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Mr. Adam Cook will have charge of our wagon in the district surrounding Acton.
We thank our many customers for their past patronage and trust for a continuation and will always endeavor to give full satisfaction.
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Best Values **D. C. RUSSELL** Honest Dealing
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Store Closes 6.30, except Friday and Saturday

Richard Cook Shot Fatally in Michigan

A Stray Bullet from Rifle in the Hands of Boys Takes His Life

LIVED IN ACTON MANY YEARS

The Grand Rapids, Mich., Press of June 2 gives the following particulars of the sad ending of the useful life of Richard Cook, son of the late Thomas Cook, of Acton, who has been a resident of Grand Rapids for several years.

Richard Cook, aged 58 years, died at Blodgett hospital late Sunday afternoon, of injuries received when hit by a stray bullet fired by two sixteen-year-old boys last Monday. The boys were shooting at a bottle used as a target. Mr. Cook's home is at 216 Houseman Avenue. He leaves a widow and four children. Dominic Jasinski and Albert Stellard, the boys responsible for the regrettable accident, were taken into custody but later released. Their rifles were confiscated.

The following words of appreciation and information are supplied by Mrs. Minnie Cook, wife of George W. Cook, brother of deceased, who also resides in Grand Rapids:

It is with deep sorrow that I advise you of the death of our dear brother, Richard. His sudden death has been a great shock to us all over here, but we know that with Richard sudden death meant sudden glory. The newspaper clipping will explain the cause of his death.

Richard was born on the homestead in Esquesing, four miles from Acton, on July 20, 1860, and died June 1, the anniversary of his only sister's death.

In early manhood he was converted and joined the Methodist Church, and ever since has been a faithful, consistent follower of the Christ whom he loved. Faithfulness was the keynote of his existence. After his father's death he and his mother and brother Harris removed to Grand Rapids, Mich. Seventeen years ago he was married to Jennie Van Buren, who with three sons and one daughter survive.

On coming to Grand Rapids he united with Trinity Methodist Church and remained a faithful member until his untimely death. He had risen to a position of trust with the firm by whom he had been employed almost ever since he came to Grand Rapids. His home life was ideal, and he was striving to bring up his young family to be upright, honorable men and women, setting a daily example before them. His life amongst us was a benediction, and his memory will always be a fragrant one. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

The funeral on Tuesday, June 3, was very largely attended, the service being held in Bethany Reformed Church, as Trinity Methodist Church had been destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

Besides his wife and four children he leaves five brothers, Christopher, George W., and Harris, of Grand Rapids; Thomas, of Toronto, and David, whose whereabouts are unknown.

General sympathy will be felt here in the old home for the members of the family so suddenly and sorely bereaved.

Angus McTavish Met Death at Work

While Engaged as a Bell Telephone Employee was Electrocuted by Hydro Wire

FUNERAL HERE ON FRIDAY

Angus McTavish, a Nassagaweya man, but who had been in Acton and vicinity nearly all his life, an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, was electrocuted shortly before noon last Wednesday, while at work at Port Credit. Mr. McTavish and a number of other men under Foreman Thomas had been engaged in putting a new telephone line through from Toronto to Hamilton. That morning deceased, who is a ground man, was working at the reel, off which the wire is wound on to the posts. In some way the wire which was being strung came in contact with another wire carrying a high voltage of electricity, and the current was conveyed down the reel, where McTavish was almost instantly killed.

Deceased was 56 years of age and is survived by two daughters and a son, Mrs. Arthur Covert, Buffalo; Miss Edith, also of Buffalo and Archy, of Detroit. Mr. McTavish was married to Miss Annie Gordon twenty-eight years ago the day of his death. Mrs. McTavish died twenty-one years ago. He had been working for the Bell Telephone Company for several years.

Undertaker Johnstone brought the body from Port Credit on Thursday and the funeral was held from the residence of Mrs. Arch. McTavish, Mill Street, on Friday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Alaska, his brother, was attending the meeting of the General Assembly at Hamilton when the sad news reached him. He came over and attended the funeral. The daughters and son were also present and the following friends from a distance: Miss Jean McTavish, Mr. Charles McTaggart, Miss Jean Whitley, Guelph; Dr. and Mrs. McTaggart, Brookville; Messrs. Neil and Arch. McMillan, Campbellville; Mr. William McMillan, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Ramshaw and Miss Ramshaw, Toronto; Mrs. James McNair, Campbellville; Mrs. Gordon, Brantford. Mr. Thomas, foreman of the Bell Telephone gang and all the men came to pay their respects.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., conducted the funeral service. Interment was made at Fairview Cemetery.

