrs. Gowdy's father, who has been poorly for some time.

Your correspondent extends the compliments of the season to the FREE PRESS staff and its readers.

CREWSONS CORNERS

To the FREE PRESS and staff and its many readers we extend the compliments of the season.

Mrs. James Moore, sr., was taken very ill last week and at present writing is very low.

Mrs. W. Van Norman and children, Guelph, visited friends here last week.

Miss Hazel Dennis visited friends in Acton this week.

Miss M. Willson, teacher at Lorne School the past four months, has resigned, and will take a position on the staff of Acton school.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

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NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Fruit for Convalescing Soldiers

The collection of fruit and jellies for the Soldiers' convalescent hospitals was made by the Daughters of the Empire, not by the Woman's Institute, as previously announced. A well-filled barrel of assorted fruits in jars was shipped yesterday.

Board of Agriculture Seed Fair

The Halton County Board of Agriculture will hold a seed fair in the Agricultural Hall, Milton, on January 4th and 5th, for the sale and exchange of seed. Prizes are offered for three varieties of oats, one each of barley and peas, and for late and early potatoes.

Improvements at the Post Office

During the week the walls in the public department at the post office have been tinted in warm-toned shades, up to the top of the door frames. The two years of service had soiled the white walls. The effect is pleasing. Messrs. Walker and Worden were the decorators.

Death of Mrs. David Wren

Mrs. Arch. McTavish was called to Bestforth on Monday through the death of her mother, Mrs. David Wren, who died on Sunday evening. Mrs. Wren has been an invalid for several years. Her husband predeceased her twelve years ago. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Wren were highly esteemed residents of this vicinity.

$10 and Costs for Being Drunk

Inspector Harvey laid an information against Charles Vlak for being drunk on the public street in Georgetown on the 21st October. The case was tried before Justices F. H. Near and Wm. Thompson last Friday. The accused pleaded guilty. He said a friend had sent to Montreal for the liquor for him. Unfortunately for the friend he sent for the liquor in his own name. Trouble may yet arise over this. Vlak was fined $10 and costs, $14.45.

The New System of Collection

The new system of payment of all Hydro current accounts into the bank has worked out very satisfactorily the first month. Up to the 15th December the aggregate of $1645.83 was paid into the Merchants Bank for November current. Each customer who paid received the 10 per cent. discount for prompt payment. When the tenantries, power is connected about $150 more will be added to the monthly revenue.

Assistance to Acton Fall Fair

In response to the application of the directors of Acton Fall Fair for a share of the Provincial Fall Fair wet weather insurance Secretary Hynds has received a cheque from the Provincial Treasurer for $91.25. In computing the amount of loss occasioned to the gate receipts by the wet weather about noon on the second day of the fair, the authorities took the average of the gate receipts for the previous three years.

Fire Alarm on Monday Morning

About for o'clock Monday morning the fire alarm rang out its unwelcome tones. It was found that the coal in the bin of T. A. Morton, barber, in a shed at the rear of the Record Block, was on fire. The Fire Brigade responded to the call but a line of citizens with buckets succeeded in subduing the flames. The fire was scuttled in the coal pile and had eaten through to the flooring below. It required a good many buckets of water to extinguish it. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Mr. J. G. Wing Still Missing

The whereabouts of Mr. J. G. Wing, who disappeared from Kitchener suddenly on Monday of last week, has not yet been discovered. Reference to the mysterious disappearance was made in a number of pulpits on Sunday and a large party of volunteers continued the search, but without avail. Mr. Wing was last seen on Frederick street, near his office, at 11 o'clock the night of his disappearance. Mrs. August Anderson, Church street, is a niece of Mr. Wing and feels the anxiety of his absence very keenly.

The Teaching Staff Vacancy Filled

The Board of Education met in the secretary's office on Thursday afternoon and considered the applications for the vacancy on the staff of the Public School caused by the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of the third room. Miss M. A. Willson, who has given splendid satisfaction at Lorne School since she commenced her duties there, was engaged to fill the vacancy. Miss Willson holds a first-class certificate, and has also a certificate for physical training from the University of Toronto. She will have charge of the class in physical drill in the High School as well as her Public School duties. Her salary will be $575.

