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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "In the name of the Lord Jesus."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "A Missionary Jubilee."

EVERYBODY WELCOME

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject. "This Troublous Life."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
2.45 p. m.—Bible Class. Study in Matthew, Chapter VI.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Our Friend—the Enemy."

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

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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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.
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Farm, 123 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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"Girl of the Golden West"

SATURDAY
"Shadows," with Lon Chaney

TUESDAY
"Just Off Broadway," with Buck Jones

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Winter on the Ground But Spring in the Air

That's a magic word—Springtime—awakening in you a real sheer joy in living. It means a new world, full of new things. In this big Store, it means the revealing of new styles and fresh merchandise.

FOR WOMEN TO SEE: NEW MILLINERY—SUITS—COATS—DRESSES—BLOUSES—AND ACCESSORIES

And a host of new fabrics in wool, in silk, in cotton and in combination of any two of these three.

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If he can be on hand while we are clearing out all the broken size ranges.

One hundred suits gathered together from incomplete lines, and all marked down to one clearance figure—

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All wool tweeds and worsted in plain and mixed patterns, of medium and dark shades. Both men's and young men's models, some with extra trousers. Good choice in all sizes from 34 to 42, when all the broken lines are assembled together. Splendid chance to save on your new Spring suit need.

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Assorted Chocolates, in Hard and Soft Centres. Week-end Special Price 32c lb.

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Fresh Cocoanut Rocks, that old favorite. Regularly 40c lb. Week-end Special 32c lb.

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Just arrived, a fresh shipment of Smiles 'N' Chuckles, the Finest Chocolates on the market.

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We carry a full line of Ice Cream Bricks, also Bulk Ice Cream. We will deliver to any home in town.

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

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Spring Footwear

You can not address the world correctly unless you dress your feet properly

Just in--

Men's Oxfords
Kid, Patent, Colt, Calf, in Brown and Black.

New Boots in Kid and Calf.

Women's Patent Slippers
Black and Brown Kid, newest shapes and styles, also suede and satins. If its new we have it.

Holeproof Hose
Men's and Women's.

New Farm, Factory and School Boots

SALE PRICES ON BALANCE OF WINTER GOODS

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

News of Local Import

Women's Institute Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Alex. Bell, Knox Avenue, on Friday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock. A good musical programme, readings and contest. Come and enjoy a good evening. Everybody welcome.

A Runaway on Monday

Mr. Ben Hobbs' driver made a dash from Mackenzie's planing mill on Church Street on Monday afternoon, and ran to the shoe factory, where it collided with Robert Wallace's team and sleigh. Little damage was done, but the harness was stripped off the Hobbs' horse, leaving only the bridle and lines.

Enjoyable Social Evening

A pleasant evennig was spent in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening. The weather was rather unpropitious, but the attendance was good. An enjoyable programme was rendered by local talent, whose numbers were all enjoyed. At the close sandwiches and coffee were served and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by the company.

Charles Gervais Is Dead

On Sunday, while Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Musales, of Toronto, were visiting at the parents' home here, a telephone call came from Toronto saying that Mr. Charles Gervais, father of Mrs. Musales, was critically ill at Toronto. They returned by first car. Mr. Gervais died on Monday. He went from Guelph to Toronto on Wednesday, and contracted pneumonia. Interment was made in Toronto.

Appreciates the Home Paper

A former resident writes: "Am enclosing cheque for renewal of THE FREE PRESS for another year. I plead guilty to negligence in not remitting last month when subscription was due, and admit it was not a square deal to the publishers, and a poor way of showing my appreciation of the weekly feast of good things, and news from the old home town and surrounding district. I ask your pardon and wish you continued success."

Women's Day of Prayer

The ladies of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Missionary Societies will unite in a service for prayer in the Methodist Church on Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Prayer will be offered for the church in all lands, missions and missionaries; homes and home life; hospitals, nurses, doctors, ministries of healing; preventive and rescue work; the king, the empire, the Governments, the right administration of law and justice, and the League of Nations.

The Turnip Trade Still Busy

The shippers of turnips are still about as busy as they were in the fall at turnip-pulling time. Twenty to thirty loads of turnips are still being delivered daily to the two shippers at Acton station of the Canadian National Railway. The turnips now being delivered were stored in pits last fall. The current price now is 25c per bushel of 50 pounds. Turnips have been brought in this week by farmers from the four townships of Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Erin and Eramosa.

