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Church Services

United Church of Canada
ACTON
Minister—Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D.
Parsonage—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "What Will be New About the New Year."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School. Lesson: "Fellowship Through Worship."
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "God and You Will Make a New Year."
Thursday, 7.30 p. m.—Praise and Prayer Service.
EVERYBODY WELCOME

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Effective Service."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School. Lesson: "Fellowship Through Worship."
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "What Life Offers."
Thursday, 7.30 p. m.—Prayer Meeting. Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

Acton Baptist Church
PASTOR—A. FORSYTH
Wellington Street

7.00 p. m.—The Pastor.
2.30 p. m.—Bible School.
11.00 a. m.—The Pastor.
Monday, 8.00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. and Prayer Meeting.
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The Community's Social Side of Life

Visitors to and From Town During the Past Week, as Gleaned by The Free Press

Mr. Earl Cooper was here from Toronto.

Mr. Laird McDonald, of Detroit, was home.

Mr. Harold Kennedy was home from Detroit.

Mr. Eugene McPherson was home from Toronto.

Mr. Howard Statham was home from Forth.

Mr. [illegible] Cosh, of Detroit, was here for Christmas.

Mr. Archie Mochrie, of Toronto, spent Christmas here.

Mr. Stewart Malcolm, of Toronto, was here for the holiday.

Mr. Stanley Mackie, of Toronto, was home for the holiday.

Mr. Heber Williams was home from Toronto, for Christmas.

Mr. Melvin Dron was home from Aylmer for the holiday.

Mr. Thomas Mochrie, of Brampton, was here for Christmas.

Miss Violet Crossman was home from Toronto, over the holiday.

Miss Ettie Dills, of Toronto, is spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. Fred Funk, of Birmingham, N. Y., spent Christmas with friends here.

Miss Frances Hurst, of Richards Landing is holidaying at her home here.

Mrs. Annie Somerville is home from Toronto, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs. L. D. Forbes, of Detroit, spent Christmas with Acton friends.

Miss Florence Newton, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole spent Christmas at Eden Mills with Mr. Cole's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown spent Christmas with friends in Kitchener.

Miss Gladys Huffman was home from Toronto for the Christmas holiday.

Messrs. George and Alfred Bishop, of Toronto, were home for the holiday.

Mr. Edward Ryder and Miss Marguerite Ryder were home from Hamilton.

Miss Jean Kennedy, B. A., is spending the Christmas holidays at her home.

Mr. Charles McLeod, of Toronto, spent the holiday at his parental home here.

Mr. J. Elvin Gamble, of Toronto University, is holidaying at his home here.

Mr. Jack Reid, of Kitchener, is spending a couple of weeks at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Acton friends.

Miss Jean Barber, of Manitowaning is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr and Mrs. Milton Watson, of Hamilton, are holidaying with their parents.

Mr. Edward Huffman, of Pontiac, Mich., is spending holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wansborough, of Toronto, are visiting their parents in town.

Miss Margaret J. Macdonald, B. A., is home from Toronto for the Christmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs. Earl H. Vincent and Billie spent Christmas with friends in Hamilton.

Mr. Charles McLaughlin and Miss Bellinger, of Detroit, spent Christmas at McLaughlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Currie and family spent Christmas with the Grahams, Crewsons Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and Wilva, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Acton relatives and friends.

Mr. Cecil Brown, of Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, Bower Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams will celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 28.

Miss Jean McDonald, of Hastings, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston and other Acton friends.

Miss Mae Williams, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brown and Master Norman, of Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown.

Mr Will Wilson is attending the annual Tuxis Boys' Parliament in Toronto this week, as the member for Halton County.

Misses Jessie Mowat, B. A., and Marie Mowat, B. A., of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. McLean and Billy, of Chesley, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnstone.

Misses Winnie and Marjorie Reid, of Orangeville, spent the holiday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reid, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loyns, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Anderson.

Mr and Mrs Neil McEachern and Dorothy, of Waterloo are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr and Mrs. Wm. Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Creamer and son, of Oshawa, are holidaying here with Mrs. Creamer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldham, Bower Avenue.

