Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, 50c; Marriages, 50; Deaths, 50c; Memorial Cards, 50c, 10c per line extra for poems.

DIED

WHITAKER—In Oakville, on Monday, February 9, 1925, John Whitaker.

TOVELL—On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, at Everton, Martha Stewart, beloved wife of William Tovell.

LYONS—At Norval, on Saturday, January 31, 1925, Mary, widow of the late S. J. Lyons, in her 78th year.

FORSYTHE—In Guelph, on Wednesday, February 4, 1925, Mrs. Thomas Forsythe, formerly of Eramosa, in her 89th year.

CHALMERS—At the parents' home, Main Street, Acton, on Monday, February 9, 1925, Richard James, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Chalmers, in his sixth year.

IN MEMORIAM

DAVIS—In loving memory of my dear wife, Lydia Davis, who departed this life February 11, 1924.

In sorrow I waited day by day
And watched you suffering there,
Slowly but surely passing away,
From the pain you scarce could bear
Gone from my life is the one I need,
Leaving me sad and lonely, indeed.
Sadly missed and ever remembered by her Husband and her relatives in England.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1925

Brief Local Items

—A week from next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday.

—The thaw settled the big snow banks considerably.

—Some people have begun to call them cuss word puzzles.

—"Will you be my Valentine?" is a current query this week.

—Ex-Reeve James Moffat is the new Treasurer of Nassagaweya.

—The world didn't come to an end on Friday after all, did it?

—The 'January thaw" arrived a week behind time—February 7.

—Hornby Presbyterian Church has voted 11 for Union and 33 against.

—The eclipse of the moon was eclipsed on Sunday afternoon, too.

—Hanover Town Council last week made the town band a grant of $500.00.

—Balmy breezes prevailed and this community basked in mellow sunshine on Sunday.

—Mr. Daniel Robertson observed a flock of wild ducks flying easterly over town on Monday.

—Union Presbyterian Church in connection with Norval, voted against Union by 44 to 15.

—The roads were so bad on Tuesday that the rural mail carriers decided not to go out.

—Guelph Fat Stock Club has decided to hold the annual fat stock sale early in March this year.

—The bare walks gave the boys a hankering after marbles. The girls are hunting their skipping ropes.

—Hear the wild birds on the wing; hear the bells that sweetly ring; when you feel like sighin', sing! Keep a-goin'!

—When brooks are deep, and gally whirl along through meadows green with dash and merry song—spring's coming.

—Seldom has a rain been more generally appreciated than the first rain of the winter, which fell on Monday afternoon.

—Give me the open road; whatever the weather may be, and I'll be a rover, till the journey's over, on the great, broad open road.

—A hen belonging to M. Watson, Esquesing, hatched nine healthy chickens, which appeared unexpectedly in the barn last week.

—The mild weather removed the burden of snow from many roofs which had been taxed with the weight of the winter's accumulation.

—A good many citizens cleared off the snow and ice from the pavements during the mild spell. Its good to get down to the cement walks again.

—The result of the vote on church union in the Presbyterian Church at Eden Mills was announced on Tuesday and stood 32 for and 57 against.

—The Oakville Record paid a high compliment last week to the Gregory Theatre for the chaste and high-class films which are shown by Mr. Gregory.

—The Toronto Meterological Bureau reports that the weather on Sunday was the warmest experienced in February in this part of Ontario since 1865.

—Reeve J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston, who is also a member of the Good Roads Commission, resigned the Reeveship—dual office now being illegal.

—The mild weather during the week was appreciated. It will require a more extended spell, however, to replenish cisterns and farm watering places.

—At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, the result of the recent vote on union was announced as 47 for union and 199 against.

—The sleighing, which has been continuous for seven or eight weeks, is now very thin in places. The mild weather and the rain played havoc with it.

—Thamesville Council made a grant of $12 to Editor McGuire of the local paper, the Herald, for publishing the minutes of last year's meetings of the council.

—Dr. Coxe got his second car of automobiles in last week since the year opened. Most of them are the popular closed cars now so much in demand.

—A number of our citizens were favored with invitations to attend the opening of the Legislature and the House of Commons. A few were present.

—Mr. Nicol is removing his monument works to Main Street, where his yard will adjoin his residence. A car of new granite monuments arrived this week.

