

Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, \$1.00; Marriages, \$1.00; Deaths, 10¢; Memorial Cards, 10¢; per line extra for poems.

BORN  
HENDERSON—At Altona, Ontario, April 12, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. George F. Spencer, son—John Archibald, McInnes.

MARRIED  
RUTHMAN-HOWERY—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Wednesday, May 21, 1911, to Rev. M. Moyer, Edward Victor Bushman, to Victoria Henriette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Howery, both of Guelph.

DIED  
PRASCH—At his home of Mr. John M. Warren, 190 Wyndham Avenue, Toronto, on May 21, 1911, Marion E. (Minnie) Fraser, formerly of Acton.

MOUNTAIN—At the family residence, East Plumbrook, Sunday, May 21, 1911, Ethel Wingfield, widow of the late Alpheus Mount, in her 78th year.

HIGGINS—At Burlington, on Wednesday, May 21, 1911, Gerald Victor Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, the late Mr. H. Higgins, in his 24th year.

ALLAN—At Denver, Col., on Friday, May 12, 1911, John Campbell Allan, engineer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Acton, and brother of Mrs. C. H. Smith, aged 78 years.

CHAWPORT—At the home of her parents, 63 Devonshire Street, Guelph, on Friday, May 12, 1911, Mrs. Dorothy of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crawford, Guelph, in her twentieth year.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1911

### Brief Local Items

Gasoline is now selling in Toronto at 32¢.

It was a quiet, enjoyable Twenty-fourth.

Yours want Ads. to H.W. The Free Press will do the rest.

Heppeler Town Council imposed a tax of 12 on funerals held on Sunday.

Thomas L. Leslie has been made an official sheep shearer for the township.

New waterworks services are being installed daily by the waterworks staff.

Plant potatoes. They'll command more satisfactory prices next fall and spring.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will meet in Toronto on June 4.

Dominion Day is to be the next general holiday—just five weeks from to-morrow.

The next meeting of Esquerring Council will be held on Monday, June 12 at 10 o'clock.

The gardens have taken on a new evidence of vigorous growth since Sunday's showers.

Mr. William Landsborough, Lake Avenue, is rebuilding and otherwise improving his residence.

Alex. Joe has been appointed to succeed the late Peter Gibbons as a fence-viewer for Esquerring.

Tuesday night's showers, following Sunday's downpour, have given vegetation a gratifying impetus.

Gardening operations occupied the attention of most householders, on the morning of the holiday at least.

Next Sunday will be "Go-to-Sunday-School-Day" throughout America. Let's make it a big day and all go.

Dusty motor license numbers are against the law. A driver is liable to a fine if his numbers are not easily readable.

The Clarendon and Acton dairies will reduce the price of milk to all regular customers on June 1 to 10¢ per quart.

The Ontario Government Liquor Board has advanced prices \$1 per bottle since the new tariff came into effect.

Rev. Bro. J. S. Hamilton, D. D. G. M. Galli, will officially visit Walker Lodge, A. E. & A. M., on Monday evening, 20th inst.

Knox Sunday School will meet at 10 a.m. during the summer months and morning church service will be held at 11:15 a.m.

The 1,500 students attending annually the O. A. C. at Guelph, spend upwards of a quarter of a million dollars every year in that city.

Meers, Nell Gillies and G. H. Thompson were each paid \$118.00 as premium for their work as Township Assessors by Esquerring Council last week.

After the tennis tournament on Victoria Day the players assembled on the shore of Fairy Lake at Mr. L. H. Shorey's and enjoyed a picnic lunch together.

Boston Church Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday, June 18, following the regular service on Monday night at Wm. McLean's, Martin Street, Milton. Particulars later.

The pretty red roses predominated for lapel decorations. Stanley, a member of the Sons of England wore this much-prized emblem in connection with their District Church Parade.

The storm on Sunday evening appeared to play havoc with the electric wires. The lights were on and off intermittently all the evening, and were off for a short period during the church services.

The temperature last Sunday was in striking contrast to that of the previous Sunday. Last Sunday the mercury registered 86 degrees in the shade. The Sunday before it was only 8 degrees above freezing.

