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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Splendid sleighing now.

—Now for another year's business in earnest.

—It is your duty to fill out your registration card.

—Saw logs are being delivered at Henderson's mill.

—Heavy timbers for the new shoe factory are being delivered.

—Be sure to secure and fill out one of the National Service cards.

—WANTED—Board and room. Conveniences preferred. Apply Box 142, FREE PRESS, Acton.

—Mr. Allan G. Smith has sunk a well at the shoe factory, six feet in diameter and twenty-two feet deep.

—Scoutmaster N. F. Moore reports that the Boy Scouts' Drum and Bugle Band is making satisfactory progress.

—The Junior Red Cross social gathering in the town hall on New Year's night was gratifyingly successful to the young ladies who exploited it.

—The annual meeting of the directors and members of Acton Fall Fair will be held in the Council Chamber on the 18th inst. at 2 o'clock.

—The Sons of England annual banquet will be held to-morrow evening in the Parish Hall. Mr. J. D. Proctor, Supreme President, will be present.

—Sleigh driving is being enjoyed these days. The merry sleigh bells, the good sleighing, the bracing atmosphere all lend their quota to these enjoyable outings.

—The Christmas and New Year's holidays this year had many enjoyable features. Happy home gatherings prevailed. The home-comings bring much of pleasurable experience.

—The sacramental services at Knox Church were well attended. Rev. Mr. Dodds' sermon at the preparatory service on Friday afternoon was very appropriate and impressive.

—In the report of the High School "At Home" in last week's FREE PRESS, it was inadvertently stated that George Agnew was President of the High School "Literary," whereas George Anderson holds the responsible position. The other George was president last year.

—Mr. W. T. Smyth, who has for over a quarter of a century been the leading traveller for Messrs. W. H. Storey & Sons, has retired. Mr. A. E. Nickle, a former traveller for the company, but who has been doing a jobbing business for several years, has accepted Mr. Smyth's position.

MILITARY NOTES

A letter from Driver Tom Fryer of the R. E. F., says he is back in France again and on duty.

Pte. Percy Watson, of the 164th Batt., came home from the Westinghouse Barracks, suffering from a severe cold which has since developed into pneumonia.

Pte. Bert Taylor, who came to Canada on escort duty in the fall and who has been on a visit to his parents at Brandon, Man., spent Tuesday with boyhood friends in town.

Pte. Harold F. Travers, son of Mrs. F. J. Travers, (née Minnie Swan, formerly of Acton) paid the supreme sacrifice at the front on November 18th. He was 20 years of age.

Pte. G. H. Lantz in writing to his wife from the Granville Canadian Hospital, England, says: "I received a Christmas parcel from Acton Red Cross and I wish you to thank the ladies of the Red Cross for their kindness in remembering me. The box arrived in good shape and the contents were thoroughly appreciated, but the dearest thing in the box was a real maple leaf from dear Canada. I wonder if they know how much cheer it would carry when they put it in."

CREWSONS CORNERS

The Christmas Tree entertainment here last Thursday night was much enjoyed by the scholars and their parents and friends. The following programme was rendered: Opening chorus by school and contribution of charitable gifts; recitation, "Tiny Tots," by Doris Lantz; recitation, Laura Lambert; flag drill by eight girls; song, "Our King," by four boys; recitation, Bessie Kingsbury; solo, Miss Wilson; recitations, Sadie Cripps, and Cecil Nelles; tableau, "Little Candles," six little girls; recitations, Victor Burlingham, and Kathleen Millar; song, Lauretta Moore; recitation, Charlie Lambert; tableau, "Heroes"; recitation, Jean Millar; Duet, Rhea and Edna Crewson; recitation, Campbell Millar, and Marie Lantz; song, "Holly," four girls; recitation, Murray Kingsbury; flag drill, eight girls; recitation, Bobbie Kingsbury; solos by Miss Wilson and John Kingsbury; recitation, Olive McLaughlin; song, "Two French Maids," closing chorus by school. The young ladies of the Sunday School deserve credit for the very efficient way the children were trained. Miss Hazel Dennis especially devoted much time in their training. Santa Claus put in an appearance at the end of the programme and presented each scholar with a bag of candy and an orange.

Mr. Abbott, Carman, Man., is visiting his sister, Mrs. James Moore. This is Mr. Abbott's first visit home since going west seventeen years ago.

Miss Isabel Watkins spent the holidays with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lamb and Mr. Orris Lamb spent New Year's with Orton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alger Cripps, Acton, visited friends here over the holiday.