—Check up your address label on this issue. We're anxious to have the date 1925 or 1926 after your name. The advanced date really always looks more creditable.

—Mr. John Precious and family have decided to remove to Joliet, Ill., where they have relatives. A sale of their household effects will be held on Saturday afternoon.

—In Bruce County the Warden is tendered a banquet upon his election, instead of expecting him to tender a banquet to the County Council at the close of the year.

The Chamber of Commerce

Suggestions for enjoyable Evening With the Retail Merchants

The Dundas Star gives the following interesting particulars of a Board of Trade luncheon held in that town last week: "A number of new features were introduced at the luncheon, and though the attendance of seventy was not quite as large as on some former occasions, the banquet was one of the most enjoyable which the Board has held. It was retail merchants night, and practically every store in town was represented by the proprietors and clerks.

After full justice was done to the fine repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. Surerus, large paper bags were passed around. These were filled to the brim with samples of lines of goods carried by the merchants. Away down at the bottom of the bags were two numbers which entitled the holders to a drawing for prizes, and those present had an exciting time hunting for the numbers, for in order to find them it was necessary to remove all the contents of the bag, which included samples of bread, jam, biscuits, chocolates, taffy, foot rule, scribbler, hair pins, handkerchief, pills, soap, tooth powder, ash tray, shampoo soap, jelly powder, face powder, thimble, balloons, etc., etc., and considerable miscellaneous advertising matter.

The grown-ups resembled a lot of kiddies on Christmas morning seeing what Santa Claus had left in their stockings. The prizes were a big mama doll, donated by Cohen's and a bowl and plant by J. G. Collinson. The lovely doll which said mama went to Charles Curry and the plant to Claude Hourigan, and it took C. H. Moore, the chairman, some time to subdue the hilarity and get a hearing for the addresses.

On behalf of the Board he expressed thanks to the manufacturers and local merchants who had contributed to the contents of the bags. Among these were the McCormick Biscuit Co., F. F. Dalley Co., A. A. Adams Co., McLarens Limited, Sutherlands Limited, Pure Milk Co., S. W. Somerville & Co., Palm-Olive Soap Co., F. W. Inman, Kerr's Hardware, Thos. H. Ralph, A. Broad, J. R. Murray, J. H. Craven, Powell & Co., E. Builder, Conner's Bakery, Cohen's, J. G. Collinson, Fowlie's Bakery, Johnson & Dixon, H. C. Clarke, A. F. Patterson, Jas. A. Dickson, C. Linneborn, McKay & Kerwin.

The objects of the Dundas Board of Trade are quite synonmous with those of Acton Chamber of Commerce and functions quite similarly. An evening like the above, with songs and speeches such as were on the programme, would afford a most enjoyable evening to our members. The wholesale jobbers, who are patrohized by our merchants, would willingly supply samples to correspond, and this novel feature could readily familiarize the members with the goods the local merchants carry, and be a very desirable advertising scheme.

THE ADDER'S TONGUE

The meanest kind of a yellow dog is the one that goes about yelping at the heels of his neighbors. In days gone by the gossip used to be treated to the ducking stool or the pillory, so that everybody might realize the rank evil of a venomous tongue. People have been crushed and sent broken-hearted to early graves by the wagging of vicious tongues or the idle chatter of those who had no thought beyond the satisfaction of repeating what they heard. "The words of a tale bearer are as wounds and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." If you have one of those addors' tongues that sting to death you are headed for where you belong, the hissing kingdom of the Prince of Serpents. If you have just the common loose tongue of gossip, go and have the "unruly member" operated upon.—Solomon, in Shoe and Leather Journal.

—The Free Press crossword puzzles are already commanding much attention. The answer to last week's puzzle is given to-day. A new puzzle appears this week.

—The Streets and Walks Committee spent Tuesday in plowing out the snowbanks on the second line and the Mill Pond Road. Conveyances are now getting through without difficulty.

—With the temperature up to 60 degrees on Sunday; the sun shining brightly, and little rivulets running in all directions, the earnest that spring will be here by and by was amply manifested.

—The sending of messages of good will and love upon the fourteenth of February is perpetuated from year to year, and unlike some other old-time customs, seems to gain rather than lose in popularity.

