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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

REV. CHAS. HACKETT, Pastor
Parsonage—Willow St.

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Wesley: the Man and His Work."
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Vision of the Cross."
EVERYBODY WELCOME

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject. "Can We be Sure that our Faith is not Misplaced?"
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
3.00 p. m.—Bible Class. Study in Matthew, Chapter IV.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject. "Idolatry—Ancient and Modern."
Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.
ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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Singer sewing machine, in good condition. Apply to
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To rent, a farm of 50 or 100 acres. Apply to
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Farm Stock, Implements, Etc.—Fred McCutcheon will hold an auction sale of farm stock, implements, etc., at lot 17, townline, Erin and Eramosa, 3 miles north of Everton, on Tuesday, January 29, at one o'clock.
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"Lost Heirs," a book filled with names for lost heirs and missing kin from different parts of the world. Chancery Court of England, Ireland and Bank of England unclaimed dividend list included. Send One Dollar Bill at once, and get Book by return mail. INTERNATIONAL CLAIM AGENCY. 20-4 Dept. 117, Pittsburg, Pa., U. S. A.

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100 acres, townline, Erin and Eramosa, near highway, 80 acres cleared, balance pasture. 9 acres wheat and rye, 30 acres seeded, some ploughing done. Good buildings, plenty of water.
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Nature's Ointment for the Skin

For all kinds of sores, cuts, burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands, etc. Wonderful healing properties. For sale at your local druggist, or by mail, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 25c.
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45 Farms in the counties of Halton and Wellington, varying from 40 to 200 acres. Let us send you our list. A number of homes and business places in Acton for sale.
Fire and Life Insurance. Money To Loan.
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Farm, 122 acres, lot 1, concession 1, Erin, stone barn, 60x54, with good comfortable stabling underneath, and other outbuildings. Large stone house, comfortable. Two good flowing spring creeks, and two wells. Fall plowing done. Farm is in good state of cultivation. Arrangements may be made for purchase of 75 acres with all buildings. For price and terms, apply to
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NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

Acton Fall Fair

will be held in the Council Chamber at Acton, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1924

AT TWO P. M.

BUSINESS

Receiving the annual report of the auditors; election of Officers and Directors for 1924; transaction of such other business as may be necessary.

WALLACE LASBY, President. GEO. HYNDS, Secretary.
Acton, January 10th, 1924.

WONDERLAND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
"Westbound Limited"
All aboard for Business Junction, Comedy Valley, Thrilltown, Spectacular Plains, Satisfaction Point, all on the Westbound Limited line. Comedy, "Share Your Pet."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
"Hottentot"
The comedy drama sensation of the season, Starring Douglas McLean. Wm. Collier's great steeplechasing stunner. First a stage success, now a panic in pictures. Comedy, "Wet but Happy."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29
"When Odds are Even"
Starring Tom Mix. The photo-drama that cracks your frowns, and brings out that long hidden laugh. Something better than "Tom" ever made before. Comedy, "Slippery Feet."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
"Soft Boiled"
Starring Wm. Russell. A real live western, action, thrill, suspense. Comedy, "Catching the Cat." Pearl White in "Plunder."

J. A. McCLURE & SON

Your Saving Time is January Clearance Time at

MACDONALD'S

Guelph's Leading and Largest Store

There are opportunities for golden economies abounding in all Departments—well worth especial efforts to get to Guelph at an early date.

Here, for instance, are some of the things going on now in the Men's Stores:

ALL OVERCOATS
Divided in a surprising way into three groups—
$18.75 for Overcoats—Regular $27.50
$24.75 for Overcoats Regular to $40.00
$34.75 for Overcoats Regular to $60.00

Every man's and young man's Overcoat in our splendid stocks included in those three groups. That's letting go without counting the cost, you will agree. Pay you well to get outfitted a year ahead!

ALL THE HATS
Reduced thus at Both Stores: Regular $7.00 hats for $5.50; regular $6.50 hats for $4.95; regular $6.00 hats for $4.50; regular $5.00 hats for $3.95; regular $4.50 hats for $3.65; regular $4.00 hats for $3.25; regular $3.50 hats for $2.75.

