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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1918

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—The wholesalers are gradually reducing the price of sugar.

—Frozen steam and water pipes are no novelty these days.

—Annual meeting of the Acton Fall Fair, town hall, this afternoon.

—The turnip buyers are now paying 25c per bushel delivered at Acton.

—Report to this office when your paper fails to reach you regularly.

—This winter has been noted so far for its immoderately cold Sundays.

—Please, Mr. Citizen, shovel the snow off your pavement, like your neighbor does.

—Nearly every Church in Guelph held last Sunday's services in the school rooms.

—E. A. Harris, of the Burlington Gazette, is a member of Burlington Water Commission.

—The merchant who advertises tries all the time to have in stock things that are advertiseable.

—The farmers have had a strenuous time this week in digging out the roads from their farms in to town.

—Saturday morning's fifty-mile gale with accompanying blizzardy fall of snow blocked the roads badly.

—Tuesday's snow storm on top of its big predecessor gave a superabundance of the fleecy whiteness.

—Snow shovelling was no lazy man's job last Monday. The wind-driven snow was packed as hard as clay.

—People away from the homeland write how much they enjoy the home paper. Send it to the absent ones.

—The Methodist prayer meeting this evening will be held at Mrs. Thomas Somerville's home, Mill Street, at 7.30 o'clock.

—During the big gale on Saturday the fans of the windmill on the farm of Mr. Andrew Murray, dairyman, were blown off.

—The Government Hydro metre Inspector was here last week and inspected and sealed 110 of Acton's 340 electric metres.

—Butter is selling in Berlin, Germany, at $2.25 per pound, sugar at .56 and bacon at $2.11. Aren't you thankful you're living in Canada?

—Chief Inspector Gordon was here last week inspecting the books of License Inspector Harvey. He found everything entirely satisfactory.

—The blizzardy weather and blocked roads kept farmers at home on Saturday. Very little business was done by our merchants that day.

—"Went down into my cellar on arriving home last evening and, I don't know when I saw such a pleasing sight." "What kind of a sight?" "Anthracite, my boy."

—Miss Ailcia O'Brien passed the Christmas Normal School examinations as well as Miss Dora Harvey. Of the 252 candidates who wrote all passed but thirteen.

—The work of the rural mail carriers is not much to be envied these days. Saturday was a trying day indeed, and on Monday and Tuesday the roads were impassible in many places.

—The new $1.00 bills, bearing the portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire on the face and an engraving of the parliament buildings on a green ground on the back, are very pretty. Get all you can of them.

—In nearly every home a portion of the refuse from kitchens might be used as food for hogs. In these days of stress and food shortage, closer attention should be paid to the utilization of garbage for this purpose.

—Following the suggestion of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia, the city council of New Westminster has decided to amend the by-laws so as to permit of keeping hogs within the city limits under proper conditions.

—If you are a business or professional man you can help to solve the problem of increased production by taking a keen interest in the efforts of the community and by aiding or participating in any organization to stimulate food production.

—The British Government has issued a proclamation which prohibits the sending through the mails, any daily, weekly or other periodicals or newspapers, except in single copies. Don't send bundles of newspapers to the boys at the front. Send each in a separate wrapper.

—Erin Township Council for this year is as follows: Reeve, Alex. McKinnon; Deputy Reeve, Jas. Milloy; Councillors, George Bryan, Wesley Jessop, R. W. Tarzwell. Mr. Milloy takes the place of Mr. E. Beswick, who was Deputy Reeve last year, but who is now a resident of Acton.

—Among those who were storm-staid through the stalling of railway trains were H. S. Holmes, agent G. T. R., who made a prolonged visit at the county town from Friday until Monday night; and Dr. J. M. Macdonald, who had a pleasant, but unexpected visit with Acton friends during a like period.

—Cruelty to animals is the charge against Malcolm McCallum, of Norval, against whom Inspector Ballingall, of the Humane Society, swore out an information last week. McCallum, it is alleged, allowed fourteen cows to wander about Norval during the recent cold spell without shelter or food. One cow was frozen to death and the others were severely frostbitten.

