

Births, Marriages and Deaths are now entered under the following rates: \$1.00 for Births; \$1.00 for Deaths; \$1.00 for Marriages, &c., per line, extra for poems.

BORN
DENNY In Leaside, on Wednesday, May 1, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Denney, Robert Ralph.

DIED

MARTHA At her mother's home, Beech Street, Acton, on Tuesday, March 14, 1918, Mrs. Emma Masters, aged 70.

KENNEDY At Ferry's Billing, H. C., on Wednesday, April 17, 1918, Jane Hardys, widow of the late Robert Kennedy, former of Acton, aged 46 years.

IN MEMORIAM

ALICE In loving memory of Thomas Alice, who died in Toronto, May 11, 1917.

A year has passed since still we miss him.

Never will memory fade.

Leave thoughts with always linger.

Round the grave where Dad is laid,

MILD ALICE and LOYD O'CHOBHANAS.

The *Acton Free Press*

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1918

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's pendulous to totally dislodged soldiers are higher than those in any other country, according to evidence given to the official committee of the House of Commons on pensions. Most people will agree that the men who enlisted themselves for the Empire and protect Canada and Canadian homes, are deserving of a large pension as the country can possibly pay.

"To live in these times is to be constantly challenged." Such was the central idea by a minister to a school cadet corps last Sunday. How wonderfully true it is. There are the challenges to the soldier to face the foe, to the sailor, the danger of the submarine; the mothers, wives and sisters, the departure overseas of loved ones; to men and boys who cannot face shot and shell, to be true to those who do above all there is the challenge of the time to be true to God.

Mr. A. C. Crear, Minister of Agriculture, says to the farmers of Canada: "Let me again draw the attention of the farmers of Canada to the grave need of planting every acre of land in wheat that is in shape to grow it. The need will be very great. I know from practical experience the difficulties thousands of our farmers are up against, through the trouble they have in getting suitable farm labor. Despite the difficulties, we must produce more food than we have ever done before. Set apart all your land for growing crops, and plant as much wheat as you can."

The significant message from the British army voiced through Lloyd George, the Premier: "Be of good cheer; we are all right" will bring comfort to many an anxious heart throughout the empire. Lloyd George has just returned from a visit to the front. Of the great battle now going on the Premier said: "I saw General Foch, Sir Douglas Haig, General Pershing, and other officers of the high command, and they were all very confident. I also saw a very large number of regimental officers and soldiers who had actually been in the fighting line during the last few weeks of very strenuous work, and their confidence was also amazing. That was the general feeling I found amongst the men of all ranks in the British and French armies."

Our County Council is taking very desirable steps with a view to securing the continuation of good roads into the counties adjoining Halton. At the meeting last week the following resolution was passed: "Resolved that the Warden, the chairman of Good Roads Committee and the Reeve of the township affected be appointed a Committee to confer with adjoining counties regarding the construction of continuous connecting good roads in the counties." A striking example of the need for this is seen in this vicinity. The stone road on the second line runs through the county from Bronte to the town line of Wellington County at the Brick Church. From that point upward through Wellington for several miles, there is one of the worst stone roads, where there is so much travel, in the province. If the Good Roads Committee of the two counties can get together and effect the improvement of this road to the standard of Halton's stone roads not only general travellers but scores of farmers in Erin Township will be highly appreciative of the effort.

According to Sir John Williamson, who is publishing his political reminiscences in the Canadian Magazine, the Conservative party was committed to protection, and the Liberal party to low tariff in the sheer hazard of events. "For his resistance to protection," he observes, Alexander Mackenzie, Prime Minister, gets more praise than he deserves. He was ready to raise the duties from seventeen and one-half to twenty per cent. He was Honorable George Brown and Sir Richard Cartwright and Honorable Edward Blake, and other leading Liberals of Ontario and Quebec. The principle does not concern itself with percentages. If the Liberal group from the Eastern Provinces, who were possessed by the delusion that they could not carry their constituencies if duties were increased, had not gone into revolt against Mr. Mackenzie, he would have raised duties to twenty per cent, and once committed in Parliament and on the platform to the defense of higher customs taxation who can be certain that the Canadian Liberal party would not have become entrenched in the fervor of protection. There is reason to believe that if the Mackenzie Government had committed itself to higher duties the Conservative Opposition would have adhered to low tariff. The common story is that when Sir Richard Cartwright used to deliver the budget speech of 1876 it was not known if he would decide for or against higher duties, while Sir Charles Tupper, who was to follow, knew only that he would not agree with Cartwright."

