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## THE METHODIST CHURCH ACTON

REV. I. M. MOYER, Pastor  
Parsonage—Willow St.

11 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: A Christmas Message.  
2:30 p. m.—Sunday School. A Ministry Thank Offering.  
7 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "A Perfect Christmas." Special Christmas Music.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
G. K. TYLER, PASTOR

10 a. m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11 a. m.—The Minister.  
7 p. m.—The Minister.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

## PRESBYTERIAN KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Minister—Rev. A. G. Stewart, M. A.  
Manse—Willow Street

SERVICES:

11 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Greeting of Christmas."  
7 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Glory to God in the Highest."  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 10 a. m.

The Guild—Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Strangers leaving address with the usher will be called upon by the Pastor.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

## New Advertisements

TABLE FOR SALE  
Hand extended table, 2 hours, fumed oak, new. A bargain for quick sale. Apply  
O. J. HEDWALD,  
Cameron Street.

FEEDING MOLASSES  
Parties wishing Feeding Molasses will be supplied if they leave their orders with Mr. Hedwald at the Farmers Club store, Acton, at once.  
R. N. BROWN,  
Secretary.

FARM WORK WANTED  
An able-bodied man, somewhat deaf, is anxious for work. Would spend the winter of a farm for his board and clothes, but must be advised at once.  
Address:  
JAMES A. HAMILTON,  
Acton, O.

CARD OF THANKS  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith desire to express their very sincere thanks for the kind words of sympathy and deeds of kindness bestowed on the occasion of the sudden death of their dear little babe, under circumstances which were unusually distressing.

A BARGAIN  
A square piano, taken in exchange from Mrs. J. M. Gray for a new Mason & Hamlin piano. A bargain at \$108.00. Terms: Cash or 3 months. Piano may be seen at John Moffat's confectionery store, Main Street, Acton.  
H. F. MATTHEW,  
John Moffat, Acton.

SHEEP LOST  
Eleven sheep and lambs, with tag bearing name in ear, lost about 4th of last week. Reward for return of any of the above, with tag, \$10.00. Return to  
L. J. CONY, 7th Street, Hamilton, 14-17.

A. O. DEFORNEY  
Is prepared to do night roofing and all kinds of sanitary work. Rubbish removed. All work guaranteed. For sale, soft, mixed and No. 1 hard at \$2.50 per ton. Cut 1 foot lengths. Hand saw work.  
A. O. DEFORNEY,  
Stone Street, Acton.

HARD WOOD FOR SALE  
Why burn coal at \$15 per ton, when for the same sum you can buy 4 1/2 tons of good hardwood, 4 foot wood, per cord. Cut lengths of 12 and 16 inches. \$12. Any quantity, however small or large, delivered promptly. Orders can be left with T. M. Gibbons, Mill Street.

P. HENSTON & SON,  
Lindsay, Ont.

## Merry Christmas

We take this means of extending to our friends in Acton the compliments of the season, and of wishing you the utmost joy during the Yuletide festivities.

Before you celebrate Christmas Day, however, you have still time to visit this big gift store, so that we may still proffer our assistance in solving your last-minute gift problems.

### Thousands of Gift Things

Are here arrayed for easy last-minute picking—useful, giveable and acceptable presents for Men, for Women, for Children.

### GOOD NEWS, TOO, FOR THOSE WHO NEED WEARING APPAREL

### Women's Coats at Special Christmas Reductions

REGULAR \$30.00—REDUCED TO \$22.50
REGULAR \$35.00—REDUCED TO \$28.00
REGULAR \$45.00—REDUCED TO \$36.00
REGULAR \$57.50—REDUCED TO \$45.00
REGULAR \$65.00—REDUCED TO \$48.75
REGULAR \$85.00—REDUCED TO \$65.00

### Super-Values, Too, in Men's Overcoats

At \$17.50	At \$25.00
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One hundred models in Men's and Young Men's Overcoats in good quality styles, medium and dark tweeds. Double-breasted ulsterettes with convertible collar, and full-length ulsters. Amazingly good values, if we do say it ourselves.

## D. E. Macdonald & Bros. Ltd.

GUELPH'S LEADING AND LARGEST STORE  
Wynham, Curden and Macdonnell Streets - Guelph, Ont.

## Xmas Specials

We have a large assortment and better prices on candies this Xmas than any previous. These reduced prices are for Three Days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, which are suitable for Xmas shopping. Copie in and let us show you that we are right.

