Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births 25c. Marriages 50c. Deaths 50c. Memorial Cards 50c. 10c. per line extra for poetry.

BORN

CAMPBELL—At Nassagaweya, on Tuesday, January 23rd, 1917, to Mr and Mrs. Hugh D. Campbell, a son—Harvey Dunbar.

DIED

REID—In Georgetown, on Monday, January 8th, 1917, Janet McGill, widow of the late Dugald Reid, in her 78th year.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1917

EDITORIAL NOTES

SOME PEOPLE in town have the undesirable habit of emptying their coal ashes on the roadways of the streets. In winter these deposits act as a brake to the sleighs and often cause a heavy load to suddenly stop. In summer many a motor car traces its tire troubles to tacks and nails picked up from these deposits of ashes in the middle of the street. The Council has instructed the Municipal Officer to take steps to prohibit any further damage to street traffic by this means. The Officer gives notice in this issue that violations of the By-law hereafter will be prosecuted.

THE MINISTER of Public Works of Ontario made this significant statement at the meeting of the Ontario Motor League in Toronto on Monday: "The important message which I have to give you to-night—and I speak with the knowledge and approval of the Prime Minister—is that we are preparing to adopt a provincial road system in the Province of Ontario. The necessary legislation dealing with this will be introduced at the coming session and, I trust, adopted by the representatives of the people assembled in the Parliament buildings. We have reached a time when public opinion is sufficently strong on the question that we should make a more advanced movement in Ontario for improved highways." Such action will be generously endorsed by the people of the province.

THE MILTON CHAMPION scores unflinchingly the Council of the County Town for its remissness in welcoming home Milton soldiers invalided from the front. It says: "Acton has lately honored two of her disabled soldiers, returned home from the front, by giving them a civic welcome and a gold watch each, and such welcome to returned heroes are customary throughout Canada. Milton has been an exception lately, to her great discredit. After two soldiers had been honored it was announced on behalf of the town council that there would be no more such demonstrations until after the end the war, when there would be one big one for all our soldiers. Since then several wounded soldiers have arrived and have received about as much notice as they would had they been on their return from a term in penitentiary. The time to welcome them will be on arrival, not a year or two hence. If the newly-elected Council will not rise to the occasion the local patriotic organizations should take action, show the men that their heroism is appreciated and remove the reproach which has been put on the town by those who should have guarded its good name." We are proud to say that every one of the eight returned soldiers who have come home to Acton has received a cordial reception and been the recipient of a gold watch commemorative of their splendid services as brave soldiers of the empire. It is the spirit of the Reception Committee, of the Council, and of the citizens generally that every one of our 140 enlisted soldiers who return shall receive similar testimony of their home town's appreciation.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY

Officers Elected for the Various Positions for the Year.

The regular meeting of the Acton High School Literary Society was held last Friday for the purpose of electing new officers.

The elections resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Mr. J. S. Coleman.
President—Roy Brown.
Vice-President—Marguerite Stewart.
Secretary—Stella McLain.
Editress—Olive Mowat.
Sporting Editor—Adam Orr.
Current Events Reporter—Herbert Ritchie.
Reporter—Gladys McLaughlin.
Critic—Lettie Scott.
1st Form Representative—Jessie Mowat.
2nd Form Representative—Dellene Gibbons.
3rd Form Representative—Geo. Agnew.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

BALLINAFAD

The Ballinafad Mutual Improvement Society held a very successful box social last Friday evening. Mr. B. Patch was the auctioneer. The programme was a very interesting one.

Mr. George Roszel, of Acton, accompanied by Mrs. David Roszel and little daughter, Alice, of Kenlis, Sask., were the guests of Ballinafad friends last Friday.

Some of our young folk attended the carnival at Georgetown last Friday evening.

Last Sunday morning when Mr. Wm. McDonald was going to church, his horse became frightened when passing the blacksmith shop and ran to the Presbyterian Church shed, striking the gate post. Mr. McDonald was thrown out and the cutter was smashed. Mr. McDonald escaped with a few scratches.