ALL THE CAPS
For Men and Boys: Regular $3.00 caps for $2.30; regular $2.75 caps for $2.00; regular $2.50 caps for $1.85; regular $2.00 caps for $1.39; regular $1.50 caps for $1.15.

SHIRTS AT $1.95—REGULAR $2.50, $2.75 and $3.00
All sizes from 14 to 16½ in the clearance. Some with separate stiff collars. Some with soft collars to match. Splendid choices—and substantial savings.

ALL THE WORK SHIRTS
Included in the January reductions. You'll find it well worth while to send in a mail order for needs ahead. Regular $1.75 shirts for $1.39; regular $1.85 shirts for $1.49; regular $2.00 Shirts for $1.65; regular $2.50 shirts for $1.95.

STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR REDUCED
The man who appreciates a quality-bargain will want to lay by all he is likely to need before another January rolls around. If you can't get to town this week, send in your mail order.
Stanfield's Gold Label, regular $2.00 garments for $1.50
Stanfield's Red Label, regular $2.50 garments for $1.75
Stanfield's Blue Label, regular $3.00 garments for $2.00

Week-end Specials

ASSORTED CHOCOLATES
With cream and hard centres, with a nice thick coating of Chocolate, best buy on the market. Regular 40c lb. **Week-end Special 29c lb.**

PEANUT CRISP
Peanut Crisp, the best liked of all taffies. Just fresh in. Regularly 30c lb. **Week-end Special 25c lb.**

SMILES 'N' CHUCKLES
The most delicious Chocolates on the market. Come in and try a box. Packed in ½, 1 and 2 lb. boxes.

LIGHT LUNCHES
Come in and try one of our light lunches. They are satisfying, and all homemade.

Ice Cream delivered in both Brick and Bulk.

Mill Street Acton - - **H. WILES**

"The Proof of the Boot is in the Wearing"

Special Prices

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Felt Boots, Slippers, Heavy Lumber Rubbers, Rubber Boots for Men Women and Children

THE PRICES ON THESE GOODS ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE

HARRY HARRISON, the Shoe Man
Where Quality Counts We Win Deal Here, It Will Pay You

News of Local Import

Sixty Years Ago a Resident

Major Grant, of Georgetown, in renewing his Free Press subscription the other day, said: "It will be sixty years in March when I first made friends in Acton, and became a resident. Many of that day are gone, but not forgotten. A few of us are left, not forgetting "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower."

This Week's Big Storm

Seldom indeed have we experienced westerly gales at 30 to 40 miles per hour, continuing their force, accompanied by snow flurries for a stretch of 48 hours as was the case Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. The mercury kept in the vicinity of zero all this time. It was a real old-fashioned winter storm.

A Pre-Nuptial Shower

A tea towel shower for Miss Lily Alderson was held by a bevy of her girl friends at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Russell, Mill Street, last Thursday evening. An ideal variety of towels was presented, each girl hemming her donation during the evening, and working her initials on the corner. Mrs. Russell, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Harrison and Miss Jessie, served a dainty luncheon during the evening.

Baseball Organization Meeting

Everyone in Acton who is in any way at all interested in baseball in Acton should plan to attend the organization meeting in the Council Chamber at the town hall this (Thursday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock. If Acton is to have a baseball team worth while this year now is the time for proper organization and this meeting should find every enthusiast present. Mr. R. M. McDonald will be chairman of the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend, and again urged to be present.

Sunday School Graduation Exercises

At the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday afternoon the annual graduation exercises were held, when the graduates from the primary to the intermediate departments were presented with diplomas and bibles. Four girls and four boys form the graduation class this year. The girls were examined and proved that they could recite perfectly the names of the books of the Bible, the ten commandments, the beatitudes and the 23rd Psalm. The graduates are Kathleen Cook, Helen Ostrander, Velma Blair and Audrey McCoombe. They are members of Mrs. H. P. Moore's class. The diplomas and bibles were presented by Rev. Mr. Hackett and Mr. A. T. Brown, superintendent. The presentation to the boys, who are pupils of Mrs. Wansbrough's class, will take place next Sunday.