A Guelph Doctor's Laddie Travelled

There was quite a commotion in a well-known local medical man's household on Wednesday afternoon when it was discovered that this little son and heir-of-the-home was missing. Last seen he had been in an ice-cream parlor on Wyndham Street. Thereafter he disappeared from public ken. This was in the afternoon, and it was not until several hours later when the Toronto Suburban car arrived that the little chap was returned to his anxious parents' custody by the conductor, who carried the little chap off the car fast asleep. Evidently that boy is going to be a traveller, for when he left the ice cream parlor he boarded a Suburban car for Toronto. When the conductor discovered he was alone a Guelph lady identified the lad. There was nothing else to do but take the little fellow on to Georgetown and then put him on the up-bound car. This was all in the game for the youthful traveller, who seemed to enjoy his adventure.—Herald.

News of Local Import.

Masonic Service at Knox Church

The members of Walker Lodge and visiting brthren will attend divine service at Knox Church next Sunday evening. Rev. Bro. J. C. Wilson, B. A., pastor of the church, will preach a special sermon for the occasion.

Another Reception to Returned Men

The Reception Committee of the town will hold another civic gathering next Tuesday evening to welcome home the soldiers who have returned since the last reception was held. There are twelve or fourteen men who have reached home since the last welcome home gathering three weeks ago.

Chautauqua at Georgetown

Georgetown seems to be able to land the best for her citizens and the surrounding country. Chautauqua, to be held there again this year, from June 26 to July 2, promises to be even better than last year, and that is saying a good deal. No one should miss it. It is the biggest treat for the money it is possible to secure. Get a program and see for yourself.

A Lawn Social and Towel Shower

A lawn social and towel shower, under the auspices of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mr. John Stalker, 3rd line, Esquesing, on Thursday evening, June 19, at eight o'clock, new time. A splendid programme is being prepared. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Conveyances at the Post Office at 7.30 o'clock.

Acton and Newspaper Complimented

Mr. George C. Templin, editor of the Fergus News-Record said in the last issue: "The Editor had the pleasure last week of calling upon Mr. H. P. Moore of the ACTON FREE PRESS in that business town. It was out first visit there and the impression was certainly favorable. We had often been told by travellers that this office was a model of neatness and we found it just as described. Mr. Moore has a fine equipment, and publishes one of the best weeklies in the Province. Our city fathers should take a trip to that town to see how their main street is lighted. In this respect Fergus is a back number."

The First Bowling Match

The first match on the bowling green of the season took place on Saturday afternoon. Three rinks from Guelph came down and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The various rinks and scores were as follows:

GUELPH	Score	ACTON	Score
Dr. Lowry skip	26	W. McNabb skip	23
N. Akins skip	26	E. Hassard skip	22
G. Yates skip	26	W. Gould skip	26
Total	78	Total	68

Guelph won by 10 shots. Two or three rinks of Acton players are going to Guelph for the Central Bowling Tournament on June 16 and 17.

Enjoyable Euchre and Bridge Party

The Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club held a very pleasant social function on Tuesday evening in the form of a euchre and bridge party. The spacious residence and grounds of Mr. A. O. T. Beardmore were thrown open to the club for the holding of this affair and the ideal weather added to the attraction of the party. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Beardmore was lavish and enjoyable and the members of the club and their wives fully appreciated their untiring efforts. Between sixty and seventy members were present. Dainty refreshments were served and beautiful prizes were awarded the winners and losers in both the euchre and bridge games.

Horses Died from Heat

The excessive heat of the last week or more has had its effect on horses doing heavy farm work, such as seeding. The hot spell came so suddenly that they had no chance to get accustomed to the unusually strong sun and the great heat. In a number of cases our veterinary surgeons have been called to care for sick horses, and in most of cases the trouble was due to the heat. In two cases the results were fatal. On Monday a work team belonging to John Wilson, Jr., was working on the Middle Road farm and known as the Dr. Tice farm. Toward evening both became sick and were taken to the stable. In half an hour one was dead, and with with great care the other pulled through.—Oakville Star.