Our Homemade Taffy, assorted, regular 30c. lb. Xmas Special, 21c. lb.

Don't forget our High-Class Xmas Mixture, which consists of assorted Jellies, Creams, Fudge and 50c. lb. Chocolates. Regular 40c. lb. Xmas Special Price 25c.

Also our famous assorted Chocolates. Regular 50c. Xmas Special, 35c.

Handrolates, regular 60c. lb. Xmas Special, 49c.

ASSORTED NUTS, 25c. lb.  
ORANGES, 60c. AND 80c. DOZEN

Also a full assortment of Ice Cream Bricks, which will be in time for dinner delivery.

Mill Street  
Acton  
**H. WILES**

## Say Merry Christmas Electrically

Give practical and lasting Electrical Gifts that will be appreciated all the year around. The Merry Christmas Electric Washer would be a useful gift that mother or wife would appreciate for years. Come in and look over our stock. You will find something appropriate that will settle the gift problem.

CHILLS, TOYS AND READING LAMPS

## Action Hydro Shop

Mill Street Acton, Ontario

## We are Now Ready for The Christmas Trade

With a Full Stock of the Following:

- 500 lbs. Nuts, all kinds, New-Flage, layer and cooking.
- Handmade all kinds, New Caramels, Handmade Almonds and Walnuts.
- Fresh Bulk Dates, New English Peas, Citron, Lemon and Orange.
- Fresh Fruit. (Watch our windows)

### CROCKERY AND CHINA

Plum and Clover Leaf Cups and Saucers. Fancy Cups and Saucers. Hot and Cold Teas, Mugs, Cream and Sugar, Poppy and Egg Shakers. A full line of Xmas Stockings, all sizes. A complete line of Candy.

GET THE HABIT—DEAL WITH

## D. C. RUSSELL - Mill St., Acton

## Acton Lady Aged 100 Years Died Sunday

### Mrs. Jane Diamond Passed Away at Home of Councillor Bell on Sunday

### REIGNED FOR MANY YEARS IN NABAGAWA

Last June Mrs. Jane-Diamond, who has reigned for the past four years with Councillor and Mrs. Bell, Church Street, over her hundredth year, and looked forward to reaching the full century, but death called her on Sunday, after a period of some weeks of gradually declining weakness.

Mrs. Diamond was born in Dawsonville, England, in 1822. She came to Canada with her husband shortly after marriage and settled in Nabagawa. Her husband died there in 1894, and in her lonely widowhood she was invited to make her home with Mrs. William Bell, who she did until Mrs. Bell's death four and a half years ago.

In this kind deed there is a pathetic story to relate. Mrs. Bell was with Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. George Eastbrook, when she was eighty-two years of age, and the birth of her baby daughter only a few days. Upon the death of the mother, Mrs. Diamond took the young girl and reared her with all the care and devotion of a mother.

When Mrs. Diamond's husband died, Mrs. Bell at once took her to her own home, and cared for her until her own death.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Bell took the old lady to their home and entertained her with loving care and solicitude until she was called home on Sunday.

Mrs. Diamond's only child is a son, who is 82 years of age, and resides in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been an invalid for some fifteen years.

Mrs. Diamond was a strong, healthy woman and never knew any chronic illness until a few years ago, after which she was confined to her bed for some months. She was a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Nabagawa.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was conducted by Rev. I. M. Moyer, assisted by Rev. J. H. Wilson. The bearers were James Eastbrook, John Simpson, David, Edward, Mervin and Alfred Wilson. Burial was made at Ebenezer Cemetery.

## In Memoriam

### JOHN CURRIE

After suffering about a week from pneumonia, John Currie died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin, Frederick Street, on Sunday evening, December 19, 1921. He was 82 years of age. He was a native of Scotland and had lived in Acton for many years. He was a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Nabagawa.

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## Death of President Findley

### The Head of the Massey-Harris Company Died on Monday

Thomas Findley, president of the Massey-Harris Company, and a Canadian with an international reputation as a financier and business man, died on Monday at his home at 146 Warren Road, Toronto. He was 65 years of age and had been in poor health for the past year, and had been for five weeks ago to take a long rest.

An early in five years ago, the deceased had sought medical advice, but it was of no avail. He was, however, that his constitution showed signs of a serious break-up, and at that time he resigned to Mr. Thomas Findley, his son-in-law, and general manager of the Massey-Harris Company. He sought also the medical advice of the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, but was unable to check the progress of his illness. Some five weeks ago, when practically at the last stage, he was taken to the hospital at St. Michael's, where he died on Monday.