WILL CONSTRUCT A FIRE TANK

A by-law raising the Dog Tax to \$5 and \$6 Ordered to be Prepared

The Council held its regular session in the Council Chamber on Monday evening with all the Councillors present and Bruce Hynds in the chair.

The Fire Protection Committee presented their tenth report, which recommended payment of the following account:

Hydro Account

Hydro-Electric Power Com. \$6 00

North & Co. supplies 12 20

Jan. Hymon supplies 10 66

..... 75

General Account

Wm. Cutting cemetery 4 00

Geo. Dills, streets and walks 45 00

Franklin Press, debentures 10 00

H. P. Morris, printing 10 66

Jas. Symon, supplies 75

..... 116 71

..... 182 76

Moved by W. H. Kenney, seconded by E. Woodin that the report be adopted.—Carried.

The matter of constructing a tank for fire purposes at Mill and Brock Streets was taken up by the Council on Monday evening. It was decided to build one 6x12 feet and 6 feet deep. The Clerk was instructed to arrange an interview with Mr. Alfred Headmore & Co. to gather their opinion as to the cost of the tank and to have a valve on their tank to allow the water to be drawn off.

Mr. J. J. Harter has purchased a beautiful home in Rosedale, Toronto, and will move his family there shortly.

Meers, Roy Lester and Bert Gillies joined the artillery.

Mr. J. J. Harter has disposed of his harness business to Mr. Bailey of Toronto, who will take charge of one.

Mrs. Norma Miller was joyfully re-united with the young lady from the telephone gang to whom she was clearly pointed out and the names of the performers will be secured and the alarm for the Grand Fire—Herald.

Council adjourned at 9:15.

The SCHOOL REPORT FOR APRIL

Standing Taken by the Pupils in the High and Public Schools at the Examinations for Last Month.

The following report will show the standing taken by the pupils in the various departments of the school at the April examinations:

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Middle School

Class I—Oliver Mowat, Roy Brown, Margaret Stewart.

Lower School

FORM II

Class I—Doris Jeanne Macmillan, Beadle Woodhall, Clara Lantz, Edna Johnston, Lloyd Kennedy, Ian Agnew.

Class III—J. Waldie, Luena Campbell, A. R. Johnston, Betty Lowrie, Jessie Stewart, Florence Robertson, Neil Gibson.

FORM I

Class I—Jack Kennedy, Willie Stirling, James Talman, Hazel McDonald, Willi Hall.

Class II—Max Bell, Agnes Dobie, Jessie Stewart.

LAWRENCE

Class I—Doris Jeanne Macmillan, Beadle Woodhall, Clara Lantz, Edna Johnston, Lloyd Kennedy, Ian Agnew.

Class III—Harold Wanborough, Vida Anderson, Charlie Mann, Charlie Anderson, Jessie Stewart, Florence Robertson, Neil Gibson.

THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Fourth Department

Pr. IV—Frances Hurst, 632; Violet Davis, 216; Margaret McNabb, 482.

Pr. V—John McEvoy, 242; Jimmie Ross, 222; Jessie Anderson, 311. Total 400.

Pr. VI—M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

Third Department

Pr. III—Nellie Hall, 225; Lloyd Purser, 259; George Jurgins, 256. Total 250.

Pr. IV—Earl Cooper, 303; Russell Ross, 224; Laird McDonald, 246. Total 245.

Pr. V—M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

Second Department

Pr. II—Eugene McPherson, 224; Alfred Bishop, 207; Wallace Lahey, 206. Total 250.