St. Alban's Vestry Meeting

The annual Vestry meeting of St. Alban's Church was held on Monday night. The report of the Wardens showed that 1923 was the best financial year in the history of the church, being nearly $1,500 increase over 1921. The Rector's report as to church attendance was very good; the increase in the number of communicants was very gratifying, and the spirit of fellowship and good-will was more evident. A discussion was held, plans were made, and a committee formed, to work towards the building of a new Rectory in the immediate future. Messrs. W. Fryer and W. Hunter were re-elected Wardens for 1924. The mortgage on the Parish Hall, which has just been paid off by the Woman's Auxiliary, will be burned at the entertainment to be held next Monday at 8.00 p. m., in the Parish Hall.

That Old-Fashioned Tea-Meeting

The old-fashioned tea-meeting in Knox Church on Monday evening had real old-fashioned winter weather; a genuine old-fashioned sumptuous supper, and an old-fashioned programme by old-fashioned married folk forming the choir. The old-fashioned Scottish pipes were there skirling just as they used to do in the Highlands at home. Owing to the cold, blustery weather the attendance was hardly up to the customary Knox Church crowd, but it was good for the evening and, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Stewart, the happy chairman, a most enjoyable time was spent. The programme included several selections each, by the Women's Choir; the Male Quarette, Jas. Smith, Alex. Mann, L. A. Worden, and V. Rumley; the Mixed Quartette, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Aikens, L. A. Worden and Alex. Mann; duetts were sung by Mrs. M. R. Moore and Mrs. W. Near, and solos by Mrs. C. Leishman, Mrs. John Nicol, Mrs. M. R. Moore, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Thos. McClure. Accompanists for the evening were: Misses Laura Gray, Viola Rumley, Jean Orr, Mr. F. Hault and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy.

A Very Enjoyable Banquet

The happy conception of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, to tender a banquet to the members of the choir and Sunday School orchestra had a very enjoyable culmination on Thursday evening. The school room of the church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and the tables presented a most attractive appearance. The members of the choir and orchestra to the number of sixty or seventy, including their wives or husbands, or personal friends, gathered about the banquet tables about seven o'clock. The menu was of the usual excellent character provided on such occasions by the ladies of the church. Rev. Chas. Hackett made an ideal toastmaster. After honoring the toast to the King, a toast to the choir was proposed by H. P. Moore, treasurer of the Trustee Board, and ably replied to by Mr. Amos Mason, leader of the choir. The toast to the orchestra was proposed by A. T. Brown, superintendent of the Sunday School, and replied to by Mr. J. C. Matthews, one of the oldest members. Mr. A. E. Nicklin proposed the toast to the Old Home Church, to which Mr. N. P. McLam replied. At this junction the programme was changed and a complimentary address to Miss Fern Brown, the efficient organist, was read by the treasurer, and Mrs. John C. Nelson, president of the Ladies' Aid, handed her a well-filled purse on behalf of the congregation, in recognition of her valued services. Miss Brown, in a few words of thanks, said she loved the work and was glad to do what she could to render the service of praise helpful. The last toast of the evening was to the ladies, and was proposed by Mr. Frank Kennedy. Mrs. James Moore, the oldest member of the Ladies' Aid, brought down the house with her well-chosen words in reply, and her rendering of a poem, "I love the Ladies' Aid." During the evening the orchestra rendered several selections, splendid solos were rendered by Misses Hertie Smith and Lily Alderson, and a male chorus was given by members of the choir.

Labor Party Defeat Historic British Parties

Premier Baldwin and the Conservative Government Defeated by Over 70 Majority

THE ADVENT OF RAMSAY MACDONALD AS THE FIRST LABOR PRIME MINISTER AN UNIQUE EVENT

London, January 22—Yesterday for the third time in a hundred years a British Government was overthrown on the floor of the House of Commons by a vote in reply to the King's address that the present Ministers did not have the confidence of Parliament.

