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Parsonage—Willow St.

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7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Who answered the Call."

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7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject, "The Beginnings of Christianity."

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The Junior I. O. D. E. wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the Bazaar such a success last Saturday afternoon and evening.

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce and family, thank all the neighbors and friends for kind sympathy, also for the floral tributes during the illness and death of our dear Margaret.

CARD OF THANKS
The Lady True Blue Lodge of Acton wish to thank all those who assisted with the programme and donated gifts for their shower, held on Wednesday, November 26th.

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Women's Patent Goodyear Welt Slippers, $6.50 for $4.85; $3.75 for $2.95; $5.00 for $3.95.
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New Lines of Travelling Bags and Suit Cases

News of Local Import

Christmas is Coming—Make it Merry

It isn't the wreaths in the windows, it isn't the shining tree, or the children rapt and waiting, brings Christmas to you and me. It's the marvelous self-forgetting, it's the thoughts we are sending far, it's our hearts aglow, uplifting, its a wonderful guiding star.

The Winter Bird's Dinner

When winter with its frosty winds, the warm air comes to quickly chill, bread crumbs for hungry little birds, I scatter on my window sill. They seem to like this dining hall when food is so hard to forage, and every morning come to eat, what I call Snow Bird's Porridge.

Bazaar

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's Church will hold their annual bazaar and sale of home cooking, home-made candy, etc., in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 13th, afternoon and evening. A nice assortment of gifts for Christmas. Tea served in the Oriental Tea Room. Everybody welcome.

W. C. T. U. Meeting this Evening

A meeting under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. will be held this evening in the Methodist School room, to which all the ladies of the community are invited. Mrs. (Rev.) Henry Caldwell, of Georgetown, the Superintendent for the county, will address the meeting. Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Stewart, President of the Acton Union will preside.

Officers Elected for 1925

The Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church met at the home of Miss Lucy Edwards on Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing the officers for the year 1925. The following have been appointed:

President—Miss Clara Lantz.
Vice-President—Miss M. Symon.
Secretary—Miss Jessie I. Anderson.
Asst. Secretary—Miss Lucy Edwards.
Treasurer—Miss Bernice Reid.
Convenor of Programmes—Miss J. Russell.

Death of Little Margaret Bruce

Margaret, the dear little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce, Bower Ave., who was operated on for appendicitis, failed to recover from the shock and passed away on Thursday. Peritonitus set in and this naturally retarded progress after the operation. The dear little girl was born in Acton five and a half years ago. The funeral took place from Knox Church on Saturday afternoon, Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., officiating. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in this sad bereavement.

A Very Pleasurable Evening

The choir of the Methodist church, spent a delightful evening in Georgetown last Thursday evening as the guests of Major and Mrs. Kennedy. The hospitality of the bride and groom was unbounded, and all present enjoyed the occasion very much. Rev. Mr. Culp, who is himself a vocalist of merit, accompanied the choir and joined the musical programme rendered during the evening. The kindness of the host and hostess, and also of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kennedy, the parents of Major Kennedy, was greatly appreciated.

Masonic Officers for 1925

The officers of Walker Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 321, Acton, were elected at the regular meeting on Monday evening:

I. P. M.—W. Bro. N. P. McLam.
W. M.—W. Bro. D. McTavish.
S. W.—Bro. Dean Leslie.
J. W.—Bro. Charles Wilson.
Chaplain—W. Bro. W. M. Cooper.
Treasurer—W. Bro. W. J. Reid.
Secretary—W. Bro. R. M. McDonald.
S. D.—Bro. W. H. Hortop.
J. D.—Bro. N. H. Black.
D. of C.—W. Bro. H. Cook.
Organist—W. Bro. G. W. King.

McKinnon—Allan

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Parsonage on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock when Miss Laura Donelda Allan was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. Kenneth McKinnin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKinnon of Erscebridge. Rev. J. Culp officiated. The bride wore a pretty gown of sand canton crepe with orange trimmings and small black hat and also the groom's gift, a sunburst of pearls. She was unattended and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. F. W. Cleaves. The happy couple left on their honeymoon for northern points. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon will reside in Acton.

