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**DIED**  
FOURISH—At Orillia, Mich., on Friday, November 23, 1923, George Fourish, aged 72 years.  
HTATHAM—At the family residence, Church Street, Acton, on Saturday, December 15, 1923, Thomas Hatham, in his 82nd year.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
ANDERSON—In loving memory of our dear father, H. N. Anderson, who died on Saturday, December 20, 1923.  
Father, Mother, Brother and Sister.

**The Acton Free Press**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923

**Brief Local Items**

- Five days more.
- The old Christmas story is ever new.
- A merry Christmas to you and everyone.
- Don't forget the stockings on Christmas eve.
- Make others happy and you'll have a good time yourself.
- It's not yet too late to go that Christmas shopping early.
- To all who think seriously Christmas is a peaceful holiday.
- They made maple syrup and had a tasty pull at Huntsville last week.
- Christmas holidays and relatives will be much in evidence in a few days.
- Christmas stockings, Christmas trees, Christmas odds on the breeze.
- Christmas music will feature the services in all the churches next Sunday.
- Some of the venturesome ones have been skating already on Corporation Pond.
- Newspaper publicity pays. Ask our mail merchants. They'll willingly tell you.
- Christmas is assuredly under consideration in every home and connoisseurs followed.
- Preparations are being made in many homes for Christmas visitors and housewives.
- How does your subscription to the Press stand? The address label will tell you.
- The mistletoe hangs in the castle; the holly branch shone on the old oak wall.
- Christmas fowl is likely to be plentiful and at a price not far from a number of years.
- If boys were only as fond of snow shovelling as they are of snowballing. It would help some.
- The gravel placed on Main Street a week or so ago improved that section of the roadway considerably.
- A little complaint now and then is relieved by the groutiest of men try it during Christmas.
- Will Santa Claus really come, Mr. Editor? He will. Let us hope he'll visit every home without fail.
- No matter what other styles change, the same old manner of hanging Christmas trees continues.
- The girl who thinks that no man is good enough for her may often be right, but she is more often wrong.
- A Christmas goose—the turkey that thought it was safe because it escaped death at Thanksgiving time.
- "It is the spirit and not the price of the gift that counts," said the man, as he walked into the ten-cent store.
- The Farmers' Advocate says: "The hen that stands on one leg has her head now does not lay many five-cent eggs."
- The service of songs at the Christmas service in the Methodist Church on Sunday will be led by a choir of sixty voices.
- If you hear a man ask the question, "How long is it till Christmas," you may be quite certain there are no children in his house.
- By the new "metable the Toronto Suburban Electric cars make the trip from Acton to Toronto in one hour and twenty-eight minutes.

**GEORGE W. FORBES**  
George Wesley Forbes died November 23 at Orillia, Mich. He was born in the town of Acton, Ontario, on August 22, 1851. He was married to Mary Catherine Eddy May 24, 1876. She died November 22, 1922. One son, George Wesley, died March 15, 1897. The funeral was held in Orillia Saturday with Rev. J. Walker of the Orillia Methodist Church officiating. Sunday the body was taken to Orillia, where a funeral service was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. C. Chisholm, 2125 Michigan Avenue, Orillia. Rev. H. T. Lynd officiated. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Forbes is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George Laird, of Toronto, two sons, Edward of Orillia, and John of Baginaw, two sons by a second marriage, two brothers, George and William, and a number of nephews and nieces.

**Death of a Prominent Son of Erin**  
D. E. Thompson, K. C. of Toronto, Died Last Thursday after a Long Illness.  
Mr. Daniel Edmund Thompson, K.C. whose death occurred early last Thursday evening after a long illness, at his home, 27 Queen's Park, Toronto, was the son of the late Daniel Thompson, a prominent lawyer and in finance among Hamilton lawyers.  
The late Mr. Thompson, who was 72 years of age, had made the welfare of McMaster University his particular care, and his negative will leave a gap on the board of governors not easily filled.  
Born in Erin Township, Wellington County, in 1850, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, he was educated in the local schools and by private tuition, and graduated with honors as a barrister at Osgoode Hall in 1876. He was made a King's Counsel in 1890. For many years he successfully practiced law in Toronto as head of the legal firm of Thompson, Tilley and Johnson. He was solicitor for the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway at the time he retired from legal practice.

**Increase in Trade**  
Canada's Increase in Trade for the Year was \$261,320,204.  
An increase of over three hundred million dollars in the total Canadian trade in the twelve months ending October 31 last, as compared with the previous twelve-month period is shown in the latest summary issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. For the twelve months which ended October 31 last the total of Canadian exports and imports was \$1,920,721,554, while in the period ended October 31, 1922, it amounted to \$1,659,401,350. The increase therefore amounted to \$261,320,204. The United States was the principal trade partner, with \$821,114,760 worth of goods exported to Great Britain.