The climax after a week's debate came in a crowded, excited House when a division was taken on Ramsay MacDonald's no confidence amendment. Howls and shouts of joy from Labor benches when Labor tellers were seen standing on the right before the Speaker—a sign Labor had won—prevented announcement of the figures for several minutes.

The vote was 328 for Labor; 256 for the Government, a majority of 72. The Labor vote was polled solidly, while only nine Liberals voted to keep Premier Baldwin in power, and seven others were paired with Conservatives.

Mr. Baldwin will go to the king to-day and resign. Then he will presumably announce his resignation in the Commons. It depends on MacDonald when the House is convened again, but it will not likely be later than Tuesday, February 5.

The Labor amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, introduced in the House by John Robt. Clynes, deputy leader of the Parliamentary Labor party on January 17, was adopted by a vote of 328 to 256, J. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor Leader, himself moving closure, which was agreed to.

The amendment reads:

"But it is our duty respectfully to submit to Your Majesty that Your Majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of the House."

The Labor party had the support of Herbert H. Asquith, former Premier and leader of the United Liberals.

After the Labor amendment had been carried, a motion that the address in reply to the speech from the Throne with the amend agreed to, was carried, 328 to 251.

The vote on the Labor amendment was about what was expected; it showed that the campaign to induce the Liberals to joint with the Conservatives in keeping Labor out of office had fallen flat. Before the vote was taken, Mr. MacDonald moved closure, which passed without division. This swept aside the threatened complication that the discussion might go on in deference to the wishes of some members who had not had a chance to expound their positions.

Seldom has a political event of foremost importance been enacted with so little excitement, the only tense moments being those when the tellers were counting the votes. There was a crowded house, with the galleries filled with peers, diplomats and ladies, but they had not come expecting any surprise or conflict, but merely to see the obsequies performed according to previous arrangements.

Both the Prime Minister and the prospective Prime Minister were cheered by their supporters. Mr. Baldwin, in his speech, took the sole blame for the protectionist policy, which he believed would solve the unemployment problem. He paid his respects to former Premier Asquith, leader of the United Liberals, who had turned the support of that party to the Laborites, by comparing Mr. Asquith to "an obstrician about to bring a child into the world with the intention to smother it should it fail to meet his expectations," and declare: "I think infanticide is worse than suicide."

His Government, he said, had been accused of committing suicide, but, he exclaimed:

"There are worse crimes than suicide."

There is no doubt that many of the members of the Liberal party, as well as of the industrial group and other sections of the Unionist party, are anxious to raise the issue of socialism directly Mr. MacDonald meets Parliament as Prime Minister. These members of the Liberal party hold that, while it was their clear mandate to eject Baldwin's ministry at the earliest possible moment, it was also their clear duty to intimate at once that they have not the slightest sympathy with any scheme of socialism or with capital levy.

Mr. MacDonald made the following statement, Monday night after the division:

"It is not the moment for elation. It is a terrible responsibility. We shall have to do our best to face it, fail or succeed. I can say this: that no Government responsible for the affairs of this country will more—honestly try to serve. I am proud of the Labor party, and it will be a great inspiration to every workman and workwoman in the country to work and to sacrifice to do their party honor and to enable it to succeed."

The Town Hockey League

Only One Game Played Past Week But Two Scheduled This Evening

Owing to the unsuitable weather only one game was played in the Town League and on Thursday evening St. Pats defeated Canadiens, with a score of 5-3. This now puts St. Pats as the leaders of the League, and the standing of the teams is as follows:

	Won	Lost
St. Pats	2	0
Canadiens	1	1
Tigers	1	1
Senators	0	2

The postponed game of Tuesday evening will be played on Thursday evening, along with the regular scheduled game. The games are St. Pts vs. Tigers, and Canadiens vs. Senators. Three nights of hockey and two band nights are now being run at the rink here.

