

Holiday, Marriage and Death notices charged
for the following rates: Birthdays—Marriage
etc., \$1.00; Death—Memorial Cards \$1.00 per
line extra for personal.

IN MEMORIAM

Husband.—In loving memory of our dear
husband, John Lorraine Hurford (Jackie),
who passed away Feb. 7th, 1917.
A man of great
but still no miss him,
Never will his memory fade—
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
round the places where he laid
Mack, Will and Nellie Chisholm.

The Actor Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1917.

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT has decided to introduce the following amendment to the Manitoba liquor law: Complete elimination of commission houses; prohibition of all manner of advertising in Manitoba of liquor for beverage purposes; curtailing of traffic in liquor for beverage purposes in homes.

This New Welfare Certificate created by the Government to encourage thrift and economy and to give everyone an opportunity to assist in financing our war expenditure now on sale at every bank and money order post office in Canada. The \$2 certificate sells for \$21.50, the \$50 for \$43, and the \$100 for \$36. As an investment these certificates offer many attractive features chief of which are the absolute security and excellent interest return. For every \$21.50 lent to the Government now, \$25 will be returned at the end of three years.

The General Secretary I am using my best endeavor to impress the people with the importance of the conservation of life by accident prevention. Every motorist in Ontario is being furnished with a card bringing the following lesson in streets safely prominently before them: To all drivers of vehicles—We ask your help in preventing accidents of all kinds on the streets. You who use the streets daily know that carelessness is the cause of most accidents. Take time to be careful. Use extra precautions: When passing any of the schools; when children are on the roadway; when approaching street corners; when you cross a railway track; when the roads are wet or slippery.

FARMERS' MEMBERS of the legislature especially are pleased that the House is opening this year on the 13th of February, at least two weeks earlier than last year. Towards the end of each session, although an much important business comes at the end, due to delay at the beginning, members get restless. The farmer members particularly want to get back to their farms to do their spring work. In the long sessions of 1915 and 1916, before the war, it was well into May before the legislature closed. Since the war the previous have only been about half as long as previously. This year Easter comes earlier than in 1916 and the early date of the opening probably shows a desire on the part of the government to finish business by Easter as they managed to do last year.

"We want to tax the man at the front," said Newton W. Bowell, speaking in Brantford in his own constituency of North Oxford, the other day, "how would they suggest that we should commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of our Canadian confederation? Would they not remind us that confederation was made possible by the union of parties in Canada to avert a national peril and attain a national ideal? And would they not ask us how could we more fittingly or more nobly commemorate this fiftieth anniversary than by the union of all parties to avert a still greater national peril and to achieve a greater national ideal—a union which would secure a better future for all effort in the present of the war, more adequate consideration of the problems growing out of the war, and help speed the day when Canada's sons will return home again."

MILITARY NOTES

Pte. J. Peaver, of Georgetown, is expected to arrive home from the front to-day.

Sgt. H. R. Schwambauer is in Toronto learning Physical Drill and Bayonet Fighting.

Pte. Edgar Stewart has returned home after a month in a Toronto hospital with the mumps.

The Long Eaton, Eng., Advertiser, in a recent issue, published the portraits of Pte. Smallwood, of Sudiaco, and his two sons, Ptes. Herbert and G. Smallwood. They are the father and brother of Mrs. W. Chisholm and Miss Page, who have resided at Acton the past year. The three brave soldiers, father and sons, have been in the trenches. The two sons have been wounded. One son is at a hospital at Glasgow and the other at Croxley in Surrey.

An officer in the Overseas Canadian forces who is home on short leave, is speaking recently before an audience in Toronto said that a short time ago he had been through villages in Scotland, and they were typical of older places in England and Wales, where not a man of military age could be seen, and where all the work was done by women, old men and boys. This officer went on to say that he had not ceased to tell Canadians since his return, that so far Canada has felt but the slightest pinch of the war, and he urged his hearers to be prepared for far more sacrifice for their own eventual spiritual and material good.

PTE. KENNEDY WRITES HOME

Brief Letter to His Brother Says he is in the Trenches and Well

Nowhere in France, January 12th, 1917

Just a few lines to let you know I am in the best of health.

The weather is very cold and dreary out here now and it is kind of muddy in the trenches but we are getting used to that now so we don't mind it all.

Some of the French customs about here seem peculiar to us. When they hitch a team up they put one horse in front of the other and they thresh with horse-power.

I was very glad for the parcel I received from the Red Cross and when I saw the maple leaf it reminded me of good old Canada and the days I spent in Acton.

Well, I guess I will close now, but will write again at the first opportunity.

Remain, your brother,

J. K. Kennedy, 20101, C Company, 1st Batt., B. E. F.

France

Army Post Office, London, England.

AUDITORS' REPORT PRESENTED

\$34,632.00 Passed Through Treasurer's Hands in 1916; of which \$30,734.00 was for Hydro Revenue.