Mrs. Gordon MacKay, Bruce and Muriel, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Emma Wansborough and Mrs. Frank Day, Rockwood.

Mr Joe Swackhamer, of Toronto, called on Acton relatives on Christmas eve while en route to Guelph to spend the holiday with his brother, Mr. Ralph Swackhamer.

Mrs. Will Laird, of Windsor, who has been attending her mother, Mrs. Thos. Gamble, for several months, during her illness left on Tuesday for her home for the holidays.

The Community Christmas Tree

Over Six Hundred Treats Given Out by Santa Claus and the True Blue Lodge

All of childhood and much of the older element was out in full force on Christmas eve and assembled at the corner of Mill and Main Streets at the Community Christmas Tree. To this waiting and expectant throng Old Santa Claus arrived with a big sleigh load of Christmas treats and with the band playing "Jingle Bells" and such a cheer as greeted the jolly old fellow.

Arriving the old chap soon got down to his work of distributing treats. The Band played several selections and the boys and girls all passed in front of the old chap and each was given a big generous bag containing candies, nuts and an orange. Every child received a treat and even the bandsmen were generously dealt with. And then the band led in the singing of Christmas carols and the crowd dispersed on its happy way of spending a Christmas eve.

The tree which stood in a commanding position at the corner was beautifully decorated. Superintendent Wilson who attended to the lighting has certainly made an excellent job and the decorations of the tree by the ladies and their helpers were certainly fine.

To the True Blue Lodge and the willing helpers and all who made this community affair so successful the thanks of every kiddie will undoubtedly be voted. To all the little ones who were shut in on account of illness, the ladies of the Lodge distributed the Christmas treat. And over six hundred of the Christmas gifts were given out. It proved a most enjoyable community event for Acton and the surrounding countryside.

If there are any children who were unable to be present on Christmas even and receive their treat from Santa Claus they will be supplied with a bag of Christmas good things by calling at the home of Mrs. Browne, Willow Street, as long as the supply lasts. The committee are anxious that every child should receive a Christmas treat from this community tree.

HEAD-ON COLLISION

On Electric Line Near Norval Ties Up Traffic—All Those Injured Making Good Progress

An accident of a rather serious nature badly crippled traffic on the Canadian National Electric Line last Thursday when a westbound car collided with a snowplow in a head-on collision. The accident occurred about a mile or so west of Norval. First reports gave a list of nine seriously injured and a number who had suffered minor injuries, but later reports are fortunately not nearly so serious.

The official statement reads as follows: "At 12.05 p. m. Electric Car No. 5, westbound, in charge of Conductor A. Williamson and Motorman G. Dobson, of the Toronto Suburban District of the Canadian National Electric Railways, collided with Snowplow No. 252, running at first section of No. 6, eastbound, at a point one mile west of Norval.

"The following members of the train crews were injured and removed to Grace Hospital upon arrival of a special car at St. Clair Avenue terminal: Superintendent P. R. Powlie, Conductor A Williamson and Conductor E. Dobson.

"The following members of the train crews were slightly injured: Motorman G. Dobson, Lineman W. Hodges and Motorman P. J. Clark, who were able to proceed to their homes. All members of the train crews are residents of Toronto.

"Reports received indicated that six passengers were slightly hurt, but were able to continue their journey to destination.

"Immediately word of the accident was received, Dr. Williams and Dr. MacAllister, of Georgetown, were rushed to the scene, and every facility was provided by the company to give adequate medical attention to the injured and reopen the line for operation.

"The case of the accident is under investigation."

