

Baptist Church and Methodist services at the following dates: Birthdays, Marriages, etc., Deacons, etc., Memorial Cards, etc., etc., for placing.

DIED

At his home in Georgetown, on March 3d, 1917, John Read Barber, in 76th year.

### The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

In a wonderfully creditable record for Canada as a province there is a single consolidated and detailed list of the legislation. For the first time in years the Minister of Justice has no capital case before him, waiting for his recommendation, and the final arbitrament of the Cabinet Council as to whether the death sentence should be carried out or not. This result may fairly be attributed in large measure to the fact that nearly the whole of Canada is now under prohibition.

THE WINTER we have had a coal "famine" and that suffering has accompanied the shortage of coal which is unavoidable. The average citizen has a notoriously short memory, but now is the time to impress upon him that, in many cases, the suffering was due to lack of foresight. In Canada many people buy in small quantities—often only one ton. If for any cause, there is a shortage of coal, improvident householders demand that the coal dealers do the impossible, namely, that they supply fuel that is unobtainable. Whereas, had they purchased their coal in the summer or autumn, there would be ample supplies available. While some large consumers, such as manufacturers, cannot store a month's supply, the individual can, with their present bills or whatever funds he has, easily meet to their requirements till March or April. In recent years, we have had two coal "famines", first in 1901-02, the coal miners strike, and, second, this year, when the severity of the weather and the extraordinary prosperity in the United States caused an unprecedented congestion of freight. A survey of conditions in the United States demonstrates that in future there will be more coal "famines" than in the past and that they will occur at shorter intervals. For this there is only one remedy: Buy your coal in the summer if you have not sufficient storage, enlarge your coal bin.

#### THE DEATH OF JOHN R. BARBER

EX-M. P. P.

Lived in the Town of his Birth for Seventy Six Years

#### A LARGE FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

Mr. John R. Barber, died at his residence at Georgetown on Saturday morning, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was a son of the late James Barber, who was born in Georgetown and spent the whole of his busy life in that town.

In 1880 he succeeded his father as proprietor of the Georgetown Paper Mills, which he successfully conducted until he retired from business a few years ago. He was also President of the Barber & Ellis Co., of Toronto, and of the Toronto Paper Co., of Cornwall.

Mr. Barber was loyal to his native town and a constant factor in its political, municipal and educational affairs. He was for years a member of the Council and of the County Council. From 1893 to 1904 he represented Halton in the Provincial Legislature. He was a Liberal who thought for himself. He enjoyed the esteem of all and was influential in large measure in securing the numerous public advantages which Georgetown enjoys.

The late Major Barber was twice married. There survive two daughters and three sons of the first marriage and a son of the second. The survivors are: Mrs. Al. C. Ball, Hamilton, and Mr. (Major) Gordon Brown, Hamilton; Mr. Frank J. Barber, Georgetown; Mr. G. H. Barber, Cornwall; Major H. R. Barber, now in France, and Mr. J. V. Barber, just.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon to Georgetown Cemetery was one of the largest ever seen in Georgetown. Many leading citizens of the province attended.

#### MILITARY NOTES

Pte. M. Kaley, of the 164 Battalion of Hamilton, was home for Sunday.

Pte. J. P. Scarow, of the 16th Batt., was home from Hamilton over Sunday.

Cpl. W. Cola was home from his post on home duty at Aitneburg on a week-end pass.

Pte. Perry Watson, of the 16th Batt., who has been ill with pneumonia for some time, is able to about again.

Pte. Lantz, who is taking treatment at the Convalescent Hospital, Toronto, was home on journeys last during the week.

Pte. George Gauvin recently returned from the front, having received his discharge, and is now employed at the Acton Training Company's works.

Pte. Samuel Brush, who was with the 16th Batt. the past year, has been discharged owing to affection of the throat. He is with his parents on Elgin Street at present.

Pte. E. McElhinney, of the 16th, received a five dollar gift piece from Naasaway's Council last week! A similar gift has been made to each Naasaway man who has enlisted.

Pte. Roy D. Everett, of the 16th Batt., has had time to another chance this morning, but his place is still vacant. De Forest was charged with being absent without leave. He is awaiting trial till May 1st for three months—Military Speculator.

Mrs. Wilder, of Rockwood, has received word that her son, Pte. Duff Wilder, had been killed in action at the front. Deceased enlisted in Guelph with the 7th Battalion, but was transferred to England to another. He was 21 years old, and leaves his mother, two brothers, and one sister to mourn his loss.

#### NASSAGAWEYA

Mr. Daniel Whitley will hold an auction sale on Monday, March 13th. "McWhitley" is arranging to have the steamer arrive so of farm life left upon younger shoulders.

Mr. Elton Whitley received a severe kick from a horse, and has been confined to bed for over a week. His friends will be glad to know that he is nearly well again.

Mr. Frank E. Raynor has disposal of his new mill, residence, farm and 500 acres of timber lands to Mr. Duncan Campbell. A clearing sale of stock and implements will be held on Friday, 23rd March.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Eloquent Sermons by Professor J. H. Farmer, LL. D., McMaster University, Toronto, who presided at the anniversary services in the Baptist Church last Sunday, is always cordially welcomed. Action.

He is a man of most lovable character, and a preacher given clear, concise and convincing exposition of the Word of the truth he preaches. He is manifestly honest, and should seek attainment of the highest personal character and undertaking that personal responsibilities toward the public act on the principle of the golden rule.

Dr. Farmer's sermons on this occasion were full of wisdom and both interesting and helpful. The morning discourse described in splendid detail the characteristics of a soldier of Jesus Christ. The text was 2 Tim. 2:3—"Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." This, he said, is a happy text because it is so simple. The first thought is naturally that of a soldier. Every citizen of Canada is not a soldier. The average citizen has a notoriously short memory, but now is the time to impress upon him that, in many cases, the suffering he endures is far worse than the suffering of a soldier.

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