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2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Prodigal and His Brother. The Father's Verdict."
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Men's Dress Shirts, regular $1.50, for	95c
Men's Cashmere Socks, in brown, grey and heather, regular 85c pair, to clear at	50c
Children's Stockings, regular 35c, for	25c
Boys' 2-piece Underwear, regular 85c per garment, for	65c
Girls' Vests and Drawers, regular 90c per garment, to clear	65c
Ladies' Drawers, regular $1.00, for	75c
Ladies' Stockings, in black and brown, regular 50c, to clear at	30c
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Men's Khaki Overalls, regular $1.75, to clear at	$1.25

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Political Pot Begins Boiling in This County

Much Speculation as to What May Happen in Premier Drury's Riding Next Election

THREE POLITICAL PARTIES PREPARING FOR THE CONTEST

Monday's Toronto Star had this pretty story from Milton respecting possibilities of the coming Provincial general election in Halton county:

With the belief that the Provincial elections are only a few months away, possibly in June, the political warriors of the three parties in Halton are getting their ammunition ready and hunting up their war paint for the coming battle, which promises to be the hardest fought and one of the most bitter conflicts in the history of Halton county, which has seen many political wars fought within her borders.

As regards the Conservatives, a standard bearer will be chosen at a convention to be held in Milton in March.

Encouraged by their victory in Halton at the last Dominion elections, the Conservatives express confidence that they can carry the county again in the Provincial election. The Conservative candidate will likely be chosen from the following prominent party men, all well known in the constituency: Mayor Irving, of Milton; J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown; W. H. Morden, Reeve of Trafalgar; M. C. Smith, Burlington; and George Hillmer, Reeve of Oakville.

Prominent members of the Liberal party say they are in favor of placing a candidate in the field, but believe it only right that the U. F. O. should drop out and allow the contest to be fought between the two old parties. Others, however, believe that it would be just as well to allow Premier Drury to contest the county and the Liberals and Progressives join hands in electing him. As far as the U. F. O's are concerned in the coming election, if that party decides to place a standard bearer in the political area he will be Premier Drury.

To place three candidates in the field in Halton would mean a sure victory for the Conservatives, it is said, and it is now up to the Liberals and Progressives of the county to get together and form an alliance for election purposes. It is a foregone conclusion apparently that either the Liberals or Progressives must drop their candidate in order to have a fighting change of defeating the Conservatives in the coming election in Halton.

If the Liberals decide to place a candidate in the field, one of the following strong party men will likely be chosen: Dr. H. A. McColl, Milton, president of the Halton Liberal Association; Duncan Campbell, lumberman, Moffat; or Charles Readhead, ex-Reeve of Nelson township, and an ex-Warden of Halton county. Fireworks are yet to come, but it is said they are coming and lots of them.

The Drury Cup Debates

Campbellville Representatives Defeat the Representatives from Acton U. F. O. Club Last Wednesday

Last Wednesday evening, 7th inst., the Acton U. F. O. debating team, Messrs. Will McDonald and Stuart Lowrie, accompanied by a sleighload of enthusiastic members, journeyed to Brookville to debate with the Campbellville debating team, Messrs. Gunby and Henderson, for the Drury cup. This cup was donated by Premier Drury to be debated for by the members of the various U. F. O. clubs of Halton, which county he represents in the Ontario Legislature.

The meeting opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf." Rev. G. S. Cassmore, of Ebenezer, was chairman of the evening, and in a few well-chosen remarks gave the chairman's address. Miss June Frank rendered a piano solo, which was very cleverly executed by that little lady. Miss Aleda Wilson then sang, with good effect, a soprano solo. Mr. Hector Worsfold also rendered a violin solo, which was appreciated by all present.

The main event of the evening, the debate, "Resolved that a farmer is better qualified to be a legislator than a lawyer," then followed.

The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Gunby and Henderson, of the Campbellville U. F. O., and the negative was taken by Messrs. McDonald and Lowrie, of the Acton U. F. O. club.

The affirmative maintained that a legislator should also be an administrator, while the negative held that the duties of a legislator were quite distinct from that of an administrator. The report of the judges was a majority report and the whole decision apparently rested on the construing of this one point, which was decided in favor of the affirmative. The debate was considered one of the best heard in these parts for some time.