The District Institute meeting will be held here on the 26th January, afternoon and evening sessions.

Catarrh Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

ESQUESING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Assessors and Collectors and Auditors are re-appointed

JAMES HOOD, SANITARY INSPECTOR

Esquesing Township Council was organized with the members all present, as follows:

Reeve—Alex. Joe.
Deputy-Reeve—J. L. Standish.
Councillors—Jno. Bingham, John R. Elliott, W. J. L. Hampshire.

Officers for the year were appointed as follows:

Assessors—A. L. McNabb, Wards 1, 2 and 3; G. C. Campbell, Wards 4, 5 and 6.
Collectors — Ward 1, Robert Joyce; ward 2, Henry May; ward 3, Henry Wilson; ward 4, Peter Gibbons; ward 5, S. H. Lindsay; ward 6, E. Greenawold.
Auditors—William Thompson and R. C. McCullough.
Sanitary Inspector—James Hood.

The by-law to increase the tax on dogs was defeated.

Wire fence bonuses were passed as follows: Geo. Winfield, 80 rods, $20; L. L. Plant, 120 rods, $30; S. H. Lindsay, 44 rods, $1.13; W. Alexander, 60 rods, $17.25.

For committing an insane resident to the asylum the following bills were ordered to be paid: Dr. J. R. Nixon, examination and filling up application papers, $7; Dr. McAllister 5; Jonas Ackroyd, fare to Hamilton, $2; J. A. Tracy, expenses to Hamilton, $7; J. A. Brown, expenses to Georgetown, $1; total $22. The bills will be presented to the County Council.

Council adjourned to meet on 10th February.

NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Assessor, W. J. Akins; Collector, Wm. McPhail; Auditors, Thos. Moore and Wallace Lasby

The following newly elected Council subscribed to the declarations of qualification and office: M. J. Carton, Reeve; J. Moffat, D. R. Hutcheon, Amos Norrish and Frank F. Sayers, Councillors.

ACCOUNTS PASSED

Municipal World, supplies	$15.16
Milton Reformer, printing	3.50
Harland Wilson, gravelling	50.00
Stanley Fulton, spreading gravel	10.00
Robinson Anderson, spreading stone	8.00
John A. Ramsey, gravel	12.60
Edward Digby, hall for election	4.00
Henry McLeod, repairs to town hall	1.50
Henry Ferrier, balance of contract	20.00
R. R. Hubbert, D. R. O.	3.00
J. D. Strang, D. R. O.	3.00
Thos. Harrison, D. R. O.	3.00
Wm. Reid, Jr., Poll Clerk	1.50
Angus Kennedy, Poll Clerk	1.50
G. T. Wilson, Poll Clerk	1.50
Robert McAlpine, dog tax refund	1.00
Bert Turner, dog tax refund	1.00
Grant to Sick Children's Hospital	5.00
Grant to Muskoka Free Hospital	5.00

Wesley Pickett was appointed a member of the Board of Health, and John Simpson Sanitary Inspector.

Messrs. Sayers and Hutcheon were appointed a committee to sell timber and wood on road Div. 30.

Road and Bridge Committees were appointed as follows: The Reeve and Councillor Sayers for the east quarter of the township; the Reeve and Councillor Moffat for the west quarter; the Reeve and Councillor Norrish for the north quarter; and the Reeve and Councillor Hutcheon for the south quarter.

A by-law was passed appointing W. J. Akins, assessor, Wm. McPhail, collector, and Thos. Moore and Wallace Lasby auditors.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday, February 10th, at 10 a.m. to receive the auditors' report and for regular business.

JOHN MARSHALL, Clerk.

FROM THE BASE HOSPITAL

Items of Interest Gleaned by our Correspondent of the 164th Battalion

I am still in the hospital, but am feeling a lot better and hope to be out soon.

On Thursday General Logie and staff again inspected the 164th and 227th Batts. and expressed himself as delighted with the deportment of both officers and men.

Last Saturday the 164th Batt. took part in a brigade route march under adverse weather conditions. The men made an excellent showing as they passed by the hospital.