It is said that all the men who were in the accident have recovered sufficiently to resume their positions except Superintendent Powlie who is reported to be making very satisfactory progress and suffering mostly from shock following the accident. Traffic was resumed on the line that evening.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Of the Halton County Live Stock Improvement Association Last Week

At a meeting held at Milton on Wednesday, December 18, a Halton County Live Stock Improvement Association was formed, with the following officers and directors in charge for 1930

President—A. G. M. Bruyns, Limehouse.
1st Vice-President—Duncan Campbell, Moffat.
2nd Vice-President—Walter Dennis, Milton.
Secretary—A. P. MacVannel, Milton.
Treasurer—Edwin Hartop, Milton.
Trafalgar—Joseph Howard, Jos. Willmott, W. H. Biggar.
Esquesing—Thos. Bird, J. P. Robertson, Wesley Murray.
Nelson—Walter Readhead, John Pettit.
Nassagaweya—Allan Mahon, Len Chisholm.

Mrs. William Small, Kilbride, announces the engagement of her third daughter, Elizabeth Mae, to Robert J. Weir, Campbellville; the marriage to take place the latter part of December.

Mr. Robert J. Gurney, of Victoria, B. C., visited Acton friends during the week. He is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents and brother and sister at the farm home, near Pergus. It is fifteen years since Mr. Gurney has been home from the West.

Master Fyfe Somerville, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Somerville, who has been confined to the Hospital in Guelph for treatment for several months, is sufficiently improved to be able to return home.

Entered Into Rest

MRS. THOS. LUSH, Nelson

Margaret Janet Howson, widow of Thomas Lush, died at the home of her son, Cuthbert P. Lush, Nelson Township, Saturday, in her 83rd year. She was a member of the United Church, and lived at Huntsville 25 years, where her husband died, and for the past 15 years had lived at Clarkson and in Nelson Township. She is survived by seven sons and four daughters, Reuben, of Clarkson; Howard, Huntsville; Harold and Clifford, Winnipeg; Ira, Imperial, Sask., Cuthbert and George, Nelson Township; Mrs. A. Duncan, Winnipeg, Mrs. P. D. Hartley, Nelson Township; Mrs. H. Allen, Toronto; and Mrs. (Dr.) Bewell, Dauphin, Manitoba, also five sisters, Mrs. S. Ruddell, Ashgrove; Mrs. T. E. Pickard, Guernsey, Sask., and Misses Edith, Minnie and Emma, of Glannis, Ontario.

MRS. HARRY N. MOORE

After many weeks of suffering, Nan Reddick, the beloved wife of Harry N. Moore, of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Record, passed away at the Mount Royal Hospital, Montreal, on the 14th inst. Mrs. Moore was a daughter of Dr. Reddick, of Ottawa, formerly of Iroquois. Mrs. Moore was a trained nurse and when her husband went to the war in France as a Captain, she accompanied him as a nurse. For two years she was in the hospitals of England and France. In 1917 Mrs. Moore accepted a position with the French army as an ambulance driver, the duties of which took her into the fighting zone. She was also active during demobilization. After the war she was with her husband for several years when he was editor of the Freeman's Journal, in Dublin, during the troublous times. They were afterwards in London for several years, when Mr Moore was in journalism there. Two or three years ago they came back to America, and Mr. Moore is now on the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Record. When her illness developed last summer Mrs. Moore came to her home in Canada, at Iroquois, and from there went to the hospital in Montreal. The funeral was held at Iroquois on Monday, 16th inst., and interment was made in the family plot in the cemetery there. Rev T. Albert Moore, D. D. the father of Mr. Harry Iroquois on Monday, 16th inst., and at the funeral at Iroquois.

HOLIDAY WISHES FROM ENGLAND

Mayor Mence, of Acton, in Personal Letter, Sends Christmas and New Year Wishes to Our Citizens

Mayor's Parlor,
Municipal Offices,
Acton, London W. 3,
December 10, 1929

My Dear Mr Moore,

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your kind and most welcome letter of the 25th November last, conveying congratulations to the Mayoress and myself upon our election for the current year.

We have received many expressions of good will and kindness since our election, but believe me, none is more welcome and appreciated than that from Mrs Moore and yourself. We value it very much, and would like you both to know how encouraging it is to receive such cordial tokens of hope for a successful year of office.