The debate was indeed very close, as is shown by the fact that the judges, Rev. A. C. Stewart, of Acton, Rev. Mr. Strachan and Mr. Ed. Byerman, of Nassagaweya, were sixty-five minutes in making their decision. Whereas Messrs. Lowrie and McDonald had scored almost total point in oratory and delivery, it was decided that the Campbellville team scored the most points in general debate.

When the decision was announced Mr. Lowrie arose and congratulated the winners on their success; and wished them every success in the next debate. He also stated that he thought it would strengthen the good-fellowship between the two clubs if it could be arranged to have a series of debates among these two societies.

The time while the judges were making their decision was ably taken by piano and violin duetts by Mr. Wm. Frank and Miss June; solos by Miss Wilson, and violin solos by Mr. Worsfold. Rev. Mr. Cassmore, the chairman, also made several apt and timely remarks.

At the conclusion of the debate the ladies of the Campbellville club served luncheon to the debaters, judges and the Acton sleigh load, which was much appreciated by all.

Frances Niekawa To-morrow Night

Do not fail to hear Frances Niekawa to-morrow night, Friday, February 16. Miss Niekawa is a full-blooded Cree Indian, born at York Factory on the Hudson Bay, and educated at Norway House. She has recently returned from a successful season overseas, and is being received with enthusiasm all over Ontario. She appears in Indian costume and gives Indian stories from Pauline Johnson as part of her programme. The Methodist Orchestra and other talent will also provide numbers. A programme everyone would do well to hear. Miss Niekawa will appear at the Methodist Church tomorrow evening.

News of Local Import.

Halton Teachers' Salaries

The average salaries paid to teachers in the five towns of Halton county are as follows: Acton, $1,075; Burlington, $1,050; Georgetown, $1,056; Milton, $1,082; Oakville, $1,125.

Secretary Hydro Commission

At the meeting of Acton Hydro-Electric Commission last Thursday evening, Miss Bertie Speight was appointed Secretary-Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ethel Hurkman.

Operated on for Appendicitis

Councillor Frank E. Holmes was seized last week with appendicitis. His physician hurried him to Guelph Hospital where he was successfully operated on, and is making excellent progress towards recovery.

Sudden Death of Mail Carrier

Death came in a very sudden manner to Mr. Peter Clark, rural mail carrier, and a well known resident of Moffat, on Monday afternoon. When he collapsed on the road near the farm of Mr. Robert Amos, and passed away within an hour and a half after suffering a stroke.

Rapid Recovery of Oakville Folk

There were only about fifty or sixty people at each of the town churches last Sunday evening. The small attendance was due to sickness, but there was a rapid recovery on the part of many, as there was an attendance of about one thousand at the hockey match on Monday evening.—Oakville Star.

Enjoyable O. D. E. Dance Last Thursday

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held a most enjoyable dance in the town hall last Thursday evening. The crowd that attended was not as large as that which usually attends these functions, owing, no doubt, to the prevalence of so much sickness in the community. Masons' orchestra provided the music for the occasion.

U. F. O. Social Evening

The U. F. O. and U. F. O. W. will hold a Novelty Social at the home of Mr. Nelson McLaughlin, Nassagaweya, on Friday, February 23, at 8 p. m. sharp. A good programme will be provided. The following subject will be debated: "Resolved that a girl engaged in domestic service is better qualified as a housewife than the girl who works in a factory or office." Ladies provide lunch. Gentlemen 50c.

Mr. Gregory's New Theatre at Oakville

John Cameron, architect, has just completed a set of plans and specifications for R. L. Gregory's proposed new motion picture theatre at Oakville. The plan shows a fine brick structure 50x110, with commodious entrance, ticket offices, waiting and operating rooms, and a store in front. There will be seating accommodation for 600 persons. It will be constructed of brick, concrete and steel, and will be a handsome addition to Oakville's public institutions.

The Standard of Butter

While it is unfortunately true that the standard of Ontario butter is reported lower than that of any other Province in the Dominion, the standard of the butter which is manufactured in Acton Creamery is not responsible for the rather poor showing. Reports from week to week show the tests made of samples of butter from this creamery gave especially high grading. This is mentioned because The Free Press believes due credit should be given when it is deserved.

Delivery Horse Ignores Speed Limit

On Monday morning D. C. Russell's delivery horse took a run down Mill Street that was slightly over the speed limit. The sleigh collided with a hydro pole at the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets, and the box and back of the sleigh remained at the corner and the horse, with the front bob and shafts, ran down Mill Street, through the park and up Knox Avenue to Main Street, and was finally stopped at the Toronto Suburban station. Fortunately no one was injured, but the sleigh was badly damaged and the groceries badly spilled.

