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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "John Wesley the Times and the Man."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Doors That Are Closed."

EVERYBODY WELCOME

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject. "The Changing and the Changeless."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
3.00 p. m.—Bible Class. Study in Matthew, Chapter III.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject. "Your Influence and Mine."

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

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The family of the late Mrs. Ann Ebbage desire to express their most sincere thanks to all who were so kind to them during the illness and death of their dear mother. We shall always hold in grateful remembrance the words of sympathy, the helpful deeds, and kind hospitality extended to us at this time.

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30 High Class Holstein Dairy Cows

15 fresh cows with calves at foot; 15 forward springers, many of them eligible for registration, owned by Frank McCardy, of London, will be sold at Lasby's Barn, Acton, on Saturday, January 19, at one o'clock.
Terms—Nine months' credit.
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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, GEO. HYNDS,
President Secretary.

Acton, January 10th, 1924.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
"Masters of Men"

A vivid realistic drama of life, adventure and love among the gamest youth in the world. Comedy, "The Midnight Cabaret."

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Starring Herbert Rawlinson, drama of life, showing what fools money will make of a person. Comedy, "Everyday Life." Episode No. 7 of "Hugger."

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Here is News, Post-Haste

Guelph's Big Annual

Dollar Day

Is Scheduled For

Saturday, January 19

All the good Stores are taking part—it's a community affair—and the biggest Store of all has a most wonderful list of one-day economies, the once-a-year kind that takes the whole city and country-side by storm.

If you can't get to Guelph oftener than once a year, let it be Dollar Day, Saturday—that is, if you believe that money saved is money earned, and you are anxious to save money on personal wearables and home needs.

You'll find the big special list of the big special savings as soon as you arrive at Macdonald's. There'll be nothing like it again all year.

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SATINETTES

Satinettes, in assorted flavors, with soft cocoanut centres. Regularly 40c lb. Week-end Special 29c lb.

ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

Don't forget our Assorted Chocolates, with a large variety of centres, including Peanut Clusters. Regularly 40c and 50c lb. Week-end Special 29c lb.

We will deliver either Brick or Bulk Ice Cream anywhere in town.

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"The Proof of the Boot is in the Wearing"

Any article listed below will be found just a little better and cheaper than the price you pay in the larger places for these goods. Come in and see us.

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RUBBERS	TRAVELLING BAGS
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No Old Stock—Latest Styles—Lowest Prices—Best Service

H. L. HARRISON, The Shoe Man
Where Quality Counts We Win — Deal Here, It Will Pay You

News of Local Import

Chickens Hatched in January

One of the most remarkable features of this unusual winter is reported by Martin Nichol, a farmer of the ninth concession of Beverly. He is the owner of an old hen, which hid away nine eggs in the cow stable, hatching out five chickens on January 2. This shatters all records for early broods. The little birds are doing well.

Smoking in the Council Chamber

Mayor Watters, of Ottawa, hung out the "no smoking" sign to the Council Chamber of the City Hall at the first meeting of the 1924 Council on Monday. His Worship said if members must smoke he preferred that they do so in an unoccupied committee room. For years a similar sign graced the walls of the Council Chamber in Acton town hall. Perhaps His Worship, Reeve Harbor, will feel like following the example of Mayor Watters, and resurrect the signs which did duty so long.

Wants to be a Shareholder

The morning mail brought the following the other day:

Manager FREE PRESS,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir: I want to be a shareholder in your paper for another year, and enclose a $2.00 postal note to liquidate my subscription therefore. Yours truly, W. Snyder, Elora."

Mr. Snyder is like hundreds of other Acton boys who enjoy the weekly visits of THE FREE PRESS, and we gladly accept them all as shareholders.