The 164th Batt. is to be presented with the regimental colors on Friday. All the ladies of the two counties who can be present at the ceremony are invited. The design of the colors has been approved by Militia Headquarters. The flags are very attractive. It is hoped that fine weather will prevail on the occasion. The colors have been donated by the ladies of the two counties, Hamilton and Dufferin.

On Thursday the Y. M. C. A. arranged a concert for the patients of the hospital. The talent was of a very high order. The following were the artists: Lieut. Roy Mills, soloist; Miss Laura Miller, reader; Miss Vida Katzenmeyer, soloist; Miss Olive Quance, pianist. Mr. Mountain, Y. M.C.A. secretary, made a most efficient chairman.

Last Saturday Rev. J. J. Ross, of the St. James St. Baptist Church, accompanied by a number of ladies visited the hospital and held a short religious service. Miss Slater rendered two violin solos in excellent style to the great delight of the men. The ladies afterwards visited the men and gave them fruit and candies. This kindness was much appreciated.

On Sunday the chaplain of the C. M. R. conducted Divine Service for the men in the hospital. His subject was "Christ at the Door."

There is quite a lot of sickness amongst the 164th men. Weather conditions are largely responsible for this.

Mrs. G. W. Cook is visiting her husband, Corp. G. W. Cook, this week. Corp. Cook is attending an N.C.O. class at the armories.

J.P.S.

Base Hospital, Hamilton,
January 16th, 1917.

CHURCHILL

There was a merry gathering at the home of Mr. Wm. K. Near, on Wednesday, of last week. A sleighing party of about a score of the young folks of the Baptist Church, Acton, drove in about half past eight. After they had gotten warmed up after the ride in zero weather Mr. Chester Plank called the company to order and in a brief speech of appreciation thanked Miss Margaret Near for her faithful and efficient services as organist of the church, and Mr. W. Coles handed her a sum of money on behalf of the members of the choir and congregation as a small token of their gratitude for her work. An enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse, music and games, and the serving of substantial refreshments concluded this very pleasant proceeding.

OBITUARY

LATE ALEXANDER MANN

In the sudden death of Alexander Mann on the 5th inst., the community lost a citizen of sterling character and a man who had lived his whole life on the farm where he was born. He was the eldest son of the late John Mann, who came from the old Scottish home of his forbears in Inverness-shire in 1833 and settled on the farm on the Acton crossroad which is operated by active young farmers of the third generation now. Alexander Mann had great love for the old home. He never married. When his father died in 1881 he took charge and always remained on the farm. His sister, Miss Margaret, is the only one remaining member of his father's family. In his boyhood days he attended the old Hannockburn School, then located across the creek and on the farm now owned by Mr. A. G. Clarridge. The friendships there formed were always considered the dearest to him. He was a man of fine character, industrious and helpful. For forty seasons he and his brother, the late John Mann, operated threshing machines and were always in demand. He was a great bible student and delighted to read the scriptures in both Gaelic and English. Knox Church regarded him as one of its faithful members. The funeral last Thursday was conducted by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., and the remains were borne to the grave at Fairview Cemetery by Messrs. A. G. Clarridge, Thomas Moffat, John Stalker, N. F. Lindsay, and Messrs. Isaac Walton, Drayton, and Alex. McIsaac, Hamilton.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

The announcement last week that a local officer would be appointed by the County to secure enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act is an interesting item of information. The action is wise from the financial point of view, and from any other, if an officer is chosen who is fully in accord with the intention of the legislators in passing the Act. Not having the slightest idea who may be the appointee, I almost assess at this writing, that inasmuch as the county officer recently appointed seems to be walking vigorously into his work, as good results on the whole might be expected had he full control of the enforcement.

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A matter which might well engage the attention of our local rulers is the removal of snow from the walks in town. Citizens who clear their own have a right to expect clear passage on other walks at a reasonable time of day, and in cases of properties where owners cannot, or will not attend to it, it is not unreasonable to ask that some one be engaged to make such clearance at cost to properties concerned. In a great many cases one clear path serves as a stamping ground to shake off the snow accumulated in wading through another. The Suburban Railway people should receive special attention.