Police Court News

Phil Forbes last week paid the balance of Russell DeForest's fine and costs for which he was the bondsman—$137.55.

Police Magistrate Moore had a busy day at Brampton yesterday. Two charges of having a still, and two cases of violation of the Ontario Temperance Act, cpp at Brampton and the other at Streetsville, were heard.

Ed. Clark, of Fergus, liveryman, was fined $200 and costs last week for unlawfully selling liquor, by Magistrate Hellyer.

Social and Personal

Mr. A. Reesor spent the week-end in Toronto.

Mr. Hector Macdonald spent the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Myrtle Dills was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Mrs. Orr spent a few days last week with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. W. H. Miller spent the week-end with Toronto friends.

Mr. Jordan Lawson was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. Angus Kennedy was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Mrs. Annie H. Somerville was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Clara Ebbage was here from Toronto for a brief visit last week

Mr. George Anderson, of Oshawa, was home for a few days last week.

Miss Gladys Reeves, of Blair, Ont., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. W. Coles.

Misses Jean and Anna Lindsay were home this week from Toronto on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fawcett, of Toronto, visited friends in town over the week-end.

Mrs. Jennie B. Matthews, of Toronto, has been at Postmaster Matthews' for the past week.

There is no decided change in the condition of Mrs. Davis or Miss Violet during the week.

Mrs. L. Mitchell, of Toronto, visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Reesor, last week.

Mrs. Leslie R. Atkins and Master Alex., of Georgetown, visited friends in town on Monday.

Mr. T. F. McIlugh returned last week after spending holidays in the old home at Hornby.

Mrs. Margaret Stewart attended the funeral, of the late Bert Thompson at Stewarttown on Sunday.

Mr. Roy McIntosh, of Oshawa, made his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh, a brief visit this week.

Miss Kerr, of Montreal, was a guest during the week of Rev. and Mrs. Hackett, at the Methodist Parsonage.

Rev. Dr. Moore, Toronto, has been taken from the hospital to his home, and is making fair progress toward recovery.

Mr. Charlie Holmes, of Toronto, spent Thursday with his father, Mr. H. S. Holmes, agent Canadian National Railway.

Mrs. Langevin returned home on Saturday evening, after spending a month at the old home at Binghamton, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon T. Beardmore entertained a party of friends over the week-end. They enjoyed Saturday evening at the skating rink.

Mrs. C. H. Banks and Dorothy, of Saskatoon, Sask., arrived on Friday, and are visiting at the home of Mr. John Harvey, Lake Avenue.

Mrs. Nicholas Forbes, who had the misfortune to sustain painful injuries when she fell on the icy pavement two weeks ago, is now recovering nicely.

Mrs. J. D. Corrigan and daughter have arrived here from New York City to spend the remaining days of the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Finn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jones, of Toronto, have removed to Windsor, where Mr. Jones' engineering work with the C. P. R. is now centred. Their new address is 34 Campbell Avenue.

Mr. E. J. Moore, of Toronto, spent Saturday afternoon and evening at Moorecroft. He was en route to Kitchener and Galt, to fill engagements made by his uncle, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, before his accident.

Col. D. McCrae, Guelph, is up and about again after his recent serious illness. Col. McCrae, who represents the City Council on the Library Board, was in attendance at the meeting of that body Saturday night, and took an active part in transacting its business.—Guelph Mercury.

Miss Ida H. Kerr, the Travellers' Aid Representative at St. Bonaventure Station, Montreal, was visiting at the Methodist Parsonage on Thursday and Friday of last week. Miss Kerr was deaconess for three years at the George St. Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, when Mr. Hackett was pastor there. She returned to Montreal on Friday afternoon.

First Session Nassagaweya Council

A. J. McPhedran and Charles A. Darby Appointed Auditors for the Year

Nassagaweya Council held the inaugural meeting as per statutory requirement, when the following members subscribed to the declaration of office: E. Agnew, Reeve, F. McNiven, D. Campbell, W. Dredge and T. Near, Councillors.