Mr. Findley was a devoted husband and father. He was comparatively young, being only in his first year.

## LIMEHOUSE

Miss Shepard spent the week-end at Stratford.

Mrs. J. O'Neill spent a few days last week with her son in Toronto.

Mrs. LeVidovick and Mrs. H. D. McDowell have gone to Toronto to spend the week-end.

Mr. James O'Neill was called to Georgetown, owing to the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary Ann O'Neill.

Mr. Crofton Cowger, who went to Toronto for medical treatment a week or so ago, is progressing favorably.

Miss Lindy of Guelph was here last week and attended the funeral of the late Mrs. A. Wright.

Mr. Johnson visited her brother, Mr. W. W. Johnson a few days last week.

## OAKVILLE

This community was shocked last week with the sudden death of the little boy of the father and son in the Biggs house on the sixth floor, 111 Main Street, a bachelor of sixty years, was crushed to death in the stable by a horse. The father, Mr. J. Biggs, died the same afternoon. The Biggs family have been residents in Stratford for several years. They are highly respected.

Thanks to the assistance of volunteers, the new Oakville rink has been built in record time and will be ready to receive skaters on Monday.

Mrs. Phillips and children, of Howard Avenue, are preparing to leave for Chicago on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webb, of Kerr Street, left on Monday on a three month tour of the West Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robertson, of the Lake Shore, are spending the winter in California.

Cards of invitation and notices of meetings, in which the names of the persons mentioned are included in manuscript or typewritten, will hereafter require full two or three cents as postal rates.

## EARLY CHRISTMAS MORNING.



## News of Local Import.

### Toronto Suburban Christmas Schedule

Cars over the Toronto Suburban electric road will run on Saturday and Monday from Acton going at the usual hours. There will be a special run from Toronto on Monday, December 26, and also on January 2, leaving Toronto at 9:15 in the morning.

## The County Warden's Dinner

Warden John H. Elliott was the generous host at a dinner tendered the members of the County Council and others at the Hotel McMillan, Milton, on Tuesday evening. It was equal in all respects to many similar functions which preceded it. The Pass Pass was favored with an invitation.

## Our Merchants' Fine Displays

Our stores have been making exceptionally beautiful and attractive displays this Christmas. There is a wide variety of things new and ornamental to choose from, at prices to suit big and little purses. It will not appear surprising to mention E. J. Hunsford's attractive window, with its winter scene and boys and girls capering down the snowy hillside. The electric motor and mechanism give the scene life-like interest.

## The Big New Bridge Completed

George Barber was at the official opening of the new \$250,000 bridge on Dundas Street, in Trafalgar, on Monday afternoon. The bridge is the work of the County Council at Milton. Contractor McLeod evidently made more money on this last bridge than he did on the last one, for he built a couple of three years ago. He has bought the County Council and other county dignitaries at the opening of the bridge.

## The Vagaries of Women's Dress

It is not a laughing matter in commenting upon the absurdities of women's wear, as they use it in summer and in winter. They use it in summer in the style of women's dress, Mr. Justice Brannon declared while hearing evidence in a separation case in Montreal last Thursday afternoon. His Lordship added: "It has reached such a point that, in-day in and day-out, the fashion of the day is to wear women on the streets in delicate dresses—very delicate some of them—and wearing slippers and all other accessories in the months of summer with the warm fur of the winter fox."

## A Galleden Home for Christmas

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. May, the little seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, returned home from school feeling unwell. Her parents, thinking it was a bilious attack gave her the usual home remedy. Her condition, however, did not improve. She was taken to the hospital on Friday night. General sympathy is felt for the bereft family. The event is usually sad, coming as it does on the eve of the Christmas festivities.

## Mrs. (Dr.) Gray's New Residence

Mrs. (Dr.) Gray's handsome new home, at the corner of Church and Frederick Streets, has been completed, and Mrs. Gray and Miss Laura are getting comfortably settled there. This new residence is an splendid addition to our city, and the family will be pleased to have it. The building is a two-story with basement and attic, built of a heavy-toned brick, with a cement block foundation and cement floor. The interior is finished in a most attractive and elegant manner. It is a high compliment to Mrs. Gray's taste and judgment, and a credit to the building industry of our city. The building was erected by Mr. Cameron and is a fine example of modern architecture. The building is a two-story with basement and attic, built of a heavy-toned brick, with a cement block foundation and cement floor. The interior is finished in a most attractive and elegant manner. It is a high compliment to Mrs. Gray's taste and judgment, and a credit to the building industry of our city. The building was erected by Mr. Cameron and is a fine example of modern architecture.