St. Alban's Bazaar a Success

The bazaar held in the Parish Hall last week and conducted by the ladies of St. Alban's Church was most successful. The bazaar was largely attended. By the close of the second evening practically everything was sold. The remarkably low prices, especially in the fancy work stall, were quickly realized and the supply could not cope with the demand. There was also a great rush on the home-made baking, the high quality of the cakes, bread and pastry obtainable at St. Alban's Church affairs being so well known. The young people had a great time at the fish pond, especially with the tea strollers. The whole bazaar was a distinct success and those responsible desire to thank all who attended for their support which was greatly appreciated.

Over 200 New Books in the Library

The supplementary catalogue of new books just secured for Acton Free Library was available to readers on Saturday evening. The librarians will commence to issue from the new selection this week. The addition comprises a very fine assortment of the latest publications. These embrace the newest works on philosophy, religion, sociology, natural science, useful arts, fine arts, history, geography and travel, biography and fiction. The juvenile section has a very fine lot of books, both for girls and boys. There are quite a number of interesting Boy Scouts' books, and many of the latest works on the war from various points of view. The best works by Canadian authors were selected. In the choosing of works of fiction the Purchasing Committee endeavored to select clean and healthful literature which all will enjoy reading.

A PROMISING CAMPAIGN

The Xmas Seal Campaign of the National Sanitarium Association, now in full swing, promises to be a greater success than ever before. Already thousands of seals have been sold, and a large number of repeat orders are being received.

Buying these little seals is such an easy way to help. They may be had in any quantity from one up. Every seal sold aids in the maintenance of needy consumptives. Surely you can spare a few cents for this great cause.

"FOLKS NEXT DOOR"

Rev. Byron H. Stauffer's Lecture was Able, Eloquent, Entertaining and Helpful

AN IMPRESSIVE SERMON FOLLOWED

A large audience assembled in the Methodist Church last Thursday evening to listen to Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, pastor of Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, in his popular lecture "Folks Next Door."

It was his first visit to Acton and after being introduced by Rev. Mr. Avison, the pastor, he proceeded at once with his lecture and for an hour and a half held the audience in closest attention and manifest interest. The lecture was based upon the definition of our neighbor, the most popular of which the lecturer asserted to be "One entitled to the consideration due to a neighbor; a fellowman, as every man is my neighbor." The philosophy impressed was healthful and emphasized very fully the Golden Rule as laid down by Jesus Christ when on earth. The spirit of Shakespeare's exhortation to "Plant neighborhood and Christian-like accord in their sweet bosoms" ran through the splendid lecture from beginning to end.

Much of the matter of the lecture is the outcome of Dr. Stauffer's personal experiences in the ministry. There was a wealth of highly interesting and well-told anecdotes and incidents which rendered very vivid and effective the various features of life and character being presented. The energy and versatility of the lecturer were strong elements in his recital and gave ample manifestation of the power of this great preacher over the large congregations which are attracted from Sunday to Sunday to Bond Street Church. This is one of the down-town churches of Toronto which, in the absence of a pastor of Mr. Stauffer's virility and personal contact, would soon dwindle to the status of a dependent mission.

At the conclusion of the lecture, at a quarter to ten, Rev. Mr. Stauffer said: "I feel impressed that I should now preach a sermon to you people, and if you will remain I will promise to let you away in half an hour." The audience gladly remained and after singing the hymn "Spirit Divine," the text was announced: 1 Kings 20: 14: "Then he said, who shall order the battle? And he answered, thou." The sermon which followed was a strong discourse and uppermost in the amplification of the theme was a plain straight-forward message for disheartened men, with encouragements to go forward and trust in God for results.

At the close Rev. C. H. E. Smith, M.A., rector of St. Alban's Church, referred in very complimentary terms to the lecture and especially to the sermon, which he felt was a very helpful one. Rev. Mr. Avison spoke in similar strain and Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., of Knox Church, pronounced the benediction.

The lecture was under the auspices of the King's Orderlies Bible Class and the Epworth League.

NASSAGAWEYA

W. H. Bowles, of Georgetown, was fined $15 for shooting a black squirrel in Nassagaweya, $5 for carrying a gun where game was out of season, and assessed $3.60 costs, by R. J. Campbell, J. P., Milton, last week.

