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ACTON ONTARIO

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—The elections next Monday.

—Further supplies of coal are on the way to town.

—Oleomargarine is available for the bill of fare now.

—Milton has contributed $1204.64 to the funds of the British Red Cross.

—The Boy Scouts now have quarters over Noble's Flour and Feed Store.

—Acton lists for the election next Monday has between 500 and 600 voters.

—Kindly examine your FREE PRESS label and renew if subscription has expired.

—The mercury reached a point below zero on Monday and yesterday morning.

—FREE PRESS renewals for 1918 are coming in now in very satisfactory volumes.

—Runners were put into commission on Sunday, but sleighing is not very good yet.

—Late trains were the order during the blizzard both on the steam and the electric railways.

—Put it down. The winter's first real snow storm of 1917 18 came on December 8th, and it was a blizzardy one.

—The final meeting of the County Council and the Warden's Supper will be held next Wednesday afternoon and evening.

—This has been a big week for political meetings in this part of the county. Mr. Gregory started the ball rolling on Monday.

—Now, let's all keep sweet during the election excitement. We've got to live together and do business with each other after it's all over.

—Some of the men connected with the new needle factory are looking for houses in order to move their families to town.—Georgetown Herald.

—Sunday's blizzard, with the drifted roads and walks, was the cause of very meagre attendance at the churches at both morning and evening.

—Rev. Archdeacon Davidson, of St. George's Church, Guelph, has resigned to accept a call to St. Paul's Church, Regina. The Ven. Archdeacon has had seventeen years of successful rectorship at St. George's Church.

—The Hydro-Electric authorities have cut off the light which for years has illuminated the cinder path from Mill Street to the G. T. R. station. Patrons of the company will appreciate it if the G. T. R. will restore the light from the station system.

—Mr. Carl Adams has been chosen 2nd tenor of the University Octette which will give their annual concert in Convocation Hall on December 11th. Mr. Adams is to be congratulated on his selection from a large class of vocalists.—Georgetown Herald.

FOUR TRUSTEES TO ELECT FOR 1918

William Johnstone Has Resigned After Seven Years' Service

The last regular meeting of the Board of Education for the year was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening.

The members were all present as follows: Robt. Scott, Chairman; William Johnstone, C. C. Speight, Robert McPherson, John R. Kennedy, and John Kenney.

The Committee on Finance passed the following accounts:

Wellington Fire Ins. Co., prem. on $3,000 policy, three years....	$27.00
Geo. Hynds, repairing clock	1.00
James Symon, supplies.....	.99
War tax, postage, etc.....	3.89
	$32.88

Miss Muriel H. Fleury, teacher of the Second Book Room, wrote accepting re-engagement for 1918 at the salary of $550.

Mr. William Johnstone tendered his resignation as a member of the Board owing to pressing business claims.

Moved by C. C. Speight, seconded by J. R. Kennedy, that the Board hereby accepts with sincere regret the resignation of Mr. William Johnstone, who has for the past seven years has been an esteemed and useful member of the Board, to take effect December 31st, 1917; and that the Municipal Council be instructed to provide for the election of four members at the annual elections.—Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to secure quotations for a car of three-quarter lump soft coal.

It was reported that in one or two of the school rooms the steam pipes were frozen up on Monday morning, and the rooms were not heated comfortably during the forenoon.

The Property Committee was requested to make arrangements to have an adequate head of steam maintained to keep frost out of the pipes from Saturday to Monday and during the holidays in frosty weather.

BALLINAFAD

Last Monday evening a large number of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper's friends gathered to bid them good-bye, and to wish them success in their new home near Acton. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper will be very much missed in this neighborhood. They were each presented with an easy chair.

Mr. James E. Campbell, who has been suffering with blood poisoning in his hand, is improving.

Pte. Amos Kontner, of Milton, visited friends here last week.

The Literary Society met last Tuesday evening for the purpose of reorganizing for the winter. Officers were appointed, and they hope to soon be in running order.

Quite a number of the young people from here attended the High School commencement last Friday evening in Georgetown.

We are pleased to see Mr. Ira Vanatter able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Barwick intend moving to Acton shortly.