True Blue Concert

The concert of the L. T.B. Lodge, No. 280, Acton, on Wednesday evening was a success. Mr. W. J. Reid, chairman, explained the work the L. T. B. were doing for the orphan children left without the care of parents, and thrown on the mercy of the world. These children are brought to the L. T. B. Orange Home at Richmond Hill and get the care of a good home, are clothed and well fed and receive good training for their future. The programme was given free. Mr. Stock Donaldson, of Guelph, and Mr. Harry Rigby, of Acton, were good in their comic selections. Thomas Mochrie and Babcock pleased the audience with their mouth organ selections. Those who took part in instrumental piano numbers and songs were well rendered. —Com.

The Bazaar Last Saturday

Following weeks of preparation the Christmas Bazaar held last Saturday afternoon and evening by the young ladies of the Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E. culminated in a decided success. The hall was prettily decorated with Christmas decorations and the stalls included all kinds of novelties, aprons, towels infants' wear and candy. The fish pond was an added attraction. Tea was served during the afternoon by the young ladies. At eight o'clock Santa Claus appeared and unloaded the gigantic Christmas tree. One of the interesting features was the guessing contests. The number of the seeds in the pumpkin exhibited in Woodhall and McKay's window was 467 and was won by Mr. Earl Cooper. The weight of the wedding cake was twelve pounds and five ounces and resulted in a tie guess between Miss Bessie Woodhall and Mr. John Wood and the former won the draw. In the bean contest, Mr. Matt. Tyler guessed the correct number of 1215 beans. The lucky number doll was won by Miss Verna Murray, daughter of A. J. Murray, Cloverdale Farm. The financial success of the bazaar is gratifying to those in charge and puts the funds of the club in excellent shape.

Books Must Receive Better Care

The Free Library Board Authorizes Librarian to Suspend Privileges to Careless Readers

A meeting of the Acton Free Library Board was held at the Rectory on Tuesday. Rev. H. G. L. Baugh, M. A., the chairman, presided, and there were present Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., John Cameron, H. N. Farmer, M. A., and H. P. Moore.

The plan adopted at the beginning of the year of purchasing books quarterly instead of annually was reviewed. The reports were quite satisfactory.

The matter of careless handling of books by numerous readers was discussed. A report from the librarian showed that many books were badly damaged by careless readers, and brought back to the library in a damaged condition.

A resolution was passed authorizing the librarian to suspend the privileges of borrowing books to all guilty of this carelessness, and to make no reinstatement until the matter was investigated and decided upon by the book committee.

The following rules which are posted in each book are to be enforced:

ACTON FREE LIBRARY

Members must observe the rules and regulations published in the catalogue and posted up in the Library.

A fine of five cents for each day the Library is open must be paid on each book overdue. The book may be once renewed for two weeks longer, if not applied for at the Library in the meantime by another reader.

Mutilation or defacement of books or other property of a Free Library is a statutory offence and offenders will be severely dealt with.

Injuries to books and losses must be promptly adjusted before another book can be drawn.

And this label will be placed in all new books:

WARNING

"Owing to the fact that so many books are being mutilated, the Library Board has instructed the Librarian to suspend the issuing of books to those who violate the above rules."

The use of the Library and the 4,000 volumes on the shelves are at the disposal of our citizens without cost. It is in the interest of all that the books should be handled with care and properly protected from damage.

The board will issue the Librarian to discourage the sending of small children for books by parents.

A new addition to the Library will be made about the New Year.

Chamber of Commerce Activities

Burlington Chamber of Commerce Held a Banquet and had Helpful Address

Over 100 persons attended the banquet held at the Brant Inn last Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, associated with the Horticultural society. The guests included ladies and gentlemen from Burlington and district. At 6.30 o'clock the gathering sat down to a dainty supper, which was served in the large ball room of the Inn.

Mr. F. W. Taylor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided over the programme. In his opening remarks he extended a hearty welcome to the guests on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He expressed pleasure at seeing so many ladies present, and hoped they would prevail on their husbands to join the Chamber of Commerce. The president said that the Chamber of Commerce had not received the support of the citizens expected, but hoped it would receive more support in the future.

M. E. Holtby, president of the Horticultural society, spoke of the work and objects of the Horticultural society. The society had done considerable work toward the beautifying of the town, but they would like to see the membership increased so that more work could be accomplished. The membership is only $1.00 a year, and the spring and fall premiums amount to nearly the fee," said the speaker. He urged everyone to help out the society by beautifying their own homes and gardens.