Watch for Spurious American Bills

Raised American bank notes, chiefly of the $2 denomination, which have been transformed into $20 bills, have been flooding Ontario during the past few weeks. Canadian $2 bank notes treated similarly are also included, but the number is not as large as those from across the line. The bills indicate that the persons responsible are experienced and the value of the notes have been raised to $20 so successfully that large sums have been lost through the acceptance of them. The addition cipher needed to make a $2 bill into a $20 has been inscribed with great care and attention has been paid to the minutest details. The most careful scrutiny is required to detect the fraud.

Acton Machine Company Getting Settled

The work of conveying the heavy lathes and other machinery from the old shop on Main Street to the new Thomson factory in Maplehurst was completed last week. Superintendent Illow and his staff are now busily engaged in placing the machinery, putting up new shafting, and getting the new premises into shape for satisfactory work. The machines are being arranged so as to facilitate handling of goods in process of manufacture. The raw material will go in at one end of the factory and the finished product will be transferred from the last machine to the shipping racks. The large factory is already so crowded with machinery that the company finds that an addition must be added for storing steel and other raw materials. Orders are being received in large volume, and the company is quite confident that, with the increased facilities afforded by the new building and the extra machinery, their output this year will double that of 1923. Mr. Hartley Harrison, the head of the sales department, leaves next week on a business trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Youthful Flights of Oratory

The usual Monday evening session of the Young People's League was occupied by a highly interesting oratorical contest. There were six contestants, every one of whom demonstrated very creditable ability as a public speaker. The speakers were all young people of the church, though not all were members of the League. In the contest for non-members, Miss Laura Murray was awarded first prize with her address on "David Lloyd George." Elvin Gamble took second place, his subject being "How Nature Protects Her Animals," and George Mason also did well in his speech on "The Waterways of Canada." The consolation prize was awarded to Miss Merle Stewart for her address on "Nellie McClung." In the group by members of the League, Miss Clara Bayage won first prize with her oration on "Acton's Jubilee Celebration;" Miss Ada Nelles was second, her theme being "Why I Should Like to Travel." While awaiting the decision of the judges impromptu speeches were made by Misses Clara E. Moore, Ella H. Armstrong, Gwen Maddock and Mr. William Hackett. The arduous duties of judges were undertaken by Misses Mingie E. Nelson, Grace Hood and Isabel Start, to whom the thanks of the League were voted. During the evening a ladies' quartette, composed of Misses Lottie Mason, Eva Johnson, Olive McLaughlin and Edith Dennis, rendered a selection, which was much enjoyed.

Acton's Assets Now $220,783.56; Owing $176,878.47

The Auditors' Report Gives Much Interesting Information

FAIRVIEW REVENUES LAST YEAR $415.30; ONLY $63.72 PAID FOR ITS CARE

The auditors' report for 1923, was presented at last meeting of the Council, and it is a very interesting document.

The following explanatory summary and recommendations show the extent of the work embraced, and manifests the very commendible interest the auditors are taking in the financial affairs of the corporation, which have come before them for review:

Acton, February 26, 1924

To the Reeve and Councillors
of the Municipality of Acton

Gentlemen:

We attach hereto the following documents, duly certified by us:

1.—Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2.—Abstract of General Accounts of the Municipality for the year 1923.

3.—Detailed Statement of Expenditures of the Municipality.

4.—Waterworks Department: (a) Abstract Statement of receipts and expenditures; (b) Detailed Statement of expenditures.

5.—(a) Abstract of the Account of the Public School Board; (b) Detailed Statement of expenditures of the Public School Board.

6.—Abstract of the Accounts of the Free Library Board.

7.—Abstract of the Accounts of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

We again take pleasure in reporting that we found the cash books and auxiliary books of the Treasurer, and other officials, in good form, generally and carefully kept. We have made some further suggestions of a minor nature to some of the departments, which we believe will further increase the efficiency of the system of accounting.

We note with pleasure the increase in the receipts from "Poll Tax," but, believing that the revenue from this source is still much below what it should be, we are taking the liberty of recommending to the Council that the Collector of Poll Tax, Mr. Reid, be instructed to visit a neighboring municipality, where a good system of collection of "poll tax" is in vogue, with a view to gaining information which may result in the matter being carried out under a satisfactory system here.

The Collector's roll, the municipality's chief source of revenue, has had our careful attention, and an authentic list of unpaid taxes at December 31 last, is now appended to the roll. From this beginning, with some suggested changes in accounting, it should be a simple matter to obtain a balance in this department in future audits.