## News of Local Import.

### Successful Laid Turkey Farmer

Miss Teal's family, of Milton, made a most successful turkey to the market in Toronto on Saturday. The engagement consisted of eighty extra large turkeys, which were sold for nearly \$4000. Miss Teal has been raising turkeys for several years on the farm at Milton. She has a reputation for raising the best turkeys in the county. Her turkeys are sold to the highest bidder, and she has a reputation for raising the best turkeys in the county.

## The Blizzards on Sunday

After raining all day Saturday and far into the night the temperature fell to below zero on Sunday. The blizzard was with snow and a veritable blizzard was raging. Throughout the day the streets were white and the snow piled up in places. The wind was from the west and the snow piled up in places. The wind was from the west and the snow piled up in places. The wind was from the west and the snow piled up in places.

## A Long-Deferred Auto Case

At the County Court last week before Judge Elliott, the action by Laid case was the only one on the docket, but it had a long history. It arose from a collision on Fair Night 1920, between motor cars driven by the plaintiff, Gordon Laid, and the defendant, Gordon Laid, of Toronto. Both men were fined as the result of the accident. The plaintiff claimed, and the defendant denied, that the defendant was at fault. The case was argued by Mr. J. W. Johnson for the plaintiff and Mr. J. W. Johnson for the defendant. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

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## Progressives Win a Liberal Stronghold

### North Oxford Elects David M. Ross in the Provincial By-Election

### WAS A LIBERAL CONSTITUENCY FOR OVER 10 YEARS

For over fifty years North Oxford has been represented in both the House of Commons and the Provincial Legislature by Liberal members. On Monday, however, it broke from its tradition and elected a D. M. Ross, a candidate of the Conservative Party, to the Legislature. David M. Ross, formerly a Liberal and now a Farmer, was elected by a vote of 1,383 over his nearest opponent, W. W. Day, Liberal.

The result of the voting follows: Ross, D. M. O., 1,387; Day, Liberal, 1,231; Neely, Independent Conservative, 25.

The by-election was caused by the death of John A. Calder, late Liberal member.

The township was a clean sweep for the Farmer, and Mr. Ross came out of the Liberal camp. The Liberal candidate, with 223 majority. It was expected that Mr. Day would do better there. All other townships, including those which were the bulwarks of Liberalism in the two-party days, gave overwhelming majorities to the Farmer's candidate.

The personal popularity of Mr. Ross counted for a great deal. He rendered the township splendid service in municipal affairs, which had won him a reputation for ability and perseverance. He is a brother of Mr. Ross, Editor of The Farmer's Sun.

The result greatly disturbs the popular and persistent cry of the Liberal party. The Liberal party which asserted with consummate assurance, since the formation of the Liberal party, that the Progressives were on the wane and would soon lose the province was in 1921. Mr. Day and other ministers spent a good deal of time in North Oxford during the campaign, and their influence was evidently salutary.

## Social and Personal

Mr. W. G. C. Kenney in home from Medical College, Toronto.

Mr. Jack McNeil in home from College for the holidays.

Mr. David Prober, of Niagara Falls, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Roy Brown in home from the University for his Christmas holidays.

Mr. L. H. Sherry has been in Niagara for a couple of weeks visiting relatives there.

Mrs. James Henderson, who has been in poor health lately, is not progressing very favorably.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin returned from his fall trip to the West on Friday, and will remain until after the New Year.

Miss Emma Henderson, who has been very ill, is now slowly recovering.

## Social and Personal

Col. T. H. Bace, of Mitchell, was here on Thursday in the interests of the National Association of Governmental Officials, and representatives of the Ontario branch of the National Civil Service Association.

Mrs. C. MacNab, Milton, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret, to Thomas Box Baker, Toronto. The marriage to take place the latter part of December.

Mr. Joseph Ryan, Mr. George and Miss Anna and Irene Mulholland attended the ordination of their cousin, Rev. Luther Story, to the holy priesthood, at the residence of Mrs. A. O. Deforney, on Monday evening.

Mrs. A. McTavish announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Annie Wyron, to Mr. Alexander Park, of Hamilton. The marriage will take place quietly at the New Year.

Miss Eva Johnson was taken suddenly ill on Saturday evening, and died on Sunday morning. An operation was performed during the night and she is doing as well as could possibly be expected.

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