

Births, Marriages and Deaths are given in the columns following: Deaths, \$10.00; Marriages, \$10.00; Deaths, \$10.00; Memorial Cards, \$10.00, per line extra for poems.

BORN

McPHERRON—JIMMY, to Terrence, on November 26, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. McPherron, a son.

MARRIED

McPHERSON—MILTON, to Terrence, on November 26, 1921, son of John McPherson, to Edith, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of the late Mrs. Jenny Smith, formerly of Guelph.

DIED

LATHAMAN—A. J., posthumous, Arthur Street, Acton, on Friday, November 26, 1921, William Allan Lathaman, in his 70th year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1921

Brief Local Items

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Fire of an unknown origin, which burnt out in mid-night on Friday night, completely destroyed the large theatre building at the Ontario Hospital and caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars.

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"I am in the market for bids on one operation for appendicitis. One, two or five inch incision—with or without ether, also, with or without nurse. If anyone is found to be a surgeon worth quotations to include putting same back and cancelling order. If removed, successful bidder is expected to hold incision open for about sixty days, as I am in the market for gall-bladder operation for gall-stones at that time and want to save extra cost of outfitting."—Guelph City Post.

THE BURDEN OF TAXATION

The financial condition of Canada is serious in the extreme. The estimated expenditure for 1921-22 is \$600,000,000. That means an annual increase of over \$100,000,000. The estimate of the total cost of the Canadian budget is between \$100 and \$250, which makes a big hole in the average income. It may be contended that this is due to the war. Let us make this allowance for the war. Then—

Holders' Land, Bottles

Holdings, Civil Re-estab.

Holdings, Inc.

Demobilization

\$21,817,624.84

\$10,441,138.48

\$10,637,458.48, and the fixed interest charges of \$140,000,000, totalling \$230,687,458.48. From the total, estimate of \$1,352,000,000, the loss to the country is \$1,021,511,500. Many millions have been spent on the construction of what is generally known as convertible expenditure—the huge sum of \$367,805,261.46, between \$300 and \$400 per family.

It is evident that a large necessary expenditure on account of the war. It follows that the ultimate economy should be exercised in regard to all other items. The following statement especially points out it is useless to expect economy from the present Government. It has the war habit of mind. It thinks that because it is a war, it must do more than it would do in time of peace. In 1919 a million and a half were wasted on a needless extra soldier. The Prussian Act now involves an enormous expense which could have been avoided by one-half of the current lists. The estimates for the Mounted Police recently were \$4,764,000, and in addition it is proposed to add another \$1,000,000 for barracks for a permanent force but this was cut down owing to the protests of the Opposition. Already there are demands for a permanent army in the country. The drift of opinion and general public sentiment is in a departmental form. Here is an illustration of the war habit of mind.

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The Winter Fair

GEORGE WALLACE, GUELPH

Say, come and see me when you visit the Winter Fair this week or next.

I have some specials to show you. Think of it! Overcoats for Men and Young Men for \$10.00, which sold when ago at \$20 to \$35. Youths' Overcoats \$10 to \$15.00. Men's Hats, \$22.00 to \$25.00. Gold last year at \$7.50 to \$42.00. Many other real bargains at this Men's Shop.

LECTURE ON

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A Youthful Philosopher

When Mrs. Brown was walking with her small child, she happened to notice a boy foot worker, and asked Harry's Mother, "What is he doing?" "He is a philosopher," said the little girl, "but I just think what an awful nice boy his stomach's having."—Christian Conservator.

D. H. Lindsay

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Corn, per bushel, off car

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Bran, per ton

Good Grade Flour, per cwt.

70c.

\$24.50

\$22.50

\$4.00

70c.

\$24