Senior I. O. D. E. Officers Elected

At the regular meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I. O. D. E., held last week, the following officers were installed for 1923:

Honorary Regent—Mrs. R. M. McDonald.
Regent—Mrs. L. H. Shorey.
1st Vice-Regent—Mrs Wm. Cooper.
2nd Vice-Regent—Mrs. C. A. Conway.
Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Gould.
Assistant Secretary—Miss M. Z. Bennett.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. M. Bell.
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. W. K. Graham.
Standard Bearer—Mrs. A. H. McLean.
Councillors—Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mrs. William Arnold, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, Miss D. Polster, Mrs. E. J. Nelson, Mrs. C. C. Henderson, Miss H. Wallace, Mrs. Jos. Holmes, Miss A. Stalker.

J. C. Hill Disposes of Coal Business

For twenty-five years Mr. J. C. Hill has been in the coal business in Acton, and conducted the weigh scales on which the stock, turnips, hay and other commodities brought to market here have been weighed. He has disposed of the coal business and the coal sheds on the east side of the G. T. R. tracks to Mr. Ambrose McCann and leased him the weigh scales and sheds at the corner of Mill and Wilbur Streets. Mr. McCann went to Fergus from Acton several years ago, and has been anxious to return here for some time. The removal of Mr. Hill from his activities in both the coal and weighing business will be generally regretted, because of his uniform kindness and fair-minded treatment of all having business relations with him. When coal was being distributed every one received due consideration, and many a person out of coal and out of money will remember his generous treatment of their needs. In the weighing of the thousands of cattle, sheep and hogs, and the thousands of loads of turnips, potatoes and hay every owner of these commodities has had absolute confidence that the weight marked on his weigh tickets when Mr. Hill handed it out would be fair and exact, because of his punctilious care in weighing and noting each load or animal. Mr. McCann has been in business before in Acton and will be welcomed back to town. Mr. Hill will now devote more time to his mercantile business.

—Jubilate with the Band at their Jubilee Concert on March 7.

Able Sermons at Knox Church Anniversary

Rev. George A. Little, M. A., B. D., of Toronto, was the Eloquent Preacher Last Sunday

LARGE CONGREGATIONS AT BOTH SERVICES

Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., the pastor, his officials and congregation must have been gratified with the splendid success of the anniversary services in Knox Church last Sunday. The weather and the roads were not very favorable, but there was, nevertheless, a large attendance at both morning and evening services.

In the choice of Rev. Mr. Little, the associate editor of the Presbyterian Publications, Toronto, as the preacher of the day, very fine judgment was shown. Mr. Little has always been a favorite in Acton. He is a preacher, able and energetic; one who views the affairs of life from a very human standpoint, and who has the faculty of making his discourses convincing, helpful and appropriate to the theme introduced in the chosen text.

At the morning sermon Rev. Mr. Little's theme was that Christ is the interpreter who can reveal to us the meaning of life. He showed that Christ has a programme for humanity and that He alone can unify the nations. It was a discourse of such a character as to impress his hearers with the great importance of permitting "Christ to have His way with us."

In the evening the text was Exodus 34: 14, "For the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." This may appear a strange subject to speak on in a pulpit from which is preached so constantly the love and fatherhood of God. Rev. Mr. Little remarked. Almost repellant to our ears after centuries of Christian teaching, is such a statement concerning the divine character. This thought has been a stumbling block to many, and it will continue to perplex until we approach it with this clue—that jealousy is the shadow cast by love. Here is a distinction between envy and jealousy. We are envious of that which is another's; we are jealous of that which is our own. Many truths can be understood only in the light of their opposites. Like the concave and convex surfaces of a bowl, they are not contradictory but complementary. God's jealousy must be viewed in the light of God's love.

The truth of this text becomes plain as we study it historically. Polytheism made a strong appeal to primitive minds. It was natural to have a god for the sun, the wind, the rivers and the flowers. In Greece and Rome this developed into a wonderful mythology. But the glory of the Hebrew people is that they were made the channel of revelation for the truth that God is one. The Magna Charta of their faith was: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one God." They pictured the nation as God's eldest son. "Whosoever touches you, touches the apple of mine eye." In return for God's care for them they felt it their duty to love the Lord their God with heart, mind and soul. What we see in Hebrew history is the doctrine of monotheism being woven into the thought of the nation, that through them it might be given to the world. The first two of the ten commandments were devoted to teaching that God is One and that He is to be worshipped exclusively and spiritually. Jew, Mohammedan, Christian, all hold the faith that God is One.

