Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births 50c., Marriages 50c., Deaths 50c. Memorial Cards 50c. 10c. per line extra for poems.

BORN

EASDOWN—In Acton, on Christmas morning, December 25th, 1916, to Pte. and Mrs. L. Easdown, a daughter.

MARRIED

POWELL-DOBBIE—In Kitchener, on Monday, 25th December, 1916, by Rev. M. Scott, Edward Scott Powell, of Sarnia, to Annie May Dobbie, of Kitchener, formerly of Acton.

DIED

CARSON—At Salem, Oregon, on Thursday, December 7th, 1916, John A. Carson, Attorney, formerly of Acton, aged 56 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A merry New Year morning
To each and every one.
The rose has kissed the dawning,
And the gold is in the sun.
And may the New Year splendor
A joyous greeting bear,
Of love that's true and tender,
And faith that's sweet and fair.

It does not seem a very long time ago that we were talking about the coming of a new year, with its necessity for the balancing of all accounts, that we might learn just how we stood with regard to the profits and losses of the twelve months that were about to be filed away in the archives of life as ancient history. And now that 1916's "new" year, too, has gone we are face to face with another New Year's Day—face to face with the same old problems.

To many of us the year that has passed has not been particularly pleasant. To some of us, in fact, it may have brought so many frustrated hopes, so many disappointments, that we are more than usually glad to bid it godspeed that we may hail with joy the advent of a new and, we we fondly hope, a better opportunity. Yet, as a matter of fact, if we stop for a moment to look back over the twelve months that are now so rapidly drawing to a close, there are but few of us who will not find that the old year has been a pretty good year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE NEW PROHIBITORY LAW very unanimously resulted during the Christmas season in a greatly increased Christmas trade. One local merchant who has had a business in Acton for over twenty years declares that his Christmas trade this year was 100 per cent. greater than last year. The home and the kiddies are reaping great benefit from the absence of the barrooms and the city liquor stores.

LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS in newspapers continue to be a live issue. It is gratifying that all of Toronto's dailies, with one exception, have decided to exclude advertisements of liquors from their columns. The Mail and Empire, World, and News decided last week to banish this class of advertising; the Globe and Star have refused liquor advertising for a considerable time. Only the Telegram will accept such contracts. It is to be hoped its management will soon see that its course is materially aiding to defeat the Government's measure to secure a "dry" Ontario, and refuse longer to publish such seductive advertising.

IN THE ELECTION of the Municipal Council and Board of Education by acclamation two experienced and useful men have retired to private life—Alex. Bell from the Council and Nicholas Forbes from the Board of Education. Each has filled his respective office for a number of years with ability and faithful attention. The vacancy in the Council has been filled by the election of W. R. Kenney, J. P., who has already served the town for a number of years on the School Board and the Board of Health. He will make a useful member of the Council. Mr. Robert McPherson, who takes a seat on the Board of Education, is a young man with a growing family and is naturally interested in the educational matters of the town. Under existing conditions Acton is as well served in the personnel of these two bodies as if an election turmoil were forced upon the ratepayers.

DEATH OF JOHN A. CARSON

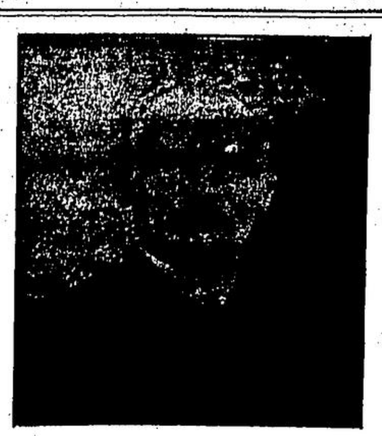
Prominent Attorney, who spent his Junior Years at Law in Acton, Died at Salem, Oregon

John A. Carson, a cousin of Sir Edward Carson the Irish statesman, and one of the best-known attorneys in the Pacific Northwest, died suddenly at his home in Salem, Oregon, on the 7th inst. Although he had been in ill health for many months, he was at his office the day before, and his death was unexpected. Death was due to general breaking down.

Mr. Carson had a wide reputation as a mining and criminal attorney. From 1905 to 1910 he made annual trips to Alaska, where he acted as counsel for the extensive Guggenheim and Havemeyer interests. A few years ago he leaped into National prominence from a series of published interviews which he gave out on the Alaska Controller bay controversy. As an authority on Alaska mining law he was considered without a peer, and he was head counsel for the leading legal contests taken through the Northern courts.

John A. Carson was born November 3rd, 1860, at Largin, near Belfast, in County Down, Ireland. In 1862 his parents removed to Georgetown, Ontario, and settled on a farm there. He received his early education at a private academy at Milton. For a short time he taught school. At the age of 23 he graduated from the Trinity College and Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He practised in Acton in 1887-8 and on December 5th, 1888, he was married to Helen Fraser Allen, senior daughter of the late Col. Wm. Allen. They were married in Salem, Ore., in May, 1890.

Mr. Carson is survived by a widow and two children, Charles, Oregon, and Mrs. Allen, New Orleans.