The next speaker was Mr. W. H. Childs, of Hamilton, who gave an address on "Town Planning." Mr. Childs said towns had grown up without supervision, with the result that streets ran everywhere. Legislation had been passed which would overcome many of these conditions. Town planning was a safeguard against structures and industries locating anywhere in a municipality. The greatest asset of Burlington was its fresh air, the lake shore, the streams, natural possibilities, and trees. He urged the citizens to size up our assets, develop them for the future, and divide our town into zones.

Mrs. Dunning Grubbe gave an interesting address on landscape gardening.—Gazette.

Police Court News

Charged with B.O.T.A., George Gill, of Middle road, Trafalgar, appeared before Magistrate J. H. Shields last Wednesday at Oakville, and was fined $200 and costs. Gill's house was searched by Inspector Reevely on November 14, and his appearance in court resulted.

William Swanson, of Fullarton, was found guilty in police court at Stratford on Saturday morning, on a charge of keeping liquor for sale. As it was his second offence, he was fined $500 and sentenced to three months in jail, or six months if the fine was not paid. He took the six months. The dispatch does not say whether this is the William Swanson who got a similar sentence some time ago here for having "feed for pigs" which analyzed an alcoholic content of 25% proof spirits.

William McCaly, of Georgetown, was up before Police Magistrate Moore on Saturday charged by Chief Jackson, with speeding. He pleaded guilty, and was fined $5.00 and costs.

Norman McGregor, of Georgetown, was charged by Chief Jackson with driving a motor vehicle between dusk and dawn with only one lighted lamp, the rear light and the left front lamp were not lighted. He was fined $2.00 and costs.

On Tuesday of last week Jack Snider of Halleview Ave., Toronto, was arrested on the highway near Oakville while driving a motor car in which there was detected 185 gallons of alcohol. He was tried by Police Magistrate Shields on Wednesday, fined $300 and costs, and the alcohol and the large motor car he was driving were confiscated. A couple of highway officers saw the car going to Buffalo last week, and suspected that a cargo of liquor was on board. They chased the car but it succeeded in eluding them. They had since been on the watch for it and the arrest on Tuesday was the result.

Social and Personal

Mr. Frank Bayers, of Toronto, spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. Alice McPherson visited Toronto friends last week.

Mr. Charles Mann, of Toronto, was home over the week-end.

Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Florence Holmes, of Toronto, was home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills spent Thursday with Toronto friends.

Mr. W. Hector Macdonald spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Joel Leslie, who was seriously ill for several weeks is now better.

Mrs. Alfred Storey, of Toronto, spent a few days ather home here.

Miss Margaret Bird, of Bracebridge, is visiting at the home of Mr. Peter A. Smith, Hill Hall.

Inspector and Mrs. Stewart, of Milton, were in town on Friday and called on a number of friends.

Mr. W. H. Walker had the misfortune to fall on an icy walk on Friday and fracture a rib on the right side.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. D. Farmer leave to-morrow for St. Petersburg, Florida, and will spend the winter in the south.

The many friends of Mrs. Alex Park, Seaforth, will be glad to learn that she is improving from her serious operation.

Messrs. Robert and John Warren were in town last week to give their support to the waterworks extension by-laws.

Mr. J. A. Storey, of Royal Oak, Michigan, visited his mother, Mrs. Thos. Storey, Maria Street, over the week-end.

Mrs. Thomas Mack, of Everton, spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. John Lambert, Frederick Street.

Miss Margaret Bennett was home from the city over the week-end as usual to be with her father, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Stewart, who was at Riversdale last week visiting her father who was ill, returned home the last of the week.

Mrs. William Allan returned from a visit to Brougham on Thursday. Mrs. Edwin Perryman and children returned home with her.

Mr. Boyd Clark, of Lethbridge, Alberta, arrived home last week to spend the holidays with his mother and other friends here.

Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, Church St., left on Sunday for Sarnia to attend the funeral of her brother, the late William McDonald.

Mrs. Gordon Beardmore was a guest at Mrs. C. E. Burden's tea in honor of Mrs. W. A. Bishop, at Toronto, last Friday evening.