—The gutters and water courses were found in splendid condition when the freshet came on Monday. The sidewalks were kept clear of water. Municipal Officer McPherson had all the drains in good shape.

—The Free Press is always glad to publish news of your travels. If you intend to be away, or have friends to visit you, send in the information to us or any other news of an interesting character. Phone 11j or 11w or 131.

—The congregation of Mount Pleasant Church, east of Norval, which was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, heard the result of their vote on union at the Hope Methodist Church on Monday evening. The vote stood 70 for and 61 against.

—At the service in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Culp announced that when he and Mrs. Culp removed from Acton they intended to have their membership continued in the church here. This is much appreciated.

—A meeting of the Directors of the Fall Fair was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. Arrangements were made for the revision of the prize list. Other matters calculated to further the interests of the Fair were carefully discussed.

—Weather sayings should seldom be taken literally. There is the one about March, for instance. The month comes in like a lion or a lamb, as pleases it best, and usually goes out like any old thing, even like a sprinkling-pot that happens to be near at the time.

—At a meeting of the Port Elgin Council on Friday evening, it was decided to install two electric pumps, one of sixty horse power for fire purposes and one of twenty horse power for domestic pumping. The present pump will be retained as a stand-by.

—There is always someone, somewhere who is anxious to buy what you have to sell. Someone has just the article you want to buy. To complete a deal each must know of the other's wants, and there is no better or more certain way to make these wants known than through an ad. in the Free Press.

—Knox Church is preparing for a service in the near future which will be entirely in charge of the men of the congregation. A male choir will be one of the features, and it is expected that two students from Knox College, Toronto, will assist Rev. A. C. Stewart in conducting the service. The service will be held in two or three weeks' time.

Construction of Ontario Roads

Hon. Mr. Henry, Minister of Highways, Explains Methods of Building

Speaking at Guelph, recently, Hon. G. S. Henry, Provincial Minister of Public Works, said last year a census had been taken at certain points on various highways to get a line on the road requirements. Where traffic was not heavy or the roads were in their minor stages a well graded road with a gravel surface was maintained until the cost became too high, and a higher type of construction was justified. Where gravel had to be hauled any great distance, it was a dear commodity. Another step up was the macadam roadway. If properly put down and maintained, it would carry from 1,000 to 5,000 vehicles a day economically. In macadam roads constructed last year, a one-course macadam was laid down, this year the department is laying a two-course macadam, which gives an even surface, easier to maintain. The next step was from a water bound road to thrvia, or penetration macadam, which is very service and cheaper as compared with the higher types. Where macadam was not found economical, a cement road was laid, which is cheaper where haulage is excessive.

"We have in this province 50,000 miles of road," Mr. Henry pointed out, "a network to which the provinces undertakes to contribute to every mile. We have invited the minor municipalities to abolish statute labor and receive 30 per cent. of this road expenditure. The counties for some years have received 40 per cent. to 60 per cent. from the provincial treasury. In addition, the provinces assumes the responsibility of the provincial highways, assessing back on the county organizations 20 per cent. of the cost, and in addition the cities, 20 per cent. on provincial roads leading directly into urban centres. His department had 50,000 miles of highways outside urban centres, in the hands of three different authorities to look after. The department had 18,000, the counties 10,000 and minor municipalities 36,000 or 37,000."

Mr. Henry defended his position that the motorist should pay the bulk of road costs, as motor cars demand a [illegible] the government had received four and three-quarter millions in license fees, and had spent $10,000,000 on all classes of road expenditure, maintenance and capital account. The department was prepared to take the motor tax through the sale of gas. There was, in his opinion, every justification for the tax as the user of the road would pay in proportion to its use.

LOVERS' DAY—FEBRUARY 14

Acton Young Folks Will Compose Poetry and Send Valentines

Next Saturday will bring along another anniversary of St. Valentine's Day, and the young folk already have their brains in a whirl in deciding what lover's language to adopt and what sort of a Valentine to send.

Nearly all of the famous poets of the past, including William Shakespeare, paid tribute in their writings to Saint Valentine's Day. As love has ever been held to be the greatest name in story and song, naturally the one day set apart for lovers was a source of inspiration to many poets. In fact, they alluded to it in their writings more than to any other festive day, and waked Muse to honor it again and again.