No Crying Need for It

Messrs. Mitchell & Hunter, job printers, Brampton, have commenced the publication of a new weekly, The Herald, a little eight-page, 9x11 inches. With two such excellent papers as the Banner and Conservator, it is difficult to see how the publishers of the new paper can hope for permanent success. They are, however, first-class printers, and are feeling their way in the journalistic field with very modest pretentions. The tendency of the time, with prevailing high costs of production, increased by the new sales tax on January 1, is to reduce the number of papers in a town, rather than to increase them.

Sustained a Painful Scalp Wound

On Saturday morning Municipal Officer Macpherson met with an accident which might have been attended with serious results. He was fixing one of the windows in the auditorium of the town hall, and was using a hatchet. He descended his high step ladder, leaving the hatchet on the top. When he took the ladder to move it to another point the hatchet slid off, and in falling struck him on the top of the head. The sharp point cut through his heavy cloth cap and inflicted a bad cut in the scalp. Mr. Macpherson was knocked to the floor with the impact and lay there dazed a moment or two, when he found the blood streaming down his face. He got home and summoned the doctor, who promptly dressed it. The wound is now healing nicely.

Division Court Cases

His Honor Judge Elliott held the first session of the Fourth Division Court here last Thursday. The docket was not a very full one, and the session concluded at noon. The case Sinclair vs. Allan, arising out of a motor collision in town last fall by a couple of Erin farmers, was settled by Allan playing Sinclair $25. Sinclair claimed a much larger sum for damages. . . . In the case of Wilson vs. Patterson, a suit for repairs to Patterson's motor truck, in which the latter claimed the work was not satisfactorily done and the motor would not run right, the Judge ordered Wilson to make repairs satisfactory, upon completion of which Patterson will pay the amount of the bill rendered. . . . Some time ago a judgment was given against Phil Forbes for a debt, which he ignored. The Judge gave an order of committal against Forbes as a delinquent debtor.

Another Vote on Union—Yes, No

Ballots have been printed, and will be distributed to the members of Knox Church next Sunday, by which the members are given the opportunity of declaring their opinion whether another vote should be taken by the members of the Presbyterian Church, before further steps are taken for the consumation of Union with the Congregational and Methodist Churches. The ballot bears this question:

"Do you wish the members of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada to be given the opportunity of another vote on the question of Church Union, before the enabling bill, which is necessary to bring Church Union into effect, becomes law?"

The members will vote "yes" or "no." Rev. Mr. Stewart explained the ballot very carefully, and gave instructions on how to mark and sign it, at the morning service last Sunday. Efforts will be made to place a ballot in the hands of every member next Sunday. The marked ballots are to be returned on Sunday, the 27th inst.

The Asolian Entertainers

True to the announcement respecting this galaxy of entertainers their concert in the town hall last Friday evening proved high-class and enjoyable in every respect. Every one of the six artists composing the company is a specialist. Miss Agnes Adie, the soprano, is a prima donna. Her numbers were carefully selected, and whether rendered in English or Italian were sung in such splendid voice and technique that the audience was charmed. Miss Eileen Law, the famous Irish contralto, was equally well received in her numbers and proved herself a vocalist worthy a place on any concert platform. The great English tenor, William Baker, in his fine selections, fully met the expectations of the audience; while Rupert Lucas, the celebrated baritone, gave a fine demonstration of the possibilities of the cultivation of a voice well adapted to the parts he undertook to interpret. Miss Dorothy Ryan was given a great reception. Her recital of character sketches was true to life and as versatile as the subjects she treated. In Kathleen Brown, the audience realized they were favored with executiuse by an instrumentalist of rare skill. This was seen both in his piano and violin numbers, as well as his accompaniments. The members of the company were generous in the encore responses. It is to be regretted that the audience was smaller than the excellent entertainment deserved, and the management was justified in expecting. Rev. Mr. Baugh, who presided, was, however, happily philosophical, and hoped that the next concert under the auspices of St. Alban's Church would be favored with a full house.

First Session of the Council Held on Monday

Committees Appointed for the Year and Necessary By-laws Passed at this Meeting

GEO. HAVILL AND C. C. HENDERSON APPOINTED AUDITORS

The inaugural session of the Council was held at 11 o'clock on Monday morning and the Councillors took the usual declaration of office. The meeting then adjourned until eight o'clock the same evening.