Narrow Escape of Rev. Mr. Maunsell

St. Alban's Church came very near losing their esteemed rector, Rev. E. F. Maunsell, M. A., last Sunday. Just after the morning service in St. John's Church, Rockwood, and before all the members of the congregation had dispersed, a heavy thunderstorm broke. Rev. Mr. Maunsell and Mr. Mellen, the organist, were selecting hymns when the church was struck by lightning Both were stunned and knocked to the floor. They soon recovered and Mr. Maunsell was able to walk home to the rectory here afterward. Some slight damage was done to the church and vestry, a small portion of plaster being knocked off. Sulphuric fumes were quite noticeable in the church. It was a miraculous escape for the rector and those in the church, and fortunate that the edifice did not catch fire. The lightning bolt also struck an elm tree close to the church, and stripped the bark from top to bottom.

Enjoyable Epworth League Banquet

The banquet tendered the Christian Endeavor Department of the Epworth League by the Missionary, Citizenship and Social Departments last Wednesday evening was a thoroughly enjoyable function. About 100 sat down at the tables. The menu was excellent for a warm summer evening and the programme was featured to be of interest to the League workers and helpful in the outline of work to be undertaken for the coming year. Rev. I. M. Moyer, the pastor, who had just returned from conference, was in a very happy mood, and was an excellent chairman. Reports from the various departments and committees were given by the Vice Presidents and Convenors, every one of which was full of encouragement and bright in the outlook. The sing-song section of the programme showed that the members could sing patriotic songs with a vim. Miss Minnie Bennett, the President of the League, showed her masterful grasp of the society's interests throughout the evening. H. P. Moore gave a brief address on "Young People's Opportunities." Miss Mabel Hoyle, President of Georgetown League, made a happy address. She always enjoys getting back to the old home church services.

Social and Personal

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Toronto, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and daughter visited friends at London last week.

Mr. E. H. Jordan and Miss Marjorie Lawson spent a week with relatives in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Bayers, of Toronto, spent Friday with Mrs. P. Bayers, Acton.

Mrs. William Williams enjoyed a week with friends in Bowmanville and returned home on Monday.

Miss Verna Dickinson, of Saskatchewan, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Lorna Kennedy.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy left last week to resume his former position in the Toronto and York Radial office.

J. P. Griffin, ex-Warden of Halton, and family, of Nelson village, have moved to their new home in Toronto.

Mr. Charles Pollock and Miss Lydia Ellis, of Milton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair, Lake Avenue.

Mrs. James Moore went to Dundas last week to visit at the home of her son, Mr. C. H. Moore, proprietor of the Dundas Star.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hutchinson and Misses Kathleen and Lillian, of Minot, N. D., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conway, Church Street, last week.

Mrs. Joseph Allen and little Miss Thelma accompanied Miss Vina Allen on her return from Owen Sound and will spend the summer months with friends here.

Mr. Roy McIntosh, of Orillia, was here this week. His son, Grant, accompanied him. Grant will remain with his grandparents while Mrs. McIntosh takes a trip to Medicine Hat, Alta.

Mr. Chester Wallace, of Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace arrived at Mrs. Hugh Wallace's on Saturday. Mr. Wallace returned on Monday but Mrs. Wallace will remain here for a month or so.

Mrs. J. W. Dodd and Miss Elva, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tipling, Mrs. Buchanan and little Miss June motored from Wingham Saturday morning and spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Frank Kennedy.

Miss Lucila Reid, accompanied by two other graduate nurses, Misses Lindsay and Malcolm, who are personal friends at the Western Hospital, Toronto, spent a day or two last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid, Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lake, of Powassan, made Acton friends a brief visit on Saturday. Mr. Lake, who was foreman of the Free Press thirteen years ago, went into business for himself first at North Bay and then at Powassan. He has prospered and extends a wide influence in the district of which Powassan is the centre. Mrs. Lake is an active woman of the community and is vice-Regent of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire.