The large apple crop may reasonably be expected for this year. There was absolutely no frost during the blossom period and the blossoms were plentiful and had every opportunity for pollinating the fruit buds.

### HUMOR

Magistrate: "Can't this case be settled out of court?"

Mulligan: "Sure, sure—that's what we were trying to do you know, when the police interfered."

"Dad, what are the silent watches of the night?"

"They are the watches which their owners forgot to wind, my son!"

"Where are you going with that miserable-looking dog, Johnny?"

"I'm taking him to the dog show."

"But you can't win a prize with him."

"Well, maybe they'll give me a special prize for showing the kind of dog that no dog ought to be!"

### COLLECTION OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Canada's Field Crops Increased from 39 Million Acres in 1910, to 53 Million in 1911

For the fourth consecutive year since 1910, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has issued its annual "Agriculture" which in June makes their annual enumeration throughout Canada of the areas sown to field crops and of farm live stock. The census will be less extensive than before as card schedules distributed to individual farms. When filled and returned, the cards will be submitted to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa where the figures will be collected and Ontario and British Columbia, where the compilation will be undertaken by the Provincial Departments.

The object of these statistics is to take up a national agricultural stock-taking which is as important in the interests of our industry to those of our industrial to those of our farmers as are the conditions of our industry to those of our agriculture. It is the duty of the Dominion and Provincial statistical authorities to secure ultimately an annual return from every individual farmer in the Dominion.

In filling out these forms, farmers are not only advancing their own individual interests, but also those of the greatest national industry in Canada—agriculture, and the statistical standards, food marketing, transport companies, bankers, and all business men are keenly interested in obtaining the earliest possible information as to the quantity and value of the products of the land. The principal aspects of bankers in financing agricultural clients is the produce of the soil, early and accurate information as to which is available.

Some farmers fail to return the schedules from a mistaken fear that their taxes will be increased as a result. The fact is, however, that the taxes on the land are not connected with taxation at all.

The schedules are received and dealt with under the seal of absolute secrecy, and only the estimates of totals are used upon the reports published by the agricultural statistics, as published, may be considered as affording any guide to statements of proposed fiscal legislation. The information contained in the schedules is not likely to suffer as far as the statistical accuracy. They are as liable to be over-tax as under-taxed as the country's agricultural production.

Owing to the existence of these annual statistics, it is possible to show that the area under field crops in Canada has increased from about 39 million acres in 1910 to 53 million acres in 1911. This is a gain of 14 million acres or 36 per cent. The Canada Brick Co. have resumed operations and are in full blast.

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### OAKVILLE

The rails on Sunday and Tuesday proved very beneficial to the spring harvest.

Mr. Wm. Murray is improving and enlarging Blue Spring Park in readiness for summer picnics. Mr. Harold Wilson, Acton, will have charge of the park after he has been there for picnics this year.

Mr. H. H. Brown, Hamilton, spent the holiday with his parents here.

### TERRA COTTA

There is quite an epidemic of the mumps in our hamlet. All seem to be recovering nicely.

Miss Minnie Gandy, of the Guelph General Hospital last week where she has undergone a very successful operation. Her friends hope soon to hear of her ultimate recovery.

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### ROCKWOOD

Empire Day was celebrated here with games and sports, California band in the morning, band concert in the afternoon, a grand concert in the evening and music all day by the Whiteside Park Band were the attractions.

Mr. Harry was Rockwood delegate to the Liberal Convention at Guelph on Saturday.

Miss Minnie Nickel, of the Santarini at Kington, visited her mother here.

The new Methodist Parsonage now under construction on the York Road, near the Public School building promises to be, when completed, one of the handsomest houses in the town.

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### NORVAL

A Sunday School convention for Esquerring Township was held in the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon and evening of last week.

This is the first convention held since 1910, and the programme was interesting and varied.

Rev. T. A. Halpenny, Superintendent of the Ontario Religious Education Association, was present and showed the importance of the co-operative religious instruction work of the Protestant forces of the Dominion. A more detailed account of the work of the Association will be given in the next issue.

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