Moved by J. Nicol, seconded by G. Barber, that Councillors Bell, Holmes and Thetford be the Striking Committee for 1924.—Carried.

The Committee appointed were as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE — F. E. Holmes, Chairman; J. Bell, E. Thetford.

STREETS AND WALKS COMMITTEE—The Reeve, Chairman; J. Nicol, J. Bell.

PARK COMMITTEE—E. T. Thetford, Chairman; J. Nicol, F. E. Holmes.

FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE—E. T. Thetford, Chairman; and the whole Council.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE — J. Bell, Chairman; E. Thetford, F. E. Holmes.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE — John Nicol, Chairman; and the whole Council.

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE—J. Bell, Chairman, F. E. Holmes, The Reeve.

Rev. H. G. L. Baugh addressed the Council regarding the price charged for the rental of town hall. He said he believed he voiced the feeling of all the churches in Acton in complaining of the high rental and said it was almost impossible to make any money at the present price. He also pointed out that the same price was charged to outsiders as to local institutions.

Moved by E. T. Thetford, seconded by J. Bell, that the rate for the use of the town hall for concerts, functions or entertainments given by churches, or local societies, for religious, philanthropic or charitable purposes, be reduced to $7.00 per evening.—Carried.

The regular price of $12.00 per evening for dances was maintained.

The first report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Accounts

G. H. Ritchie, streets and walks	$ 10 75
W. T. Hurt, sharpening mowers	50
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co., supplies	8 07
Hydro Electric Power Commission, street lighting	167 00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, town hall lighting	5 54
J. H. Mackenzie, supplies	31 14
Bell Telephone Co., services	6 15
Municipal World, assessor's supplies	23 48
Acton Free Library	384 83
	$634 96

Waterworks Account

Dr. H. A. Coxe, grease	$ 1 50
W. J. Reid, postage, etc.	7 50
Toronto Suburban Railway freight	40
A. E. Cripps, cartage	2 65
Bell Telephone Co., services	4 31
Hydro Electric Power Commission, power at spring	41 93
Hydro Electric Power Commission, power at pump house	21 40
Jas. Robertson Co., services	15 28
	$95 57

The report was adopted.

The by-law appointing auditors for the year was read the required number of times and passed by the Council. Messrs. Geo. Havill and C. C. Henderson were appointed auditors at a salary of $50 each.

The by-law authorising the borrowing of money to meet current expenditure was also read and passed by the Council. By this by-law the Reeve and Treasurer are authorized to borrow $21,000.

Another by-law, appointing an assessor and tax collector for 1924 was passed by the Council. W. J. Reid was appointed for the office.

Council adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

The Week of Prayer Services

Splendid Feeling of Unity and Fellowship Throughout These Union Meetings

Wet weather and slushy walks and roads did not deter a large congregation from assembling in Knox Church last Thursday evening, for the concluding service of the Week of Prayer services.

Rev. W. H. Howard gave a most impressive and timely address on "The Rule of Love and Justice in all Human Relationships." He set forth in logical array the relation of prayer in accomplishing the rule of love and justice in the home, the workshop, the Municipal Council, the Legislature, the House of Commons, the courts, and in all walks of life.

Mr. Howard also made an interesting summing up of the themes treated by the various speakers during the week's services and appealed for the spirit of these addresses to be acted upon by all, and the prayers for the accomplishment of God's purposes through these subjects to continue perpetually.

The spirit of the services was of a most helpful type, and the large numbers of citizens and others who attended hope long to feel for good the splendid influences inspired by this coming together of the Christian people of the community.

School Girl Killed at Milton

By G. P. R. Train Last Friday Morning on the Track

Margie MacFie, 12 years old, was struck and instantly killed on Friday morning by the Toronto-Goderich train, about one-quarter of a mile east of Milton station. The girl was on her way to school, and was walking on the tracks at the time. It is believed her attention was attracted by a freight train approaching from the opposite direction, and she was unaware of the train which was bearing down upon her from the rear.