The same movement of thought may be traced in another sphere. Polygamy was as natural as polytheism among primitive people. When man was owner and woman a chattel there could be no protest against polygamy, but when family love developed polygamy became impossible, for true love is jealous. More than any law upon the statute book, the thing that keeps the Salt Lake City ideal of marriage from spreading is the jealousy of true love. In Mormon districts there have been bi-furcated houses, but it is the death of real family love, for there cannot be a bi-furcated heart. Shakespeare studied jealously in the play, "Othello," and represents a noble man losing reason through jealousy, but it was the jealousy of love.

Modern science also illustrates the truth of this thought. One of the fundamental principles of science is that we are living in a uni-verse (turned into one). The discoveries of science are made possible by faith in the uniformity of nature, the universality of law and the constancy of action and reaction. The differential calculus holds good on planets billions of miles away, and the multiplication table is the same for Mars as upon earth. We are fond of expressing religious truth in scientific language. The early Hebrews often expressed scientific truth in religious language. May we not assume that they were groping after the modern scientific axiom of the uniformity of nature when they laid down the postulate that God is One?

There is a moral imperative in this truth also. God is jealous for truth and right. Put a hand in the fire and you suffer excruciating pain because you have transgressed one of God's laws. Tell a falsehood to a friend and suffer shame and you discover the penalty of broken moral law. God punishes transgression, sometimes immediately. Calvanism may have erred in philosophical overstatement but it held up the conception of a holy moral God, who could not condone iniquity. Patriotism is not enough to save the world; there must be wrought into the thoughts of mankind a sense of obligation to God. This thought of the sternner aspect of God's nature can be held quite consistently with faith in His fatherhood. He is a "just God and a Saviour."

This truth is in evidence in the New Testament as the Lordship of Christ. Who so compassionate as Jesus? We sing of Him as the Lover of our souls; yet He made the highest demands of faith. "All judgment is committed unto the Son." "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father except by Me."

Christ made great demands upon His followers. "Follow Me," He said. He demanded instant obedience. Harder still is His saying, "Whosoever loves father or mother more than Me, is unworthy of Me, and whosoever loves son or daughter more than Me, is unworthy of Me." A missionary leader has stated, "We could secure enough missionaries if parents did not object. But the world cannot be evangelized by orphans—somebody will have to leave home." Lordship means ownership, and the Lordship of Jesus Christ may at times be an uncompromising thing if we mean what we say when we call Him Lord.

It is interesting to note that the words, jealous and jealousy in the Old Testament and the words zealous and zealousness in the New Testament are the same. When Jesus cleansed the temple the disciples remembered the words from the 69th Psalm: "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." Christ was jealous for the temple which was intended to be a house of prayer.

In daily life this truth presents itself to us as concentration. Memory is a jealous goddess and demands close attention. Will-power comes from concentration. The X-rays are so concentrated that they penetrate solids for there can be no reflection since there is no refraction. Christ said, "the light of the body is the eye." The eye were meant to focus. As well try to see double as to try to serve both God and mammon. Paul said: "this one thing I do—" not those forty things I dabble in.

The New Testament gives the highest title to Christ. He is Lord. What of our Christian experience? Is our religion only a side-line with us, or is it the animating, dominating purpose of our lives? There is all the difference in the world between maximum and minimum Christians. Christ could win the world in a generation with maximum Christians. More than upon the law, the responsibility for the moral welfare of the community rests upon the church. Shall we yield homage to Christ, our rightful Sovereign? Shall we before God vow to

"Follow the Christ, the King,
Live pure, speak truth, right wrong,
Follow the King?"

The choir, under the leadership of Prof. Kelly, choirmaster, rendered special music which the congregations greatly appreciated. Master Harry Kelly sang a solo with fine effect, and the male quartette of the choir rendered selections at both services.

As usual the spirit of Christian unity was manifested by the sister congregations. The Baptists and Rev. Mr. Howard attended the morning service, and the Methodists and Rev. Mr. Hackett were present in the evening.

—The Band is making it possible for everyone to attend their Jubilee Concert. Prices will be easy, but get your tickets early.