We have examined the Guarantee Bonds of the different officers of the Municipality, also the insurance in force on the municipal properties, and our report thereon is contained herein.

The debenture book is in good form.

The Guarantee Bonds of H. N. Farmer, Treasurer, $3,000.00; W. J. Reid, Collector, $2,000.00; R. M. McDonald, Treasurer Public School Board, $1,000.00, are current.

Fire insurance in force: Shoe Factory, $12,000.00; Town Hall and contents, $12,100.00; Public School, $24,000.00; Thomson Motor Supplies Ltd., $10,000.00.

C. C. HENDERSON,
GEO. HAVILL, Auditors.

From the very comprehensive report of the auditors is gleaned a few items of special interest, which ratepayers will appreciate, pending the printing and circulation of the complete report.

On a very conservative valuation, after allowing a liberal amount for depreciation of all municipal utilities, the auditors have shown that Acton's assets to-day are $220,783.56. The liabilities, all covered by debentures, amount to $176,878.47, leaving a net balance of assets over liabilities of $43,905.09.

The general receipts for the year were $62,415.68, and the balance on hand on December 31, was $2,262.67. The receipts on waterworks account were $4,300.17, and the payments $35.81 less. The receipts of the Hydro-Electric Commission totalled $37,521.12. The payments exceeded this by $970.69; but the expenditure included $5,032.28, largely expended in construction of extensions. It is interesting to note that outside the amount received for street lighting, the receipts for light and for power are now almost equal. The total received for residential and commercial lighting was $8,269.53, and for power $8,823.44. The cost of street lighting last year was $2,058.46.

It is exceedingly interesting to note that the receipts from Fairview Cemetery last year totalled $415.30, whereas the total sum expended, as shown by the auditors' report, was only $63.72. Surely the cemetery is not being made a revenue-producing utility to add to the general receipts of the municipality. With only $63.72 expended last year it is no wonder the walks and drives were permitted to get into the very unpresentable condition which prevailed last summer. Unless the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for 1924 can handle cemetery matters more satisfactorily than this, he will have some serious questions to answer when the reckoning time comes at the end of the municipal year. However, he has had no opportunity, as yet, to show what can be done in this important matter. That he will be justified in expending all the revenue of the cemetery in keeping it presentable and attractive, no thoughtful ratepayer will gainsay. In fact the statutes require that all revenues from the cemetery be expended in the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery.

The schools are now costing the town $11,454.85. This amount seems large, but the importance of the proper education of the rising generation demands, and the Education Department enforces, this expenditure.

NOT MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter was discussing married happiness. "You know my friend Jenkins, don't you, dear?" said Mr. Hunter to his wife, after a while.

"Yes, of course I do, dear," was the reply.

"Well, that man has the most happy ideas about marriage."

"Really?"

"Yes; he believes that man and wife should always be in full harmony; that they should mutually yield every point to this end, and have no thought in the world but true domestic happiness."

"Splendid; and, of course, Mrs. Jenkins agrees with him?"

"Not so fast, my dear. Jenkins is not married."

Social and Personal

Mr. Will Robertson, of Toronto, spent the week-end here.

Mrs. T. P. Martin visited friends in Toronto during the week.

Mr. J. A. Willoughby, of Toronto, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. R. J. Kerr is now making rapid progress toward recovery.

Miss Alice Cook is visiting her sister, Mrs. McGaughlin, Guelph.

Mr. W. G. C. Kenney was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Bessie Woodhall spent the week-end with friends in Milton.

Miss Lorna Kennedy spent the week-end with Georgetown friends.

Miss Rena Forbes, of Guelph, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Misses Florence Barr and Nellie Hall visited friends in Guelph over Sunday.

Mr. August Anderson is now gradually recovering from his serious illness.

Mr. D. H. Young visited friends in Kincardine, Wingham and Ripley last week.

Mrs. John Given and daughter, of Guelph, visited Acton relatives last week.

Miss Laura Hall and Master William Hall spent Sunday with friends at Doily Varden.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin, J. P., has been confined to the house through illness the past week.

Mr. Samuel Dice, Police Magistrate, Milton, has been confined to his bed for several days.

Mrs. William Laird, of Walkerville, spent a few days last week with friends in town.

Mr. Elmer Henderson, of Toronto Dental College, visited at his home over the week-end.

Miss Albright, of Hamilton, visited her friend, Miss Jessie Russell, a few days last week.

