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MARRIED

CALDWELL QUANTIC—In Toronto, on Saturday, April 7th, 1917, by Rev. D. T. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. F. Caldwell to Annie May, daughter of the late James Quantic, both of Acton.

MCLEAN-JOHNTON—At the residence of the bride's parents, 1011 Street, Acton, on Saturday, 7th April, 1917, by Rev. J. C. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, of Watford, to Gertrude Jeanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnstone.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th, 1917.

EDITORIAL NOTES

SEVERAL AMENDMENTS were made in the Ontario Temperance Act, agreed to by Government and Opposition, and designed to strengthen its operations. Among the new arrangements is one giving the Board of License Commissioners wider power, particularly regard to dealing with liquor advertising. Fortunately the members of the Commission are of sound common sense and stiff backbone. The pithy old adage which has disgraced the columns of certain newspapers and the mouth of liquor circulars in the malls, will be absent hereafter, if the Commissioners have their way.

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Mr. McDonald, M. P. P. for North Bruce, has been "whacking" Government House again. He particularly complained of the action of the Government in expensively furnishing the ballroom since the beginning of the war, paying over \$1000 for the floor, and \$1000 for the decorations, \$450 for the curtains, the above, besides a number of other details. In his speech Mr. McDonald said, the people had agreed not to dance during the war, and here was the Government spending the people's money and encouraging dancing at this time. He also objected to the atrium, or plain English, the front hall, on which \$10,000 had been spent in marble alone. "And yet," said Mr. McDonald, "the Government is urging the women of the Province to put potatoes with the skins on and to save every scrap of paper."

RACE TRACKS: GAMBLING has had the searchlight of publicity turned on it in full strength lately. It is one of the issues introduced by the Liberals which grew into rank importance during the session of the Legislature. Not only did they conduct an investigation in the Public Accounts Committee as to the relation of the solicitor to the Treasury with Dr. Reaume and Grant H. Brown, of New York, in their attempts to get a license in Windsor, but they also brought the matter directly before the House in a resolution regretting that the government had increased the number of licenses for race tracks, even though the deprecating corporate race track gambling for a share of the profits and taking the public to reverse this, is driven out from the States and something refuge in Ontario. The government declared that it would do everything it properly and justly could to prevent illegal race track gambling within the province. Sam Carter said the people of the province would never listen to any argument. If there was race track gambling after this they would fasten the responsibility on the government. He felt optimistic for he believed that with the addition of the voices to the voters of the province this, as well as others would be cleaned up.

TERRA COTTA

Moving is now the order of the day. Mr. and Mrs. A. Burgess, family, of Toronto, have moved to Mr. Plant's house. We welcome them back as citizens.

Mr. E. McElroy has moved back to the old home on Terpier Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and family, of Cheltenham, have moved to Mrs. J. McVay's farm.

Mr. F. Johnson has moved to Miss McLeod's house on Church Street.

Mr. Josiah Townsend, who has been ill, is now convalescing.

There seems to be quite a real estate boom in our hamlet this spring. Lots are selling rapidly. Watch Terra Cotta grow.

It is rumored that we may have a woolen mill in our village in the near future.

Mr. W. G. Lyons left here recently for the west with a carload of effects.

DO YOU REQUIRE FARM HELP?

The urgent need of a Provincial wide system of employment bureaus to meet the present abnormal labor conditions, has induced the Public Works Department to establish a number of labor bureaus throughout the Province.

At present every effort is being put forth to obtain such help.

Parties wishing farm help should write to W. P. F. District Representative, Burlington, stating what kind of help is wanted and what wages they are willing to pay.

MILITARY NOTES

Letters from our boys of the 16th, posted at Halifex, are being received by their friends in the old home.

Lance Corp. E. C. White, of Milton, is on transport duty as he is still unable to take up trench warfare, the result of which is his loss of sight.

Sergeant James Holloway was in town over Sunday. Sergeant Holloway has been appointed a military instructor and his headquarters are now at Toronto.

Sergeant J. Victor Coleman, was home from Ottawa for a couple of days. He returned to the capital the first of the week and will leave for overseas with his corps to-day.

Returned soldiers in need of treatment will be quartered in the Brant House, Burlington the new convalescent home. The building is quite suitable for home for soldiers.

H. W. Flasby, of Oakville, has enlisted at Toronto in the 7th Battery. He is a son of W. H. Flasby, of the Record, and brother of Mr. Arthur Flasby, printing office. He is 18 years of age.

Sergeant Swannacher, Sergeant Stuckey and Corp. Perry did not leave for overseas on the 16th last Thursday. They were specially drafted as instructors and will probably go to Camp Borden for the summer.