Mrs. John Burnside and Miss Dorothy attended the funeral of his brother, Mr. O. Burnside, Toronto, at Bellinafad on Monday.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

A Much-Appreciated Gift

A welcome surprise was given Mr. Terrance Beardmore at Christmas when he was presented with a silver cigarette box, beautifully engraved, by the employees of the sole leather tannery, as a mark of their esteem, and also in appreciation of the interest he takes in them.

The Free Library is Popular

The 350 readers of Acton Free Library borrowed 7,441 books during 1916. This is a fine record. It means that the number of books on the library stacks has been borrowed twice over during the year. Librarian experts consider this ample evidence of the popularity and usefulness of the library. Of the 7441 books issued 2,628 were from the shelves of the juvenile department.

Red Cross in the West

In a letter to her mother here, Mrs. T. J. Edmiston, of Driver, Sask., gives an account of what is known as a "Box Social" which netted over $170 for the Red Cross. As it was in a school house in a prairie farming district with population not over numerous, it shows how generous must have been the outlay to secure the precious lunch boxes. A turkey which had been also placed on sale realized $6.50. The chairman and auctioneer was Mr. Vallance, a brother-in-law to Harry Lauder.

More Drunks Fined

Inspector Harvey is leaving no work undone to ensure the proper enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. He seems to get to all parts of the county every week. On the 19th December Herbert Hust, Oakville, was fined $10.00 and costs for being drunk. On the 27th ult. Clarence Fish and Samuel Reynolds, also of Oakville, pleaded guilty to the Inspector's charge of being drunk in that town. They were each fined $10 and costs. All these cases were brought before Police Magistrate Shields.

Oddfellows' Reception to Gould

On Tuesday evening of last week Acton Lodge, I. O. O. F. tendered a splendid reception to their brother, Sergt. W. J. Gould. In addition to enjoyable social intercourse a programme of merit was rendered. Numbers were contributed as follows: Selections by the Leishman Orchestra, Miss Laura Akins, Mr. Wildgust, Mr. Benton and a male quartette. On behalf of the Lodge Mr. D. M. Henderson presented Sergt. Gould with a handsome electric reading lamp. Mr. R. M. McDonald was the chairman of the evening. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies.

Married in Manitoba

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday, December 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew, of Burnbank, Manitoba, when their only daughter, Agnes Montgomery, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. John T. H. Dunn, of the same place. The Rev. John Pate, of Miniota, officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Myrtle Cole and the groom by Bugler Wm. Andrew, of the 190th Battalion, Winnipeg. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dunn left for Brandon and Winnipeg where they spent their honeymoon.

Presentation to Mr. Coleman

Just prior to the closing of the schools for the Christmas vacation Mr. Coleman, the painstaking, courteous and friendly janitor was called to the teachers' room by Principal Stewart. In a few well-timed words of appreciation of his services and his constant effort to look after the comfort and welfare of teachers and pupils Mr. Stewart addressed the surprised janitor and then presented him with a beautiful silk umbrella on behalf of the members of the teaching staff of the High and Public Schools. Mr. Coleman briefly voiced his great appreciation of the splendid gift and wished the teachers a very happy Christmas vacation.

Walker Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The following officers were installed by Wor. Bro. A. J. MacKinnon, P.M., at the festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th:

I. P. M.—Wor. Bro. T. H. Cook.
W. M.—Wor. Bro. W. L. Mullin.
S. W.—Wor. Bro. John Wood.
J. W.—Bro. H. Wildgust.
Chap.—Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper.
Treas.—Wor. Bro. John Kenney.
Sec.—Wor. Bro. R. Mr McDonald.
S. D.—Bro. W. J. Reid.
J. D.—Bro. W. J. D. Hampshire.
I. G.—Bro. Norman McLeod.
D. C. G.—Wor. Bro. John Lawson.
Stewards—Bro. N. P. McLam and Bro. Alex. Munroe.
Tyler—Bro. W. R. Kenney.

NASSAGAWEYA

A memorial service will be held in the Ebenezer Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., for the late Bugler Orval Fletcher, who gave his life for his king and country.

Mr. John Carton was elected Reeve of Nassagaweya.

The vote on the commutation of statute labor was against it by a majority of 90. The people would sooner do their work than pay for it.

The Nassagaweya Council for 1917 will be: John Carton, Reeve; Jas. W. Moffat, Amos Norrish, D. R. Hutcheon and F. F. Sayers, Councillors.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clark on Wednesday, December 21st, when their only daughter, Maggie, was married to Wm. Kingsbury, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kingsbury. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Strachan, pastor of the bride. The young couple intend to make their home in Manitoba where Mr. Kingsbury has a farm.