Road and Bridge Committees were appointed as follows: The Reeve and Mr. McNiven for the south quarter; the Reeve and Mr. Dredge for the east quarter; the Reeve and Mr. Near for the north, and the Reeve and Mr. Campbell for the west.

A by-law was passed appointing the following officers for the year: Assessor, Malcolm Holmes; Board of Health, Wesley Picket; School Attendance Officer, Wm. O. Moore; Sanitary Inspector, John Simpson; Auditors, A. J. McPhedran and Chas. A. Darby; Sheep Inspectors, David Irving and Colin Kitching.

L. W. Chisholm and James Easterbrook were appointed directors on behalf of the Township in the Farm Loan Association.

A grant of $25.00 per month was made to assist Albert Cargill's family and $10.00 per month for Mrs. Clayton.

The Reeve and Clerk were instructed to prepare and sign a statement of the expenditure on roads and bridges during 1923, and forward the same to the Department of Highways, requesting the statutory grant on the same.

The Collector was instructed to complete the collection of 1923 taxes.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Acton Free Press, printing	$145 60
John Simpson, R. O. H.	3 00
Thomas Francis, gravel	4 80
James Moffat, work, division 35	9 75
R. C. Menzies, Returning Officer	7 00
A. Kennedy, Returning Officer	4 00
L. McMillan, Poll Clerk	3 00
G. P. Wilson, Returning Officer	4 00
G. S. Fulton, Poll Clerk	3 00
P. Finley, Orange Hall	4 00
W. Darby, Kostchhall Hall	4 00
Christie Henderson Co. commutation	15 00
Orval Elsley, caretaker	40 00
Good Roads Association, fee	5 00

Council adjourned to meet in February 11, at 10 o'clock.

JOHN MARSHALL, Clerk.

Acton's Reeve has been Elected Warden for 1924

George Barber, Elected Five Times Reeve of Acton, is Honored by County Council

WILL PRESIDE DURING THE YEAR AT HALTON'S LEGISLATURE

At the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council Acton was honored with the election of George Barber as Warden for the year 1924. Two names were prominent before the meeting in addition to that of Mr. Barber, Mr. George Hillmer, M. P. P., Reeve of Oakville, and Reeve Hampshire, of Esquesing.

With reference to Mr. Hillmer, it was felt that Mr. Hillmer, being elected to the Legislature last year by the voters of the county, that the added honor of election of Warden for the County Council, and the fact also that Mr. Forster, of Oakville, had been Warden three years ago, was a consideration. Mr. Hillmer, himself, took this view.

In Mr. Hampshire's case it was also thought that inasmuch as Mr. Elliot, Reeve of Esquesing, two years ago was Warden, the honor could not reasonably be given to Esquesing so soon again. Mr. Hampshire is an able and coming man and there is no doubt that in due time he will be accorded the honor of warming the Warden's chair.

Mr. Barber's claim to the position was a just one, both in respect to himself and his town. He has given faithful service to the Council for a number of years, and Acton has not had the position since Mr. George Hynds filled it seven or eight years ago.

Mr. Barber's municipal experience will qualify him toward the coveted position. He served a term as Alderman in the City Council of Vancouver, was for a year Councillor in Acton, and the present year he is serving his fifth year as Reeve.

Acton congratulates her chief Magistrate upon the honor conferred by the County Council.

Acton Jubilee Celebration Finances

The Accounts Audited, and the Committee Shows Surplus of $516.26 in Savings Bank

The affairs of Acton Jubilee Celebration Committee having been finally settled, the books and vouchers were placed in the hands of competent auditors for an inspection.