**OBITUARY**

**THOMAS HTATHAM**  
Acton had one of its honored and venerable citizens last Saturday, when death came to Thomas Hatham, Church Street. Mr. Hatham has been in poor health for several years, but was not bedfast until about the end of November. He was born in Orillia, Ontario, on January 14, 1842, and was therefore within a few weeks of his eighty-second birthday. He came to Acton with his parents in his infancy. In a short time after arrival his mother died, and he was brought to Acton, where he lived with his parents in his infancy. In a short time after arrival his mother died, and he was brought to Acton, where he lived with his parents in his infancy. In a short time after arrival his mother died, and he was brought to Acton, where he lived with his parents in his infancy.

**CREWSON'S CORNER**  
It looks as if there may be some real estate changes here in the near future. Several persons from outside points have been looking at farms in the vicinity with a view to purchasing. The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School in the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, was a happy affair. Mrs. H. Hackett, the pastor of the church, was presiding officer. The Christmas program was given by the choir, and was most enjoyable. Mrs. Ostrander gave a most interesting and interesting presentation of the value of the Christmas gift. Mrs. Ostrander gave a most interesting and interesting presentation of the value of the Christmas gift.

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**TERRA COTTA**  
What might have been a disastrous fire took place on Wednesday afternoon when a blaze was seen issuing from the roof of Mr. Hillingway's house. A large crowd of onlookers gathered around the house, and the fire was quickly extinguished. The cause of the fire is not yet known, but it is believed to have been caused by a faulty chimney. The fire was very hot, and the flames were seen for several minutes.

**ROCKWOOD**  
The Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Church had a very successful bazaars couple of weeks ago. The proceeds were devoted toward the fund for the new organ recently installed in the church. The bazaars were held on Friday and Saturday evenings, and were very successful. The proceeds were over \$100, and were all for the good of the church.

**ERIN**  
Miss Ethel Gingrick underwent an operation for breast trouble at the Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville, on Tuesday of last week. She is making rapid recovery. Mrs. Houghman has gone to Detroit, Mich., where she will visit for a while before leaving with friends for California, where the party will spend the winter.

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**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**NABSAWAGAWA**  
Mr. Alex. H. Hill, who has spent all his life on lot 14, con. 2, in the township, has retired from farming and has moved to Cambridgeville. Their many friends hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hill will enjoy a well-earned rest after the very active and strenuous work of the farm.

**A SAFE INVESTMENT**  
It is a peculiarity about readers of the wonderful family journal, the Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, that they do not look upon the \$2.00 subscription as an expense, but as a safe investment which yields them huge dividends each year. Harold McMillan, the price paid was about six thousand dollars.

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**Millinery and Fancy Goods Store**

We Wish You One and All a Very Merry Christmas  
Miss J. Galbraith  
MILL STREET, ACTON, ONT.

**Christmas Candy**

As Christmas time draws near we naturally think of every thing good to eat. As Santa Claus is a very good friend of ours he has left everything good at our store including candy canes, nuts, grapes, oranges and all kinds of things for that sweet tooth.  
CHRISTMAS MIXED, 25c lb  
A wonderful mixture for everybody in the family, consisting of Satin Cushions, Ribbon Candy, Bon Bons, Jellies, Fudge, etc. You cannot afford to be without a good supply for Christmas. A wonderful value at 25c lb.

**WEEK-END CHOCOLATES, 32c lb.**  
An assortment of hard and soft centre chocolates in assorted flavors. Always strictly fresh from the factory. Regular 50c and 60c lb. Christmas Special, 32c lb.

**BOXED CHOCOLATES**  
Let us show you our Fancy Boxes of Chocolates. A large assortment to choose from at a very reasonable price.  
WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