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Small encouragement there is for property owners to plant and care for maples for beautifying the town and then have them so mutilated as has been the case in recent years by wiring men. If it is done on the principle of survival of the fittest it should be only after every reasonable effort has been made to avoid interference with a settled order of things.

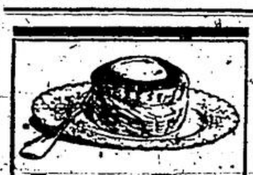
Observer

MILITARY NOTES

Mr. George Edwards received the sad news on Tuesday that his brother, Sniper Thomas H. Edwards, had been killed in action in France.

Private A. McQuillan, of Guelph, 22 years of age, arrived home on Sunday from the front, minus his left arm. He says he did his bit and is proud of it.

H. Steven Rowen, formerly of Acton, who has been C. P. R. agent at Dot, B. C., for several years, has enlisted and is now a member of No. 3 Co., 143rd Batt., located at Beacon Hill, Victoria, B. C.



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A delicious dessert made from a recipe in the Lantic Sugar Cook Book which tells how to make many new sweets and desserts.

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APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made by the Toronto Suburban Railway Company to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at the next session thereof for an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of the construction of the Company's several lines of railway heretofore authorized to be constructed by the several Acts relating to the Company.

ROYCE, HENDERSON & BOYD,
Traders Bank Building,
Toronto, Ontario.
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated at Toronto this 2nd day of January, A.D., 1917. 27-6

NEWS TOPICS OF THE WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred Here and There

WEDNESDAY.

Fred Stratton, a Toronto man, was killed by a fall from a ladder.

Dr. James Cotton, a veteran Toronto surgeon, died of heart failure.

Dr. von Bothmann-Hollweg states that he will make another bid for peace.

The Russian Premier Alexander Trepoff has resigned after being in office two months.

Rev. Wallace Christie of Toronto has been called to Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Woodstock.

Rev. John McDougal, of Calgary, a pioneer missionary to the Province of Alberta, is seriously ill.

Twenty thousand Portuguese soldiers are now fighting with the Allies on the Western front.

Rheims cathedral will be restored as soon as the French can commence work on the historic building.

The Bonne Entente visitors from the Province of Quebec were accorded a hearty reception in Hamilton.

The Liberals nominate James G. Cane to oppose Hon. W. D. McPherson, the new Provincial Secretary, in West Toronto.

E. P. Mathewson, of Montreal, was awarded the coveted gold medal of the Metallurgy Society of American for his discoveries during the year.

A clergyman in Toronto Presbytery brings charge that seven Presbyterian clergymen have been practically evicted by their congregations within a year.

As a result of the sock knitting contest in the Maple Leaf Knitting Club of Woodstock, 748 pairs of socks have been knitted for the soldiers in two months.

Park Prentiss and G. E. Connell, two Canadians, are before the Duluth courts in connection with the terrible crime of asking Americans to fight for civilization as members of the Canadian army.

It was stated by the members of the new Kitchener City Council that they will endeavor to promote good feeling between the different nationalities and will not act in a pro-German manner.

THURSDAY.

An American "movie" film was banned by the authorities in Ireland.

Colonel William Cody (Buffalo Bill), the noted scout, died in Denver.

All French born in 1898 have been ordered to register for the class of 1918.

Three hundred and sixty school aeroplanes are to be built in Canada by the Imperial Munitions Board.

Judge Moses McFadden, Junior Judge of Algoma since 1913, died at Sault Ste. Marie, at the age of sixty-three.

Many Belgian civilians who were deported to Germany but who tried to escape, have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham at a meeting of Southwest Toronto Liberals urged that all Canadians fill out their National Service card.

Rev. Dr. John Neil was again nominated by the Toronto Presbytery for the position of Moderator of the General Assembly.

Vincent Griffin was given two years in the penitentiary for robbing a sleeping car passenger, and two accomplices were also convicted.