The first Valentine, as we know them now, was written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, who sent it to the lady of his his choice. We may be quite sure that it produced a flutter in the heart of this belle of long ago, although neither Charles or she could ever dream at that time how many similar messages would be sent from man to maid in all the years that were to follow.

Many strange beliefs are associated with Saint Valentine's Day in other parts of the world. It is believed in many places in Europe that all winged songsters select their mates on this day, and it was of this fact that the day was originally given over to lovers. There is said to be a peculiar influence abroad at this time which binds the lot of men and maidens.

Although the "Roses are red, violets are blue" style of valentine has faded into the dimness of the past and the one which has taken its place is on a more subtle, more polished form, it does not take the romantic youth or maiden of this day long to read between the lines all the endearing impassioned words which the customs of our day forbids us to put in print.

It is likely the Post Office Staff here will have a taste again of the plethoric quota of Christmas mail, as the valentines deluge the drop boxes on Friday and Saturday.

DEMOCRACY AND DRESS

With Men it is Not Serious; but with Women it is Important

We live in a country that is dedicated to the proposition that all men—and all women—are created equal. That is a priceless privilege, but it has its disadvantages. Among them is the fact that even when we are not really equal to some one else, we try to appear so, and the further from equality we are the harder we struggle. In nothing is the struggle more manifest than in the matter of dress. With men that is not of much importance, but with women it is more serious.

In other times and other countries every one had a station in life, and dressed to fit it. The courtier's wife had her garb, the merchant's hers, the country matron hers; and the peasant girl was known as such by her costume, often more piquant and more charming than the great lady's, but quite unlike it.

Here in Canada the wife of the millionaire and the wife of the clerk, the shop-girl and the maid servant, all wear the same type of hat, skirt, cloak and shoes—and the maid would very much like to be taken for the woman of millions. It is an expensive custom, and it daily augments the cost of living for the distracted husband and father.

It is also an inappropriate custom. Women who ride everywhere in motor-cars can wear very different garb from the women who must walk the muddy streets. Women who have maids to care for their garments and to adjust them can wear very different gowns from the woman who must look after her own wardrobe, and have to dress themselves in a hurry.

Moreover, the custom sometimes leads to a ridiculous incongruity between a woman's appearance at home and abroad. A woman who looks like a slattern in her kitchen may look like a princess in the street; and one who spends money lavishly for gowns to wear in her neighbor's parlor is likely to think that is a reason why she cannot afford to look neat and tidy at the family breakfast-table.

There is no other remedy for this than the wisdom that time brings. Meanwhile let us all, men and women and boys and girls, remember that speech and manners, which cost nothing, go infinitely further than costliness of dress toward proving our equality with the best—especially when dress serves only to emphasize the inequality of speech and manners.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

The vote on the question of Church Union was completed here last Friday. The poll stood 97 for Union and 217 against. There are 371 members of whom 314 voted.

OSPRINGE

The annual report of the Presbyterian Church was distributed last Sunday. The offerings of the year for general purposes amounted to $858.89. The sum of $448.98 was raised for missions. The Sunday School's receipts were $17.22. During the year the church was decorated at a cost of $400 and the effect was very pleasing. The Ladies' Aid Society became responsible for the expense of the improvements and they succeeded in raising nearly all the finances required. The Ospringe Church paid Rev. John Lindsay $436.00 on account of his salary.

NASSAGAWEYA

Mr. and Mrs. John McAlpine, Campbellville, announce the engagement of their daughter Bertha, to Mr. George Currie, son of the late George and Mrs. Currie, of Georgetown.

Mr. T. Nightingale, of Knatchbull, has received his diploma for barbering, after attending the R. E. Hemphill Barbering College in Winnipeg for eight weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kingsbury and family, of Oxbow, Saskatchewan, returned home last week, after their visit to friends in Nassagaweya.

Mrs. Will Morley and family visited relatives in Nassagaweya last week

The recent mild weather has spoiled the sleighing. The roads are not in good shape at all.

The following is the report of S. S. No. 8, Nassagaweya, for the month of January:

Class IV.—Mabel MacGregor, Melvyn Storey, Alex. Wallace, Charlie Fatt, Eddie Watts.

Class III.—Kenneth Wallace, Malcolm Moffat, Willie Kee.

Class II—Anna McGregor, George Wallace, Wilma Storey, Marion Anderson, Ray Thompson.

