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News of Acton and the District

Women's Institute Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, April 8, at the home of Mrs. E. T. Theford, Brock Avenue, at 2:30 p. m.

The Hewatson Employees' Annual Frolic

The ninth annual frolic of the J. W. Hewatson and Co. employees is being arranged to be held on April 17. It will present this year "Gina and Gigles." The employees are now putting in the spare moments in practicing the programme.

Hand Injured on Tuesday

On Tuesday morning, while operating the setting-out machine at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Ltd., in Acton, James Sangler had his right hand caught in the machine and badly bruised. None of the bones were broken, however, but the hand is badly swollen and very painful.

Schools Open Before Labor Day

Public Schools in Ontario will re-open for the fall term this year before Labor Day, instead of after that holiday as usual. The first day of September falls on Tuesday, so that Labor Day this year does not come until Monday, September 7. This means that the students will be back at school before Labor Day. However, the schools will close on June 29 and examinations will also be a few days earlier.

Nassagawya Barn Destroyed

About 3 p. m., Monday, fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the barn with live stock and contents, belonging to Calvin Patterson in Nassagawya Township. The loss included grain and hay, implements, four horses, 19 cattle, 41 ewes, 20 lambs, 14 pigs and 100 hens. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000. Mr. Calvin Patterson is a brother of Mr. Wm. Patterson, Acton, and Mr. Neil Patterson, Nassagawya.

Knox Young People's Guild

An interesting programme was given at the meeting of Knox Young People's Guild on Monday evening by the members of the Y. W. A. of the church. The main feature was a missionary play by the girls, and no less enjoyable were the other numbers, comprising the class hymn, the pilgrim chorus, a piano duet by Misses Jean Orr and Margaret Brown, readings by Misses Vera Hurst and Vera Murray, and vocal solo by Mrs. H. L. Bennie, and a piano solo by Miss Emily Young.

A Local Play and Concert

"That Rascal Pat" is the title of the comedy play that will be presented in the Town Hall in conjunction with a variety programme on Wednesday evening next, April 1. The play is given in addition to the parts designated to the ladies being assumed by men. A splendid programme of musical and literary numbers will precede the presentation of the play. The admission prices have been set at 25c and 15c and at the prices the event should draw a capacity house. There are no reserved seats. The function is under the auspices of the Men's Club of the United Church.

New Pavement Between Rockwood and Guelph

A new pavement will be laid on the Toronto highway for about six miles east of Guelph, according to announcement of paving and utility construction contracts let by the Ontario Government. The pavement will not be concrete, but mixed macadam, and the estimated cost is \$1,000,000. The Guelph Construction Company will do the work. News of the Government's intention will be very welcome to many local motorists who use this highway, as during the last few years the stretch between Guelph and Rockwood has been in very poor condition.

Young People's Rally

The Baptist Young People of the Eastern District of the Guelph Association gathered at the Baptist Church here on Monday evening. Mr. Fred Reynolds, the Provincial Secretary, was present and conducted a conference. The District President, Miss Barbara Plank, was in charge of the meeting, and conducted a song service at the commencement. The meeting proper was opened with prayer by the Rev. McLeod, of Brampton, and Rev. Hamilton, of Acton. From a list of many questions the young people selected eleven and asked Mr. Reynolds to answer them. These were readily answered very fully and should mean that B. Y. P. U. meetings of the future will be of a more educative character. There was a solo by Mr. Coles and then an address by Mr. Reynolds from the words "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." There were quite a few Actonians among the visitors from Brampton. Refreshments were served at the close and the visitors left for home at 10:30 p. m. Mr. Reynolds was entertained at the home of Rev. Hamilton during his stay in town.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

James Clark, Drover, Georgetown, Succumbs to Train Accident

James Clark, Georgetown, died on Thursday from his injuries. With his skull twice fractured, once in an aerial crash in England during the war, and again on Wednesday night when the truck he was driving ran into a freight train on the C. P. R. crossing on No. 7 highway two miles from Brampton, James Clark, aged 40, Georgetown cattle buyer, died the night after at the Peel Memorial Hospital.

Clark was thought to have a chance of recovery, owing to the skill and speed with which he was taken to the hospital by two young farmers, David Douvan and Mervin Beatty, who found the wrecked truck. The train did not stop, since none of the train's crew felt the impact.