**V. RUMLEY**  
PHONE NO. 3 ACTON, ONTARIO

**CLEARANCE SALE!**

We are clearing our entire stock at Wholesale Price! Buy your household and personal needs, and your Christmas Gifts at our store. You will save dollars, as everything in the store is reduced to cost, short of all profit. A few items will illustrate how we have reduced prices:  
Ladies' Dresses, nicely made of all-wool linens, in sand with blue trimmings. These dresses will give excellent service, and are sold regularly at \$10.00. Sale Price \$4.50.  
Pinnettes Blankets, largest size, first quality. Sale Price \$2.75. Sheets of good quality bleached cotton, full bed size. Sale Price \$2.50. Men's Fine Shirts, regular \$1.75. On sale at 1.25.  
Men's Pure Wool Worsted Socks, reg. 75c. On sale at 50c.  
Men's Fleece-lined two-piece Underwear, reg. \$1.25. On sale at 85c.  
Men's Tweed Pants, reg. \$5.00. On sale at 3.45.  
Men's Heavy Sweaters, reg. \$2.50. On sale at 1.49.  
Men's Pure Wool check Sweaters, reg. \$5.00. On sale at 3.95.  
Boys' Pure Wool Stockings, reg. 85c. On sale at 50c.  
Boys' Shirt Waists, reg. 85c. On sale at 50c.  
Carhart's Overalls, Black and Blue, with smocks to match. Sale Price \$2.50 each.  
Prices are going up with the New Year, and it is to your advantage to buy now. We have a splendid assortment of Christmas Gifts for every member of the family.

**L. STARKMAN**  
Mill Street Acton, Ontario

**Christmas Suggestions**

We invite you to visit our store any day and look around. Our Christmas goods are all on display.  
Holeproof Silk Hose, a very pleasing gift, all shades in stock.  
Cashmere Hosiery at 75c up to \$1.25.  
Wool Hosiery, at 85c up to \$1.75.  
Silk and Wool Hosiery, \$1.00 up to \$2.00.  
Silk Scarfs, \$1.00 up to \$1.50.

**HANDKERCHIEFS OF EVERY SORT**  
Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c.  
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 20c, to \$1.00.  
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs in boxes at 25c, 50c, 75c.  
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs at 35c, 3 for \$1.00.  
Men's Fancy Border Handkerchiefs at 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c.  
Men's Pure Wool Cashmere Socks at 50c, 75c, 85c, 90c.  
Men's Sweater Coats without collar in Oxford, Lovatt shades, \$3.50 each.  
GET MOTHER A GOOD PAIR OF WHITE WOOL BLANKETS  
Bleached-Table Damask in wide rich pattern, good value at \$1.25. Special 98c.  
Table Cloths, 7 and 2 1/2 yards long at \$5.00 and \$7.50.  
Fancy Tray Cloths, Sideboard Covers, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

**McLean & Co.**  
MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.

**NOTICE**

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR GOODS AND SAVE MONEY  
Men's Blue Serge Pants, regular \$6.50. On sale at \$4.00.  
Men's Heavy Winter Caps, regular \$2.00. On sale at 1.25.  
Men's Pure Wool Pullovers, V neck, reg. \$4.50. On sale 2.95.  
Men's Fine Shirts, regular \$1.75. On sale at 1.25.  
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**Royal Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Store**  
M. BROWN  
MILL STREET, ACTON

**"Say It With Music"**

ALL THE LATEST HITS  
In Popular Sheet Music  
35c or 3 for \$1.00  
65c--APEX RECORDS--65c.  
WHY PAY MORE?  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SELECTIONS  
Toys and Games of All Descriptions  
ACTON MUSIC STORE  
E. & K. STEELE  
MILL STREET ACTON, ONTARIO

**A Ten-pound Roast Free**

**Patterson's Christmas Box To You**  
Having purchased one of the choicest Baby Beefs that money would buy, and equal to anything at the Guelph Fat Stock Show, we are giving away a TEN-POUND ROAST to the one that guesses the correct weight.  
The Baby Beef is on exhibition at our store in our Christmas display of meat and anyone can register a guess. There are no strings attached to this contest. Just ask for a ticket and register your guess.

**W. J. PATTERSON**  
CORNER MILL AND MAIN STREETS ACTON, ONT.

**Ford and Christmas**

Your wife—your children—your mother—your sister—some of them need a car—a Ford Car. Some day soon you intend to get one for them. It would come as a matter of course next spring or summer. But—imagine the shining eyes if a signed delivery order for that Ford model you intend to buy were placed beside someone's plate at the breakfast-table Christmas morning. The special Christmas Delivery Form is reproduced above. Delivery may be specified now—or later—at your convenience. The new Ford models have appeared at a particularly fortunate time—to give you a wide range for selection in open and closed models—the highest quality Fords ever produced—at the lowest of low Ford prices.  
Payment may be arranged on the deferred payment plan.

**Ford Weekly Purchase Plan**  
Purchase your Ford on a weekly basis. No down payment. No interest. Just a few dollars a week. The Ford Weekly Purchase Plan is a Christmas gift.  
**Ford**  
CARS · TRUCKS · TRACTORS  
FORD MOTOR COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED, FORD, ONTARIO