GEORGE HYNDS, ESQ.
ACTON'S REEVE FOR EIGHT YEARS

At the municipal nominations last Friday Geo. Hynds, Esq., was elected Reeve of the municipality for the eighth time. The FREE PRESS offers congratulations, not so much to the able and self-sacrificing chief magistrate, as to the town which again secures the valued services of this tried and true public-spirited citizen.

We do congratulate Reeve Hynds, personally, however, upon the attainment of his sixtieth birthday, last Sunday, 24th December. For nearly half a century Mr. Hynds has had his residence in Acton. For thirty years continuously he has given freely of his services in the administration of the affairs of the town. Two years he spent as a member of the Board of Health, one of which was during the strenuous months of the small pox epidemic. Fourteen years he was a faithful member of the Board of Education, one year of which he was the Chairman. For six years he was a Councillor, and during the past eight years he has been our Reeve. Two years ago he was honored with the Wardenship of the County, and his services in the County Council have always been highly valued. In the history of the town no other citizen has given himself so freely in the service of municipal matters.

ACTON ELECTIONS BY ACCLAMATION

Reeve Hynds Elected by Acclamation for the Eighth Time

NEW COUNCILLOR AND TRUSTEE

Less interest than usual was manifested in the municipal elections here, if the attendance of electors is any index. The Council Chamber had ample capacity to accommodate the ratepayers who assembled.

The printed financial statement without, took the place of the customary nomination speeches. Clerk Mackinnon distributed these printed statements and everybody appeared to be satisfied. At least, there were no audible criticisms and no questions were asked of the Councillors or members of the Board of Education relative to their stewardship.

The nominations filled the offices of Councillors and School Trustees without any surplus aspirants, and at the expiration of the hour the clerk proclaimed the following elected by acclamation:

FOR REEVE

GEORGE HYNDS—Nominated by George Havill, seconded by W. A. Storey.

FOR COUNCILLORS

CHARLES E. BAILEY—Nominated by George Hynds, seconded by N. Forbes.

DAVID A. HENDERSON—Nominated by R. M. McDonald, seconded by George Hynds.

WILLIAM R. KENNEY—Nominated by D. M. Hadderson, seconded by A. T. Brown.

WILLIAM H. SMITH—Nominated by H. A. Cozz, seconded by Robert McPherson.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

WM. JOHNSTONE—Nominated by Geo. Hynds, seconded by Andrew Crot.

ROBT. SCOTT—Nominated by George Havill, seconded by H. P. Moore.

ROBT. MCPHERSON—Nominated by N. Forbes, seconded by Geo. Havill.

THE HIGH SCHOOL "AT HOME"

An Interesting Function and a Large Gathering of Pupils and Ex-Pupils

The annual "At Home" of the High School teachers and students last Friday night was of very great interest. This yearly function has become an event long looked forward to, and although held on the last night of the school term is attended by teachers from other places as well as many other ex-students in various walks of life.

It has been the custom recently to select from those assembled an ex-student to occupy the chair and this year Mr. Glenn Wray, of Stratford, filled the position with credit and acceptance.

A varied programme was given by present students, all of which showed ability in preparation and presentation.

Principal Stewart gave a few remarks on opening giving the names of the new students coming in from the Entrance Class, and also the graduates to the Normal School from the different grades of examination.

Recitations, dialogues and a tableau were given which were heartily applauded, and the latter, a patriotic one, encored.

A school poem, being a running comment on various members of the student body, and a school song in which the principal, assistant, janitor, timetable, homework, school lane, "short cut" and other features of school life were introduced and set to a jingling, merry chorus, occasioned much amusement.

Much interest centred in the presentation of the "Merchant of Venice," in which George Agnew, President of this year's "Literary," was judge and gave his decision with dignity. Herbert Ritchie was the rapacious Shylock; Harold Kennedy, Antonio; Lettie Scott, who as Portia, with modest yet confident bearing presented the case of the unfortunate merchant.

After the programme proper some time was spent in promenades and social intercourse followed by the serving of toothsome dainties, the whole combining to make a very interesting evening. Principal Stewart and Miss Baker are much pleased with the loyal concentration of effort on the part of the students to make this year's "At Home" so interesting.

BALLINAFAD

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferguson spent Christmas with friends in Kitchener.

Mr. Ben Esmond, of Keyle, Sask., is the guest of friends here.

Mrs. Duncan Ferguson is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNeven and little son, of Orton, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. [illegible]

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SOME OBSERVATIONS

While we may roll at old-time memories and experiences to compared with those of present times, there is talking of modern inventions to replace the enjoyments of "sleighing for Christmas." This year the sellings of sleigh for this loved anniversary were amongst the most liked in the memory of our people. The fresh snow, bright sunshine and tingling atmosphere made a lovely combination.

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There is necessarily a tinge of sadness running through the pleasantries and hilarities of the time, owing to the "dreadful war." Homes have vacant chairs never to be filled, and many others which have a great uncertainty.