Recital by Miss Gray's Pupils

Next Monday evening, June 16, Miss Lauretta Gray will hold a recital in Knox Church school room. A very interesting and versatile programme will be rendered by her pupils. A feature of numbers to be given by Miss Annature of especial interest will be a series Hymmen, violinist, of Kitchener.

Futhering the Waterworks Proposal

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council on Monday evening the Clerk was instructed to write to four prominent engineering firms requesting data as to the best system of waterworks to supply Acton's needs, the costs of plans and specifications, and the approximate cost of the system each may propose.

Church Union Scheme at Guelph Ended

The proposed union of the Congregationalists and Disciples in Guelph is off. An old trust deed of the Congregational Church property was discovered which sets out that the church can only be a Congregation Church, ministered by an accredited minister of the Congregational body, whose teaching shall be in line with the declaration of the union of England and Wales, made in 1833.

Baptist Convention at Kitchener

The general sessions of the Guelph Association of Baptist Churches have been held at Kitchener during the week with a large attendance of delegates. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. A. A. Hovey, of Galt, who spoke on the subject of "Reconstruction." The jubilee address was delivered by Dr. W. H. Cline, of Georgetown. In the afternoon Mr. E. D. Lang, Kitchener, delivered an address on the home training of children, which was followed by Rev. F. Thierry, of Grand Ligne, Que., who gave a description of mission work in that centre. In the evening a young people's rally was held, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. T. Green, Preston, on "What is the object of the B. Y. P. U.?" and by Rev. Dr. T. Wearing, of Woodstock, on "Christian Education." The election of officers for the Women's Auxiliaries resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Murrie, Stratford; 1st vice-President, Mrs. Gleason, Lakeside; 2nd vice-President, Miss Dayfoot, Georgetown; Director, Mrs. Barnes, Galt; Assistant Director, Miss Welland, of Guelph.

Earn and Save—School Pupils

There are many ways of earning money at this time of the year, especially for boys. We might suggest a few: (1) raking and cleaning up lawns and back yards. You will not need to go far from Mill Street to find a job, if you keep your eyes open; (2) selling papers; (3) running errands; (4) working in stores after four and on Saturdays; (5) delivering parcels or circulars for merchants (making your bicycle do its bit); (6) working in gardens; (7) have a garden of your own; (8) cutting wood; (9) washing dishes; (10) cutting the grass; (11) raising chickens and selling eggs; and ask your dad how many Thrift Stamps he will give you if you are on the honor roll this month. While having breakfast at Kitchener at a friend's home the other morning the Free Press man heard this dialogue: Geraldine, the little eight-year-old daughter—"Papa, here's fifty cents I've saved this week, will you please buy two thrift stamps for me when you are in the Post Office?" Father—"Why, yes, dear, how many stamps have you now?" Geraldine—"When you get me these I'll have thirteen; only three more until I can exchange them for a $5.00 Saving Stamp, teacher says." Father—"You're doing well, my dear."

Visits at Acton After 57 Years

John Bell, a Venerable Old Gentleman of 82, of Centreville Pa., Comes to See the Old Landmarks

IS DELIGHTED WITH THE ACTON OF TO-DAY

After an absence of fifty-seven years, John Bell, of Centreville, Pa., at the age of eight-two, finds himself possessed of a consuming desire to visit the scenes of his boyhood and young manhood at Acton and vicinity. In order to satisfy this longing this venerable old gentleman took the train on Monday at his Pennsylvania home for Acton, arriving on Tuesday morning. For two days he has revelled in visiting the scenes of Auld Lang Syne, in recounting reminiscences with old residents, telling stories of happenings which transpired in those far back days.

Mr. Bell was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to Canada with his father, the late Isaac Bell, in 1841. They settled on the town line between Erin and Eramosa, just above Crewsons Corners. Mr. Bell remembers very distinctly the Crewsons, Moores, Kennedys, Sopers, Cripps, McKeowns, Blacks, Pearens, Hills, Lambs, McIntoshes and others of that vicinity of sixty years ago and more, and can recall the members of the various families.

He says he was very intimate with the late Philip Hemstreet when he lived at Crewsons Corners and spent many a day logging with him in the bush; and that he was a frequent visitor at the home of the late Thomas Moore, Sr., on the first line, Esquesing. (These were the maternal and paternal grandfathers of the Editor of the Free Press.)