Police believe that Clark was very tired at the time of the accident, since he started out to buy cattle early in the morning. A light snow was falling at the time.

Mr. Clark was born near Georgetown, 40 years ago. On the outbreak of the war he joined the Canadian Air Force. He was a member of the Georgetown Post of the Canadian Legion. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clark, and three sisters, Miss Amy, of Toronto, Mrs. R. A. Graham, of London, and Mrs. D. L. Ross, of Montreal.

Various News Items

Young Farmer Dies Suddenly

Frank Whitaker, aged 37, a farmer on the Guelph line, near Burlington, was found dead in his hayrack late Monday morning, transferred from the possession of his present owner, George H. Leslie, to the library of a Canadian university. Collectors in New York have been keen to get these yellowed bits of paper, covered with the meticulously neat handwriting of the famous historian, but it is the wish of Mr. Leslie that they remain in Canada.—Toronto Globe.

Carlisle's Sister Lived in Halton

That Thomas Carlisle's favorite sister lived in Halton County, and that many letters and autographed copies of his books came addressed to her at Gurney Bank Farm is not generally known. Some of these, now valuable letters are being transferred from the possession of their present owner, George H. Leslie, to the library of a Canadian university. Collectors in New York have been keen to get these yellowed bits of paper, covered with the meticulously neat handwriting of the famous historian, but it is the wish of Mr. Leslie that they remain in Canada.—Toronto Globe.

True Bill in Halton Assizes

At the Halton County Spring Assizes on Monday afternoon, with Mr. Justice Garrow presiding, in the case of Walter Riley, of Oakville, charged with manslaughter arising from the death of eight-year-old Frances Hummey, of Oakville, who, it is alleged, was killed by Riley's car on December 8, 1929, the jury brought in a true bill. At the trial which followed the hearing, Riley was found not guilty by the jury after fifteen minutes of deliberation. Riley did not go into the witness box. The prisoner had been held in the county jail at Milton since his arrest at the time of the accident.

The Assessment of Pool

Peel's equalized assessment will be \$20,044,150 this year, an increase of \$208,000 over last year. This will be apportioned among the municipalities as follows: Alton, \$1,793,000; Caledon, \$2,250,000; Oshwegonewy, \$4,767,800; Toronto Township, \$5,825,150; Brampton, \$3,295,000; Streetsville, \$238,000; Port Credit, \$770,000; Bolton, \$226,000; Alton, Caledon, Oshwegonewy and the Gore reported a decrease in their local assessment during the past year, while Toronto Township and the four urban municipalities reported increases. Alton and Brampton protested the equalization placed on them; but by a vote of 6 to 5, it was decided to accept the equalization as presented, rather than refer it back to the committee.

Burglars Make Hurried Escape

Awakened by the sound of footsteps in his service station at the intersection of the Dundas Highway and the Second Line, near Dixie, shortly before midnight on Tuesday, J. Barber hastened to investigate, taking his shotgun with him. On entering the station he found that two men had forced an entrance, and taking no chances on their being armed, Barber fired two shots at the intruders, who without retreating, made a hurried escape. Once out of the building, they jumped into a parked car, and stepping on the gas, headed for Cooksville. The number of the car was ascertained to be 9024, but Barber, owing to the darkness, was unable to secure the preceding initial. Examination of the premises showed that nothing of account was missing, but a number of magazines they had picked up were dropped by the men as they hurried into their car. Provincial Officers Lemon, of Cooksville, Palmer, of Iglinton and Bedford, of Port Credit, responded to a call, but despite a search of the neighboring districts were unable to secure any further trace of the car up to an early hour the following morning.

Cemetery Board Outlines Plans in Work of Beautifying Fairview

Schedule of Rates for 1931 for Upkeep of Plots is Arrived at and Payments for Perpetual Care will be Accepted—Work of Beautifying Fairview will be Carried on Over a Period of Years Without Going to Ratepayers for Assessment on Taxes.

That there is keen interest in the affairs of Fairview Cemetery and the work of the newly-appointed Cemetery Board was witnessed by the attendance at the meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. In spite of the unfavorable night the hall had a very representative gathering and all seemed enthusiastic and helpful of the work to be undertaken in Fairview Cemetery by the Board.