I remember quite well the visit of Mrs. Moore and yourself to this town, some four or five years ago, when many of us were privileged to meet you, and it is gratifying to hear that the visit holds for you both such happy memories. Believe me, this is mutual, for we were all delighted to have an opportunity unfortunately all too infrequent of welcoming such eminent citizens of our sister town in Canada. The visit, I am sure, was fruitful to us all in many ways.

Your visit to our town is often recalled to me by the Canadian flag, which occupies an honored place in the Mayor's parlor, at these offices, and no doubt the replica of our borough arms in your town is a reminder of this town, and of the many friends which you both, and your fellow citizens, have here.

I had a high opinion of our live little newspaper, "The Acton Gazette," but it is even higher when I know that it is the medium which keeps you informed of our doings. We try to live up to our motto of "Floreat Actona" in all ways, and I trust not without success.

The Mayoress and I hope that you are both quite well. No doubt you all, like ourselves, are thinking of Christmas, and we want to take this opportunity of sending to you both and to all the other citizens of your town our warmest good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thank you once more for your letter the kind sentiments of which we heartily reciprocate.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
Richard T. Mence

Hockey Schedule Opens To-morrow Night

To-morrow night will see the opening of the O. H. A. Junior Hockey schedule in Acton with Milton as the opponents. The junior team has had plenty of material to choose from and should give a good account of themselves in this their opening fixture. They are the material from which the hockey players of the future will be drawn and the fans will do well to give them liberal support and encouragement in the three local games they will play in their schedule. Remember the first one is to-morrow night. On Monday the first game in the Intermediate series will be held in Acton and the contestants will be Brampton. If any one game in the schedule can be said to be more critical than the others it will be this opening fixture. The Acton boys will be out at full strength. This opening game will undoubtedly be a real tester of just where they will be likely to stand in the group. It will be the opening game anyway and undoubtedly will draw a big crowd and provide some real thrills for the fans. The teams are ready to give the fans some real hockey this year. Let's all be there to cheer them on. There are only seven games until the play-offs.

Various News Items

Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, January 2, at 2.30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Evans, Main Street. Please note change of time.

Oil Company Resumed Operations

On Friday of last week the Seynuck Valley Oil Co. resumed their drilling operations at their well about two miles west of Acton. When operations ceased last spring a depth of 2,620 feet had been reached. The drilling outfit is being run by two shifts and working day and night and has drilled over sixty feet in the week. Mr. Seynuck who has charge is quite satisfied with the operations and indications thus far encountered.

Unique Christmas Gift

The most unique Christmas remembrance received at the Free Press office from firms was that of the Kellogg Company from London. It was a substantial sized box containing a fine assortment of the various breakfast foods manufactured by this firm and a pound of coffee of their special blend. Even the Christmas card accompanying the gift was outstanding and entirely different in expressing the good will of this firm. Needless to say the thoughtfulness which prompted the expression and gift was appreciated.

Fine Work in Acton Post Office

The patience and courtesy of the Post Office staff during the trying experience of plethoric mail, the taking in and giving out of Christmas parcels, the sorting of the great volume of mail matter, for a full week has been admirable. From seven a. m. until 10 p. m., they worked industriously in the effort to serve the public with promptitude, consistent with accuracy and post office requirements. The heaviest mail in the history of the office was handled on Monday. It comprised two dray loads of mail matter. There were about 10,000 letters and cards in the morning delivery alone, and hundreds of Christmas parcels. Postmaster Matthews and his staff are worthy of the gratitude of the people of the community for the smooth and satisfactory operation of the Post Office during the past week of congestion.