Social and Personal

Miss Florence Holmes was home over Sunday.

Mr. David M. Robertson, of Toronto, was in town last week.

Mr. T. D. Henderson, of Galt, visited here over the week-end.

Mr. Lloyd Keenny, of Toronto, was home for the week-end.

Mr. Noel Steele returned to Kitchener after a week's holiddys.

Miss Gladys Huffman was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Ruby Clark was home from Toronto for an over Sunday visit.

Miss Edith Armstrong, of Brampton, visited with Mrs. Alex. Armstrong on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Brown, of Georgetown, visited at Mr. D. H. Lindsay's on Sunday.

Miss Mamie Masales, teach at Eramosa School, was home during the week through illness.

Mr. T. A. Young, of Winnipeg, is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. D. H. Young, Main Street.

Messrs. Chester and Lloyd Laird and Miss Violet, of Georgetown, spent the week-end at the home of their aunt, Mrs. E. Huffman, Main Street.

Mrs. John Brown, Willow Street, has been critically ill this week. She was some better yesterday. Mr. Brown has also been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith went to Bracebridge a couple of weeks ago, on a visit. While there Mrs. Smith was taken ill with the "flu," and was quite ill for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Button, Hillsburg, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Edna May, to Mr. Wilson B. Button. The marriage will take place quietly this month.

Messrs. A. E. Nicklin and W. Hunter left for the spring trips to the West, and Western Ontario, and Mr. W. C. Plank to the East this week, in the interests of the Canada Glove Works.

Miss Effie Kennedy, of Dryden, spent a few days last week with friends in Acton and vicinity. Miss Kennedy was at Ottawa for the opening of Parliament, of which her brother is the member for Rainy River.

Mrs. John C. Nelson received letters this week stating that her father, Mr. James Brown, is very ill at his home in Los Angeles, Cal. He is now eighty-seven years of age. His Acton friends will regret to learn of his critical illness.

Mrs. McGarvin, of Mexico City, Mrs. C. W. Hill, of Munroe, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. H. S. White, of Kitchener, Mr. G. A. Peaker, Toronto, Mrs. Freeman, of Munns Corners, and Mrs. Somerville, of Chicago attended the funeral of the late J. E. McGarvin here on Saturday.

Mr. William Babcock, who went to Guelph Hospital with a fractured thigh and other injuries on November 21, returned home on Saturday evening. Mr. Babcock has made splendid progress toward complete recovery, and hopes soon to be able to get about without the use of crutches.

Cause of Mrs. W. Simpson's Death

The Rosetown, Sask., Eagle, in last issue, gave the following particulars of the death of Mrs. William Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart: "With the purpose of cleaning some children's clothing, Mrs. Simpson brought a can of gasoline into the house. The gasoline was too cold to handle and she placed the can on the stove to warm it. An explosion followed and Mrs. Simpson was enveloped in flames, but got the children safely out of the house. All her clothing was burned off. Mrs. Simpson died ten hours after the accident. Mr. Simpson and eight children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother."

Fires at Oakville and Milton

Four Oakville stores were gutted by fire Tuesday morning. The damage is estimated at $25,000. The stores destroyed are Jas. McDermott's barber shop and billiard parlors, W. R. Wales' grocery store, E. H. Gulledge's shoe repair, and Butler's shoe store. The only insurance carried on the buildings, it is understood, was $4,500 carried by Wales. The fire, which started at 6.30, in the morning, was two hours in being extinguished by the Oakville volunteer fire brigade. The buildings were very old, with the exception of the billiard parlor. No people were in the buildings at the time. . . . A destructive fire occurred in Milton the same morning, which totally destroyed the double brick tenement house on Mill Street, occupied by Ervin Durno and Ernest Smude.

Council Chamber to be Used as a School Room

Overcrowding of School at Easter Likely to Result in Another Teacher and Room Being Necessary

AUDITORS' REPORT IS ADOPTED

The regular session of the Council was held on Monday evening, with Councillors Harrison, Hell and Thetford present and Reeve Barber in the chair.

The Finance Committee presented their fourth report and recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Account

W. J. Reid, supplies	$ 1.80
Bell Telephone Co., services	6 15
J. B. Mackenzie, coal	14 50
Municipal World, advice	1 50
Town Hall, lighting	10 60
Street lighting	146 89
C. C. Henderson, auditor's allowance	35 00
Geo. Havill, auditor's allowance	35 00
	$251 50

Waterworks Account

W. J. Reid, supplies	$ 2 75
Bell Telephone Co., services	4 10
Hydro Electric Commission, power at spring	42 24
Hydro Electric Commission, power at pump-house	18 75
J. B. Mackenzie, coal	18 00
	$85 84

The report was adopted.