Jr. II—Clarence Anderson, Leonard Brownlow, Robert Brownlow.

Lydia Whitfield, Teacher.

DUBLIN

The report of the examinations in Dublin School during January is as follows:

Sr. IV—Margaret Waldie, Donald McDougall.

Sr. III—Howard Webster.

Jr. III—Lawrence Webster, Edith Bracken.

Sr. II—Wilmer Fryer, Walter Fryer, Stewart Ruddick, Wilfrid Waldie, Billy McPhedran.

Sr. I—Annie Black.

Jr. I—Signa Webster, Hazel Waldie.

Primer—Viola Robertson.

Martha Orr, Teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, of Hornby, visited at the home of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson last week.

Some of our local farmers are extra busy these days hauling ice from Acton for their summer use.

Bro. T. F. McHugh, of this place, formerly of Ballinafad, an officer of Streetsville Loyal Orange Order No. 263, attended the annual County Convention of the County of Peel at Cooksville on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Orr, of Acton, teacher at Dublin Public School, is doing good work. We wish her continued success.

ROCKWOOD

A week's mission will be held next week, February 15 to 22, in St. John's Church, Rockwood. The missioner is the Rev. Canon Ferguson, M. A., B. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Guelph. On the two Sundays the services will be at the usual hour, 2.30 p. m., and each night, (excepting Saturday), at 8.15. Canon Ferguson will preach at every service. It is hoped that large crowds will take advantage of this unique opportunity for deepening and strengthening their spiritual life. The Rector, Rev. H. G. L. Baugh, gives everyone a very hearty welcome.

Mrs. Wm. Passmore, who has been poorly since before Christmas, is reported to be a little better. Mrs. Richard Hewat who is still in the hospital, is also somewhat easier.

James Hanson is now able to be around since his operation.

Miss Douglas of the Continuation School was confined to the house for a day last week, but was able to resume her duties toward the end of the week.

The Young People of the Eramosa Stone Church put on a play last Thursday evening in the Town Hall entitled, "Yimmie Yohnson's Yob." They were greeted with a comfortably-filled house.

The weather of the past week has been all that could be desired, since the cold spell, and the snow has settled considerably during the past week. The big advantage of the mild weather will be the saving of fuel and the renewal of the water supply.

Just before Christmas, your correspondent received a curiosity from his cousin, Stanley Harris in Boca Raton, Florida, and recently wished to find out what it was. He received a reply this week stating it was a cocoa-nut with the husk still on. He states that he has quite a few bearing trees on his five acre tract that he bought about a year ago. In company with his brother Howard, he has been busy building houses in a new settlement.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. H. E. Croft, at her late residence in Guelph, following an illness of a week's duration. The deceased was a native of Eramosa, and had been a resident of the city for several years. Her maiden name was Agnes L. Dredge. Mrs. Croft was a constant attendant of the Presbyterian Church, and was highly esteemed throughout the community. Surviving are her husband, two sisters, Mrs. William Croft, Rockwood, and Mrs. Archie Moody, Brock Road, and two brothers, Nathan Dredge, Rockwood, and Rev. F. R. G. Dredge, Nelson, B. C. Her father and mother predeceased her, her father twenty years ago, and her mother two years ago, and one brother, John E., six years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday from her late residence to the Friends' Cemetery, Rockwood.

The remains of the late Mrs. Thomas Forsythe, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Milne, Guelph, on Wednesday, were laid to rest in Johnson Cemetery, Eramosa, Friday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Little, of Rockwood, assisted by Rev. J. A. MacKenzie, of Chalmers Church, Guelph. The deceased was one of the eldest residents of Eramosa Township, being in her 89th year at the time of her death. She was a native of Scotland, coming to Canada in 1856 and settling in Eramosa, where she resided practically all her life afterwards. Her husband predeceased her 48 years ago. Surviving are two sons, Thomas and William on the old homestead, and two daughters, Mrs. William Milne, Guelph and Mrs. R. Row, Toronto. The late Mrs. Forsythe had been a constant attendant at Harris Hill Church, Eramosa. The pallbearers were Messrs. Alex. Wood, Alex. Ras, Thomas Alexander, William Beattie, John Arran, and John Grieves.