Shoemakers' Christmas Tree

Treats to the value of $75.50 were handed out to ticket holders at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, in connection with the Shoemakers' Concert and Christmas Tree. The results were as follows, in the larger prizes: Half ton of coal, W. O'Hearn, Brampton; Jean Papik, a turkey, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Frank C. a White, Mrs. Bull, Miss Mott, sh. chickens, Tom Troop, goods to the value of $2.50, Mr. Waller, goods to the value of $1.50, Fred Davison, Mrs. Richardson, Brampton, Mr Ralph, Mr Fountain, Mrs. K. Alger, Mrs Woods, goods to the value of $1.00, Percy Woods, Alex McIsaac, W. Worden, Mr Harbaugh, Bob Edwards, Rockwood, goods to the value of 50c, Mac McDonald, W. Middleton, Florence Salt, O. Masales, Bill Bradshaw. The remainder of the presents were to the value of 5c and 10c. Some ticket holders were not on hand to receive their presents. They can receive the same by calling at the home of Fred Coles. The total receipts were $75.50, and the expenditures were $60.20. During the distribution of prizes, solos were given by Miss Jessie Coles and Mr. Ernest Coles and Rigby Cross gave as a character song, "Singing in the Rain," and a mouth organ sextette gave selections. Mr. F. E. McCleary made a splendid Santa Claus, and distributed Christmas presents from the tree.

MEN'S CLUB ENTERTAIN

The Scholars, Teachers and Officers of the Sunday School of the United Church

Last Thursday evening the Men's Club of the United Church entertained the scholars, teachers and officers of the Sunday School and the cradle roll department. At seven o'clock the guests were seated at the banquet in the school room. Crackers were provided for the youngsters, and a right merry time spent and all were well fed from the menu prepared and served by the men. The livery of waiters appeared in regulation white aprons and shirts sleeves, and some with white jackets. During the supper hour the Sunday School Orchestra contributed several splendid selections.

Rev. Archer Wallace, associate editor of Sunday School publications, addressed the scholars following the banquet. He was introduced to the gathering by Mr H. P. Moore. Mr Wallace is a man who knows young people and a writer of some experience. With his illustrations and stories he gave a most interesting talk to the young people and held their rapt attention all through his discourse. His address was certainly appreciated by officers and scholars and was helpful and interesting.

And then Santa Claus was ushered in amid the jingling of bells and the falling and manouvering of a sextette of clowns. The youngsters were amused by the antics and the distribution of oranges and boxes of Christmas candies, nuts and balloons was carried out by Santa Claus and his clown assistants. The whole event was managed by the Men's Club members and only two lady supervisors were called in to assist.

A feature that is causing keen competition among the scholars was the offer of Mr Wallace to supply three books to each of the boys and girls of the Sunday School who were most regular in their attendance during the year.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

Pasted on a window of the book-publisher's store was the sign, "Porter Wanted," and in the window itself, on a pile of books, the placard: "Dickens' Works All This Week for $4.00." The old-looking Irishman read that the sign and then the placard. He blurted out, "Dickens may take the job! Dickens can work all the week for four dollars if he wants to but I'll not touch it. I'd better tape Dickens."

Acton's New Arena was Formally Opened

By Reeve Mason and Prominent Citizens on Christmas Night

Although skating on the new arena has been in progress for over a week the formal opening of this splendid new municipal enterprize was carried out very appropriately on Christmas night. Reeve Mason and Councillors Nelson, Hansen and Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore, Mr. R. J. Kerr, and Mr. P. A. Smith were present to officiate at the opening ceremonies.

Reeve Mason as chairman spoke of the accomplishment in having this splendid new building and hoped the young people would take full measure of enjoyment from the facilities provided and all would assist to make the undertaking a real success.

Mr. H. P. Moore, Police Magistrate, who was the first speaker, was very happily introduced by Reeve Mason as one of our oldest citizens who retained his interest in the young people's activities, notwithstanding the fact that he had this month celebrated his Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Moore, after wishing the large audience of skaters and citizens the compliments of the happy Christmastide, said he was proud to be associated with an enterprise of an official municipal character provided for the pleasure and healthful recreation of the young people of the community. He was still young enough to desire to see the young people have proper and adequate opportunities for enjoyment. His experience was that where young people were given reasonable attention the reaction was for their betterment and that of the community. Mr. Moore expected to see the members of the hockey club give a good account of themselves during the season, and he assured those interested in that manly sport that so long as they "played the game," and behaved themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, they could depend upon the interest and loyalty of the people of Acton in their behalf. As one of the larger ratepayers of the municipality he had pleasure in thanking the Reeve and Council for endorsing this important municipal enterprize; the Building Committee, for securing for the town an arena second to none in the County for a commodious, well-built structure, suitable to the requirements of such a utility, in all its appointments, and for their personal supervision of all the details of construction and in securing conveniences for the comfort of skaters, curlers, and spectators. He looked forward to a very satisfactory outcome in the history of Acton's arena as a municipal institution.