In his young manhood Mr. Bell learned the trade of carpenter and framer. He and the late Richard Hamilton built numbers of the buildings in Acton an vicinity. They built the store on the site of the Secord block on the south side of Mill Street for Mr. Benzie, one of our early merchants. This store was burned down about fifty years ago.

Mr. Bell's father was a great Orangeman. He was one of the committee which was instrumental in building the old Orange Hall which stood on the Rockwood crossroad just in the rear of the farm of James J. Hill's father. He died in 1854 and was buried in the cemetery at Churchill, the Rev. Hiram Denny officiating at the funeral.

In 1862 the family moved to Niagara Falls, N. Y. When the civil war broke out John Bell and his four brothers all joined the American Army. He was seriously wounded and is fortunate enough to receive a substantial pension.

After the war the family settled in the oil region in Pennsylvania and for half a century Mr. Bell has been a successful contractor at Centreville and vicinity. Two years ago Mrs. Bell passed away. He then retired from business and is now enjoying a well-earned rest from the activities and exactions of business enterprises.

Mr. Bell is a remarkably well-preserved man, stalwart and robust. His memory is excellent and he talks with remarkable glibness of events he remembers most distinctly in which such well-known citizens as the following were concerned: Squire Alex. Brown, Squire Alex. Grant, John Speight, Samuel Speight, Edward Moore, Asa Hall, Joseph Lasby, John Farmer, Edward and Benjamin Nicklin, Eli Snyder, Richard Hamilton, George Elliott, Peter Gibbons, Wm. Hemstreet, James Cameron, Simeon Anderson, John O'Connor, Joseph Allan, John Gamble, James Matthews, Robert Warren, John Burns, James Kelso, Tom Dunn, Erastus Hall, James Ryder, John Lightheart, Oliver Lozier and others.

The old gentleman is revelling in his experiences during this eventful visit. He says he has talked so much about Acton lately that his daughters at Centreville said to him: "Well, father do go back to Acton and satisfy yourself that the place and the people are as fine as you are always talking about." "I took them at their word, and here I am; happy that I came, and full of good things to talk about for months to come of the old home and home folks and their descendants, and what's more," he said, "here's $2.00 for which I want you to send me the Free Press for a year. I'll read every word it contains, and when the year is up you'll hear from me again. I'm glad to see evidences of Acton's prosperity. I wish you all continued success."

Seventh Line a Provincial Highway

Grading to Commence at Once on the Oakville End

FINE ROAD THROUGH HALTON

The Oakville Star gives the pleasing assurance that the seventh line through Halton has been decided upon by the Government as a provincial county road. The Star says:

Yesterday the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of Trafalgar were at the parliament buildings in Toronto determined to ascertain the highway department's intention in regard to the Seventh Line and Dundas Street.

These gentlemen contemplated doing some work on both these roads but could not proceed until it was known whether the government was going to take them over as provincial county highways or not. When once taken over the province pays sixty per cent. of the cost of all work for bridges, grading and stoning, and the same for maintenance.

The deputation were able to leave the department with the happy assurance that both these highways would be made part of the provincial system and that the work of grading might be started at once.

The specifications for this class of highway require that the road be at least twenty-eight feet between the ditches and that the stone be sixteen feet or more in width.

This will mean a good permanent road on both these highways in the course of a few years.

CLAIM YOUR SHARE

Everyone has a right to a certain amount of hardship, to his share of work and sacrifice. The friends who try to stand between us and everything hard are doing us a wrong. Claim your share of the hard things, the painful things, the things which make moral muscle, courage and endurance.

Acton's Love and Loyalty Commended

Concern for Comfort of Soldiers on the Field and the Hearty Receptions

ARE GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZED

The following interesting letter from Capt. F. W. Johnson, of the Pay Office at Bramshott Camp, England, will be read with genuine interest by our citizens:

H. P. Moore, Esq.,
ACTON FREE PRESS,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am writing to you to let you know that I expect to return home during June with Mrs. Johnson and baby when we expect to visit Mrs. Pearson for a while before I settle down to business.

Will you please therefore cut me off your mailing list for the time being and upon my return I will be able to give you my next address just when I know where I will be stationed with my company.