Mr. C. C. Henderson, one of the auditors, presented the auditors' report to the Council and explained in detail, phases of the report and changes that had been made. The Council expressed their pleasure with the very efficient manner the auditors' work had been done and Mr. Henderson complimented the town on the manner in which the books of the corporation were kept until said the auditors had received help in every way from all the officers.

Moved by J. Hell, seconded by E. T. Thetford, that the auditors' report be adopted and that the Clerk have the same printed, and that a vote of thanks be extended to the auditors for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties.—Carried.

Mr. Harry Statham requested that the Council consider a special kennel license for dogs. The Council promised to enquire into this matter, and would let Mr. Statham know of their decision.

Mr. Neil McDonald, chairman of the Board of Education, was present, backed by the Board, and brought before the Council the necessity for more room at the school. He pointed out that the primary room was already overcrowded and they expected about twenty additional pupils to commence at Easter. He believed the only solution of the problem was the Council granting the use of the Council Chamber from April 1 to the summer holidays.

Moved by E. T. Thetford, seconded by C. H. Harrison, that the School Board be granted the use of the Council Chamber from April 1 to June 30, 1923, for the purpose of relieving the congestion in the Public School.—Carried.

Fire Chief McDonald requested that another man or two be instructed in the operation of the fire pumps, as at present only two men, Mr. Hall and Mr. Wilson, were capable of running those pumps, and in case of sickness or other affairs preventing these two men from attending at a fire, no one else understood these pumps.

The Council decided to interview Mr. A. Bauer and Mr. Thos. Gibbons to see if they would assume these duties.

Councillor Thetford again introduced the matter of a grant for the Horticultural Society, which had been laid over for three meetings, and which the Council had expressed themselves as "favorably disposed towards," but had done nothing definite.

Councillor Hell and the Reeve seemed inclined to favor the cutting off of all grants to any society this year, and bringing the tax rate down. All the Council seemed to think the cause worthy of a grant and Councillor Harrison pointed out that if such little indulgences were cut off how long would our town maintain its standing and be a town worth living in. It was these societies who received only a little encouragement which made for better things in the town. None could deny these assertions and the following motion was put.

Moved by C. H. Harrison, seconded by E. T. Thetford, that the sum of fifty dollars be granted to the Horticultural Society.

The question was put to a vote and Councillor Hell and the Reeve were opposed and the matter was left over until Councillor Holmes was present.

The matter of granting free use of the hall for dances was also discussed and it appeared to be the intention to charge for all functions.

Council adjourned at 10 p. m.

Henry Bauer County Master

Of the Loyal Orange Lodges of the County of Halton

The annual meeting of Halton county L. O. L. was held on Tuesday, February 6, at Milton. Owing to sickness and also to bad roads, the meeting was not as large as last year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Bro. Henry Bauer, Acton.
D. M.—Bro. J. Standish, Stewarttown.
Chaplain—Rev. Bro. H. G. L. Baugh, M. A., Acton.
Recording Secretary—Bro. W. Broker, Oakville.
Financial Secretary—Bro. R. McCartney, Georgetown.
Treasurer—Bro. V. Bradley, Hornby.
D. of C.—Bro. W. McCready, Milton.
1st Lecturer—Bro. Roberts, Campbellville.
2nd Lecturer—Bro. Ritchie, Acton.

Rev. Mr. Stewart to Preach Anniversary Services in Mitchell

On Sunday Rev. J. W. Gordon, B. D., of Mitchell, will conduct the services in Knox Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Stewart will preach anniversary services in Mitchell.

Humane Society Officer Makes Inspection

Provincial Officer Ballingall, of Toronto, Dr. Heslop, V. S., of Milton, and Chief Cooney visited the farm which John D. McDonald has under lease in Nassagaweya, on Monday, in response to several letters which had been received at the office of the Provincial Humane Society, complaining that a number of horses and cattle were in a starving condition on his premises. They gave McDonald a week to dispose of all the animals on the place. If this order is neglected he will be charged in court next Monday afternoon under the criminal code that he did ill-treat a number of horses and cattle, contrary to the providing of the statute relating thereto.