Mr. R. M. McDonald was chairman of the meeting and in his resume of the Board from its appointment by the Council was witnessed by the attendance at the meeting a splendid conception of the aims, powers and plans to be carried out.

He told of the purchase of the Cook property for \$300 plus the conveyancing charges. The old house was to be removed and the ground levelled. If possible plots would be available in this survey this year but it all depended upon what condition the land was found to be in when work was started. From here Mr. McDonald outlined the plans in prospect in the older survey and the beautiful part of the grove, when the dead trees would be removed and the land cleaned up. The programme was not one to be carried out in one year, but was an outline that might be well advanced in a decade. The thought of the Board was not to endeavor to carry out the work with speed, but rather to spread the work over a term of years.

It was the intention of the Board to care for all plots in Fairview Cemetery. This was arranged to be done for the present year at a cost of one cent per square foot of the plots and a minimum charge on any one plot or grave of \$1.00. If it was the desire of a plot owner to provide a fund for perpetual care the Board would accept \$50 per plot, with the understanding that when the definite rates are arrived at, a further levy might be made if necessary or a refund made if it was found that this amount was not required. The whole plan was one that would have a trial during 1931.

Mr. H. P. Moore spoke, commending the Board on the work they had undertaken and the pleasure he felt that the care of Fairview Cemetery was being undertaken on a permanent basis. He was willing to subscribe the amount stipulated for three plots. Mr. John Cameron and other interested citizens also asked questions and gave information regarding the Cemetery.

Mayor Mackenzie, of Georgetown, was present at the meeting, and at the request of the chairman went to the platform and in a brief, informal way gave much interesting information which had been secured by him as a member of the Cemetery Board in Georgetown. He expressed his appreciation of the work being undertaken. It was a work that required a vision of twenty-five years. The Acton Board was modest in their assessments and he felt provision should be made for the plot owners who could not be communicated with and from whom it would be impossible to secure an assessment. He was willing to subscribe \$100 for the care of his plot, or \$5 per year. This amount would allow for the care of a plot or the assessment which could not be realized upon. Mr. Mackenzie pointed out the statutory regulations under which the Board operated. The plot holders did not purchase the plots but only the right to interment could be made. Georgetown had spent about \$10,000 in beautifying the Cemetery there, and the ladies' organization had erected graves at a cost of \$600. He felt that the care of the cemeteries was a duty we owed to our ancestors, and no people could afford to neglect its pioneers.

Mr. McDonald thanked Mr. Mackenzie for his remarks and during the course of the remainder of the meeting which was open for all to ask questions and receive explanations, many valuable points were brought out. The Board was not asking the ratepayers for money at the present time, although a mill could be placed on the assessment for cemetery purposes. Societies anxious for care of plots will receive a ruling from the Board if a letter is written. The Council is no longer responsible for the care of the cemetery, and the Board assumes control. The entrance to the Cemetery had not been decided upon but the Board would be glad to confer with the Women's Institute in this regard.

All foundations for monuments would be erected by the Board and under their direction. Plot owners could not care for their own plots but all work will be done under the direction of the Board. The condition of the old cemetery back of the park was the only center of attention at the meeting. It was pointed out that discussion of this meeting was relative to Fairview Cemetery only, but the query was made that if the care of this spot did not come under consideration there were no trustees under whose care or guidance was this old cemetery. Mr. McDonald agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Inspector of Cemeteries when he visited Acton and get his interpretation, and also to notify the committee that had been appointed of the visit of the Inspector and endeavor to have him interviewed.

A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. C. L. Poole, and seconded by Mr. John Cameron, to Mr. McDonald, and his associates on the Board, Messrs. J. Bell and C. Hansen, for the courteous way in which the meeting had been conducted, and the information given on cemetery matters and a vote of confidence in their future work was also made. The audience gave evidence of their concurrence in this by the applause accorded. Mr. McDonald expressed his appreciation for the confidence expressed and again voiced their willingness to serve in this endeavor as good citizens.

Entered Into Rest

GEORGE McANDREW, Georgetown

The funeral took place on Sunday at Norval Cemetery of George McAndrew, for many years a resident of the Norval district, who died in his 66th year, at the home of his brother, Dr. Joseph McAndrew, Georgetown. George McAndrew was born in Ottawa, and was a son of the late Thomas McAndrew. Following a long residence in Norval, he moved to the United States, going to Georgetown two years ago. He is survived by two brothers, Dr. Joseph and Alfred, and one sister, Mrs. J. Bommer, all of Georgetown. He was a member of the Anglican Church and was a Conservative.