Mr. Robert Bennett, Lake Avenue, is not improving. He takes little nourishment, but suffers no pain. He has been confined to bed now for more than a week.

Miss Frankie Mullin, who has been teaching at Galt, was seized with appendicitis last week, and was operated on at Guelph Hospital on Saturday. She is doing well.

Postmaster Matthews' condition has not improved during the week. While he has flights of lucid moments his mind is usually wandering. He seems to be growing weaker.

Mrs. Jennie Matthews, Mr. Charles A. G. Matthews, and Messrs. Fred and Edwin Maddock and Mrs. E. G. Black, of Toronto, were here during the week to see Mr. James Matthews.

Mr. Albert E. Matthews, of Denver, Col., who came home to see his father, Postmaster Matthews, a week ago, found it necessary, owing to important business matters to return on Saturday evening.

Rev. Charles D. Draper, of Niagara Falls, who was preaching Sunday in Guelph, came to Acton on the afternoon train, and spent a few hours with Acton friends, visiting especially those friends of his pastorate here who are ill.

Eugene McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson, Bower Ave., was taken to Guelph on Wednesday and operated on for appendicitis. He was very ill for a few days, but is now convalescing nicely. Eugene is a student at the Collegiate in Guelph and was taken ill suddenly.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. William Allan last Thursday evening for his daughter, Miss Donelda. A large number of beautiful and useful presents suitable for household use were presented. About seventy young people assembled, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

—You will find just the box of candy you are looking for for that Christmas present at Rumley's, Confectionery.

Only One Case at County Court

J.R. Freeman, Oakville, Acquitted from Charge of Theft

Halton County Court and General Sessions were held at the Court House at Milton on Tuesday, his Honor Judge Elliott presiding. There was only one criminal case tried, that of J. R. Freeman of Oakville, charged with theft. Some months ago Mrs. Catherine Freeman, of Oakville died, leaving her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Elliott, administratix of her estate. A son, J. R. Freeman, remained in occupant of the home and store. On September 18, it is alleged by Mrs. Elliott, her brother removed a large number of the household articles. Another sister, Mrs. A. Fairfield saw the truck being loaded. The brother was charged with stealing the articles on which he had a partial claim.

After the crown had presented the evidence for the prosecution, his Honor, Judge Elliott took the case from the jury, stating that the Crown had not proven criminal intent on the part of the accused, who was therefore acquitted.

—NOTICE! I have so many other things to carry that I simply have to leave all my candies at Rumley's, where you can get any kind you want.
—Santa Claus.

Acton Scores in Acton, England

And Wins a Place in the Cake Competition at St. Martins' Church Bazaar

The Acton Express, of Acton, England, gives the story of the "Fayre of Nations," the bazaar held on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of November, under the auspices of St. Martins' Church.

Free Press readers will naturally be most interested in the cake competition in which a number of our own ladies were competitors. The Acton Express says:

CANADA'S CAKE COMPETITION

"In flags, decorations and the nature of the articles sold some attempt had been made to give the different nations their rightful places in the "Fayre." One of the most successful stalls in this respect was Canada, which, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. C. Allan, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, had been decorated with sheaves of Canadian wheat and corn from the railway company's pavilion at Wembley, and displayed amongst other Canadian produce were three cases of choice, ruddy apples from the great Dominion. The back of the stall was a picture gallery of Canadian scenery in the form of large potographs sent by the same kind friend."

"An interesting feature of the stall was the collection of home-made fruit cakes, representing the competition between the ladies of Acton, England, and Acton, Canada. The competition was organized by Mrs. Ellis, 1 Denehurst Gardens, who had received twenty-five entries, including six from Canada. Three of the Canadian entries unfortunately arrived too late to be judged. The judging was carried out at Mrs. Ellis' residence by a representative of Lyons & Co., the great caterers of London, who conducted all restaurants at Wembley Exhibition. He awarded the first prize to Mrs. Taylor, Acton lane. Allowing for the difficulties of transit, a cake made by Mrs. Schram, of Acton, Canada, was declared almost equal to the first. Mrs. Taylor has won the gold wrist watch, and it was decided to send an ornate wicker basket from the Persian stall to Mrs. Schram. Complimentary mention was made of the cakes made by Mrs. C. C. Speight and Mrs. H. T. Lepage, of Canada."