Hudson's Bay Company's Claim

Long Standing Dispute of Land Question Amicably Settled

The amicable settlement of the Hudsons Bay Company's claim to certain lands in Western Canada was announced recently by Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior. This contentious matter, which dates back to the year 1869, involved nearly a million acres of land and its adjustment is naturally gratifying to both the officials of the Department of the Interior and the Company.

Under the deed by which it surrendered its ownership to Rupert's Land, comprising what is now known as the Prairie Provinces, the Company claimed it was entitled to nearly 7,100,000 acres of land. After negotiations with the officials of the Department of the Interior, the Company agreed to accept nearly half a million acres less in settlement of its claim.

For nearly two centuries, by virtue of the grant made by King Charles of England, the Hudson's Bay Company, controlled the country west of the Great Lakes. In 1869 the Company agreed to surrender this vast territory to the Dominion Government in return for a sum of money and one-twentieth of the land in the "fertile belt set for settlement." This "fertile belt" was defined by the deed of surrender as consisting roughly of the territory between the Canadian Rockies and the lake of the Woods south of the Saskatchewan River.

What constituted land "set out for settlement" proved to be the bone of the contention in implementing the terms of the deed of surrender, especially in regard to Indian and forest reserves. The Company contended that these lands came under the terms of the deed while the Government held that these lands were not "set out for settlement."

Not only was the dispute one of long standing, but the matters involved were of a complicated matter. At one time it was thought that settlement would be reached only through a court action, a measure which would have entailed further delay and considerable cost. With praiseworthy foresight, the representatives of both sides took counsel together and after a period of negotiation, succeeded in arriving at a satisfactory solution of the problem.

ERIN

Erin Continuation School has inaugurated public speaking contests, with a silver medal to the best boy and girl orator. The first of these contests was held on Friday night last, when fourteen competitors entered the arena, the two medals going to Sylvia Tyrrell, who spoke on "If You Break Faith," and Tom Fendley, a former resident of Brampton, whose topic was "Conservation of Life in Canada." Mr. D. McMullen, of the University of Toronto, acted as judge, and in addition gave an interesting talk on "Oratory." The awards were made by Rev. J. A. Evans. Miss Hepburn, principal of the school, was in the chair, and a programme of music was given by Miss Franks and Miss Dorothy Gibson. Others taking part in the contest were Ethel Willis, Olive McMurchy, Ellen McQuarrie, Mabel Austin, Florence Swinton, Harry Orr, Orrin Grandy, Carita Gibson, Tom Salmon, Tillie Armstrong, Fyfe Mathason. Priscilla Cook unfortunately was taken ill before the contest and had to be carried to her home.

OAKVILLE

Philip Buck, of Winnipeg, has been in Oakville visiting friends and is now staying at Palermo.

Lewis Keene has taken out a permit to make alterations to his residence to the extent of $5,000.

His many friends were pleased to see Reeve Cross down for a motor ride yesterday afternoon feeling much improved in health.

W. S. Davis returned from Bermuda, where he is spending the winter to be present at the funeral of Miss Wass last Friday.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church are arranging to hold an attractive Valentine tea and sale of home-made cooking on Saturday afternoon.

There was a pleasing entertainment in Lusk Hall on Monday evening when Dr. G. E. Morley, elocutionist and the Optimist Quartette, of Toronto presented the programme.

The will of Mrs. Helen W. Culham, widow, who for some years was a resident of Oakville, has been probated, and disposes of an estate valued at $140,963.

A well-known Palermo lady, Miss Ettie Book, passed away at her residence on Saturday last. She had been poorly for several weeks, but apparently recovered when she suffered a stroke.

There was an interesting meeting of the Rebekahs on Friday evening last when Mrs. Hillman, district deputy, of Burlington, and her installing board were present to conduct the impressive ceremony.

After the evening service in Knox Church last Sunday the congregation enjoyed an inspirational musical treat, conducted by E. J. Moore, of Toronto, assisted by Miss L. M. McBain, organist; Vincent Fink, violinist, of Toronto, and J. S. Dyer, baritone soloist. Mr. Moore gave a brief and interesting review of the life of Mendelssohn, who was a noted musician, composer and leader of an orchestra before the age of ten. He excelled in composing sacred music and his oratorios are much in use at the present day.—Star.