The engineer blew his whistle, and applied the brakes, but could not stop in time to avoid hitting the girl. The body was removed from the front of the engine, so badly mangled that it was impossible to place the remains in the baggage car. The girl resided with her parents on a farm, about a mile east of Milton.

A coroner's jury was empannelled by Dr. McColl, and an inquest is being held.

A. S. FORSTER, ESQ.
Mayor of Oakville, Editor of The Star

Social and Personal

Mr. W. K. Near is visiting friends in Guelph and Fergus.

Mr. Strachan D. Croft, of Durham, was in town one day last week.

Mr. Fred Warren, of Toronto, visited relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. W. S. McLean, of Toronto, spent a few days last week with friends in town.

Mrs. A. McTavish is in Egmondville visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex. Park, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, of Oshawa, spent a day or so this week with Acton friends.

Mr. R. G. Brown left on Monday for Slater, Mo., to visit his sister, Mrs. Charles Brown.

Mr. Ben Mackie, of Fort Colborne, is visiting at the home of Mr. James Mackie, Church Street.

Mrs. David Bewell and Viola, of St. Catharines, made a brief visit with Acton friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Brookes, of Georgetown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Kunnawin.

Mr. George Storey, of Saskatoon, arrived on Friday and will spend the winter with his mother here.

Mrs. William Murray, Mill Street, who has been ill for several weeks, is still in a poor condition of health.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair were in Georgetown on Thursday attending the funeral of the late Robert Freeman Bessey.

Mr. Ernest Brown and Miss Bertha, from Toronto, and Mr. Roy Brown, from Hamilton, spent the week-end at their home here.

Sheriff and Mrs. Webster, of Norval, celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 6th inst. and were the recipients of hearty congratulations from many friends.

Mr. A. E. Hewetson and Miss Janie Hewetson, and Miss Proctor, of Toronto, and Mrs. A. E. Metcalf, of St. Thomas, spent the week-end with Mrs. Fred McCleary, Church Street.

Charles Barney, for many years publisher of the Parry Sound Canadian, died recently at Fort Burwell. Mr. Barney sold the Canadian a few years ago, and later moved to Port Burwell.

Miss Doris Howe, of Waterdown, daughter of Mrs. Lottie A. Baker, formerly of Milton, has been accepted for training as a nurse at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and will report there on February 12.

A cable from England to Mr. Fred Wright gave the rather disappointing news that Mrs. Wright and Norman could not sail for home on the date her reservation was made, owing to a change in the schedule of the steamship. She has now arranged to sail on the White Star liner "Regina," on the 31st inst.

Mr. George J. Thorp, collector of Customs and Inland Revenue, of Guelph, has been granted four months leave of absence, and has left for Battle Creek, Michigan, where he will remain a week before returning to Guelph, and accompanied by Mrs. Thorp, will then leave for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Acton Horticultural Society

Re-organized for 1924 with Frank Scriven as President

The annual meeting of Acton Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday evening of last week. The following officers for 1924 were elected as follows:

Hon. President—H. P. Moore.
President—Frank Scriven.
1st Vice-President—J. M. Gamble.
2nd Vice-President—Lawrence Williams.
Secretary-Treasurer—E. T. Thetford.
Directors—Miss L. M. Gray, Mrs. Wm. Hall, Mrs. N. F. Moore, Miss Minnie Bennett, Frank Kennedy, A. J. Smethurst, A. Mochrie and George Dutchburn.

The Horticultural Society is a vital factor in the beautifying of the homes, the lawns, and the general surroundings of our town. The impress of its efforts has been manifest for years, and it is encouraging that its membership roll includes a large proportion of our citizens.