"A letter from Mr. H. P. Moore, editor of the Acton Free Press, of Canada, to Mr. John Taylor, Secretary of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, was exhibited on the stall, in which the writer reported that six of their ladies had sent cakes and it was hoped the judges would consider the disadvantages of these competitors in having to send their products so great a distance by mail."

It will be gratifying to the ladies here who competed to learn that their cakes sold for a good round sum at the bazaar, and that they thus contributed to the objective desired to enable St. Martin's Church to construct the addition contemplated to their place of worship. The bazaar was a gratifying success, upwards of £1,000—equivalent to $4,500—being realized.

The compliance of our Acton ladies in the request to enter the cake competition was very greatly appreciated by the Bazaar Committee. Perhaps some time in the future there may be a reciprocation of the favor.

—It it is anything in candies for Christmas, Rumley's have it.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The fortnightly meeting of the Literary Society last Friday afternoon showed increasing interest. The programme was of a rather unique character. Anna Allison gave a splendidly rendered reading, but the main feature was a "Mock Trial" which was put on. There were three cases. No doubt the outstanding case was one of "Breach of Promise." There is no need to invest in American literature to obtain sensational reading, when Acton's young artists can reproduce the real thing.

Versatile young lawyers and lawyerettes to be, pleaded the case with glib tongues quite as effectively as many who have had their call to the Bar. Legal phrases and technical terms were much in evidence, as well as cross-firing of rather an original and spontaneous nature. There was a case of sham intoxication, which we sincerely hope will never be more than one of sham. It turned out to be another case of "cold tea." There was also a minor case of chicken theft. Dr. Farmer acted as critic, a duty which he performed most admirably and with great ease.

The big event of the year will be held on the 22nd inst.

Limit Truck Weights to 2½ Tons

The Heavy Trucks and Tractors are Seriously Damaging the Highways

At the last meeting of the County Council, the following resolution was carried:

Mr. Foster moved, seconded by Mr. Irving, that owing to the great mileage of improved roads and highways in this province, and the great amount of money spent in the construction of these roads by the people of Ontario, and the very large cost of maintenance each year, caused mainly by the use of heavy motor trucks, loaded with heavy loads, said loads for the most part consisting of commodities that should be carried by our public owned railways.

Therefore this Halton County Council would make protest and say that the present legislation also the proposed to come into effect Jan. 1st, 1925, is inadequate, for the present roads will be more or less destroyed by that date.

This council would therefore very strongly urge the Hon. Mr. Henry, Minister of Public Works, to introduce legislation at the coming session of Parliament, fixing the maximum weight of trucks at 2½ tons and maximum weight of loads at 2½ tons, a similar law to that of Quebec, which is a gross weight of 6 tons, also a maximum speed of 15 miles an hour.

And the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clerks of the counties Lincoln, Wentworth, Peel, York and Ontario, asking for their co-operation, and request that they send a similar resolution to the Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Public Works, if in favor.

Also asking for a reply to this council, stating their proposition in the matter, so that, early in next year, a joint meeting of representatives of the said counties might be held and arrangements made to further the case to the Hon. Minister.—Carried.

OFF AND ON

"You give your clerks two weeks' vacation every year, don't you, Mr. Tintack?" asked the friend.

"A month," grunted the eminent hardware dealer.

"A month?"

"Yes. Two weeks when I go on my vacation and two weeks when they go on theirs."—Good Hardware.

News of Local Import

Churchill Christmas Supper and Concert

The Churchill Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas supper and concert on December 23rd, "Recitations, songs, dialogues, etc., by the scholars. Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

Sons of England Dance

The S. O. E. B. S. Acton will hold a fancy dress carnival dance on Friday, December 19th, in the Town Hall, Acton. Prizes will be given for novelty dances. Mason's five-piece orchestra will furnish the music. The dance is the first of a series to be given throughout the winter by the Sons of England.

Stubborn Fire Caused by Cigarette

A fire was discovered in the bush on the farm of Thomas Webber, in Esquesing one day last week. After working all afternoon the blaze was brought under control after considerable damage had been done. The fire is thought to have started from cigarettes or matches thrown down by hunters going through the woods.