The following is their detailed financial statement, of the funds, up to January 15, 1924:

Receipts

Collection for Children's Shelter, Milton	$163 49
Badges sold	109 74
Dances	172 25
Gate Receipts	803 90
Booth receipts	832 04
Donations	11 40
Concessions	11 00
Corporation of Acton, loan	45 00
	$2,147 83

Disbursements

Stationery	$ 5 85
Parade Expenses	85 95
Prizes Awarded	107 38
Decorations	38 27
Advertising and Printing	101 31
Badges	39 80
Music for Dancing	34 69
Refreshments for booth, meals, etc	532 86
Labor	31 50
Lighting Park, etc.	11 00
Amusement Tax	66 46
Children's Shelter, Milton	163 45
Ladies' Baseball Club	75 00
Senior Baseball Club	75 00
Junior Baseball Club	18 00
Football Club	75 00
Acton Citizens' Band	75 00
Refund to Corporation, Acton	45 00
Transferred to Savings Account	516 26
	$2,147 83

We have examined the vouchers and bank account of the Acton Jubilee Celebration Committee, and have received all explanations required. In our opinion the above statement is set out so as to show a true account of the finances at this date.

J. WOOD,
H. BRICKER, Auditors.

The prizes for the sporting events on the Saturday of the Celebration were donated or purchased with cash from donations given the Sports Committee, and do not show in this statement of the finances. The item "donations" is the surplus remaining from the purchase of the prizes.

The result is surely gratifying in all respects. The Jubilee Celebration was a sane, enjoyable, three-day's affair. Both homecomers and citizens enjoyed very fully the various attractions provided, and especially the community gatherings during the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Celebration programme.

It is highly creditable to the Committee which managed this historic event that their administration shows that after meeting all the expenses incurred, a surplus of $516.26 is on deposit in the savings bank. Many other places which held similar demonstrations last year had a different financial result to report. The Committee will, no doubt, in the wisdom of their good judgment, administer this surplus in the best interests of the community.

Halton Fire Insurance Co.

$11,855,300 of Insurance in Force, Covered by 3,861 Policies

The annual meeting of Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the town hall, Acton, next Monday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

The report for the year will be presented. It shows a large volume of business, prompt payment of losses, and good prospects for the present year.

The Company has $11,855,300 of insurance at risk, of which $4,332,085 was placed during the year.

The losses for 1923 aggregated $41,048.50. Those losses were incurred in 48 fires where the loss was $25 or over, and $383.50 for fires where the losses were less than this amount. Twenty-one of the losses are reported to have been caused by lightning.

The heaviest loss of the year was incurred when the barn and contents of E. D. Sherwood, Nelson, were destroyed, through fire from a gasoline engine. The loss was $7,500.

The directors for the past year were: John Wilson, president, Erin; Wm. Hume, Vice-President, Milton; James Kirkwood, Acton, W. A. Lasby, Acton, N. F. Lindsay, Acton, C. H. Turner, Milton, Duncan Campbell, Moffat, Benj. Petch, Cheltenham, C. E. Wood, Freeman. Thos. Moore, of Campbellville, is the very efficient Secretary-Treasurer.

News of Local Import

Train Crew Not Blamed

At the adjourned inquest into the death of Marjorie Mackie, the 13-year-old daughter of W. T. Mackie, of Trafalgar, who was killed at the G. P. R. crossing east of Milton, by the Toronto-Goderich passenger train on Friday morning, January 11, while crossing the tracks on her way to Milton Public School, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, the crew being in no way to blame for the fatal accident.

Remembering Their Founder

Walker Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 321, remembered the venerable founder of the lodge, R. W. Bro. Hugh Walker, of Guelph, the other day, with a beautiful floral offering commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the establishing of the lodge, which bears his name. It is very gratifying to R. W. Bro. Walker that Walker Lodge is in a flourishing condition and never had brighter prospects than it has to-day.

Churches to be Supplied with Plants

The Acton Horticultural Society has made a very generous offer to the various churches in Acton. Plants will be given free to the churches for suitable beds on the churches' grounds, provided the churches make the beds and tend to the planting of the flowers. This should help much to beautify the church grounds of the congregations, and the generosity of the Horticultural Society is undoubtedly much appreciated.