Mr. Nicholas Forbes, who has been ill and confined to his bed the past week, is recovering.

Mr. Charles Hynds and Master Mac, of Toronto, spent the week-end at the parental home here.

Miss Doris Ransom, of Toronto, visited her friend, Miss Dorothy McPherson, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodgins, of Lenny, Sask., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgins.

Mrs. A. McTavish, who has been with relatives at Seaforth for several months, has returned home.

Mr. Jordan Lawson, who is taking a course at the Technical School, Toronto, was home over the week-end.

Mrs. James Matthews has been in a very low condition the past few days. Her recovery is not now looked for.

Mr. W. S. Coleman, Jr., entertained about two dozen of his friends last Wednesday evening at a house party.

Miss Winnifred Watson, of Toronto, was a guest over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Rev. Charles Hackett was in Guelph on Tuesday attending a meeting of the Missionary Committee of Guelph District.

Mr. Charles Lasby, of Toronto, spent a few days with relatives in the old home. Mr. Lasby always has kindly feelings for Acton.

Mrs. Charles Jenner, of Kitchener, spent a few days during the week with Mrs. C. C. Speight and Miss Speight. She enjoyed the visit to the old home.

Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto from Saturday till Monday. As usual she took her old position in the choir and rendered very effective help.

Mrs. John F. Secord, who has been making her home in Hamilton, has removed to Guelph. Her Acton friends will always have a welcome for her when she comes to the old home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown had a very enjoyable house party on Friday evening. It was in celebration of Mrs. Brown's birthday, and the houseful of guests spent a delightful evening.

Mr. William McPhail, of Brandon, has been here during the past week, renewing acquaintances in the old home. Mr. McPhail has met many of the friends of his earlier years, but misses some who have been called to their long home. He is spending the winter in Ontario.

Miss Bertha Brown was home from Toronto over the week-end. Miss Brown has been selected as one of the Canadian teachers to spend a year in teaching in London, England, in exchange for a teacher from there, who will teach in Toronto. Miss Brown will proceed to England early in July.

Investigation Failed to Reveal Cause

The Deputy Fire Marshall Unable to Discover Cause of Fire at Norval

A two-days' investigation into the cause of the fire which destroyed the splendid barn of J. L. Clark, Norval, on December 12, was held this week at Brampton.

Mr. Clark was under examination for several hours, giving the Deputy Fire Marshall a very complete history of his affairs from a financial standpoint.

None of the evidence given threw any fresh light on the cause of the fire. Mr. Clark said that it might have been caused by drawing green grain into the barn during the harvest, something made necessary last summer by weather conditions. He disclaimed any belief in spontaneous combustion or that a short circuit in the car stored in the barn the night of the fire might have been responsible.

HOW'S THIS ONE?

In an Irish court recently an old man was called into the witness box, and being infirm and just a little blind, he went too far in more than one sense. Instead of going up the stairs that led to the box he mounted those that led to bench. Said the Judge good-naturedly:

"Is it a Judge you want to be, my good man?"

"Ah, sure, your Honor," was the reply, "I'm an ould man now, and mebbe it's all I'm fit for."

The Judge had no ready retort.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

Pat—"But suppose all the wealth wor equally divided? That wud be socialism."

Mike—"No, it wudn't. All the Socialists would dhrink themselves to death wid their share, an' there'd be nothin' but capitalists left."

The Schools' Honor Roll for February

Standing Won by the Studious Pupils at the Examinations Last Month

THE THREE IN EACH CLASS WHO WON HONOR STANDING

The following reports give the names of the pupils of Acton Schools who won a place on the honor roll in February:

Senior Fourth

Frank Holloway, 365; John Mann, 363; Ada Mills, 361.

Junior Fourth

Mae Stewart, 362; Frank Cook, 336; Walter Linham, 313. Total 500.
M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

Senior Third

Phyllis Howard, 403; Hazel Coxe, 401; Mildred Hollinger, 366. Total 500.
D. Folster, Teacher.

Junior Third

Allan Marshall, 509; Kathleen Molozzi, 489; Helen Ostrander, 473. Total 500.
M. R. Moore, Teacher.

Senior Second

Lorna McComb, 468; Charles Holmes, 408; Frank Winter, 403.

Junior Second

Isabel Bruce, 445; Kathleen McComb, 408; Katharine Stewart, 408; Robert Hall, 346; Gordon Hansen, 346. Total 500.
I. Anderson, Teacher.

