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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

Merry Christmas!—Shop early the next four days.

The longest day of the year to-morrow.

The milder weather this week helped the coal situation.

Two solid weeks of zero weather in December already.

The merry music of the sleigh bells is very audible again.

Christmas will surely have plenty of snow and good sleighing.

The stores in town are in very gay dress with Christmas goods.

The schools close to-morrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Good morning! Have you renewed your Faxx Puzze subscription?

A white Christmas with fairly good sleighing is now pretty well assured.

Dr. J. A. McInven, of Acton, has been appointed an associate coroner for Halton.

There'll be many happy Christmas home-comings, but other homes will have sad hearts.

The Everton Literary Society is arranging for a reunion of its members on New Year's night.

During the cold snap last week the steam heating system of Milton town hall was frozen up.

Those to be sure that your Faxx Puzze label tells that your subscription is paid to an advanced date.

Trojans have been coming in freely again this week. The price of 50c per barrel of fifty pounds still prevails.

A car of stock shipped by Messrs. Holmes & Son, Ottawa, last week cost them \$3,800 to purchase from the farmers. Municipal nominations will be held on Monday, December 31st, and the elections on Monday January 7th—the latest dates possible to hold them.

The Annual As Home of the teachers and students of Acton High School will be held in the town hall to-morrow evening, 21st inst., at eight o'clock.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A. was at Walton preaching anniversary services last Sunday. Rev. Robert A. Emery, of Walton, delivered very acceptable sermons in Knox Church.

Two cars of coal have reached town during the week. From the number of citizens and delivery-camps in the station yard it may be judged that many stoves are not over-stocked yet.

LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

Pts. Michael Kaley Writes Interesting Letter and Sends Christmas Wishes to Home Folks

The following letter from Pts. M. D. Kaley, written on November 25th in Willey Camp, was received last Friday by his friend, Mr. Wm. Mason, John Street.

Dear Friend: I am having a good time and like England fine. I was up to boules football on a seven-days' leave and certainly saw some great sights. I am going to try to go to Ireland at Christmas, but believe me, there is no place like dear old Acton that I have seen yet.

I suppose you hear of all the raids we have over here. I saw the raid at Folkstone in May. It was a very close fight. I was in Crowborough on the machine gun, but was called back to the famous 10th Battalion. It was lucky for me that I was, for a number of the boys who were with me have been killed since they went to the front.

I saw Joe Kennedy, A. M. Smith, Fred Williams, and Sergt. Cox. I hear Gene Smith is going home on a three months' leave.

The Acton boys are all in the same platoon so it is not so lonely. We have some great talks at night of the folks at home. We sometimes get the Georgetown boys into our hut and enjoy a time together.

You know B. George and George Cook are in France. I see by the Faxx Puzze that Sergt. Cook expects we'll be home by Christmas. I think he's a little bit out, but I believe myself the war is nearer an end than most people think.

It is fine to see the whole nation of sixteen battalions out on a route march, fifteen to twenty miles with full packs.

How is conscription coming along in Acton? I suppose you are not thinking of signing up.

Wishing you all from the bottom of my heart a Merry Merry Christmas.

Sincerely Yours,
Pts. M. D. KALEY,
No. 60276
D Company, 104th Battalion,
Willey Camp,
Barry, England.

CHURCHILL

The sleighing has greatly improved during the week, and is now excellent.

The heirs of the Baker estate resident in this locality have been notified contained a meeting in front of this week. It will be a fine thing when their big fortune comes into the hands of those who honestly believe they are rightful heirs.

Mr. Clinton Newkammer will hold a sale of surplus stock on the 8th January.

There was not much excitement over the election here on Monday. Most people are pretty well satisfied to see the Union Government sustained with a good working majority.

\$2500 cash prize given away with Wallace's Calendar this year. Six parties.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Employees Children's Christmas

The annual Christmas Tea and entertainment provided for the children of the employees of Messrs. Healdstone & Co. and The Acton Tanning Co., will be held in the town hall this afternoon and evening. This is always an enjoyable event and is keenly looked forward to by the kiddies.

The Other Wise Man—Vin Dyko

Mr. Frank Kennedy, Inspector of the Methodist Sunday School, has arranged a most attractive order of service for Sunday afternoon, the 24th inst. It will be a holiday greeting service, and will have for its leading feature the dramatization of Dr. Henry Van Dyke, "The Other Wise Man." Fifty beautiful, historic, oil-painted, most of them artistically colored, will be presented, and Dr. Van Dyke's entrancing Christmas story will be told by Mr. E. J. Moore, B. A., of Toronto. The service will be one of very special interest in the school.

Porter Bros. Win in Hydro Arbitration

An arbitration of more than dual importance covering five days' hearing was recently conducted by P. H. Fosterly, of the Ontario Government, under the terms of a stipulation entered into by the Ontario Government and Porter Brothers Electric Arbitration. Some considerable time ago the Hydro built a power line paralleling the present line through the County of Halton and took possession of a strip of land about fifty feet in width off the front of all the farms facing the south side of the roadway between the first and second concessions south of Dundas Street. Some of the farmers objected to the Hydro while others claimed the offer made by the Hydro was not by any means equal to the damage to their property was entitling and elected to have their cases contested. The case of Porter Brothers is the first one to be heard. In that instance the Hydro Electric offered Porter Brothers \$2,000 for the damage done to the farm and were allowing them two driveways across the strip of land leading on to their property. The award of the arbitrator, which has just been taken up, allows Porter Brothers \$3,400.00 and the costs of the arbitration and provides for six driveways across the land at the rate of \$100.00 per driveway.