The Society has an attractive programme outlined for the present year. There will be generous distribution of seeds and bedding plants in the spring, and a good selection of bulbs next fall. The members may rest assured that the officers will use every endeavor to make the year a notable one for the wealth of plants and bloom in town.

Halton County Council

The Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the County Elected for 1924

The following will compose the County Council for the year 1924:

Acton—George Barber, Reeve.
Burlington—P. D. Ghent, Reeve, and L. Nicholson, Deputy-Reeve.
Georgetown—D. McIntyre, Reeve.
Milton—J. W. Hain, Reeve.
Oakville—George Hillmer, Reeve, and P. W. Chambers, Deputy-Reeve.
Esquesing—W. J. L. Hampshire, Reeve, and W. G. Appelbe, Deputy-Reeve.
Nassagaweya—Ed. Agnew, Reeve.
Nelson—W. A. Irving, Reeve, and W. Brocken, Deputy Reeve.
Trafalgar—W. H. Morden, Reeve, and Dr. J. A. Johnstone, Deputy-Reeve.

News of Local Import

New Rates for Money Orders

Higher rates for money orders were put into effect the first of the month by express companies in Canada. The new rates are as follows: Up to $2.50, 5c; over $2.50 to $5.00, 7c; over 5.00 to $10.00, 10c; over 10.00 to $20.00, 12c; over $20 to $50, 15c; over $50 to $60, 18c; over $60 to $80, 20c; over $80 to $100, 24c; $100 at same rates.

Rabbits Cause Destruction at O. A. C.

The authorities of the O. A. C., Guelph, are beginning to take the presence on their grounds and in the immediate vicinity of the college property of jack rabbits, as being quite serious. This season an exceptionally large number of rabbits have done considerable damage to the young trees on the premises by "girdling" them. They have a great preference for the bark of fruit trees, which they attack just above the snowline, gnawing off the bark, and in some instances the trees have been killed. It is understood that arrangements have been made to stage a special warfare against these destructive animals.

Belated Christmas Mail from England

A carload of Christmas mail from England bound for Toronto, that arrived in New York several days before Christmas, only reached there last Wednesday night. Postmaster Lemon stated that the car had been held up all the time somewhere in the States, but where, he did not know. The mail had reached New York on the "Leviathan," which docked on December 22. It was rumored that this mail had actually reached Toronto shortly after Christmas, that the car had gone back across the border on another train, and since then had been travelling around through the States. A number of parcels for Acton people, from this belated car, reached the post office here on Friday and Saturday.

St. Alban's Christmas Tree

Santa Claus was late in reaching St. Alban's Sunday School, but he finally arrived Monday evening, laden with candies, nuts, apples and oranges enough for all. The Sunday School teachers were there in full force and had a busy hour serving the expectant crowd. After supper many old-time games were indulged in, followed by a candy and nut scramble. A very interesting and varied programme came next, at the conclusion of which the prizes for highest marks were presented, and finally, the grand march round the Christmas tree, when each child received a bag of candies and nuts, an apple and an orange. All went home tired, but happy.

Compliments to Councillor Bailey

The Fergus News-Record last week gave a biographical sketch of each of the members of the Council for 1924. Respecting Councillor Charles E. Bailey, formerly of Acton, it says: "Getting tired of city life, in Toronto, he moved to Acton in 1913, where he purchased a farm, partly in the town's limits. In Acton he was elected a member of the Council for two years, but in 1920 he received a good offer for his property, and in July, 1921, came to Fergus, this being near his old birthplace in Garafraxa. He was chairman of the Property Committee of Fergus Council last year and his experience as a builder has not come amiss. All matters pertaining to the town's welfare received his careful consideration, and he starts this term stronger than ever. He is comfortably situated on his little farm on Garafraxa Street, within the village limits, where he and Mrs. Bailey enjoy life. They have no family. In religion he is a Methodist, and seldom misses a service, and his temperance principles are well known."