Junior Second

Nora Waterhouse, 380; Adabel Brown, 375; Phyllis Lasby, 337; Lois Atkinson, 337. Total 500.

Junior First

George Tyler, 238; Jack Waterhouse, 203; George Holmes, 200. Total 400.

Promoted from First Class to Junior Second

Esther Taylor, Teddy Elliott, Isabel Switzer, Tommy Nicol, Bessie Rawlings, Amelia Evans, Joe Kelly, May Bruce, Catherine Mackie, William Near, Ford Hillman, Thomas Elliott, Basil Mellon, Margaret O'Rhea, Lloyd Kenyon, John Nicol, Audrey McComb, Olla B. Armstrong, Teacher.

Junior First

Doris Holloway, 238; George Molozzi, 238; Joe McCann, 213; Marguerite Roszel, 191. Total 300.

Senior Primary

Harvey Hassard, 231; Teddy Hanson, 219; Wilfred McCutcheon, 178. Total 250.

Promoted from Senior Primary to Junior First

Harvey Hassard, Teddy Hanson, Wilfred McCutcheon, Isabel Bruce, Beth Harrison, Veru Rawlings, Ella Marshall, Robert Marshall, Tommy Rigby, Naomi Rumley, Robert Kerr (on trial), Kathleen Patrick (on trial.)
N. Anderson, Teacher.

Junior Primary

A—Mickie Holmes, 19; Mervin Reid, 19; Lorraine Wilson, 18; Marjorie Near, 17; Helen Campbell, 17.

B—Hector Lambert, 18; George Switzer, 17; Marguerite Currie, 17; Norman Scarrow, 16.

C—Grace Lantz, 19; Harry Hurak, 17; Jack McGill, 16. Total 20.
B. Gardiner, Teacher.

A Subscriber Writes from Japan

Alex. Munroe Describes Tokyo's Earthquake Scenes

The following letter from Alex. Munroe, our former fellow-citizen, now engaged in evangelistic work in Japan, will be read with interest:

969 Kohara Takinogawa,
Takinogawa, Machi,
Tokyo, Fu, Japan.
February 6, 1924.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we are again settled in Tokyo. We arrived here January 10. Words fail me to describe the awful sights since the earthquake of September 1. Yokahama has been completely destroyed, and a great part of Tokyo. One can scarcely realize what an earthquake can do, until the terrible ruins are seen.

Mountains have been removed, and there are cracks and crevices in the ground, several feet wide. Steel rails are twisted into all shapes, and all along the streets are the iron frames of automobiles, lying where they had been left by the fleeing occupants, at the time of the earthquake.

Earthquakes still continue nearly every day. On January 15 we had a very large one. We were awakened before 6 o'clock in the morning, with the house rocking. We could scarcely stand on our feet, but had to get out as quickly as possible, with only quilts around us. It lasted for twenty minutes. Many of the houses collapsed, and some people were killed. We have to sleep with a certain amount of clothing on, as we never know when an earthquake is coming.

Soldiers are still guarding the cities, and workmen are removing the debris and taking dead bodies from the ruins.

We certainly enjoy the Acton paper every week. It is like a letter from home.

With kind regards to all, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
ALEX. MUNROE.

The Globe's Eightieth Birthday

A Forty-four Page Edition Marks This Anniversary

The Toronto Globe attained its eightieth year yesterday and signalized this important epoch in its history by issuing a forty-four page edition in which was given a very interesting review of the evolution of what is now one of Canada's most successful and representative metropolitan journals.

A feature of the illustrations is especially interesting to THE FREE PRESS, inasmuch as the old Washington hand press shown was the press upon which the first edition of THE ACTON FREE PRESS was printed in July, 1875—according to the annals of local history handed down in this office for nearly fifty years.

The birthday message from the President of the Globe, and the salutations from leading men throughout Canada are most interesting and will become history.

VERY THOUGHTFUL CHILD

Robust little girl of five, just before starting for her first day at school—"Mummey dear, please cut my finger-nails."

"Is it so very important now, dear?"

"Yes, mummey. You see, I shall probably have to punch some of the other little girls, and I don't want to scratch them."

News of Local Import

St. Patrick's Day Dance

The Acton employees of the Hewetson Shoe Factory are holding their last social evening of the season by giving a public dance and supper on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Mason's Orchestra.

Rummage Sale—March 26

The ladies of the Methodist Church will hold a Rummage Sale and afternoon tea in the school room on Wednesday, afternoon and evening, 26th inst. A rummage sale is a new adventure in Acton and will naturally have features of interest.