HINTS ON BUSINESS LETTERS

The following rules adopted by discerning business letter writers, should be memorized by all who have such letters to write. It will insure business letters that will stand the test.—

Carefully avoid such words and stock phrases as:

"Beg to say."
"Beg to acknowledge."
"Beg to inquire."
"Beg to enclose." etc.

Don't "beg" at all.

Don't "reply" to a letter. "Answer" it. You "answer" a letter and "reply" to an argument.

Don't write "would say" or "will say," just go ahead and say it.

Don't say "enclosed herewith"—"herewith" is superfluous.

Don't say "kindly" for "please."

Don't say "the same," "in regard to same" or "trust the same," etc.

Don't say "we beg to acknowledge receipt. "We acknowledge" is sufficent.

Don't write "your favor of," but say "your letter of," a letter is always a favor.

Don't say "by return mail." This was customary in the days of slow transportation. It should now be obsolete. You should never think of saying "came duly to hand." "thanking you in advance," etc. Why make letters commonplace by their use?

Carefully avoid appearance of sarcasm.

Be brief, by which is meant the discarding of unnecessary words and phrases. Brevity is not always a synonym for shortness; where there is much to say, it will take a longer letter to say it, but after you have said all that is to be said in a plain, direct and simple manner—stop.

Don't use a long word where a short one will do just as well or better. A business letter is no place for "rhetorical pyhotechnics."

THE FACTS OF THE CASE

585,676 Electors Voted for Prohibition, Only 478,860 for Members of House

The "wets" have been monopolizing the centre of the stage recently and raising such a clamor that one would think they represented the people of the province instead of only a small section of a minority of the electors.

In the first place, there are 585,676 Ontario electors who voted for the continuance and strengthening of the Ontario Temperance Act and its vigorous enforcement. In the next place, there are many—perhaps the great majority—of the 551,645 who voted for the substitution of Goverment Control for the O. T. A. whose real views are grotesquely misrepresented by these shouters for booze. Numbers of people voted against the Ontario Temperance Act, not because it did too much to reduce drinking, but because it did too little.

It must ever be borne in mind that there are two classes of citizens who were dissatisfied with conditions as they existed in the Province; one class frankly favored booze, and sought that ample provision be made by which people could get such booze as they wanted in such quantities as they desired, whenever they pleased.

There was another class, however, who thought that there was too much booze, that bootlegging was too common, that liquor was too easily obtained. These people who think the law is too loose are getting tired of being led around by those who think the law is too tight.

It was the idea of the Government "Control" rather than that of Government "Sale" that caught this latter class. They want the traffic "controlled." These wet shouters want liquor "sold."

The fulfillment of the Government's promise to "strengthen the Ontario Temperance Act" and give it "vigorous enforcement," for which we confidently look, will suit all those who voted to retain that law and also a large section of those who voted for Government Control. On the other hand, for the Government to listen to the vociferous clamour of those disgruntled extreme wets would mean that it would have to act, not only in direct opposition to a substantial majority of the electors of the province, but contrary to the wishes of a very large section of the electors whom those clamant wets falsely claim to represent.

Then again, as a matter of practical politics, here is the situation that the members of the Legislature face. There were 145,472 more votes polled for prohibition than by all the Conservative candidates combined in their last General Election, and 221,820 more than the combined vote of all the elected Conservative members. Of the 75 Conservative members in the house, 44 sit for constituencies that gave dry majorities. Outside of the 12 Conservative members who represent Toronto and suburban constituencies, there are only 19 members whose constituencies gave wet majorities. Why should this "wet" Toronto clique seek to dominate the great majority of their colleagues in the house?

As a matter of fact, the aggregate vote polled by all the members of the present Legislature, Conservative, Liberal, U. F. O., Independent and Labor was 474,860; for prohibition 585,676; or 110,816 more. What a travesty upon Democratic Government, upon justice and fair play it would be for this Legislature to flout the popular will which was clearly expressed and take any action that would weaken the law which the people of this province want retained and want strengthened and enforced.—Pioneer.

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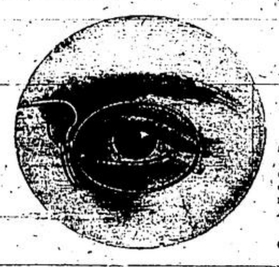

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