NASSAGAWEYA

The roads in this vicinity were all completely tied up with Saturday's storm and residents claim traffic was never so completely blocked.

Services in Ebenezer, Bodom and at Corwhin were cancelled last Sunday owing to the blocked roads.

Nassagaweya Council, which was to have met on Monday, was forced to postpone the inaugural session, owing to the snow blockade.

Herman J. Barbaree held a most successful clearing sale last Tuesday. The proceeds netted over $5,000.

Rural mail routes were completely tied up and from Friday until Tuesday no mail was delivered.

CHURCHILL

There was very little traffic on the roads in these parts on Saturday, nor for two or three days after the big storm.

Warne Brothers will hold a sale of surplus stock on Thursday, February 7. They have a fine lot of young cattle to dispose of.

The funeral of Mrs. Michael Kennedy, of the fifth line, took place last Thursday.

"Line's busy," said the central operator the other day when a telephone patron in this section tried in vain to get a neighbor on the wire. "It has been busy for about half an hour now," was the annoyed reply. "Why can't I get my party." "Oh," said the telephone girl, "Mrs. A — is just paying her neighbor, Mrs. B — a telephone visit."

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Knox Church Anniversary

The annual congregational meeting of Knox Church will be held on Thursday evening, 24th inst., at 8 o'clock. The anniversary services will follow on Sunday, January 27, when Rev. Dr. Blair, of Guelph, will preach, both in the morning and evening. Dr. Blair is always accorded a hearty welcome in Acton.

Israel's Rightous Conditions

Owing to the death of a friend Rev. Mr. Rohold, of Toronto, was unable to be in Acton on Tuesday evening to address the Young People's Guild of Knox Church. Mr. Zlendann, his assistant, came instead and gave a very interesting address on the Jewish question. Rev. Mr. Wilson presided and Rev. Mr. Large led in prayer. Messrs. Alex. Mann and Harold Wildgust sang a duet.

An Industrious Elderly Lady

A letter received yesterday from Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, Toronto, says: "Since I came home from my summer visit in Acton, on the first of September, I have been able to knit 18 pairs of soldiers' socks and make 120 comfort cushions for the soldiers in the hospitals." Mrs. Gray is closing her eightieth year, and is very thankful she is able to do so much for the soldiers.

Amateur Gardening Next Summer

Small lot gardening should again be encouraged, says the food controller. In this way an abundant supply of fresh vegetables are assured. This year the idea ought to be not merely to grow potatoes, but to grow good potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. Last year thousands of city and town people did a little gardening for the first time. This year their experience will be of value and the results should be in proportion to their proficiency. Get ready.

A Dainty Meat Shop

The McTavish store on Mill Street has been transformed into a dainty meat shop. The white enamel counters, shelving and fittings, and the neatly contrasting ceiling and walls of buff give the premises of Acton's latest purveyor in meats and provisions a most attractive appearance. Mr. J. A. Smith, the proprietor, has opened with a fine assortment of choice meats. Being situated in the east end of the town he hopes the location will prove a convenience to a good share of customers.

Celebrating the Austrian New Year

Our Austrian residents spent the first part of the week in celebrating their New Year. One of them, Martin Gollas, who has been here for three or four years, got hilarious with the aid of a consignment of liquor he received from Montreal last Friday. While parading Mill Street on Monday he ran into the arms of Inspector Harvey. The Inspector turned him over to Chief Lawson. On Tuesday afternoon he came before Justices Moore and Nicklin, was convicted and fined $10.00 and costs. Martin says this was his last experience with the intoxicating deceiver for all time.