Mayor Hiltz Dined by Georgetown Friends

A complimentary dinner was tendered Mayor W. W. Hiltz at Hart House, University of Toronto, last Thursday evening by old friends, who included many of those who were his fellow-students at Georgetown High School. Among those in attendance were: Dr. T. H. Wylie, Dr. Cameron, Warren, Dr. W. Corrigan, R. N. Shortill, Mowat Moore, Inspector W. Hume, Inspector Geo. Guthrie, A. H. Goodenow, Dr. H. O. Fisher, J. M. Prentice, H. M. Wetherald, Thomas Taylor, Norman M. MacLeod, R. D. Warren, J. J. Monds, F. H. Deacon, Percy Lister, George Graham, J. A. Willoughby, F. J. Barber, C. H. Barber, Fred W. Search, D. Jackson, Dr. W. H. Morrison, Dr. S. T. Williams, Ernest A. Warren, William McGregor, A. McKinlay, W. Cole, Dr. Newell, Dr. T. McGuire, F. Beaumont, Dr. C. Dobson, Dr. J. A. Dobson, H. Holyroyd, Rev. J. D. Reid, Dr. J. Brooke, James M. Warren, N. Guthrie, Rev. W. Monds, T. McWhirter, W. Webster, F. Ruston, A. Sinclair, W. Sutherland, H. Noble, W. Lawson, H. F. Oram, W. Hood, Dr. Frank R. Watson, Chairman of Georgetown High School Board.—Herald.

The Methodists and Church Union

Rev. Charles Hackett gave a very interesting resume of the Church Union question, as it affects the Methodist Church, from his pulpit last Sunday morning. His address was based upon John 17: 21, "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me," and also upon the New Year's message of the General Superintendent to the Methodist Churches. To their great credit he showed that the Union movement was initiated by the Presbyterian Church, the overture toward Union coming from the General Assembly of that church. The Methodist Church, after long and careful consideration, consultation and discussion, had decided that it was in the interests of the cause of God, and for the help and encouragement of the people settled in the thinly-populated districts, that the union of the negotiating churches—the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist—should be consummated. The Methodist Church, having settled the question, by the unanimous vote of the General Conference, are quietly waiting for final settlement of the great issue. Mr. Hackett stated that when the union was finally effected the Methodist Church will go into the United Church of Canada on a basis of equality from a material standpoint. This is conclusively shown by the comparative statement issued recently by Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, the chairman of the Presbyterian Union Committee, and based upon official returns in which the Methodist Church is given credit for a larger membership, a greater Sunday School force, larger annual revenues for all purposes and possessing $17,000,000 more invested in church property, $300,000 less debt on such property, $1,200,000 more in college endowments, and $358,000 more in ministers' pension funds. The address gave valuable food for thought and information to the congregation.

Police Court News

One Party, Making Moonshine for Christmas, Fined $200; Another Making Beer, Fined $50

The Inland Revenue Act was responsible for two convictions last Friday against persons making spirits and beer for their respective Christmas festivities at Police Court here.

Mrs. Caroline Chubey, of No. 3, in the row of small houses parallel with the Canadian National Railway line, was discovered by Inspector Reevely and Chief Macpherson, on December 20, in the act of distilling spirits. The outfit and a quantity of the liquor was seized. The spirits, upon being analyzed, showed a content of 35 per cent. proof spirits. The day of the seizure Pete Chubey, the husband of Caroline, cleared out of town leaving his wife to bear the brunt of a court trial. The evidence of the officers was of such a convincing character that a conviction was made, and a penalty of $200 and costs, or six months in jail, imposed. The defendant was given a week to get her husband home to assist her to raise the amount of the fine.

George Milliere, of Limehouse, was charged by Inland Revenue Officer Harvis, at the Police Court here on Friday, with making beer without a permit. The accused admitted making the beer. He had a permit filled out, but had neglected to send it to the excise officer. He had never made home brew before, but made this supply for Christmas. He supposed he had told someone he was going to have beer, and the officers had heard about it. The analysis, made by the Dominion Analyst at Ottawa, showed that the beer contained 10.03 per cent. of proof spirits. A conviction was made and the minimum penalty of $50 and costs was imposed.