Sleigh bells are ringing in this vicinity.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Christmas Concert at Dublin School

A Christmas Concert will be given in Dublin School next Wednesday evening, 19th inst. A good long programme is being prepared. Lunch will be served. Proceeds to go to the Red Cross. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

The Hydro's Eccentricities

The Hydro-Electric service continues to make most annoying breaks. Sometimes it is for only a few minutes. On Monday afternoon and night, however, the current was non est for six hours and came on at a quarter to eleven when most orderly people were preparing for bed.

Be Careful of Christmas Decorations

The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association have sent out a caution through the fire brigades to merchants and business men relative to the placing of Christmas decorations near electric and other lighting systems. There is often unnecessary increase of hazard created at the holiday times.

Alex Crawford's Condition Improved

Alex Crawford, who recently removed to Guelph and was seriously injured by a piece of machinery which fell on him when in process of installation at Taylor-Forbes munition works, is making fair progress towards recovery. Mr. Crawford is at the General Hospital, Guelph. Several ribs were fractured.

Boy Scouts' Concert Friday Evening

The Boy Scouts concert will be held in the town hall to-morrow evening. The Scouts and the Scout's Band have always been ready to assist in any patriotic or other function in town. Here's an opportunity to give them a generous life. Every citizen who can should attend this concert. H. G. Hammond, the Provincial Scoutmaster, is announced to be present.

Another Up-to-date Meat Shop

Mr. J. A. Smith, late of Creemore, has leased the McTavish Store at the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets, and will open a meat shop there about Christmas. Mr. Smith is having the premises fitted in first-class style and expects the location of his shop will be a convenience to a large section of the residents in the easterly part of the town.

Disastrous Fire at the Ninth Line

While Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stirratt were absent at a neighbor's on Saturday evening a week ago their house and contents at lot 23, on the ninth line, Esquesing, was totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not known. The house belonged to Mr. Wm. Wylie, and in addition to Mr. Stirratt's furniture Mr. Wylie lost a lot of valuable furniture which he had stored in the house.

CORP. FRED WRIGHT STILL VERY ILL

Would Like to Visit Home After Three Years' Fighting

The following letter from Corp. Fred Wright to Miss Annie Stalker, written on November 10th, was received last week:

Dear Friend: I am still at the 4th Canadian Middlesex County War Hospital at Napsbury, near St. Alban's England. I have just been wondering if I can pick up enough strength to write to you. I have been wanting to write for weeks since I have been so ill.

I suppose you have seen my name in the casualty list. I saw in the Toronto papers of September 23th that I was in the list of "Dangerously Wounded." As a matter of fact I was not wounded at all, but severely gassed. I was gassed with my section of nine men, including Pte. George Green, of Acton, who enlisted there with me. I understand he was not so badly gassed as some of the rest of us, as in two days he was sent to the base and then to England. I have not heard from him since. The rest of us were kept at the casualty clearing station for thirty days, as we were too ill to be moved. Six of our number died, three from Galt, two from Collingwood, and one from Callendar. I was very low, but managed to make the grade. I am still very ill, and the doctors tell me it will take a lot of doctoring yet to patch me up. I was blind for weeks, but my eyes are better, though still weak. My throat and lungs were terribly burned. The right lung has a hole burned through it. I have lost the mucous membrane of the throat, and suffered terribly when it was raw. In fact, my whole body inside and out was fearfully burned. It was the new "Mustard Gas" the Huns gave us. One of its ingredients is Prussic acid, which is used for burning through steel, so you can imagine what damage it will do to a human being. However, I have lived through it all, and must get better again.

I was thirty-two months in France altogether and always in the fighting area. I feel that I have done at least a wee bit, and am thankful I am alive and in dear old England. I was glad to get your letters. I have answered them all, but about half the letters sent from the Front never reach their destination. I got the last parcel about the first of May, during the battle of Vimy Ridge. I was glad to get it, but have never heard from any of you since I acknowledged it.