At the home of the groom's parents, Saskatchewan, on Christmas Day, Maggie Nightingale, of Nassagaweya, became the wife of Mr. Newman McFarlane. They are now visiting the bride's parents at Kosrchbull.

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How Canadian Soldiers Came to Aid the Australians.

Sir Douglas Haig reported that among those engaged in the great advance of September 15 were "troops from Canada." In a message received by the High Commissioner for Australia, C. E. W. Bean, relates how, before the advance, the Canadians relieved the Australians on the left front, and thus made their entry into the battle of the Somme. The London Times made the following extracts from the message:

The time had come for the supporting troops to be drafted into the fight. An order was sent to the supports. They were to send an officer to receive instructions. He came. He was a man nearing middle age, erect, tough as wire, with lines in his face such as hard fighting and responsibility leave on the face of every soldier. The representative of authority upon the spot—an Australian who also had faced ugly scenes—explained to him quietly where he wished him to take his men, into such and such a corner by such and such a route.

It meant plunging straight into the thick of the Somme battle with all its unknown horrors—everyone there knew that. But the newcomer said quietly, "Yes, sir," and climbed up and out into the light. It was not an Australian who spoke. That "Yes, sir," came unmistakably from the other side of the Pacific. It was the first of the Canadians upon the Somme battlefield.

An hour or so later a young Australian officer, coming up with his men to improve an exposed and isolated trench—a trench which was outflanked already and enfiladed, and in half a dozen ways unhealthy—into a condition to be held against any attacks at all costs, found coming across the open towards his exposed flank a line of stalwart men in kilts.

His men were dead tired, the enemy's shell fire was constant and heavy, grey heads and helmets constantly seen behind a red mud parapet across a hundred yards of red mud craters proved that the Guard Reserve was getting ready to counter-attack him. Every message he sent back to headquarters finished, "But we will hold this trench." And yet here they came—a line of them, stumbling from crater into crater, and by one of those unaccountable chances that occur in battles only two or three of them hit in crossing over. They dropped into the trench by the side of the Australians. Their bombers went to the left to relieve the men who had been holding the open flank. They brought in with them keen fresh faces and bodies and an all-important supply of bombs. It was better than a draught of good wine.

So it was that the first of the Canadians arrived.

Long before the last Australian platoon left that battered line these first Canadians were almost as tired as they. For 36 hours they had piled up the same barricades, garrisoned the same shell holes, were shattered by the same shells. Twenty-four hours after the Canadians came a vicious bombardment descended on the flank they were holding. They were buried together by the heavy shell bursts. They dug each other out. When the garrison became so thin that whole lengths of trench were without a single unwounded occupant they helped each other, wounded, down to the next length and built another barricade and held that.

With the light came a reinforcement of new Canadians—grand fellows in great spirit. And the last Australian was during that morning withdrawn. It was the most welcome sight in all the world to see those troops come in. Not that the tired men would ever admit that it was necessary. As one report from a young Australian officer said, "The reinforcement has arrived. Captain X——— may tell you that the Australians are done. Rot."

Still Buying Hun Goods.

Canada still does a little trading—or did until the end of last March—with our arch-enemy, Germany. The Department of Trade and Commerce report, just out, shows that for the year ending March 31 Canada imported $86,304 worth of German goods. Canadian exports to Hunland ceased at that time. Before the war our trade with Germany had rapidly grown until at the end of the trade year on March 31, 1914, it amounted to $19,019,000. Even after war was declared the trade continued, and for the year ending March 31, 1915, it totalled $7,248,000. Of this, over $5,000,000 was in German imports.

At the same time Canadian trade with the Allies has greatly increased. We sent France $36,000,000 worth of goods, and our trade with Italy increased from $3,313,000 to $11,653,000. Canada bought over $4,000,000 worth of goods from Japan, and sold the Mikado's subjects less than a million. Trade with Belgium—or that small part of it still free from the Hun heel—also increased largely.

Princess Pat Honored.

The Canadian Red Cross Society have leased and are fitting up St. Lawrence College at Ramsgate, England, as a convalescent hospital with accommodation for one thousand beds. It will bear the name of Princess Patricia. This will be turned over to the Canadian medical services to furnish the staff and operate it. A new departure in connection with the latest reforms is that all such hospitals will be operated by the medical services, the Red Cross continuing to be responsible for the buildings, the general fabric and the supply of motor ambulances, but the feeding of the patients will be undertaken by the medical authorities. This is not intended as a reflection upon the Red Cross, but only as an economic reform which will at the same time leave the Red Cross free to develop its work as regards the provision of comforts, which is greatly appreciated by the authorities.

Woman's Institute To-morrow

The Woman's Institute will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Geo. Havill. Good programme and refreshments will be served. Ten cents collection for the Belgian Relief work. All welcome.