Mr. LeRoy Dale, of Georgetown, was prosecutor for the Inland Revenue Department in both the above cases.

Three young men of Glenwilliams, Norman Logan, Monty Logan and Wilson Anderson were discovered in an intoxicated condition at the home of William Hadley, on Sunday afternoon, December 30, by Inspector Reevely. The Inspector laid charges against them, and they came before Police Magistrate Moore on Friday morning. Each in turn pleaded guilty to the charge. Norman and Monty Logan were each fined $25 and costs—this being the third offence for each of them—and Wilson Anderson's penalty was $10 and costs.

When John Fraser appeared in Police Court on Monday morning at Stratford, he received something in the nature of a surprise, at the hands of Magistrate Making. He was given 20 days in jail and 20 lashes for having beaten his wife.

The Cosgrave Export Brewing Company, of Toronto, was charged by Robert Reevely, Inspector, at Brampton, on Tuesday, with selling beer with an alcoholic content of over 2½%. This strong beer was alleged to have been sold to George Bowers, of the Cooksville Inn a few weeks before Christmas. The case grew out of a conviction against Bowers in December, having beer which analyzed 10.3% of proof spirits. When convicted at the time Bowers said he bought the beer from the Cosgraves, and declared he would take proceedings against them. When he came into court on Tuesday Bowers was evidently determined to protect the Cosgraves; could not remember when the beer was purchased, had destroyed the invoices which were previously in court, and said he did not know where the bottles of beer came from. Inspector Reevely and Provincial Officers Doyle and Dick gave evidence of having seized the liquor at Bowers' Hotel, that it bore the Cosgrave labels, but gave no evidence that it came from the Cosgrave brewery. Police Magistrate Moore, in summing up the case, said he had no doubt it was Cosgrave's beer, and that they had supplied it to Bowers, but as the evidence was not forthcoming he was obliged to dismiss the action. Crown Attorney Morphy and Mr. R. V. Lent acted for the prosecution, and James Haverson, K. C., for the defence.

Mrs. Angelo Valeriote, Alice Street, Guelph, was convicted at Tuesday's Police Court of selling liquor unlawfully, and was fined $200 and costs.

A. T. Brown, Chairman

Elected at the Inaugural Meeting of the Hydro Commission

The inaugural meeting of Acton Hydro-Electric Commission was held in the office at the Hydro Shop last Thursday evening.

Those present were Reeve Harber, Commissioner A. T. Brown, Commissioner-elect L. G. King, Charles A. Wilson, Superintendent, and Miss B. H. Speight, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. L. G. King subscribed to the declaration of office.

Upon motion A. T. Brown was elected Chairman of the Commission for the year, with power to countersign cheques and orders.

It was decided to hold the regular meetings of the Commission on the third Thursday of each month, at 7 o'clock.

During the present year, the number of users of electric current for light and power having grown to such large proportions, the town will be divided into sections in order to facilitate the reading of metres and the rendering of accounts. Beginning with February, all metres on the north side of Mill Street will be read at the beginning of the month, and the accounts be payable on the 16th; those on the south side will be read later and accounts will be payable on the 25th. The discount dates will appear on the statement rendered.

This plan will also give Superintendent Wilson opportunity to render service where needed after the reading of the metres in the first section, and before the time fixed for reading the second section.

The New Sales Tax

Manufacturers Complain Vigorously and Say It is a Serious Disorganization of Business

Reports received by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association from its members in all parts of Canada indicate that the new sales tax, which came into effect on January 1, is causing a great deal of confusion and is leading to a serious disorganization of business. The operation of the law is working anything but smoothly and is a source of exasperation and loss to business men.

The Special Taxation Committee of the Association has now in preparation a programme of taxation, which after receiving the approval of the Executive Committee, will be submitted to Parliament as embodying the views of the manufacturers on methods of taxation, which should be employed.