I expected to have had leave to go to Canada all summer. They were ready to send us but the blockheads at Ottawa stopped us. They said they would not let us home for leave until conscription was in force, as they could not spare us from the front. That is only a blind and all "Tommy Rot," because there are now only a few left of the first contingent. I will never vote for a government that has kept us from seeing our friends who are so dear to us, after living through nearly three years of fighting. They have no principle when they use that dodge to gain a political end. I have my own views on conscription and if it comes to a vote I will poll my vote against it, and I will not be the only one. Who said the boys at the front wanted conscription? The politicians will find out differently when it comes to a vote, I'm thinking.

Well, I find I am getting fatigued with writing so will close with love to all my friends at Acton. Will write to others when I get stronger. You had better address your letters to

CORP. FRED L. WRIGHT, 11187,
5 Beech Villas, Kendall,
Westmoreland, England.

$1,410,100—HALTON'S VICTORY LOAN

This good old county of Halton subscriptions received is $1,410,100, which is nearly fifteen per cent. above the objective set for the county by the Central Committee.

The following amounts were subscribed by the various districts:

Acton and Georgetown District	$332,000
Burlington district.....	291,150
Milton district.....	440,850
Oakville district.....	376,100
	$1,410,100

There are 3,500 subscribers for the bonds in Halton, which, out of a population of less than 22,000 is exceptionally good—a bond for nearly every family.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Fred Maddock was here from Hamilton over Sunday.

Miss Alice Hall, of Toronto, was a guest at Postmaster Matthews' over the week-end.

Mr. Charles Hynds, Toronto, was a week-end visitor at the home of his father, Reeve Hynds.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, B. A., has returned from her visit with friends at Boston, Mass.

Miss Lottie E. Speight went to Toronto on Friday to spend a week or so with friends there.

Mr. John M. Warren and Miss Barbara Warren, of Toronto, visited at Mr. James L. Warren's last week.

Mr. George Copp, for fifty-two years a faithful employee of the Guelph Mercury, died at the General Hospital on Monday.

Miss Lily Bilton and Master Melvin Dunbar were at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, on Saturday to visit Pte. Robert Dunbar.

Mrs. Norman Lambert, of Toronto, spent a few days last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLean, Knox Avenue.

Miss Alma Conway, of Toronto, and Miss Coutts, of Thamesville, were guests last week at the home of Mr. Chas. A. Conway, Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, who recently purchased the Sir Donald Mann farm, have moved to the new home. Our citizens welcome them cordially.

Mrs. James Armstrong and Miss Clara Armstrong, of Allandale, spent the past week at Mrs. Armstrong's brother's, Mr. James Carnahan, Church Street.

Master Sam MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie, who had his leg broken while playing at school a couple of weeks ago, is progressing favorably.—Herald.

Messrs. A. E. Nicklin and Wm. Hunter have returned from their trip through the Northwest. They both report splendid business in the Western provinces.

Mr. H. P. Moore was at Belleville last week attending a meeting of the Board of Albert College. The Belleville City Council is presenting the college authorities with a fine site of forty-three acres on the bay front worth $28,000 where new college buildings are proposed to be erected after the war. Additional buildings are required to replace the section of the college plant destroyed by fire last spring.

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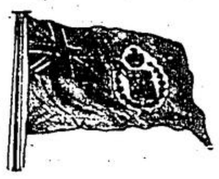

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Make No Mistake

IF LAURIER WINS:

(1) Canada will send no more reinforcements to the front,—which practically means quitting the war and placing the country in the same class as Russia.

(2) The French-Canadians who have shirked their duty in this war will be the dominating force in the Government of the country.

ARE THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE PREPARED TO STAND FOR THAT?

It is because the French-Canadians have not done their duty that Conscription had to be resorted to.

The French-Canadians have made it perfectly clear that they do not like the war and are against Canada participating in it further. Some of them even go to the length of saying that the soldiers should be brought back from the front.

The Nationalists are demanding that the men who have been enrolled under the Military Service Act be disbanded and sent back to their homes. To secure the Nationalist support Laurier-Liberal candidates in Quebec have signed the following pledge:—

"I, the undersigned, candidate in the Federal Elections, undertake by these presents, if I am elected, to demand the immediate suspension of the Military Service Act, 1917, and of all its effects until Canadian electors have pronounced by way of plebiscite, and should the majority of the electors condemn it, that it be considered as null from its origin and that in consequence all conscripts be disbanded."

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