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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1918

#### Brief Local Items

- Christmas approaches.
- Christmas—next Wednesday.
- Toronto shipping is still lively.
- Saturday—the year's shortest day.
- The Christmas of peace is approaching.
- Buy your boy Thrift Stamp for Christmas.
- The roads have been good for most of this week.
- Guelph Winter Fair this year is reported the best yet held.
- The Guelph Novitate question has again become a live issue.
- War Savings and Thrift Stamp make nice Christmas gifts.
- The Fox Press will be issued next week on Christmas morning.
- This is renewal time. Has your Fox Press label been advanced?
- War Savings Stamp make nice Christmas gifts for old or young.
- Please send in copy for advertising matter not later than Monday next week.
- The beautiful December moonlight nights this week have been much enjoyed.
- There has been splendid skating on both Fairy Lake and Corporation Pond this week.
- Messrs. Readmore & Co. are busy in forwarding the construction of the new skating rink.
- Have you renewed your Fox Press subscription for another year? Hundreds of others have.
- It is announced that Toronto's new Union Station will be ready for occupation by May 1, 1919.
- A number of the Woodmen of Georgetown paid their Acton brethren a fraternal visit on Tuesday evening.
- Messrs. Robt. McPherson, Robt. Scott and J. H. Hamshaw are the retiring members of the Board of Education.
- I would not like to be without the old home paper; I enclose \$5.00 for my three subscriptions.—Mrs. J. B. W. Guelph.
- We'll build a house for Santa Claus of soft December snow and here on Christmas eve we'll hide until it's time to go.
- It is said the cattle thieves arrested at Georgetown stole animals worth about \$1,000 and sold them for about one-fourth that sum.
- Christmas greeting cards received. They are neat and attractive and will no doubt give pleasure to the recipients.—D. R. London.
- The Women's Institute has an interesting exhibit of clothing, bedding, etc. prepared for French refugees in Mrs. Taylor's shop, windows.
- O bells of Christmastic legends; the suns are sheathed, the suns are still; ring when the midnight is in, the angels' song above the hill.
- J. A. King, Hornby, breeder of Siberian hares, sold a doe to a Colbat man at the Guelph Winter Fair for \$500.00 and refused \$500.00 for a buck.
- Complying with the regulations of the Milton Board of Health regarding public gatherings the Warden's Dinner to which invitations had been sent out for Tuesday, was withdrawn.
- Walter Readmore, of Lowville, was a successful exhibitor of Hereford cattle at the Guelph Winter Fair. He donated a fat steer to the Milton Red Cross and Daughters of the Empire. At auction it brought \$125.00.

#### MARCHING INTO GERMANY

Pte. John Watson with a Contingent Detailed for the Rhine

A letter received this week by Mrs. Janet Watson, Willow Street, from her son, Pte. John Watson, of the 4th Battalion, J. E. F., in France, has interesting information. It says: Belgium, November 17, 1918

Dear Mother:

I am on a journey which perhaps you will read about in the papers. We march through until we reach the Rhine. It is a great trip, and I will have a trek of about 150 miles. We walk ten to fifteen miles a day. I think we are the first division to leave for Canada when peace is proclaimed.

I never saw such fields in my life. We had a big day yesterday at Mons. The weather is getting a little colder. We are now in a warm stove in a Belgian home, and it is quite comfortable. We are near two big coal mines. The coal is carried up to a height of five hundred feet.

The people here use us pretty good. It is getting more like home all the time. The French and Belgians try to explain things to each other. I have learned quite a few words in both languages. It is a great thing to understand. The people are amused with our Highland kilts. They touch us on the legs and ask if we are cold.

I am quite well, and you all are at home. I will be glad indeed to get home again. Wish you all a merry Christmas.

Your loving son,  
JOHN

#### OLD HULTON BOY NOW IN TORONTO BUYS PASSMORE FARM ON FOURTH LINE WEST OF CHINGUACOUBY

Mr. Fraser Hult has decided to go back to the farm. The Passmore farm is a lovely old homestead of 140 acres with good buildings and fruit trees. The sale was made by the Willoughby Farm Agency.

### News of Local Import.

**Fine Record for Red Cross Workers**

Among the workers who have done splendid service in the preparation and distribution of supplies for soldiers in the field and in the hospitals, in Mrs. James Henderson, Marie Hisset, mother of acting-treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, acting-treasurer, the list is long. Mrs. Henderson has sent 101 parcels, 19 pairs of wristlets, made 101 hospital suits and 17 pairs of socks.

**F. Kennedy Re-elected Superintendent**

At the annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Association, held at the home of Mr. Frank Kennedy, on Tuesday evening, Mr. Kennedy was re-elected Superintendent for the third year, with Principal Howard and Earl Young as Associate Superintendents. The reports were very satisfactory. The preliminary offering are largely in excess of last year.

**A Delightful Trip Through the Rockies**

At the invitation of the Township League on Monday evening Mrs. Bertie Smith made a delightful travel talk, describing her recent trip through the Rockies and at the coast. Mrs. Smith's word pictures of the many points of interest in the mountains, along the rivers, the cascades, the glaciers, and numerous other features was captivating.