Prohibition Gives Quiet, Sober Streets

The absolute freedom from the presence of drunken men on the streets during the Christmas and New Years holidays has been remarked by both citizens and visitors. This fact has been noticeable not only in the less populous centres, but in the larger cities as well. The Globe said on Tuesday morning: "Probably for the first time since the establishment of Court Street police station, Toronto's principal station, the cells remained unlocked last night. There were no arrests for either drunkenness or for crime, an unusual state of affairs for New Year's eve, which was always the occasion of wild celebration and sometimes serious injury."

The Churches Last Sunday

There were fewer people in attendance at the churches in Acton last Sunday than in fifty years. This was owing to the big storm and prevailing cold spell. At Knox Church the service was held in the school room and the attendance was thirty or forty in the morning and double that evening. At the Methodist Church Jack Frost got into the steam pipes again and the steam heating system was out of commission and no services were held. St. Joseph's Church celebrated early mass, but there was a very small attendance. There was no service in St. Alban's Church all day, and the Baptist Church had no morning service. The evening service was fairly well attended and was quite interdenominational.

Barrister McLean, Guelph, Dead

Death came very suddenly to W. A. McLean, Barrister, Guelph last Thursday evening. Mr. McLean was in his usual health and was around the city and at his office as usual during the day. After supper he left his room at the Y. M. C. A. and went up to the home of his friend and former partner, Mr. John A. Mowat, on Suffolk Street. He sat down at the fireplace with Mr. and Mrs. Mowat to enjoy a pleasant social evening, as he was often wont to do, and was conversing with Mrs. Mowat regarding the Convalescent Hospital and the returned soldiers, when he suddenly put his hand to his head, and he expired almost immediately. Mr. McLean was born in Ayr in Waterloo County in 1859. He removed with his father, the late Donald McLean, to Guelph in 1878. In 1882 he was called to the bar and entered into partnership with Mr. John A. Mowat with offices in Guelph and Acton. For many years he did business here and had many clients and warm personal friends in Acton.

Won out Over the Grand Trunk

Ever since winter set in there has been frequent prophesying that the Toronto Suburban Electric cars would never be able to get through a good able-bodied snow storm. "Yes, they have kept pretty close to schedule time all summer and fall, but wait until we get an old-fashioned snow-storm and you'll see where the electric will be." Well the biggest storm we've had for years materialized on Saturday and Sunday. The roads were all blocked; all trains cancelled for two whole days. The electric road gave up the fight Saturday afternoon. The highways and the byways were jammed full of the wind-driven drifts. Nothing on wheels or runners passed through town and out to the country for about fifty hours. But the plucky little electric road beat out the big Grand Trunk on Monday afternoon. At 4.30—two hours and more before the first Grand Trunk train reached Acton from Toronto—the Toronto Suburban landed its first car in Acton and after a brief call at the depot here she hustled off for Guelph with as much grit as if not a snow bank had been encountered in the trip.

QUEBEC ADVISED TO CONFORM

To Military Service Act by Montreal's Leading French Paper

Montreal, January 7.—La Presse, in discussing the enforcement of the Military Service Act last Saturday, says:

"This is not the time when we should discuss the merits of the law. Each one of us will understand that the wisest way out is to conform to the law which the authorities judge to be the best one for the country.

"The sacrifice is a great one, of course, for families as well as individuals, but a courageous and worthy submission to the law of the land always brings its own reward.

"Let our men especially avoid being guided by the fear of persecution, as a sentiment of having accomplished a duty, painful though it may be, yet assigned to us by the leaders of the nation, should be an encouragement to go ahead."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mabel Hildenbrand visited her sister, Mrs. Graybill, at Waterloo last week.

Mrs. Clara E. Humberstone, of Newton Brook, is spending a few days at Mr. A. E. Nicklin's.

Mrs. Geo. Frazer and Mrs. James Claridge, of Hamlota, Man., are visiting friends in Esquesing.

Mr. Harry E. Stevens, of Toronto, visited his sister, Miss Stevens, on Bower Avenue, last week.

Miss Marguerite Symon has gone to Toronto to take a business course at one of the colleges there.