A conference of Provincial and Federal Ministers is being held at Ottawa on the re-employment of returned soldiers and related problems.

Succession duties of the E. C. Walker $4,000,000 estate at Walkerville amount to $663,000, the largest amount from one estate ever received in Ontario.

John R. Wisnier, the second clerk in Nichol Township Council's century of existence, having held that office for twenty-four years, was presented with a gold headed cane.

FRIDAY.

The Allies presented a firm reply to President Wilson's peace note.

German casualties are reported to have reached a total of 4,010,160.

The British made progress on the Tigris, capturing trenches filled with Turkish dead.

Five people were burned to death in a fire in a moving picture theatre in Montreal.

The Russians have been successful in their offensive in the Riga district, capturing a town.

An automobile ran away on one of the main thoroughfares of Toronto and two people were injured by it.

Sir Douglas Haig's troops made several successful raids and captured positions on a front of nearly a mile.

The German papers have published an order confiscating all tin organ pipes, for the use of the Government.

Munitions factory in Kingsland, N.J., was destroyed by fire, 500,000 war shells were exploded, and the loss will be over $3,000,000.

Alexander P. MacAulay, of Toronto, under bond in St. Louis, Mo., as a fugitive from justice from New York, was indicted by the county grand jury on the charge of forgery.

A woman died in London, Eng., who had been in bed for 76 years. She was crossed in love when 21 years of age, and never got up again, although she was not ill at any time.

A despatch from Vienna, says the Cabinet of Count Clam-Martinic probably will resign unless the Galician problem, the trade arrangement between Austria and Hungary and other questions can speedily be settled.

Paul Nelson, at one time recognized leader of Chinese and opium smugglers, Windsor, has willed his "fortune" of $30 and small effects to Robert Gunliffe, former Windsor patrolman, Governor Harmon, of Sandwich County Jail, and Thomas Grimth.

Alphonse Barre of Rose Corners, Ont., who was to have been hanged at l'Original on the 17th for the murder of his wife, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, being adjudged insane. Barre, after killing his wife, notified the village sexton that he had done so, and asked him to ring the church bell.

SATURDAY.

Bulgaria has called out its last available reserves, and youths of 17 are now with the colors.

The Citizens' Recruiting Committee of Toronto was formally disbanded after two years of activity.

Naval Commander the Hon. Richard Bridgeman, brother of the Earl of Bradford, has been killed in action.

Two Austrians trying to escape from Canada were arrested in the Sarnia tunnel by the immigration officers.

The Italian battleship Regina Margherita struck a mine on the Albanian coast and sank. 675 men perished.

Dr. Walter Geikie, one of the founders of Trinity Medical College and "Dean of the Medical profession in Ontario," died in Toronto, aged 87.

Captain A. G. Knight, twice honored for good work as an aviator at the front, is reported missing, having dropped into the enemy's lines.

Three hundred and sixty school aeroplanes are to be built in Canada by the Imperial Munitions Board.

Two of the powder magazines of the DuPont Powder Company, Haskell, N.J., were blown up with a loss of life of 21 men. As this is the second explosion of the kind within a week, German agents are suspected.

The Superior Court of Quebec delivered its decision in the case of Lavergne against the Garrison Club. The court's decision grants Mr. Lavergne $100 damages and also quashes the club's resolution expelling Mr. Lavergne from the club, stating the resolution was ultra vires and illegal.

The special regulation made two weeks ago as a result of which all letters addressed to Berlin, Ont., instead of to Kitchener, as that municipality is now styled, were to be sent to the Dead Letter Office, has been rescinded. It was found that too many epistles were being so wrongly addressed and consequently reaching the haven of "dead letters."

MONDAY.

Heavy German attacks in the Riga region were repulsed by the Russians.

The French War Cross was pinned on Gabriele d'Annunzio, the great Italian poet.

Paris is threatened with serious trouble through the steady rising of the Seine River.

Mr. J. W. Flavelle in an address said woman could make 95 per cent. of the munitions.