Pr. II—Laurel Orr, 152; Helen Cox, 132; Frank Gibbons, 127. Total 155.

Pr. III—M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

First Department

Pr. I—Hussey Wardge, 224; Gordon Hunter, 201; MacClelland, 212; Franklin White, 214.

Pr. II—A. Monte Smith, 164; Harold Bell, 124; Fred Buckley, 112. Total 180.

Pr. III—Jessie Ryden, Hector MacDonald, Bebe Macdonald, Roy Johnson.

Pr. IV—Gordon Johnston, Edna Crowley, Ethel Creaven, August McEachern.

Pr. V—Laura Murray, Harold Swackhamer, Jean Anderson, Charles Lambert.

Pr. VI—Velma Murray, Priscilla McEachern.

Pr. VII—Earl Anderson, Muriel Anderson, Jessie Anderson.

Pr. VIII—Bobbie Anderson, Leslie Swackhamer, Marjory Blawster, Roy Johnson.

Pr. IX—Eugene McPherson, 224; Alfred Bishop, 207; Wallace Lahey, 206. Total 250.

Pr. X—Laurel Orr, 152; Helen Cox, 132; Frank Gibbons, 127. Total 155.

Pr. XI—M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

Junior Primary

Class C—Ethel Macomber, Arthur Henderson, Lois Morton.

Class II—Olivia Precious, Dorothy McPherson, Violet Hall.

Class I—Sue Waller, Wilma White, Vera Macomber.

Ottawa Armstrong, Junior Primary

Pr. C. Class—Dorothy Ewing, Doris Lantz, Margaret Mann.

Pr. B. Class—Suzanne Blair, Jimmie Nolle, Franklin Cook.

Pr. A. Class—Mervin Lambert, Clarence Anderson, Annie Smith.

Pr. G. Class—Neil Patrick, Doris Macdonald, Nellie Barber, Ruthie Cook.

I. M. Ryce, Teacher.

The budget will impress Canadians more deeply than ever with the sacrifice which must be made to do our part in financing the war. The deduction in the amount of income exempt in the cases of unmarried persons to \$1,000 and married persons to \$2,000, will reach a large number of wage earners whose incomes have been expanded far beyond the increase in ordinary living costs since the war began. Those soldiers and other families were expected.

The budget will be presented on the coming 23rd anniversary, by Mr. G. L. Thompson of Dufferin.

Mr. Marshall Long went to Toronto last week and enlaid in the new Tank Battalion, which is being organized the first in Canada.

Erin is aiming to raise \$500 for the Y. M. C. A. this week.

Mr. H. M. Bell has had to go to the hospital at Guelph, on account of his health, and will be absent for a severe attack of a grippe.

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The fragment wild flowers are beautifying the woodland now.

Mr. J. N. Wilkinson's family moved into the former Gibson's farm last month. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Churchill is managing the farm this season.

Mr. Jas. Glavin received news last week that his nephew, Mr. Garfield Campbell, who has been in France, has been missing since March 14th. Mr. Campbell, who is only in his twentieth year, had been serving with the Royal Flying Corps.

A younger brother, Mr. Kenneth Campbell, enlisted with the 17th Battalion when only fifteen years old but was discharged for being under age. He enlisted again last year and is now in England.

Mr. Hussey and family, Toronto, moved to the former Gibson's house last week having purchased it for \$1,000.

Miss Neelander, Plushinch, visited at Mr. C. Crear's this week.

Mr. A. Smith, Headmaster spent Sunday at Mr. C. Crear's.

Mr. H. M. Brown of the Royal Bank, Guelph, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, returned to his home here last week.

Mr. H. M. Brown, Headmaster of the Royal Bank, Guelph, left Sunday morning for Guelph. Heribert's many boyfriends here wish him God-speed in his response to his country's call.

After paying a fine for being drunk, Harry Matheson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, of the Royal Bank, Guelph, was warned for overeating to two years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

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