56,650 PAID FOR COUNTY RATES

Council met on Monday evening in regular session. Members present, Geo. Hydes, Reeve, D. A. Henderson, W. H. Kennedy and W. H. Smith.

The Committee on Finance presented their third report and the following accounts were passed:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

James Henderson, wood, charity \$7.00
I. E. Atkinson, liver, charity 1.00
John McLean, roofing, paving 1.00
N. P. McLain, blacksmithing 2.00
Telephoning 3.00
J. H. Reid, supplies 3.00
J. B. Mackenzie, repairs 5.00

The Auditor's Report was presented.

The abstract showed the following receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1915 \$ 2,112.94
Tax collected in 1916 2,013.00
Interest collected for 1916 1.00
Borrowed money 6,400.00
Licence 145.00
Fines 11.00
Bank 10.00
Cemetery 105.35
Street and Walks 118.00
Electric Plant 1.00
Miscellaneous 49.00
Overdraft 3,062.43

EXPENDITURE

Loans repaid 6,100.00
Interest 121.50
Salaries 1,273.50
Printing and Advertising 293.60
Streets and Walks 754.48
Postage 10.00
Fire Protection 344.82
Town Hall 209.91
Cemetery 65.50
Charity 50.25
Street Lighting 1,437.50
Sinking Fund 2,560.00
Telephone and Coupons 225.00
Post Library 23.00
County Tax 5,294.61
Miscellaneous 100.88

The amounts now total \$70,741.20 and the liabilities are \$25,424.10 less.

The total receipts from the Hydro-Electric department aggregated \$4,734.07, and were made up as follows: Home Lighting \$1042.11; commercial lighting \$1022.62; power revenue \$1665.63; street lighting \$1407.20; miscellaneous \$106.31.

The cost of current and maintenance was \$4,775.61. The sum of \$500 was allowed by the Hydro auditor for depreciation charges, and the net surplus for the year is \$1407.16.

The Clerk was instructed to have the Auditor's Report printed in pamphlet form as usual.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

New Closet System Being Considered, and the Ninth Room to be Furnished

The Board of Education met on Monday evening. Members present: Holt, Scott-Chairman, John Kenney, C. C. Spight, Wm. Johnstone and Robert McPherson.

Letters were read from school furniture manufacturers, giving prices for seats and desks; from the National Equipment Co., offering to send an engineer to give plans, specifications and estimates for the school premises.

A letter from the Travellers' Indemnity Company stated that on January 29th Inspector C. S. Marshall had made an inspection of the school boiler and found it in proper working order, free from any indication of stress, with the various attachments clear and working freely. "As a result of this inspection," the superintendent reported, "we have no suggestions to submit."

The Property Committee was instructed to confer with the Principal on the sizes and styles of desks and seats required, and to report to the Secretary who will order same.

The Board then adjourned.

WESTINGHOUSE BARRACKS NEWS

The Men are all Apxious for Announcement of Date of Going

OVERS

The men were very much disappointed that they did not get their pass for the week-end.

We have received no word yet as to date of our leaving for overseas, but expect it any day. The whole of the battalion has been examined in musketry and have done fairly well.

Pte. Anderson is taking a course in bombing at Toronto.

Sgt. Schwambauer is taking a course in advanced practice and physical drill at the school in Toronto.

I regret to say that Pte-A. Watson, of Acton, is again in the barracks hospital with a sore throat.

On Saturday the Ladies Aid of the Centenary Methodist Church entertained nearly 300 men of the 14th Battalion to a hot meal. The band provided entertainment for a splendid entertainment was given. The kindness of the different churches in providing for the comfort of the men is causing a great change in the attitude of the men toward the House of the Lord. This is very desirable in every way.

On Sunday the battalions paraded for service to the Central Presbyterian Church, Caroline Street, where the pastor gave a splendid sermon on the grace of perseverance.

The city streets are in a slippery condition. Some bad falls are being experienced.

Pte. E. C. Stewart has returned from the Base Hospital and is now home on sick leave.

BALEINAFAD

Mr. Garvin Cross had his left arm dislocated at the wrist on Sunday morning, while cleaning out of his horses. He was unable to move his arm and came up behind him and kicked him on the arm. The arm was promptly treated and the bone replaced in position, but the injured member has been very sore in consequence.

The storms of the week have blocked the roads badly in places.

CREVONS CORNERS

Quarterly services of the Methodist Church were held in Rockwood on Sunday. There were no services here.

Visitors to Ontario from the west do not find much difference in the weather here this year, though their own weather, this winter being rather than for some years.

THE SCHOOLS' HONOR ROLL

Standing of the Pupils of Action Public and High Schools Last Month

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Form III

Class I—Annie Hayder.

Class II—Marguerite Stewart.

Class III—Thea Hayes, Lettie Scott, George Anderson, George Agnew.

Highest in Physics—Marguerite Stewart, in Algebra—Olive Mowat, in Latin—Olive Mowat; in Chemistry—Lettie Scott.

FOURTH FORM

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