Neil H. Stubbert, ten-year-old son of a soldier, was drowned while skating at Milton Pond, N.S.

Miss May Power, sixteen years of age, of New Waterford, N.S., was drowned while skating.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist church, was made a sailors' chaplain.

At a recruiting meeting men joined the non-combatant 257th Battalion in preference to the 208th Battalion.

Four young men were drowned at Grand Mira, N.S., in view of many persons while skating home from church.

The Government has warned the western coal operators that it may take over and operate their mines to settle the wage dispute.

Rev. L. Ralph Sherman delivered his first sermon at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, of which he has been appointed rector.

Mr. H. Hartley Dewart, M.P.P., declared at Collingwood Saturday night that there is only one Liberal leader in Ontario—Mr. E. W. Rowell.

A two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Milligan, living near Walkerville, was smothered to death in bed while the parents were out.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Hincks, speaking at Trinity Methodist Church, urged that the Bonne Entente movement be extended to an exchange of visits by ministers.

Canadians have up to the end of December won six Victoria Crosses during the present war, 114 Distinguished Service Orders, 329 Military Crosses, 35 Royal Red Crosses, 371 Distinguished Conduct Medals, besides numerous other decorations, totalling 2,715.

TUESDAY.

Admiral Dewey, hero of Manila Bay, is reported to be dying.

Another island in the Aegean Sea has been occupied by the Allies.

All returned soldiers at Sault Ste. Marie have been placed in permanent employment.

Australia advanced $60,000,000 to her farmers for wheat requisitioned by Great Britain.

Militia commanders in the Toronto Military District will hold a conference to discuss recruiting.

London manufacturers suffering from coal shortage are proposing to get natural gas piped into the city.

A. E. Ness, principal of Fort Dalhousie Public School, has been appointed to a Customs position there.

Amalgamation of civic offices under the City Clerk is proposed in a resolution submitted to Stratford Council.

Western mine operators claim that compliance with the mine workers' demand would mean the closing of some mines.

Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt of Vancouver suggested to the Toronto Canadian Club a plan to put returned soldiers on the land.

In the West Simcoe by-election for the Ontario Legislature W. T. Allan (Conservative) defeated Isaac Scott (Liberal) by 631 majority.

Kitchener police force will probably be reduced from eight to five men as a result of thousand disorderliness and crime since prohibition.

Reciprocity in motor licenses is bringing money into Canada, according to reports made to the annual meeting of the Ontario Motor League.

There is no happiness in having and getting, but only in giving; half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness.—Henry Drummond.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

ACTON FALL FAIR

Will be held in the Council Chamber, Acton, on

Thurs. January 18th, 1917

at two o'clock, p. m., to receive the Auditors' Report, election of Officers and Directors for 1917 and transact such other business as may be necessary.

A good attendance is requested.

Geo. Havill, President. Geo. Hynds, Sec.-Treas.

1917 January Clearing Sale 1917

Preparatory to Stock-taking we will this week commence our Annual January Sale of Remnants. Lines in which shades, sizes, etc., are broken. Lines of winter goods in which we are overstocked.

Extraordinary Values in:

—Men's and Boys Overcoats and Suits.
—Child's, Girls' and Ladies' Coats.
—Men's and Boys' Sweaters and Sweater Coats.
—Ladies' Sweater Coats.
—Caps, Workshirts, Underskirts, Furs.
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45th ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending November 30th, 1916

Bank of Hamilton

As submitted to the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting held at the Head Office of the Bank at Hamilton, on Monday, January 15th, 1917.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SIR JOHN HENDRIE, K.C.M.G., President
CYRUS A. BIRGE, Vice-President
C. C. DALTON, ROBT. HOBSON, W. E. PHIN
I. PITBLADO, K.C., J. TURNBULL, W. A. WOOD
J. P. BELL, General Manager