HORTICULTURAL SOCY PROBABLE

Fifty Members Necessary and a Campaign Now in Progress to Secure that Number

A meeting of a number of citizens interested in the organization of a Horticultural Society for Acton was held in the town hall on Monday evening. The interest manifested was deemed to be sufficient to warrant steps being taken to proceed with the securing members for such a desirable society.

Mr. G. H. Brown was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mr. Lawrence Williams, Secretary.

Mr. William White, who had written to Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent of Horticultural Societies for Ontario, for data, gave interesting information relative to the proceedings necessary for the organization of a society and the benefits to be derived by the membership.

The first step to secure the signatures to a petition of at least fifty persons who are willing to become paid-up members. On receipt of this petition the Department will send instructions to call a meeting for organization on a date between the 15th and 14th January. The Government grant for the first year of a Horticultural Society is at the rate of one dollar for each paid-up member on the first of July, and grant not to exceed \$100.00.

The officers shall be a President, first and second Vice-Presidents and no more than also directors, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

The benefits to be derived from a Horticultural Society are: The holding of meetings for discussion and lectures on the theory and practice of improved horticulture; holding exhibitions and awarding premiums for the production of vegetables, flowers, fruits, trees and shrubs; the distribution of seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, shrubs and trees in winter months; to create an interest in horticulture; the circulation of horticultural periodicals; encouraging the improvement of home and public grounds; by the planting of trees and shrubs; by offering prizes for public display; by offering prizes for essays on horticultural subjects; by importing and otherwise procuring and distributing seeds, plants, shrubs, bulbs and trees of new and valuable kinds.

There should be no difficulty in securing the names of fifty members for a society in Acton. Messrs. G. H. Brown, W. White, L. Williams, and H. H. Downes are making the canvass this week.

A second meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 27th inst., to further matters relative to the proposed new society.

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CHRISTMAS

Geo. Wallace
The Clothier
30 Wyndham St. - GUELPH

Wishes his numerous friends among the readers of the Free Press the compliments of the season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

OBITUARY

Mrs. GEORGE BARBER

One of the saddest deaths that has occurred among our citizens for a long time was that of Mrs. George Barber, who passed away at Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Barber had been ailing for some time from stomach trouble and went to the hospital for a slight operation for relief on the 4th inst. The next day the operation was successfully performed. A few days later blood poisoning set in and the trouble not being checked she died on the 13th inst. Through her death the home is sadly bereft. The sorrowing husband and three little children are left. Mrs. Barber, whose maiden name was Ada May Leitchman, was the child's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Leitchman, Arthur Street. She was born in Acton in June, 1879. On October 17th, 1900, she was joined in wedlock with Mr. Barber. For several years the family lived in Vancouver, B.C., but they returned to Acton eight years ago. Mrs. Barber was the mother of four children: Elsie, who died in her seventh month; Agnes Jean, Nellie and Jack. She not only loved her little family and pleaded for their welfare but was a most devoted and efficient mother. She was a member of all the best churches, a member and regular attendant of Knox Church, and a member of the Guelph Y. W. C. A. She was a very kind and generous hearted woman. She was a member of the Guelph Y. W. C. A. She was a very kind and generous hearted woman. She was a member of the Guelph Y. W. C. A.

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Union Government Endorsed, 50 Majority

Every Province but Quebec and Prince Edward Island Voted Largely for Unionists

WEST ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEP

The people of Canada endorsed the Government at the polls on Monday by a much larger majority than was ever anticipated.

So far as is rightly heard from the vote stands as follows:

Ontario	4	0
Quebec	0	0
Manitoba	5	0
Saskatchewan	2	0
Alberta	12	0
British Columbia	11	0
Total	139	0

The soldiers' vote will no doubt increase the majority by a number of seats.

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"It was not a partisan victory in any sense. If party lines are to be taken it is a triumph as much for Liberals as for Conservatives. The splendid elements of the Liberal party who worked so strenuously and with such magnificent results in every Province except one are to be congratulated equally with the Conservatives. Equally fine was the spirit of the Conservatives who, regardless of party affiliations, supported and elected Union Liberal candidates in many ridings."

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And Red Rose tastes better.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Fred W. Clavess spent the week-end with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Nora Kenny, of Guelph, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. George McLean visited friends in Toronto and Lindsay last week.

Mr. W. T. Bayly, of Millport, Muskoka, spent Monday with friends in town.

Mr. Edgar Rath, of St. George, spent the week with friends in the old home.

Mrs. David B. Smith and Miss Mona spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Beaumont, of Glen Williams, was the guest of Miss Lorna Kennedy for the week-end.

Mr. William Plank returned last week from his fall trip through the provinces, of Quebec.

Mr. Fred Anderson, of Acton, was a visitor in the city for the week-end.

Mr. Frank Gamble was at Georgetown on Saturday attending the funeral of the late Mr. Tompkins.

Mrs. and Mrs. D. H. Hamilton, of Kamloops, B. C., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. George McLean.

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NUTS—Brazil, Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, mixed 25c. per lb.

25 cases Navel Oranges. We guaranteed them sweet and juicy, special prices for Christmas at 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c. per doz. California Grapes Malaga Grapes, Fancy Layer Raisins. B. C. Apples, 30c and 40c per doz. Special price by the box.

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MILITARY NOTES

Pts. Reginald Gunton, of the R. F. O., was home from Toronto over Sunday.

The draft to which Pts. Robert Dunbar belonged left Toronto for overseas on Saturday.

Many pretty Christmas cards from the boys at the front and in England are being received by the friends at home just now.

Major A. O. T. Barmore wrote a card to the Faxx Puzze from the front in France on the 21st November, saying: "I am quite well."

Word was received last week from Pts. Theo. Bennett that he was sufficiently recovered from his wounds to return to France on the 25th November for active service again.

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Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

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