Mrs. Gordon Hayward and Miss DeLeme, of Toronto, were guests during the week at Mr. W. L. Worden's.

Rev. Father Doyle officiated at the burial of Michael Hogan, of Arthur, at Guelph cemetery last Thursday.

Mrs. William Bell, who is spending the winter at the home of her son, Mr. Jeremiah Bell, Church Street, is critically ill.

Miss Laura Wiles went to Toronto for a week-end visit. It was prolonged owing to the storm, but was pleasantly spent nevertheless.

Mr. W. J. Carnahan, of Holland, Man., is spending a month or so with his brother, Mr. David Carnahan, and other friends in Acton and vicinity.

Rev. M. E. Sexsmith, B. A., LL.D., of Picton, has been invited to succeed Rev. W. H. Smith, B. A., as pastor of the Methodist Church, Oakville, after next conference.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaughlin, who have been visiting Mrs. D. A. Henderson, and Mrs. R. Rawson, left last week for Guelph and Nassagaweya to visit relatives there.

Miss Laura Coleman, daughter of Mr. Wm. Coleman, of Hespeler, formerly of Acton, is now assistant superintendent of the General Hospital at Medicine Hat, Alberta. She spent the holidays with her cousins, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, B. A., at Barons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. LePage, 237 Grenadier Road, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Irene, to Gunner Bryden C. Wood, of the 67th Battery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood, of Sydney, Australia, the marriage to take place quietly this week.

ROCKWOOD

The West Enders hockey team of Guelph, came to Rockwood last Thursday night, where they played the village team and were defeated by a score of 4 to 2.

Since the price of turnips got up to 25c farmers have been bringing them in more freely.

DUBLIN

If farmers generally had put in as strenuous a day in making the roads passible after the big storm as a number of those of the second line between Speyside and Acton, highway traffic would be more comfortable on some of our roads than it is yet. From seven in the morning until four in the afternoon they kept at the work without let up.

There were few church-goers from this section last Sunday. The roads were simply impossible even to the most devout.

Few of our residents can recall as bad a storm as was that of Saturday and Sunday.

MILTON

Pte. Arthur Mayes, a returned soldier, has been appointed turnkey at the County Jail, to succeed Mr. W. H. Reed, who has removed to Alton, where he has gone into business.

The public school reopened on Monday. Before the Christmas holidays the boiler of the steam heating plant was burst by frost. An expert boiler maker had to be sent for to make the necessary repairs.

The fuel shortage has been severe. There is very little coal in town and poor prospects for a further supply. Some wood is being delivered, for which $10 per cord is being asked.

The I. O. D. E. is arranging for a rummage sale.

Judge Elliott has been busy during the week with the Division Court Circuit.

Dr. Howard Harrison, an old Milton school boy and son of the late Daniel Harrison, has lately returned from England. He was in Europe when war broke out, enlisted at once, was promoted to the rank of major and has had charge of a military hospital ever since.—Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrop left on Monday for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

The G. T. R. has cut off two trains and the service is now rather inconvenient.

The Red Cross is holding a whirlwind campaign for soldiers' socks. A similar effort last spring brought in over 500 pairs.

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RECEIPTS

To balance from 1916	$11,938 58
" Cash from short date notes	69 90
" Cash from 1st payments of 1917	17,192 50
" Cash from Eramosa for Re-insurance losses	52 50
" Cash from Eramosa for premiums	284 05
" Interest	388 62
Total Receipts	$30,015 25

EXPENDITURES

Investigating Claims	$ 197 70
Salaries	1,351 40
Postage and Express	108 45
Printing and Stationery	181 20
Statutory Assessment and License	65 77
Tax re Fire Marshall's Act	68 70
Fee to Underwriters' Association	9 00
Rent	13 00
Losses	14,409 67
Agents' Fees	1,536 50
Travelling Expenses	3 40
Other Expenses	3 48
Rebates	787 12
Re-Insurance Premiums to Erampsa Co.	604 80
Interest on Mrs. Boomer's Claim	21 00
Debentures in Guelph & Ontario Investment Society	5,000 00
Balance in Royal Bank, Guelph	2,291 04
Balance in Nova Scotia Bank, Acton	1,064 09
Balance in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Campbellville, $2,852.46 less cheques outstanding, $608.00	2,244 46
Balance in Treasury	64 57
	$30,015 25