After many years of service Judge McGibbon, of Brampton, a native of Nassagaweya, has retired.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. T. P. Martin visited friends in Toronto several days last week.

Mrs. T. Marshall, of Limehouse, visited friends in Acton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ryder and children visited relatives in Toronto last week.

Miss Bertie Smith went to Toronto last week to remain over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Cornie, of Guelph, was the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Miss Ruby Clark accompanied Sergt. Gould home from Toronto, on his return from the war in France.

Mr. John R. Barber, Ex.-M. P. P., of Georgetown, has been somewhat seriously ill the past week, but is improving.

Mrs. J. P. Scarrow and children visited her husband, Pte. J. P. Scarrow, on Friday and Saturday last week at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. LePage, and Mrs. H. T. LePage, motored from Toronto last Friday and were guests at Moorecroft.

Dr. M. A. Gould, of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived in Acton on Monday, to visit her brother, Sergt. Gould, for a few days.

Mrs. J. C. Matthews, who went to the General Hospital, Toronto, last week, is making satisfactory progress under the treatment she is receiving.

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In the matter of the Estate of Duncan McMurchy, late of the Township of Erin, in the County of Wellington, Farmer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf that all creditors (if any there be) and other persons having claims against the Estate of Duncan McMurchy, late of the Township of Erin, County of Wellington, Farmer, who died at Erin on or about the 18th day of October, 1916, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, the Solicitor for the Executors of the said Estate, on or before the 1st day January, 1917, their names, addresses, and full particulars of their claims duly verified and the nature of securities if any held by them, and after the said 1st day of January, 1917, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and they will not be liable for any part of the said assets to any person of whose claims they shall not then have had notice.

A. J. MacKINNON,
Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1916. 36-3

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Dropping the Aspirate.

The English derivatives from the Latin "lacryma," writes a correspondent, are practically always spelt with the "h" nowadays. In most modern dictionaries the older and more accurate form is marked as obsolete. But in the particular case of "lachrymatory" there is some warrant for the "h," for the word is directly derived from the low Latin "lachrymatorium," which has the "h." The lachrymatorium, a glass vessel prettily but inaccurately supposed to contain the tears of mourners for the dead, was really a receptacle for perfumes or ointments. "Lachrymatory," used as an adjective, is quite new and quite unnecessary. Why can't we be content with "lachrymal?"—London Chronicle.

Why the Head of a Lion.

A custom there is in most parts of Europe to adorn aqueducts, spouts and cisterns with lions' heads, which, though no laudable ornament, is of an Egyptian genealogy, who practiced the same under a symbolical allation. For because the sun being in Leo, the flood of Nilus was at the full and water became conveyed into every part, they made the spouts of their aqueducts through the head of a lion.—Sir Thomas Browne, "Vulgar Errors."

Might Be Done.

"A man should never talk about what he does not understand."

"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "sometimes he can get away with it. If he is dead sure his audience doesn't understand it either."—Washington Star.

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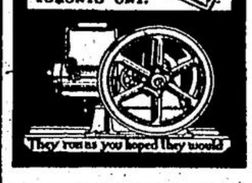

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NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT,
Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

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JANUARY Fourth and Fifth, 1917

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O. A. C. No. 72	$1.	.75	.50	Peas	1.	.75	.50
Any other var.	1.	.75	.50	Potatoes (late)	1.	.75	.50
Any early var.	1.	.75	.50	Potatoes (early)	1.	.75	.50

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must be members of the Halton County Board of Agriculture (Farmers' Institute).
2. An entry fee of 10 cents will be charged for each exhibit.
3. Two bushels of grain and one bushel potatoes must be shown.
4. Exhibits must be in place by 12 o'clock on Thursday, January 4th, 1917.
5. Each exhibit must be correctly named. Each exhibitor should also notify the Secretary as to how many bushels he has for sale.
6. Exhibits sent by express in care of the Secretary will be exhibited and expressed back to the shipper.
7. Entries may be sent to the Secretary at Milton, or to the District Representative at Burlington.

J. P. Griffin, President. A. L. McNabb, Secretary. W. F. Strong, District Rep.