The life that is full of work gives the weeds small chance to start.

There are no great opportunities for those who regard any of them small.

The accident that some people would have done well to avoid is the accident of birth.

Unless you can speak baseball it is hopeless for you to try to hold converse with the ordinary citizen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Edith Smith was here from Toronto.

Miss Muriel Fleury visited friends in Toronto at New Years.

Mr. B. F. Caldwell spent the holidays with friends at Barrie.

Miss Mamie Measles spent New Years with friends at St. Thomas.

Mr. Orval Johnston spent New Year's with friends at Georgetown.

Mrs. Charles E. Jonner is home from New York for the holidays.

Mr. Robt. Ramshaw, of Hamilton, visited friends here over Sunday.

Mr. John Leavens visited friends at Parry Sound over the holidays.

Mr. Joseph Smith, of Whitby, spent New Year's with Acton friends.

Miss Strange, of Barrie, was a guest at the home of Mr. Neil McDonald.

Mr. Charles B. Ebbage, of Kitchener, visited Acton friends on Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Mackinnon spent the New Year at his boyhood's home in Caledon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kirkland, of Galt, were guests at the Methodist Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nelson, Guelph, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nickle.

Mrs. Jackson, of Fergus, visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, over the New Year.

Miss Gertie and Master Wilfred Shultz, of Kitchener, were guests of Mr. Ernest Hall's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Groves, of Toronto, were guests last at the home of Mr. J. A. Mowat.

Mrs. Chas. E. Akins and Miss Mamie spent a day or two last week with Acton friends.

Mrs. H. Pickard, of Hamilton, spent New Year's with her sister, Mrs. George Agnew.

Mr. Henry Mellon, of Toronto, spent New Year's with his sister, Miss Minnie Mellon.

Mr. Richard Somerville, of London, visited his mother and other friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, and babe, of Guelph, spent New Year's at the parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hahn, of Niagara Falls, were guests of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Coleman.

Miss Marguerite Stewart, who spent the holidays very pleasantly at Atwood, has returned home.

Mrs. T. Gamble and Mrs. Sidney Gunton and the girlies spent the holidays with Acton relatives.

Miss Kirkland, of the Deaconess Home, Toronto, was a guest this week of Rev. and Mrs. Avison.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and Miss Muriel, of Brantford, spent New Year's with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McGregor and son Donald, of Glenwilliams, visited Acton friends on Tuesday.

Hon. David Henderson, who was confined to the house last week with a severe cold, is feeling better again.

Mr. Orval Miller, a former Acton boy, now a prosperous farmer at Tessier, Sask., visited friends here this week.

Mr. Jack and Miss Gertrude Darragh, of Toronto, spent the New Year holidays at the home of Mr. N. F. Lindsay.

Misses Vera, Ida and Master Johnny Cripps have been visiting at their aunt's, Mrs. B. Bowman's, Port McNicol.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Martin, Miss Annie and Master Leslie spent the New Year at their son's, Mr. J. Martin's, of Guelph.

Mrs. E. K. MacKnight, principal of Halton Courses, Acton, went to the General Hospital, Guelph, for treatment last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDougall, Frederick Street, have both been very ill lately, but have improved somewhat the past few days.

Mr. F. A. Maclean, of the Merchants Bank, Watford, and Mr. D. T. McGuire, of the Merchants Bank, Niagara Falls, visited Acton friends.

Mrs. C. Maitland and Miss Clara, of Sarnia, have returned home after spending the Xmas holidays at the home of her uncle, Mr. T. P. Martin.

Mr. J. L. Kenney, of Kitchener, who spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Prince Edward County and Belleville, was home for New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McKerrihen, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. T. James Moore, of Guelph, spent New Years at the home of Mrs. T. T. Moore.

Messrs. Frank and Robert Waterworth, of Toronto, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. E. Blair, Lake Avenue. Mrs. E. Waterworth and Miss Edith also visited here and in Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Firstbrook spent New Year's at the Trout Ponds. They leave on the 10th inst. for Switzerland to visit their son, Lieut. John Firstbrook, who is interned at Berne, as a German prisoner.

Mrs. Jennie Matthews, Miss Mildred, Mr. C. A. G. Matthews, Mrs. Bella Lindsay, Toronto, Mrs. (Dr.) Lowry, Guelph, and Mr. Godfrey, Postmaster, Elora, were here on Tuesday attending the funeral of Mrs. J. Chester Matthews.

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The Township Council is as follows:
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Deputy Reeve—Ebenezer Beswick.
Councillors—James Mulloy, Wm. Burrows, Samuel Gibson, by acclamation.

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