Mr. R. J. Kerr was the second speaker. As a citizen who was always interested in Acton's progress. He was proud of the achievement in erecting this new arena. He spoke of the possibilities that were opened up in this new building for other sports. Its utility for fall fair and other purposes as well as for rink and winter functions was pointed out. And of course Mr. Kerr had a fund of stories to give to the audience, too.

Dr. E. J. Nelson, who is Chairman of the Parks Committee, and Superintendent of the Rink, expressed and put votes of appreciation to the Band for their services on this opening night; to the men who made the ice, under difficulties, Messrs. R. J. McPherson and Jas. Mills, and to the Building Committee and especially Mr. J. M. McDonald, who had made such a splendid structure. The crowd joined in hearty appreciation of these services.

And then Reeve Mason officially declared the rink open and the Band started in to supply music for the skaters.

The carnival was in charge of Mr. R. M. McDonald as announcer, and the judges were Mrs. A. Mason, Mrs. M. R. Moore and Mrs. J. C. Matthews. Councillor Harrison and Mr. J. C. Matthews were clerks, and distributed the prizes.

The number in costume was not very large this year, owing, undoubtedly, to the opening coming at the Christmas time, when everyone is busy. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Costumed Lady—Florence Newton and Edna Hinton.

Best Costumed Man—Alfred Bishop and Gordon Cook.

Best Costumed Couple, with prizes supplied by Councillor Harrison—Mr. Alfred Bishop and Miss Florence Newton.

Best Original Comic—Joan Beardmore, Glen Garden.

Best Costumed Boy under 12, with prize supplied by Mr. J. M. McDonald—Eddie Poottit.

Best Costumed Girl under 12, with prizes supplied by Reeve Mason—Edna Hinton and Dorothy Coxe.

The skaters were then given full use of the ice and the Band supplied music for skating for the remainder of the evening.

Some details concerning the new arena might be interesting in connection with this formal opening.

The structure was erected by the Eastern Steel Products and supervised and built from plans made by Messrs. J. M. McDonald and Councillor C. Hansen.

It has been built and equipped completely for the estimated expenditure of the debenture issue of $15,000. Of course much individual supervision and help has been given and all the equipment usuable from the old rink, given by Messrs. Beardmore & Co., who have also been instrumental in helping in many ways.

The ice surface is 75x175 feet and the seating accommodation is for about 800 or 900, with a total capacity for spectators of over 1,600 persons. There is a reserved seat section of 200 seats, subscribed for yearly for all events.

There are four dressing rooms, equipped with hockey lockers, a commodious band stand, refreshment booth and ticket booth.

The curling rink has two splendid sheets of curling ice and splendid club room with glass partition, allowing members to look out over the ice and watch the game. A splendid view of the curling rink may be secured from the arena proper, too.

Two rooms have been provided for the militia department in exchange for the old drill shed property and grounds upon which it stood.

The structure is enclosed in sheet steel and the main girders carrying the span over the ice surfaces are steel with wood trussed end girders.

Dr. E. J. Nelson is Superintendent of the Rink, William Ramsden, Secretary-Treasurer, Messrs. R. J. McPherson and Jas. Mills have charge of the ice making, and caretaking; and the whole of Acton owns the building.

Visited His Old Sunday School

Mr. R. Gurney, of Victoria, B. C., addressed the United Church Sunday School last Sunday afternoon. He observed great changes in the personnel since he was a boy in the school, thirty years ago. Mr. A. T. Brown, the Superintendent, was the only person he could remember as being then a member. Mr. Gurney has been an active Sunday School worker in his western home.