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BORN

PRICE—In Esquesing, on Wednesday, May 30th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Harding Price, a daughter—Bertha Wilhelmina.

MARRIED

BROWN-COLEMAN—On Tuesday, May 29th, 1917, at the home of Mr. James A. Coleman, uncle of the bride, at Hamiota, Man., by Rev. W. Ferguson, Rev. James Ralston Brown, B. A., of Halkirk, Alta., youngest son of Mrs. A. H. Brown, Acton, to Ethel, only daughter of Mr. John H. Coleman, late of Acton.

MASALES-SWEETMAN—At the home of Mrs. Campion, 446 Gerrard St., Toronto, sister of the bride, on Saturday, 2nd June, 1917, by Rev. A. P. Latter, B.A., Methodist minister, Herbert Masales, son of Mr. Peter Masales, Acton, to Miss Letty Sweetman, fifth daughter of Capt. Sweetman, Middlesborough, Yorkshire, England.

DIED

WATSON—At Norval, on Tuesday, May 29th, 1917, Robert Watson, in his 85th year.

MACDOUGALL—At her father's residence, Frederick Street, Acton, on Friday, 5th, June, 1917, Margaret Elinor MacDougall.

VANATTER—On Friday, May 25th, 1917, at the residence of C. R. Caldwell, 257 St. Clarens avenue, Toronto, Erastus Vanatter, aged 72 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1917

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is fixing the prices of an ever-growing list of food products, with a callous disregard of political economy. The speculators and gamblers in foodstuffs are all finding their plans miscarry there.

WOMEN are meeting at various points to study so that they may understand the questions on which they will be required to vote. Men will require to follow their example or the women will take the lead in the advocacy of public questions calculated for the betterment of society.

CANADA is certainly being discovered in these days of stress. The sacrifices which are being made to-day in connection with the war are threefold. First, financial; second, domestic; third, spiritual; and these are bringing Canada into world prominence as never before. May our country rise to the opportunities which are on the threshold.

WITH gratifying persistency the price of flour continues to drop in the great markets of the country. This proves beyond a doubt that the recent inflation was unreasonable and unwarranted by the conditions of supply and demand. The abnormal prices of a few weeks ago were the result of the gambling in margins with the staff of life.

OUT OF 415,000 men enlisted in Canada 312,000 have gone overseas and 25,000 remain in Canada. About 75,000 have been rejected, or otherwise dropped out they after enlisted. Some have deserted, going to the United States. The number of discharges in Canada for physical unfitness was about 32,000. Our casualties are about one-third of the number of men sent overseas.

POWER MATTERS have again come into prominence. In the first place the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario has taken over the privately owned Ontario Power Company for $22,000,000. The property will pass to the Hydro-Electric Commission on the 1st of August. Up to the present time the Hydro Commission, as far as Niagara power is concerned, has been merely a distributor and not a producer, but now with the Ontario Power Company's plant acquired there will produce Niagara power. It is estimated that $70,000,000, including the money furnished by the municipalities, are invested in Hydro property in Ontario.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S proposal to give Home Rule to all Ireland except part of Ulster was rejected at once by all the Home Rulers, but the alternative proposal for a national convention to meet and, if possible, reach some agreement as to Home Rule was welcomed by the Nationalists as a possible method of reaching a peaceful solution. The Government insists that this convention should represent every shade of politics, and that leaders in religion and education should also be included. The scheme is a good one, and follows that successfully adopted in South Africa after the Boer war. It is universally hoped that the outcome will be a pacific settlement of this long-standing and difficult situation.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS in the race track gambling situation which, in different aspects, comes under the jurisdiction of both the provincial and federal governments have come. Deputations to Ottawa from representatives of the race tracks and the Social Service Congress, and numbers of resolutions are being passed by church assemblies. Representatives of the racing interests waited upon Sir Robert Borden and Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and offered that if they were allowed to carry out their programme for the present year they would voluntarily close the race tracks under their control for the remaining period of the war. Mr. W. E. Raney, who has been one of the leading assailants of war time race track gambling, does not think much of this offer. "Faltering with the question" is his comment. "The race track men," he says, in his view of the situation "are trying to save what they can and if they are permitted to hold Spring and Fall meetings for 1917 they will have another million or million and a half of betting-house rake-off to their credit.

COL. SIR CHARLES H. MITCHELL

The Soldier Son of Rev. G. A. Mitchell, formerly of Georgetown, is Knighted

Among those in the king's birthday honor list to whom recognition is given for service in fields of endeavor in connection with the war is Lieut.-Col. Charles Hamilton Mitchell, son of Rev. Geo. A. Mitchell, B. A., of Toronto, formerly Methodist minister at Georgetown.