MRS. A. REMEY, Portage La Prairie

The Daily Graphic, of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, given the following obituary notice concerning the death of former Acton resident: "The death occurred on Sunday afternoon, March 8, of Mrs. A. Remy, a well-known and dearly beloved resident of this city. The late Mrs. Remy, nee Jennie Zimmerman, was born in Acton, Ontario, and came to Portage about thirty-five years ago. Shortly afterwards she was married to Mr. Remy and has been a continuous resident of this city. Deceased was a very active worker in the Baptist Church, where she will be greatly missed. She was President of the Ladies' Aid for some years and has always taken a very active part in the other organizations of the church, and was a teacher in the Sunday School. She has a very large circle of friends in the city who will mourn her passing. She is survived by her surviving husband, one sister, Anna Zimmerman, and one brother, Melvin Zimmerman."

MRS. THOMAS SMYTH

A choice spirit was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, when the mortal remains of Kate Kennedy, the wife of Thomas Smyth, of Penetanguishene, were tenderly placed in the family plot there, by Acton pallbearers, who were old-time friends of the family. Mrs. Smyth, who had reached her eighty-second year, was in her usual health until the 15th inst., when she was suddenly overcome from a stroke, which occurred as she was serving a couple of neighbors, who had called with a cup of tea and cake. Although she was given the best of medical care and nursing, she never rallied and passed peacefully away last Thursday.

Kate Kennedy was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, who were among the pioneer residents of Acton. She was born in the home on Main Street—the stone house next to John Nicol's residence and monument yard. It is an incident of interest that Mrs. Smyth was born in 1846, the year the first Presbyterian Church was built in Acton, and her home stood directly across the street from the church. She was one of the first girls babies born in Acton. This substantial stone residence was built by Mr. Kennedy, who was a Scottish stone mason, and did much of the stone work of the community in the early days. Kate Kennedy was a greatly beloved school girl and always popular among the young people, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her through her long life. Back in the seventies she married Charles Dean, one of our esteemed young business men. After a few years of happy married life together, Mr. Dean suddenly succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, contracted when on a business trip. Mrs. Dean was left with their three little sons, John, Gordon and Charlie, to whom she gave motherly care and solace. Ever a few years later Mrs. Dean married Thomas Smyth, another of Acton's bright young men, who held a responsible position in Beardmore & Co.'s America. In 1882 the family removed to Penetanguishene, where Mr. Smyth was engaged by Messrs. Brethaupt & Hall in their tannery there. After a short time they returned to Acton, but in 1885 Mr. and Mrs. Smyth and family returned to Penetanguishene, which has been their home for the intervening forty-six years. Mr. Smyth continued his position with the same firm until he was a short time ago, incapacitated by age to further carry on. He has been ill during the winter and spent three weeks in the Penetanguishene hospital last month. It was a great sorrow to him that he was not able to accompany his beloved wife to the old home town, which they both esteemed so dearly, on this last visit. Four sons survive: John Dean, of the Ontario Hospital, Penetanguishene; Gordon Dean, of Brandon, Manitoba; Charles Dean, of Royal Oak, Michigan; and Thornton Smyth, of Penetanguishene. After a funeral service at Penetanguishene, conducted by her pastor, the body was brought to Acton, arriving here on Saturday afternoon by the 2:30 C. N. R. train. The interment service at the grave at Fairview Cemetery was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bennie, of Knox Church, which was the church home of the Kennedy family. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. E. Pallas, H. Crater, R. M. McDonald, J. K. Kennedy, John Kenney and W. J. Gould.

LOCAL BRANCH JOINS IN EFFORT TO ADD 10,000 THROUGHOUT ONTARIO

During the month of April the Canadian Legion of the B. E. S. L. in Ontario, will put forth a Province-wide effort to add 10,000 new members to its strength. The Acton Branch is taking an active part in the campaign and has set as the local objective one hundred, which is based on an estimate of 5 per cent of the population of the territory covered by this branch.