Series of Sermons on Wesley

Rev. Charles Hackett preached the first of a series of sermons on John Wesley, through whom the Methodist Church was founded, last Sunday morning. In this first discourse an interesting resume of the times in England when Wesley, a student at Oxford University, organized the Holy Club, whose members, because of their methodical rules of life, were called Methodists in derision. Wesley's place in history was established, and conditions prevailing when his ministry was commenced were vividly portrayed. The series promises to be intensely interesting.

Without Excuse of Explanation

A couple of weeks ago a man, who alleged his name was Frank McCurdy, and who said he came from Crumlin, near London, came to Acton, visited Auctioneer Kerr, and arranged for a sale of "30 high-class dairy cows, Holsteins, milkers and springers, many of them eligible for registration." The sale was to be held at Lasby's hotel on Saturday, January 19, at one o'clock. A large crowd of farmers assembled, but neither McCurdy nor his cattle put in an appearance, and Mr. Kerr was not apprised of any reason for the default. He incurred considerable expense in advertising the sale, and feels much inclined to put the provisions of the criminal code covering such fraudulent transactions into effect and have the delinquent arrested.

W. A. Dickieson Warden of Wellington

Reeve W. A. Dickieson, of Eramosa township, was elected Warden of Wellington county for the year 1924, when the County Councillors met for their inaugural session at the Court House, Guelph, Tuesday afternoon. As was anticipated, the contest for the Wardenship was very close, and in winning the highest honor in the gift of the County Reeve Dickieson only had a majority of three votes over his only opponent, Reeve T. R. Farrell, of Peel township. Reeve Dickieson secured 13 votes, and Reeve Farrell 10. Three were nominated for the office, Reeve John Coutts, of West Luther, being the other Councillor whose name was submitted. He, however, withdrew, leaving only the two in the contest. After the vote had been taken, Reeve Farrell brought in a motion to make the Warden's election unanimous. The new Warden of Wellington county has served three years as Reeve for the Township of Eramosa, and one year on the Eramosa Council. He lives three and a half miles north of Rockwood, on the farm where he was born, and where he has resided all his life.

Sons Following In Father's Footsteps

In renewing her Free Press subscription, Mrs. John A. Carson, of Salem, Oregon, says: "My husband's old Halton friends will be glad to know that his three sons are all in their father's office, and doing well in their legal practice. The firm is Carson, Carson, and Carson. My children are all married but the youngest, who will be twenty-three to-morrow. All are living in the home town but my youngest daughter, who lives in Oakland, Cal. How few of our old friends are left in Acton, but it is the same here. There are few of the friends we met when we first came to Salem. You and Mrs. Moore didn't make the trip to the coast last year. What are the prospects for this year? You will never regret making the long trip; the scenery is so beautiful out here. You must have a motor ride over the Pacific Highway and the never-to-be-forgotten Columbia Highway. Globe trotters admit there is nothing to equal it in the world. Kindest regards. Nellie Carson." Both the late Hon. Mr. Carson and Mrs. Carson were esteemed residents of Acton for years. Mrs. Carson is a foster sister to Mrs. C. H. Smith, of Fairview Place, whose health has been considerably improved the past few months.

The Highway Bridge at Oakville

The hauling of the fill for the approaches to the new bridge is nearly completed. Work has been delayed somewhat, owing to the lack of frost, on account of the heavy trucks breaking through the soft earth. However, it is thought the work will be finished within a week. The formal opening of the new bridge will likely take place about the end of the month. This is a ceremony that the people of Oakville will welcome generously. The steep grade on the detour has caused much inconvenience, especially of late, and it will be like a sigh of relief to drive over the new bridge and look down upon the detour, where many a thrilling experience has happened, but luckily has not caused any loss of life, or any great amount of damage. The opening of the new bridge will greatly benefit the residents of the west side. It will not only be a great convenience to them, but it will tend to increase the value of property in that section of the town. The Sixteen Mile Creek has long been known as a dividing line in the prices of real estate in the town. The business section being located, as it is, east of the creek, has compelled the population of the west side to walk up and down the hills during the past, or else go around by the radial bridge. It will soon be different and the west side citizens will naturally be the first to appreciate the change.—Bedford.