**Rev. J. C. Wilson's Activities**

Last Sunday Rev. J. C. Wilson, D.D., preached anniversary sermons at St. Paul's, Toronto, and at St. Paul's, Guelph, of that charge, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church here. On Tuesday evening he was invited to be Moderator of the churches at Lockwood and Eden Mills since the death of Rev. Mr. Deane, the inductor of the new minister, Rev. Gilbert C. Little, B.A., late of Palafay.

**Hydro-Electric Revenue \$12,000**

The revenue for the current and power from the Acton Hydro Electric system for the month ending November 30 totalled nearly \$1,000. The receipts for the year will aggregate about \$12,000. When the Hydro system was installed Acton had slightly over 100 metres; to-day there are about 400 consumers of electric current in town. There is a great saving in cost, since the Hydro system was installed here the price of lamps has also been considerably lowered, and a further saving in the price of tungsten and nitrogen lamps is looked for early in the new year. The Hydro system has been a great benefit to Acton and its citizens, and became available at a time when large expenditures for additional capacity of the old steam plant were imperative.

**Visited His Home of Forty Years Ago**

Mr. Fred H. Ross, a prominent real estate man of Toronto, made a brief visit to his boyhood home here on Tuesday. Mr. Ross is the eldest son of the late Mr. Ross, who was principal of Acton Public School from the time of the resignation of the late Robert Little, until the appointment of his successor, the late Thomas T. Moore, in 1872. Mr. Ross was an apprentice on the Fox Press for a time over forty years ago, and related interesting incidents of those early days during his visit. He enjoyed a visit to the old school and endeavored to search out some of the hand marks of long ago. He has two sons overseas, one of whom is an officer with the Imperial War Service. Mr. Ross's household last month when the eldest daughter died of influenza, after having given her service for a month or so in nursing influenza patients.

**Mr. Patterson Sells Meat Business**

The visit of Rev. W. A. Potter, M.A., B.D., Professor in Oriental Languages and Literature at Victoria University, Toronto, last Sunday, was greatly enjoyed by the congregation of the Methodist Church. It was the occasion of the Educational Anniversary and Professor Potter presented the interests of the Educational Society and particularly the work and claims of Victoria University.

**The I. O. O. E. Charity Concert**

The concert given in the town hall last Thursday evening under the auspices of the I. O. O. E., and for charitable purposes, was a decided success. The attendance was good and the programme presented was of a most interesting character. The concert was given by Mrs. Maunsell and Miss Hymen, violinist, and the presence of Miss Hymen, violinist, of Kitchener, who had already won a warm place in the hearts of the Acton people, added to the interest of the evening. Her violin numbers were most artistic and all were skilfully executed. A piano number by this talented young lady was also appreciated. Miss Elsie Stewart gave a reading which was a most successful feature of the evening which was well worth a place on the programme. The drama, "The Ladies' Masquerade," was an amusing take-off on the brethren of the various secret societies. It pleased the audience very much. The numerous selections by the Methodist Sunday School Orchestra added a feature which is always acceptable. Miss Gray was the accompanist for Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Nicklin.

**In Memoriam**

JOHN H. HAMILTON

For over thirty years John H. Hamilton, prominent manufacturer of Guelph, has been one of the best known business men out of town, who visited here. He was popular here and had a large business acquaintance. He was one of Guelph's prominent citizens, and has been a resident here for two years and was for 18 years an inhabitant. His death took place at an early hour on Sunday. He had been ill for some time and his passing away was not unexpected. His business he was the senior member of the firm of Hamilton & Sons, dealers in hardware. He was a prominent citizen and was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. In the death of Mr. Hamilton three years ago, and his eldest son last year, Mr. Hamilton was sorely stricken. Two sons and a daughter, Charles H. and Albert Claude Hamilton, both of the firm of Hamilton & Sons, and Laura, deceased, all at home, survive. Mr. Hamilton was a man possessed of many excellent qualities. Those who were familiar with his friendly and cheerful little daughter, the charming little daughter of Mr. Wallace, this one will be especially in demand.

### Social and Personal

Mr. Frank Hayers, of Toronto, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. H. P. Caldwell, of Weston, visited Acton friends last week.

Mr. Norman Dryden, of Guelph, visited Acton friends last week.

Miss Pritz, of Guelph, spent the week-end at Mr. William Johnston's.

Miss Jennie Whitley is home from McDonald Hall, Guelph, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. C. Williams, of Hault St. Marie, made friends in the old home a brief visit this week.

Miss Turner, of Haldimand, was a guest at the home of Mr. John R. Kennedy, last week.

Mrs. Hartley Harrison and Miss Bell of Rockdale, are visiting at the home of Mr. D. C. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hatham are spending the winter with their daughter at Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Alex. McIsaac attended the funeral of his friend Moses Hoptelster, at New Hamburg, on Friday last.

Mrs. F. A. McLean and babe, of Watford, are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. William Johnston.

Mr. Charles Conway, who spent a week or so at Haultville, and Mrs. Conway at Toronto, returned home on Monday.