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As a single turn in the weather shows instances a failed so to the kind of a winter we may have; and as the ripples on the surface of a stream, blown back by the wind, may make one almost positive the stream is flowing in a course different from usual; so tidings from the battle-front day after day, frequently so alternate opinions as to the outcome that the general trend is often lost sight of. Those who seem to know seem confident of only one outcome.

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The town hall ought to have better heating facilities. For years back important gatherings have been frequently marred by the low temperature on winter evenings. Two stoves are hardly adequate to the needs of such an auditorium, and on the side of the prevailing winds one is placed at one corner. People coming to an advertised meeting have a right to expect as near normal comfort as possible.

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LINEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. James Dobbie and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lapple and their children were here from Acton for Christmas.

Mr. A. L. Marshall, of Detroit, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall and family, of Acton, spent Christmas with Mrs. Hall's parents.

Mr. Nelson Lane was home from Acton for the Christmas holidays.

Fish for the Soldiers.

The allied armies as well as a considerable proportion of the civilian population of Great Britain are now looking to Canada for a steady supply of fish diet to make up for meat scarcity and to offset high prices for meats. Recently the Minister of Militia received from England a request to put through an order for one million and a half pounds of fresh frozen fish for the British soldiers. Canadian soldiers in England have been receiving a weekly ration of Canadian fish for some months past. Arrangements have now been made to supply Canadians in the trenches with a fish ration, and specially prepared tins are being sent forward. The British authorities have been impressed with the cheapness and desirability of a fish ration, and want a similar supply for the British troops. There is, too, a gradually increasing demand from civilians for Canadian fish. Italy and France are also beginning to look to the Canadian supply.

Sir Sam Hughes said that exports of Canadian fish to the allied countries would eventually total five million pounds per week. When in England last August Sir Sam took up with the British authorities the question of a fish ration for British troops, and urged that orders be placed in Canada through the Canadian War Purchase Commission. A few days ago a big order was received. Major Hugh Green of Prince Albert, whom Sir Sam sent over to England last winter to start the fish rations for the Canadian troops, is also looking after the popularising of the general use of Canadian fish in Great Britain.

Strong Language Necessary.

"In spite of the War Office it is difficult for soldiers to do without strong language," says Reynolds' Weekly. "I was routing out some Germans," said a sergeant in one of the Red Cross hospitals the other day, "and the beggars wouldn't come out of their holes, though they wanted to surrender. I yelled to the silly fools, but they wouldn't budge. I was that wild, I tell you straight I'd have given a quid to know the German for ——!"

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A day of Prayer and Humiliation. The minister will preach on "Prayer" morning and evening.

SABBATH SCHOOL
New Year's Rally Day
Installation of new Superintendent, Officers and Teachers. Presentation of diplomas to graduates. Christmas White Gifts for the King. Farewell words by Superintendent who has been in office thirty years.
In the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock
ALL WELCOME

NOTICE

THE new Billing and Collecting System for Electric Light and Power Accounts will be put in force in the Municipality on and after the 1st day of December. All accounts must thereafter be paid in at the Merchants' Bank, Acton, by the Individual Customers.

Take your bill to the bank which will receive your money and receipt your bill. Pay promptly before the 15th of each month and get the 10 per cent. discount.

Taxes and all other supplies will be charged net and is payable at the same time.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

In the SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON

IN THE Estate of Mary Swankhammer, late of the Village of Acton in the County of Halton, Married Woman, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O., 1914, Chapter 121, Section 56, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Mary Swankhammer, who died on or before the 6th day of November, A. D. 1916, are required on or before the 20th day of December, 1916, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Charles E. Bunker of the City of Guelph in the county of Wellington, Solicitor for John Walker, of the Township of Esquesing in the County of Halton, Farmer, the Administrator of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and description, the full particulars of their claims and a statement of their accounts and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Guelph the 6th day of December, 1916.

CHARLES E. BUNKER,
Solicitor for Administrator.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 19th 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 christian 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. m8

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario at the next Session thereof, by the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton, for an Act to confirm and validate By-law Number 447 of the Village of Acton, being "A By-law to provide for borrowing on debentures the sum of $35,000 for the purpose of loaning the same to the Reliance Shoe Co., Limited, to enable them to establish a plant in the Village of Acton for the manufacturing of boots and shoes and the debentures issued or to be issued thereunder."

The existing debenture debt of the said Village is as follows:

General Debentures	$21,854.00
Electric Light and Hydro Electric Debentures	14,500.00
Public School Debentures	12,000.00
Local Improvement Debenture	13,414.43
	$61,768.43

The reasons for acquiring a further issue of debentures is to grant a bonus of loan to the Reliance Shoe Co., Limited, upon the terms and conditions set out in the said By-law.

MALONE, MALONE & LONG,
Solicitors for the Applicants.
Dated at Toronto this 22nd day of December, 1916. m6-5

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
"Audrey," with Pauline Frederick.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
"The Spender" | Gold Rooster Play —with— George Roberts

MONDAY, JANUARY 1
Episode 9 of "The Iron Claw," with Pearl White, Creighton Hall and Sheldon Lewis.

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