Send your Lists of New Officers

Secretaries of fraternal societies and others are invited to send the Free Press reports of their elections and officers and of any meeting which may be of interest to the general public. But please send in this news promptly; the morning after the election preferably. Our readers do not relish ancient history any more than the school pupils.

Esquesing Township's New Hall

At a meeting of the ratepayers of the township at Stewartown, the council was authorized to purchase the large brick store there for the purpose of converting it into a township hall. The premises is well adapted for a hall and when alterations and repairs are made it will be a fine meeting place for the people of the township in the various public gatherings called for the head of the township.

Enjoys Home News and "The Old Man"

Mrs. Jennie B. Woods, of Guelph, says: "I enclose $3.00 for the renewal of my Free Press from January, 1925, and copies to three friends for the same term. I would not like to be without the paper for old times sake, and for the "Old Man's" column. It is so interesting to old timers like me, who know so many of the people described in his well-written reminiscences of the former days. I hope he will long be spared to write such interesting letters and that Mary will also be left as his companion."

An Exciting Runaway on Monday

On Monday forenoon the team of the Bracken Dairy became frightened, when a delivery of milk was being made, and ran away. They collided with a post on Main Street, near Bower Avenue, and the cover of the delivery van was torn off. With part of the gearing they proceeded down Main Street toward their home at Dublin. Chief McPherson, who was on Main street at the time, succeeded in stopping the team on the hill near Fairview Avenue. Milk bottles were scattered over a wide area. The accident is regrettable, especially as the outfit was a new one and had been put on the route only a few days before.

Dear Old Lady Fractures Wrist

Last Saturday evening Mrs. John Thomas, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Massles, Mill Street, had the misfortune to fall down stairs. In the fall her left wrist was fractured. Mrs. Thomas is eighty-four years of age and nearly blind. The fracture was promptly reduced. She is recovering nicely from the shock. Mrs. Hewetson, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. McCleary, Church Street, and who is about 92 years of age, had a similar fall a month ago with almost identical results. Her fractured wrist is making good progress toward restoration. It is gratifying that in both these cases the injured mothers were with daughters whose tender care and solicitude means so much in such circumstances.

Death of Barrister John A. McLean

Stepping out of his automobile when taken suddenly ill when driving in the 1700 block, Fourth avenue West, shortly before noon Thursday, November 27th, John A. McLean, 55, 2630 Eighth Avenue West, official of the land registry office, collapsed by the side of his car and died. Passersby, noting Mr. McLean collapse, rushed to his side but found life extinct. The police answered the call and the body was taken to the morgue. It is not likely that an inquest will be held, death, undoubtedly, being due to natural causes. It is said that Mr. McLean had not been in good health in recent weeks.—Vancouver Sun. Mr. McLean was a barrister and practised some years ago in Guelph and Acton with his brother, the late W. A. McLean.

Annual Meeting of Halton Farmers' Clubs

The Farmers' Clubs of Halton County met at their annual meeting for election of officers and general county business at Milton last week. There was a good attendance, nearly all the clubs being represented. The following officers were elected for 1925: U. F. O. Director, M. A. Campbell; U. F. W. O. Director, Mrs. Jas. Bird; U. F. Y. P. O. Director, Elmer Forster; Secretary-treasurer, Jos. Wilmot; Township directors: Nassagaweya, Elwood Wilson and Mrs. D. Henderson; Esquesing, Ward Ruddel and Mrs. H. Wilson; Trafalgar, A. Buck and Mrs. Willgott; Nelson, Chas. Millar and Miss C. Davidson. It was decided to carry on a series of county club debates during the coming winter.

Are Ads Read?

Do the public read the advertisements? If the Pembroke public are the least bit skeptical about this question they will be interested in the experience of R. J. Kennedy last week. Through a mistake on the part of the printer, flannelette blankets were advertised in The Standard at $1.47 per pair instead of $3.95. Although the advertisement price would mean a direct loss of $1.48 per pair Mr. Kennedy decided to follow his policy of supporting his advertising to the last word by selling them at $1.47 per pair. The blankets were not displayed and his clerks were instructed not to introduce them to customers, but to sell them if they were requested. What was the result. By 10.30 Friday morning his stock of 30 pairs was exhausted and those who enquired later were advised that they were all sold. Mr. Kennedy says that he could easily have sold ten bales at this price.—Pembroke Standard.