Mr. J. Chrysler, of Hault St. Marie, teacher of manual training, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Janet Watson, Willow Street.

Mrs. A. B. Stewart and her son, Mrs. Robert W. Stewart, who recently returned from France, spent Saturday with Georgetown friends.

Mr. William Jones, of Burgessville, was a guest at the Methodist Parsonage a day or so last week. Mr. Jones was a Judge at the Winter Fair.

Mr. Hugh Cameron, of Barrie, spent a few days during the week with his brother and other friends. Mr. Cameron is always a welcome visitor to the old home.

Mrs. A. H. Brown, who was taken suddenly ill in church on Sunday morning, spent a couple of days at the home of her son, Mr. A. T. Brown, and was then able to proceed to her own home.

Rev. J. W. McLeod, of Pittsburg, Pa., has accepted a call to the West Hill Church, Scarborough, and will leave the United States and come to Canada to his new charge in January. Mr. McLeod is a son-in-law of Mr. R. J. Kerr, Young Street, and is well-known here.

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore and Capt. Oliver Hexelwood, of Toronto, left New York for Great Britain and France on Monday. They will obtain information which will assist the church in dealing with the returned soldier problem in the most effective manner and in giving the maximum amount of help to the veterans and their families. They undertook this work at the request of the combined churches of the Army and Navy Board and the Department of Evangelism and Social Service.

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**INTERESTING EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY**

Splendid Address by Prof. Potter, of Toronto, in the Methodist Church on Sunday

The visit of Rev. W. A. Potter, M.A., B.D., Professor in Oriental Languages and Literature at Victoria University, Toronto, last Sunday, was greatly enjoyed by the congregation of the Methodist Church. It was the occasion of the Educational Anniversary and Professor Potter presented the interests of the Educational Society and particularly the work and claims of Victoria University.

At the morning service the Professor gave most interesting information respecting the history and work of Victoria. It is a grand thing he said to be well-born with a clean parentage. The third chapter of Proverbs wisely proves this. The Methodist Church was the only church in the world born in a university. In old Oxford itself and in a prayer meeting in which John Wesley took an active part. No wonder our church has always placed to the front the necessity for education. An educated ministry is at the backbone of every successful church.

Victoria was the first college established in Canada with a Royal charter. It was opened in 1828 and had given eighty-four years of service. It has over 2,000 graduates in arts to its credit. More than 1,000 ministers have been prepared for their life work and of the 45 missionaries of the church in China and Japan, Victoria has educated 42 of them to carry the living message to the mission field. For twenty-five years Victoria graduates have every doctor who took out his degree in Upper Canada. This department was, however, discontinued, when the Medical College was opened in connection with Toronto University. Since 1852 Victoria has been located in Toronto and affiliated with Toronto University. Over 600 graduates and undergraduates enlisted for service in the great war, for which Germany's godless universities were largely responsible because they perpetuated militarism. About ten per cent of Victoria's men in khaki have made the supreme sacrifice.

At the evening service Professor Potter preached an able sermon which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. From Genesis 22: 12, "Thy name shall be no more called Jacob, but Israel, for as a prince thou hast power with God and with men and hast prevailed." The blessing and value of a good heritage was aptly impressed. "A good name is better than great riches." No man being ever attained to God's best who has not had the heritage of good parentage. Make a fortune for your children if you can make it clean, but above all things have them with a clean, wholesome, beautiful character in their parentage. He men and women who know God as a personal friend. Many parents put handlopes on the character of their children. It is worth while for our own sake and our children's sake to live clean lives. Jacob learned this to his sorrow, but God succeeded in making of him a new manhood and he gave him a new name.

Generous offerings for the Educational Fund were presented during the day.

The choir rendered special music. It was a great pleasure to have Miss Hattie Smith in her place again, after an absence of several months in the West.

#### NELSON FARM GOES TO IDLINGTON MAN

The 200 acre farm belonging to W. Nelson was purchased by A. B. Wood, of Idlington. Sale was made by Willoughby Farm Agency.

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1914	32,750,000	31,284,000	44,832,000
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1916	45,830,000	31,860,000	57,255,000
1917	55,758,000	34,111,000	65,524,000
1918	60,514,000	46,111,000	74,554,000

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- 80 ACRES—ACTON 1 1/2 MILES—ON THE COUNTY STONE ROAD  
65 acres workable; balance bush; 1 acre orchard; 25 acres fall ploughed. Soil dry to gravelly loam. Good water. Brick house, 10 rooms, furnace, Bank Barn, L shaped on stone foundation 66x36; 1 lot 20x30, pig pen underneath. Driving shed, water in stable, windmill. School 1 lot. Church 1/2 mile. Rural mail and telephone. Price \$7,500. Terms arranged.
- 145 ACRES—ROCKWOOD 2 1/2 MILES  
89 acres workable, balance bush and pasture; 2 acres orchard; 40 acres fall ploughed. Good water. 10x10x12 cement house, 10 rooms, stone foundation, splayed cellar. Bank barn, room for 40 head of cattle, good granary. Hen house, driving shed, 2 lots. Church 1/2 mile. Rural mail. Price \$5,500. Cash payment \$1,000.

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