LOSSES

Geo. Tibbles, Nelson, house, from the stove pipe	$ 400 00
Samuel Nurse, Erin, 2 pigs, lightning	36 00
John Townsend, Esquesing, house and contents, unknown	600 00
J. J. Gooderham, Caledon, cow, light'g	70 00
J. McLarty, Esquesing, one heifer killed, one injured, lightning	70 00
M. A. Campbell, Nelson, one steer killed by lightning	70 00
George Munn, Erin, one cow killed by lightning	70 00
J. F. Humphrey, Esquesing, one sheep and 2 lambs, lightning	28 00
T. H. May, Esquesing, barn and contents, lightning	2,300 00
Fred Cavanagh, Trafalgar, house and contents, coal oil stove	900 00
O. J. Walker, Caledon, barn, lightning	700 00
Donald Sinclair, Erin, 2 young cattle, lightning	66 50
T. B. Wallace, Nassagaweya, 1 heifer, lightning	30 00
Geo. Whitney, Chinguacousy, a barn and contents, lightning	1,160 00
J. Pickering, Trafalgar, cow, lightning	70 00
Geo. Manly, Toronto, 3 young cattle, lightning	87 50
Fred May, Trafalgar, hay in T. H. May's barn, lightning	120 00
John T. Fuller, Chinguacousy, 2 young cattle, lightning	77 00
R. E. McCullogh, Esquesing, Halton Union's share on horse, light'g	85 75
Archie McEachern, Erin, horse, light'g	125 00
Chas. Pinkney, Caledon, Colt, light'g	40 00
W. A. Holmes, Nassagaweya, damage house & contents, coal oil stove	65 00
Halton Brick Co., Esquesing, barn and contents, unknown	1,800 00
Mrs. Susannah Boomer, Erin, barn, unknown, 1916	600 00
R. W. Starret, Esquesing, contents of house, furnace	200 00
Wm. Wiley, Esquesing, house and contents, from furnace	1,100 00
Wm. Moore, Esquesing, barn and contents, unknown	2,300 00
J. H. Wilson, Esquesing, beams in Wm. Moore's barn	300 00
F. W. Warne, Erin, house and contents, from chimney	600 00
J. J. Thompson, Esquesing, grain burned in Lawson's Mill	44 50
Losses under twenty-five dollars each	294 33
	$14,409 67

GENERAL STATEMENT

Amount of Insurance 31st Dec., 1917	$7,817,345 00
Amount insured in 1917	3,061,620 00
No. Policies issued in 1917	1297
No. Policies, can'cl'd and exp'd, 1917	1244
No. policies in force 31st Dec., 1917	3420
Total am't re-ins. in Eramosa Co.	310,800 00
Short date note struck off	13 00

ASSETS

Residue of Prem. notes, Dec. 31, 1917	$223,598 16
Short date notes unpaid	319 50
Safe	75 00
Debentures	5,000 00
Cash in Banks & Treasury $6,272 16	
Less, cheques outstanding, 608 00	5,664 16
	$234,656 81

LIABILITIES

Residue of Prem. notes for re-ins. in Eramosa Mutual	$13,373 00
Assets over liabilities	$221,284 81

H. W. COOK, President. THOS. MOORE, Secretary.

We the undersigned Auditors hereby certify that we have duly audited the books, accounts, vouchers and securities of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., for the year ending, December 31st, 1917, and find the same correct. We also certify that the balances to the credit of the Company on the day on which the audit was made are the balances in the banks and in the treasury as set out on page two.

January 4th, 1918 — E. Beswick, R. E. Hall } Auditors

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