Miss Galbraith Suddenly Bereft

The sad news came from the home at Shelburne to Miss Galbraith, milliner, on Sunday, that her father, Mr. A. V. Galbraith, had died very suddenly. Miss Galbraith took the first train for the stricken home. Her many friends here sympathize deeply with her and her family in their great bereavement.

A Missionary From Japan

Rev. Samuel H. Soper, B. A., missionary from Japan, who has special supervision of agricultural training, undertaken by the missionary society in that country, will preach in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, March 16. On Monday evening Rev. Mr. Soper will deliver an illustrated address at the Young People's League.

President Carter Will Tell About Flowers

THE FREE PRESS was favored with a call from Mr. J. E. Carter, Guelph, President of the Ontario Horticultural Society, on Tuesday. Mr. Carter has kindly consented to address a public meeting, under the auspices of Acton Horticultural Society, in the town hall, on Friday evening, 28th inst. President Carter is an expert horticulturist; is practical in his methods and exceedingly interesting in his description of flowers, plants and horticulture.

The Doctors' Country Drives this Winter

The man whose lot is not to be envied this winter is the doctor with a country practice, whose professional duties call him out for several miles on a cold stormy wintry night, when the roads are in an almost impassable condition. It may be that he has just gotten home and into a warm comfortable bed after being out in the cold for several hours, when a telephone ring comes in and summonses him on another trip. Still, he obeys the summons, and to judge from his appearance he seems to enjoy the experience.

U. F. O. Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. was held at the home of Mr. Bert Davidson, second line, on Friday evening, and was well attended, over one hundred being present. Following the routine business a programme, consisting of songs by Aileen Clarridge and Donald McDougall; recitations by Miss Betty Lowrie, and a sing-song, were given, which were all enjoyed. Mr. Will McDonald gave a very interesting address on "Co-operative Turnip Marketing." Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent with music and dancing.

The Seed Market This Spring

A bulletin from the seed branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, says: There has been little change in the wholesale seed market during the past two weeks. During this period importations of timothy from the United States have been large to Toronto. Prices have remained about the same, with a weaker feeling in some lines, notably red clover, alsike and timothy. There is no gainsaying that business remains dull, due to the general tightness of money. The present average wholesale prices are as follows: Red Clover, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $23.00; Red Clover, No. 2, per 100 lbs., $22.00; Alsike, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $13.00; Alsike No. 2, per 100 lbs., $12.00; Alfalfa (Ontario) No. 1, per 100 lbs., $23.00; Alfalfa (Ontario) No. 2, per 100 lbs., $21.00; Sweet Clover, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $12.50; Sweet Clover, No. 2, per 100 lbs., $11.00; Timothy, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $12.50; Timothy No. 2, per 100 lbs. $11.75.

From Acton to Vancouver by Panama

It will be news to many readers that goods are being shipped regularly from Acton to Vancouver and other British Columbia and Alberta points by way of the Panama canal. Numerous news items have appeared respecting the shipment of wheat and other grains from Vancouver to overseas ports through the Panama canal, but it may not be generally known that manufacturers and dealers in Ontario and other eastern provinces are making regular shipments to the West by the Panama route. The Acton Machine Company are shipping axles and other supplies for motor cars, by this route, and find it quite satisfactory. Goods are shipped to Montreal and go by boat from there down the Atlantic coast, through the canal and then up the Pacific coast to their destination. Goods can be shipped this way to points as remote from the coast as Calgary and Edmonton, for a lower rate than that charged by the more direct all-rail route.

Pastor and Dairy Instructor

Rev. Henry Cotton, at present pastor of the Cainsville Methodist Circuit, has been appointed to the post of Assistant Superintendent of the Boys' Farm and Training School at Shawbridge, Quebec, where there are about 160 boys. Major Cotton served overseas in the Flying Corps, and spent some months in a German prison camp. During his pastorate he has utilized his training acquired at the O. A. C. to form dairy testing clubs, and had the distinction of being possibly the only pastor to carry on such community work. His interest has not only been of great material benefit to the farmers of his community, but has given him a prestige among the people, resulting in a keener interest in attending church services and in spiritual matters generally. Rev. Mr. Cotton will have a very wholesome interest over the boys at Shawbridge Farm School, and will have opportunities for religious work as great as that of any pastor. Rev. Mr. Cotton spent his first time after returning from overseas as minister of the churches on Norval circuit.

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