At this opportunity I would like to state how much your paper has been enjoyed. Mrs. Johnson forwarded it to me in France and I frequently found some one glad to peruse its chatty and newsy columns after I had read its contents.

I can assure you that the frequent reports of what the good people of Acton were doing for the boys during the war were read with pleasure and pride and showed what love and loyalty could accomplish in any community no matter how small. For its size I venture to say that Acton as a town will stand comparison with any other town in Ontario, all of which have of course done splendidly.

If those good people who have done so much for the comfort of the boys could hear the good things spoken of them in the field they would, I am sure, feel amply repaid for their labors.

We have read of the various home-comings of the boys from Acton where the people have certainly given them a real welcome, backed up by real recognition which the soldiers must appreciate very highly.

Mrs. Johnson and our "London born Canadian" are both very well and enjoying the beautiful early summer growth of the Old Country, and I hope soon to take them back to Canada when I shall take an early opportunity of making your acquaintance.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,
F. W. JOHNSON, CAPT.

THE DANDELION PEST

The thoughtful traveller, as he wends his way along our highways at this time of year, either in the fast-speeding motor or in the more prosaic horse carriage, must necessarily ask himself this question: What is going to be the result of the present unlimited and unchecked spread of this ineradicable weed—the Dandelion, on the agriculture and horticulture of our country?

A fortnight ago a vast sea of yellow met our gaze, stretching in all directions over meadow and pasture, roadside, lawn and garden. To-day these golden waves have disappeared and in their place an unending panorama of fluffy white has settled on every hill and plain and valley, illimitable millions of propagating seeds, light as air, but sure in germinating power, ready to be dispersed a thousandfold more generously than last year, by the first breeze that comes to waft them on to their future resting-place of growth and activity. A fortnight hence, it is true, these will all have vanished, but we can rest assured that next spring those myriads of eye-wearying golden dots that this year bespangled every lawn and field will have multiplied into billions, countless as the sands of the sea.

What is going to be the ultimate effect of all this? To check the spread seems out of the question, except by the ordinary farming and gardening methods, which can necessarily have no radical effect when it is taken into consideration that in every meadow the damage is done before the mower makes its appearance. Will not the incalculable increase of this weed in time impoverish the soil for the proper production of grains and hay, even if its existence and intensive rate of multiplication produces no other deleterious effect? What is its history in the past in Ontario, and was it ever known to be as prevalent as now? Is it likely, as we are told some other pests have done, to work out its own destruction and annihilation by over production? Nature, it is said, does nothing in vain and so this other question arises: Cannot the dandelion with its rapidly increasing monopolization of the soil of our province, if it cannot be checked in its sweeping course, be turned to some useful purpose other and further than its present very limited application to medicinal and vintage purposes? And lastly, the contemplater of these illimitable seas of yellow and white, a thousand fold more prolific and tenacious than the mustard, the Canada thistle or the ox-eyed daisy, asks himself: Are our Departments of Agriculture, Federal or Provincial, taking cognizance of the immense and increasing and overpowering grasp the dandelion is obtaining on our farms and along our roadsides, and are they taking any means for the stay or the eradication of this plague?—T. D. J. Farmer.

MILITARY NEWS

Pte. Ernest Barr arrived in Toronto from Vladivostock, Russia, on Saturday evening. After being discharged he proceeded to Galt, where Mrs. Barr has been residing for some time. Preparations have been made to give him a royal reception when he reaches the old home here.

Pte. Ernest Brown arrived home from France on Monday morning. He was accompanied from Toronto by his father, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Roy, Miss Bertha and Master Lloyd Forbes, who went to the city to meet him upon the arrival of the 102nd Battalion. Ernie looks well. His experiences in the war zone were exciting and interesting. He came over on the Mauretania which made the trip from Liverpool to Halifax in the record time of four days and eighteen hours. Pte. Brown was within fifty miles of Germany. He came to England on May 2 and enjoyed trips to London, Edinburg, Belfast and Dublin. Ernie is the sixth member of the Free Press' roll of honor who has returned home safely from the war.

Five women are to sit on the municipal council at Metz, and in the invaded districts of France wherever women have taken public office in place of men they have shown themselves capable.