Col. Sir Charles Mitchell went to the war with the first contingent. He is a civil engineer and his career has been a most active and useful one. Early in the war he won the Distinguished Service medal. Last year he was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French military authorities.

W. D. GREGORY HAS ACCEPTED

The Nomination as Liberal Candidate for Halton for the House of Commons

HIS LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

W. D. Gregory has sent the following letter to the President of Halton Reform Association accepting the nomination:

Oakville, June 2nd, 1917.

W. H. Cudmore, Esq., President
County of Halton Reform Association
Bronte, Ontario

Dear Mr. Cudmore:

At the Reform Convention held at Milton last week, I asked for time to consider the nomination, for the Dominion Parliament, with which the Liberals of Halton honored me. Since then I have conferred with Liberals from various parts of the county

W. D. GREGORY
Liberal Candidate for Halton in the House of Commons

and have received assurances, all too generous, of their hearty support. I write you now to state that I accept the nomination.

We do not know when we shall be called upon to elect a new parliament. The term for which the present parliament was elected has long expired and, objectionable as in many respects a wartime election would be, no further extension should be granted unless by general consent.

We do not make light of the many difficulties which the Government has encountered. Nor do we question the fact that any Government confronted as the Borden administration was, with the problems inseparable from the conduct of a great war, was entitled to our fullest support. This the existing government has received and all the supplies for which it asked have been voted and all the war measures that it submitted have been passed with unanimity.

In the early days of the war Sir Robert Borden had an opportunity to render a great public service. He could have invited leaders of the Liberal party to join the Government and share in its work and responsibilities. He might thus have created an administration truly national in its character and so strong as to be able to resist those evil influences to which party governments too often yield. But the golden opportunity was not taken and the Government chose to be partisan rather than national. It is common knowledge that the business of the war was used to swell the party patronage; contracts were let through and to party supporters and offices were filled with men chosen, not because they possessed special fitness for the work required, but because they were political partisans clamoring for reward.

Is it any wonder that this policy or want of policy has been disastrous and that we have to-day at Ottawa a government politically bankrupt, which has never given us either leadership or inspiration and which advances only to retreat? There has seldom been an occasion when we have not been prepared to go farther than it went itself. Purpose and unity are not found in it; and now, having got us into a political bog, it finds itself unable to get us out of it or longer to administer our affairs.

In the presence of a great danger, party differences must be forgotten, so far as it is possible for us to forget them. We must not place Liberal first or Conservative first, but Canada first. Our policy must be to carry the war to a successful conclusion and we must omit no word or act that will lead to that end. To me it seems clear that in the crisis that we face, one or two courses must be taken. There must be either a general election followed by the creation of a government with a mandate direct from the people, or a new government composed of men from both parties must now be formed. Whatever action we, as Liberals, take, let us see that it be free from any selfish wish or partisan motive.

Yours faithfully,
W. D. GREGORY.

Walter Dymond Gregory, who was nominated as Liberal candidate for Halton at Milton on May 23rd, was born at Montacute, Somersetshire, England, where his father was a farmer. When he was eight years of age his parents emigrated to Canada, finally settling in the township of South Norwich, in the County of Oxford. When twelve years of age he left school and worked on the farm in the summer and in the woods in the winter until he was nineteen years of age, when he returned to school, passed the entrance examination and attended High School for several months. He then went back to the farm and worked out until he entered his twenty-second year, when he returned to High School and matriculated the following year. After spending five years as a law student, he was admitted to the Bar in 1887, and began the practice of law in Toronto. He is the head of the legal firm of Gregory, Gooderham, Campbell & Coleman.

In 1909 he removed to Oakville, where with an interval of several years, he has since resided. For three years he was a member of the Oakville Town Council.

He was married in 1890 to Mary Frances, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Alexander Pattullo, of Brampton, Ont., and has three children, a son and two daughters. His son, who is an officer in the in the British Army, is now serving at the front in France.

A HIGHLY CREDITABLE silver jubilee edition of the Windsor Evening Record was issued from that office last Wednesday. It commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Windsor's elevation to the municipal status of a city. Its ninety-seven pages were crowded with editorial and descriptive matter of a historical character. Interesting illustrations were interspersed, and much information pertaining to this enterprising city was given. The special number reflects credit upon the optimism and resources of John A. McKay, the publisher.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE NOTES

A Former Acton Pastor was Elected President at Brantford

Rev. J. A. McLachlin, M. A., of Grimsby, was elected President of Hamilton Conference last Thursday. The new President was a former pastor of the Methodist Church here. It is rather remarkable that Rev. Geo. W. Barker, of Guelph, another Acton pastor, was a very close second in the vote for coveted honor. Rev. Mr. Barker will in all probability be elected next year—the General Conference year.