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th Nov., 1915		$ 178,811.10
Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1916, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, rebate on current discounts, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts		442,625.60
		$ 621,347.23
Appropriated as follows:		
Four quarterly dividends, in all 12%	$360,000.00	
Pension Fund, Annual Assessment	$ 8,790.65	
Special Contribution	10,000.00	
	18,790.65	
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	20,000.00	
		$408,790.65
Balance of Profits carried forward		$212,556.57

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES

To the Public:		
Notes of the Bank in Circulation		$ 4,000,984.00
Deposits not bearing interest	$10,927,818.79	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of Statement	34,470,358.37	
		45,398,171.16
Balances due to other Banks in Canada		31,798.58
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom		604,183.47
Acceptances under Letters of Credit		119,760.23
		$ 50,093,199.60
To the Shareholders:		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 3,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	$ 2,300,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	200,556.37	
	$ 2,500,556.37	
Dividend No. 110, payable 1st December, 1916	90,000.00	
Former Dividends unclaimed	627.00	
		$ 2,590,183.37
		$ 57,183,944.46

ASSETS

Current Coin	$ 800,142.93	
Dominion Government Notes	4,462,261.00	
		$ 5,222,403.93
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves		1,500,000.00
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund		157,008.00
Notes of other Banks		437,693.00
Cheques on other Banks		2,537,085.36
Balances due by other Banks in Canada		119,708.63
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada		436,408.74
		$ 10,312,383.66
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value		860,458.46
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign, and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian		8,633,836.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value		841,862.10
Call and short loans (not exceeding thirty days) in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks		2,845,833.30
		$22,894,386.18
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)		31,963,971.80
Real Estate other than Bank Premises		853,008.86
Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for		170,194.00
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off		2,842,895.55
Other Assets not included in the foregoing		336,088.70
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per contra		119,760.23
		$ 57,183,944.46

JOHN S. HENDRIE, President. J. P. BELL, General Manager

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, we report to the Shareholders as follows—

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the transactions which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the principal branches during the current year, as well as on November 30th, 1916, and have found that they agreed with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

C. S. SCOTT, E. H. READ, } Auditors, Chartered Accountants.

Hamilton, 18th December, 1916

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SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

One car load of finest Manitoba hard wheat Flour in 98 lb. bags. Call and get our prices.

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New Advertisements

The Methodist Church, Acton
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
CONNEXIONAL SABBATH
A. M.—Amos—Civilization and Judgment.
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THE Trustees of Ebenezer Methodist Church, Nassagaweya, have authorized the Treasurer to pay five dollars reward to the person giving information that will lead to the prosecution of the party or parties who stole a gasoline lantern from the church grounds on Dec. 4th, 1916.

W. J. AKINS, Treasurer Trustee Board. 3-20

NOTICE TO CITIZENS

NOTICE is hereby given that I have received instructions from the Municipal Council to enforce the Fire Limit By-law prohibiting the depositing of ashes on the streets of the Municipality. Offenders will from this date be prosecuted.

W. J. REID, Municipal Officer. 12-3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of William Lambert, late of the Township of Erin, in the County of Wellington, Yeoman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Statute in that behalf that all creditors (if any there be) and other persons having claims against the Estate of William Lambert late of the Township of Erin, County of Wellington, Yeoman, who died on or about the sixteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, the Solicitor for the Administrator, with will annexed of the said Estate, on or before the twenty-second day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, their names, addresses and full particulars of their claims duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, and after the said twenty-second day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice and he will not be liable for any part of the said assets to any person of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

A. J. MACKINNON, Solicitor for the Administrator.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1916. 27-3

NEW WONDERLAND!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
"DESTINY'S JOY" WITH LOUISE HUFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
"The Crippled Hand," with Ella Hall and Robert Leonard. Bluebird Special.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Episode 12 of "The Iron Claw," "The Haunted Canvas."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
"Thousand Dollar Husband," with Blanche Sweet.

COMING
"The Girl of Yesterday," with Mary Pickford.

R. L. Gregory

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	$11,850.00
Electric Light and Hydro Electric Debentures	14,500.00
Public School Debentures	12,000.00
Local Improvement Debenture	15,814.45
	$37,164.45

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. 26-6

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