The Hamilton Times, in referring to the departure of the 16th Battalion from this city for overseas, says: "In military circles this battalion is regarded as one of the best trained and most efficient units that ever crossed the Atlantic."

Reverend Hynd's two sons, Sergeant George Hynd and Sergeant Robert Hynd, arrived at St. John, N.B., on Saturday morning and are expected at home this evening. The church committee are arranging to give them a welcome home.

Another former graduate of the Farm Park has joined the ranks. Philip Marshall has enlisted in the Army Service Corps. Pte. Holmes was in town over Sunday. He looks well in his new uniform. He is the eighth Farm Park man to take up the arms for king and country.

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P. G. Ozanne, 4th Batt., M.G.S., Canada.

"Happy" Riley, of the M. G. Stores, 6th Batt., H. E. E. Franco, writes: "I write to thank you for your kindness in sending us boys' socks and other things. I thank you on behalf of the whole bunch.

I will soon be three years since I left Action for the front, but I often say the old town yet in my mind. Say, if you could send us some old magazines they would be very welcome and help pass the long time away. I guess we're winning now, so let's hope we'll soon see dear old Canada again. I am lucky to be alive. This is the only place we can live here. We know it's easy to die here. I am not fancy to be making up our minds to go with a nice little wooden cross with R. I. P. on it. It sounds very nice but I want to be buried alive. We are grateful to the women of Action and of Canada for the good things they are sending us. Give my best wishes to the Action Red Cross Society."

Sincerely yours,

J. (Harry) Riley.

Mrs. Florence M. Holmes, Convener of Supply Committee of the A. M. C. Ladies Auxiliary, Toronto, has written to Miss Harriet Speight, the Secretary of Acton Red Cross Society, as follows: "Thanks for the hats, pajama suits and other articles received. We think you must have a very busy society to get through so much work. We are delighted to have what you are sending us sent overseas. They are all as beautifully made. Please thank the ladies of your society for their generous donations.

Sincerely yours,
Florence M. Holmes.

CANADA IN FLANDERS—VOL. II

Lord Beaverbrook's Second War Volume Giving Official History of Canadian Overseas Forces

Volume II of "Canada in Flanders," by Lord Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken), has just been issued. It is a reliable record of the history of the Canadian Overseas Military Forces especially in the field.

It is a highly interesting account of the very important and effective work of Canadian soldiers in support of the Allies.

The narrative is a continuation of the story of the fortunes of Canada's fighters from the action at Festubert to the battle of the Somme, and the main actions dealt with are those of the 1st Division in April, 1916, and the fierce fighting in which the whole of the Canadian corps took part near Ypres, Ypres, generally known as the battle of Passchendaele.

This book is somewhat larger than volume I. It will be read with exceeding interest by our returning soldiers and by all the friends of the soldiers who were in the fierce engagements—the details of which are vividly depicted.

The last chapter is devoted to a consideration of the effects of the war on the relations between the Dominion and Great Britain, and concludes some account of constitutional union. The prophet is important in view of the Imperial War Conference, for which Sir Robert Borden visited England.

Meares, Hodder & Stoughton, limited, Toronto, are the publishers, and the price will be thirty-five cents net, postage seven cents extra.

They are Always Welcome

It is quite surprising to have a patric come into the office and give us an item of news and apologize as though his visit might be considered an intrusion. No body is more welcome than a man who brings in items of news. We hope that none of our readers will feel the least hasty in visiting the office or stopping any news reporter on the street with a request to publish such an item.

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LIMEHOUSE

There was a very pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Irvin on Friday last, when all the members of the family met to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary of their parents.

Mrs. Mary Weddell, spent the holidays at her home here.

Mr. Oliver Hitler, and his mother, Mrs. Hitler of Woodstock, have moved into this neighborhood. Their many friends here welcome them back.

The Farmers' Club of Ballinafad had quite a large shipment of goods come to Acton on Saturday.

Quite a number of farmers here are busy making maple syrup.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burt and babe, of Guelph, were Easter Sunday visitors here.

Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and Miss Florence Anthony, of Georgetown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Beaton on Easter Sunday.

Miss Olga Lindsay, of Toronto, motored up to Mr. A. J. Lindsay's on Sunday with friends.

Miss Nellie Kennedy, of Georgetown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Leslie on Easter Sunday.

CREWSONS COBNEES

The appearance of the snow on Good Friday, no doubt, heralded the approach of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Anderson, of Guelph, were highly interested in Mr. Anderson's lecture on the leprosy at the Guild Inn Tuesday evening.

We are pleased to see Mr. Herb Scott back again after a sojourn at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Quite a number of the citizens assembled last Monday evening at the 7:00 train to bid farewell to another contingent of Lemire boys bound for the front.

Mr. A. Currie and children, of Acton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Anderson's.

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