Brought into existence over five years ago as a result of the March 21st riot, the local branch of the organization has been rendered freely to all veterans without distinction of membership. Legislative benefits secured by the Legion have been to the advantage of the whole war veteran body. It is felt that the responsibility of this highly important work should be borne equally by all veterans. At the same time the privilege of participating in the extensive and varied programme and community work, as well as the amenities of the social life and activity of the Legion, is made available by active membership.

THOSE TOURISTS

As the steamer was moving out of the harbor at Athens a well-dressed lady pointed the captain and pointed to the distant hills.

"Could you tell me what is that white stuff over there?" she asked.

"That is snow," replied the captain.

"Well, I thought so myself," agreed the lady, "but a gentleman just now informed me that it was Greece."

The Norwester.

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A few more blustering snow flurries and winter's reign will be annihilated.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT TANNERY

Mr. George T. Woods Fell Under Drum Setting Machine and Received Serious Head Injuries

Mr. George T. Woods received serious head injuries while at work at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Limited, in the harness division, yesterday morning, and is in the hospital in Guelph with his life hanging in the balance.

In some unaccountable manner he fell on the floor against the machine he was operating, a drum setting-out machine. How many minutes he was there is not definitely known but when found by his fellow-workmen his head had been against the shaft and mechanism of the machine and his head and face were badly cut and battered. He was unconscious when found. Medical aid was summoned and he was rushed by ambulance to the hospital in Guelph.

At the hospital examination showed that Mr. Woods had suffered a fractured skull and a fracture at the base of the nose as well as the flesh injuries. An operation was performed immediately in the hope of saving his life, and he has only once regained partial consciousness since the accident. His condition is very critical.

Mr. Woods has been an employee of the Beardmore Co. for about fifteen years and was a careful and conscientious workman.

Acton and District

Mr. George Beardmore Hurt in Auto Crash in South

George Beardmore, Master of the Edginton Hunt, who was injured in an automobile accident in Pinhurst, South Carolina, is not believed to be seriously hurt, according to reports. Mr. Beardmore was motoring with Worcester Smyth, a well-known hunting man, in Pinhurst, when the car skidded and overturned, throwing Mr. Beardmore face down on the cement road. He is in hospital at Pinhurst.

Death of Dr. T. P. Hall at Vancouver

Dr. Thomas Proctor Hall, aged 72, physician, scientist and educationist, died at his home at Vancouver, on Wednesday, from heart disease. He had resided there for twenty-six years. Dr. Hall was born in Hornby, was educated there and at Western College, where he taught for five years after graduation, and at Toronto Medical School. He was a son of Robert S. Hall, Esq., J. P., of Hornby, and a brother of Mrs. John Wrigglesworth, of Ashgrove, who died last fall. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore visited at Dr. Hall's home when they were in Vancouver a few years ago.

Guelph Guards Seeking Escaped London Trusty

Ontario Reformatory guards had failed until last night to find any trace of William Burton, of London, a trusty who made his escape from the institution during the night. Burton, who was serving an indeterminate term of from six to 12 months, had been detailed as fireman in the power house for some time and slipped out of the building unnoticed by the guard. He had been in the habit of going to the washroom to clean up about the time he made his get-away and his absence was not discovered for some minutes. Officials attribute Burton's desire to gain his liberty to the fact that he is a wanderer. His term would have expired in August.

Aged Haltonian Dies

In the death of George Langtry at his home in Milton on Saturday, after a brief illness, Halton County lost one of its oldest residents. Mr. Langtry, who was in his ninety-fourth year, was born April 7, 1836, on a farm on the Middle Road, near Bronte, which is still in the Langtry name, and was the third child of George Langtry and Elizabeth Smith. His father came from Belfast, Ireland, when 16 years of age, and his mother was of United Empire Loyalist stock, who had settled in Grimby, Ontario. Mr. Langtry was educated at Palermo and Bronte Public Schools and was a schoolmate and lifelong friend of the late Public School Inspector John S. Deacon, of Milton, later of Toronto. He married Marlon Marshall, in 1875, and settled on a farm near Oakville, where he lived for 40 years. He moved thence to Milton, 15 years ago. He had travelled on the Second Line, Trafalgar Township, when it was a plank road, a stone road and a Provincial highway, and had travelled the same roads by oxen, horses and automobiles. He read his newspaper by candle light, coal oil lamp and electric light. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton. Surviving are his widow and two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Book, of Milton, and Mrs. Harold Gowland, of Southville; one sister, Mrs. John Standish, of Toronto; and one brother, Dr. Walter Langtry, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Intoxicated Driver Lands Car in Ditch