Another office, that of Assistant Secretary of the Conference, is filled by Rev. C. D. Draper, of Milton, who was Rev. Mr. Avison's predecessor here.

An event of unusual interest at the opening sessions was the sermon and addresses of Bishop Thomas Nicholson, of the Methodist Church, Chicago. Bishop Nicholson, is a Canadian, and entered the ministry here thirty-six years ago. He has won honors and distinction in the United States. The Bishop's sermon at the opening of Conference on Thursday and his address on Friday morning were masterly and helpful. His reception was cordial indeed.

The banquet held by the Laymen's Association on Thursday evening was the most successful of the series held. Over 350 ministers, laymen and ladies participated in the social function. A feature of the evening was the address on "Modern Church Efficiency" by Rev. W. E. Baker, of Brantford. This was a splendid inspiration to do better, truer work in future in the organizations of the Church.

The reports of the various departments showed gratifying increases in all. The membership is increased and missionary offerings are considerably in advance of last year.

Rev. Dr. Moore gave a splendid report of Social Service and Evangelism and showed that the energetic activities of this department have been effective in accomplishing satisfactory results. There are encouraging prospects that considerable advance in temperance legislation will be effected during the present session of the House of Commons.

The work of the Stationing Committee has been fully as arduous as usual. The changes in this District have not been numerous. Rev. Geo. W. Barker, of Dublin Street, Guelph, and Rev. H. B. Christie, of Burlington, exchange places. Rev. W. F. Slaetz, of Norfolk Street, Guelph, goes to Woodstock, and Rev. E. A. Pearson, of Chatham, takes his place. Rev. H. J. Harnwell goes to Fergus, and Rev. Mr. Kerruish, goes to Simcoe Street, Hamilton. Rev. J. B. Snider goes to Erin, and Rev. Mr. Smith goes to Wellandport. Rev. Mr. Avison has been stationed at Welland, and Rev. B. S. E. Large, of Hamilton, comes to Acton.

The relation of the Methodist Church to the war was emphasized at nearly every session. Scores of ministers and laymen have sons at the front. Others have brothers. The sons of a number have paid the supreme penalty. The Canadian Methodist Church has sent 59,617 members to the war.

A gathering of much interest was held on Monday evening when the fathers who have soldier sons met together at dinner at one of the city restaurants.

Col. the Rev. Geo. H. Williams, who is a member of Hamilton Conference, and Col. the Rev. Cecil C. Williams, who is a member of the Bay of Quinte Conference, both attended and delivered stirring addresses, as did also Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, General Secretary of the Army and Navy Board of the Methodist Church.

CREWSONS CORNERS

Mr. Wesley Kingsbury, who has been confined to his bed the past ten months, has slightly improved and is able to sit up a short time. Wesley's friends all hope that he may yet regain his strength so as to be about once more.

The Ladies' Aid met at Mrs. T. Nellis' last week.

Laura Lambert, who was so seriously injured at Easter, has so far recovered as to be able to return to school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swackhammer, Toronto, visited at Mr. T. P. Watkins on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Crewson and children visited at Mr. A. Nisubaut's, Puslinch, last week.

Mrs. W. Lamb visited friends in Toronto.

Mrs. W. Bennett is visiting friends at Windsor.

Mrs. D. McKay and children, Toronto, visited at Mr. R. Wansborough's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Crewson and children, motored to Milton on Sunday, and spent the day with friends there.

Mrs. E. Cleave, who has been very ill for for a number of weeks, is still very low.

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MILITARY NOTES

It is reported that "A" Company of the 164th Battalion has gone over to France.

Pte. J. P. Scarrow has been placed in the tailor's shop of the 2nd Reserve Battalion, at Folkstone, Eng.

Gunner A. M. Smith has written to Acton Red Cross acknowledging receipt of a package of home knit socks from Acton.

Melvin Soper and Robert Stewart who went over with the 164th are now in a Highlanders' Battalion and are in "the Kilties."

A letter from Pte. J. P. Scarrow says that each of the men of the 164th Battalion received two pairs of home knit socks from home after arrival in camp in England.

Pte. M. Kalay and Pte. W. Dobbie have been transferred to the Machine Gun Depot. They had to say goodbye to their comrades of the 164th, and are now stationed in another camp in England.

Pte. Howard McKeague, of the Royal Flying Corps, was here from Toronto on leave this week. Pte. McKeague is the third son of Dr. McKeague, of Winnipeg, to enlist. Herbert is in France and David is in England. Both are members of the Medical Corps. All of these brave young soldiers claim Acton as their birthplace, and Hon. David Henderson as their grandfather.

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