A wild chase, in which Guelph police officers participated, early Monday morning on the Kenosha Road, resulted in a motor accident near the city limits. In which Joseph Novakowski, 21 Raglan Street, Guelph, sustained a fractured skull and other injuries. He was entangled through the windshield of the fleeing automobile as it went into the ditch, and is now in St. Joseph's Hospital in a very serious condition. Ferdinand Hauck, driver of the damaged motor car, who was arrested along with George Roberts, also of Guelph, was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail for driving while intoxicated, while on a second charge of stealing a keg of beer from Sleeman's Brewery. He pleaded not guilty and elected trial by a higher court. Roberts also pleaded not guilty to the burglary charge, and was allowed out on \$2,000 bail. The chase came when the police were passing through the main section of the city.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

McGulge—"I hear that yer old friend, Hector, has marrit a third wife."

McGulge—"Aye, mon. Hector has been a vera expensive friend. He had out the law wreaths and three presents in sixteen years."

Various Interesting Items of News

What Happened to Briggs

The Acton U. F. Y. P. O. Club will present a play, entitled, "What Happened to Briggs?" in the Town Hall, Acton, on Wednesday, April 8. Further announcement later. Admission, adults, 25c; children, under 15c.

Veterans Secure Quarters

At a meeting of the executive of the Acton Branch, No. 197, Canadian Legion, Mr. J. M. McDonald, Manager of Beardmore Leathers Limited, kindly donated for the use of the Legion here, the magnificent club room, at the old rink. This makes a very fine contribution to the work of the local branch, and is appreciated sincerely by the officers and members.

Deer Seen Near Rockwood on No. 7 Highway

On Sunday, 23rd, as A. E. Richardson was coming from the barn after doing the morning chores, he was surprised to meet a full grown deer coming through the gateway into the barnyard. It then disappeared across the fields, crossing Robert Watson's and A. M. McPherson's farms, going in the direction of Eden Mills.

The U. F. Y. P. O. Meeting

The regular meeting of the U. F. Y. P. O. was held at the home of Mr. Austin Young on Friday, March 13. The roll call was answered by a superabundance. After the usual business was dealt with an excellent programme was provided with Mr. Stanley Morrison as chairman. It consisted of violin solos by Mr. Archie Kerr; a reading by Miss Tillie McCullough; duets by Reg. Penner and Robert Parkinson; and recitations by Miss Ethel Graff and Mrs. J. J. Stewart. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a social time was enjoyed by all.

Food Smyth Seriously Injured

Last Friday Mr. Fred H. Smyth, printer, Bathurst Street, Toronto, met with a motor accident which may have very serious results. He was struck by a motor car and the impact fractured the vertebrae at the neck and caused other injuries. Mr. Smyth is lying in a critical condition in the hospital in Toronto. Mr. Smyth is an Acton boy, and fifty years ago was foreman of The Fox Press. He has been in business for himself in Toronto for many years. Mrs. Smyth, who is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearson, of Acton, is an invalid.

Reeve Mason Undergoes Operation

Reeve Mason went to Toronto on Friday last and on Saturday had an operation performed on his left wrist which has been troubling him for the past year or more. It was found that a bone had been splintered and was causing the infection. The operation was successful and it is anticipated he will be able to return home the latter part of the week. He is at present in the Private Patients' Pavilion of the General Hospital in the city. All citizens join in wishing their Chief Magistrate a speedy recovery and improved health. Later—Reeve Mason is reported as making excellent progress and plans to return to Acton by Saturday.

Dublin Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Dublin branch of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, March 17, at the home of Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin. The President, Mrs. Webster, presided. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The roll-call was answered by an Irish joke. A business meeting had been dealt with a short programme was given. Miss Margaret Waddie gave a piano solo; Mrs. Alkens, a paper on St. Patrick; a reading by Mrs. Anderson; a piano duet by Mrs. Robertson and Miss Waddie; and an Irish solo by Mrs. Robertson. The winner of the contest was Mrs. Alkens. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time was enjoyed by the ladies.

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