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## Jas. Sangster Fatally Injured at Work Friday

### Suffered Head Injuries When Struck by Hoist at Beardmore Co. Plant Here

Struck on the head and crushed by a descending hoist, James Sangster was instantly killed at the Beardmore & Co. tannery here on Friday morning. The accident happened just before noon.

Mr. Sangster had been an employee of the Acton plant for the past sixteen years. One of his duties was to clear out the pit in the hoist shaft. He had received instructions to do this work the following morning. It is believed he decided himself to look into the pit at the time of the accident to see its condition. He was apparently beneath the elevator gate and peering down into the pit at the time of the accident and failed to hear the hoist descending. An inquest will be held to-night.

James Sangster was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, coming to Acton 16 years ago. He was a son of the late George Sangster and was in his sixty-ninth year. Besides his wife, who was before marriage Miss Annie Bleaser, he leaves one son, James, in Aberdeen, and a daughter, Mrs. A. Woods, of Acton. To all of these who have suffered such a sad bereavement sympathy of many friends here goes out at this time. Four sisters also remain in Scotland.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, with service at the Johnstone & Bunley funeral home, conducted by his minister, Rev. H. L. Bennie. Fellow-employees and friends assembled here to pay tribute to this life which had been taken so suddenly. A number of floral tributes also bore testimony of tribute and sympathy. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Sangster, Eddie, George and James Lowe, A. Woods and Alex. Lowe.

## Oakville Child Killed in Car Accident There

Georgina Forbes, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lockie Forbes, of Oakville, was killed almost instantly when a car in which she was riding with five other children, all under 8 years, and her uncle, Private Fred Forbes, of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, was overturned in a crash on the Queen Elizabeth Way, near her uncle's home.

The car was struck while turning into a lane at Private Forbes' farm by a car driven by Maurice Lipton, of Toronto. Forbes' car, an old touring model, was carried some sixty feet, thrown four feet into the air and over on its side. The fatally injured child was tossed from the car.

Others in the car were hurt, though not seriously. Joan Ambrose, a cousin, 9, and her sister, Isabel, 7, of Guelph, were taken to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, with painful injuries. Lesser injuries were sustained by Fred Ambrose, 5, and two brothers of the girl killed, James Forbes, 3, and Louis Forbes, 6. Private Forbes suffered a knee injury.

According to reports, Lipton tried to stop his car, but could not do so in time to avoid the crash. The father of the girl killed, Private Lockie Forbes, is overseas with the C.A.S.F.

## FREEMAN-BARBER WEDDING LAST WEEK AT EDEN MILLS

A quiet wedding was solemnized in the house at Eden Mills, when Miss Laurel Jean Barber, daughter of Mrs. Grace E. Barber, of Campbellville, became the bride of Mr. Charles Bert Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Freeman, R.R. 1, Campbellville. Rev. H. Kipper officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was unattended, was escorted in navy blue sheath, carrying pink roses and baby's breath.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Royal Hotel in Guelph, the young couple leaving later for their wedding trip to Northern Ontario. The bride donned a navy blue coat and hat, with white accessories, for travelling. On their return they will reside in Campbellville.

Guests were present from Stratford, Brantford, Toronto, Buffalo, Georgetown and Campbellville.

## ACTON BOYS ENLISTED This Week's Register

The following have joined with the H.L.I. stationed at Brantford:

BOB ANDERSON  
ALLAN KIRKNESS  
FRANK KENTNER  
NORMAN MORTON  
"BUB" MORTON  
FRANK TERRY  
CECIL WILSON

## Mrs. R. P. Watson Addressed the Dublin Institute

The Dublin Woman's Institute held their July meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Grant, the President, Mrs. Anderson, in the chair.

Roll call was answered by "Books Worth While Reading."

Mrs. G. Watson took the topic, "Education," and she took the life of the poet, William Wilfred Campbell, for her subject, and read one of his poems, "Our Bill of the Irish Red Line." The guest speaker was Mrs. P. Watson, and she gave a book review on "Step by Step" by Winston Churchill. It was decided to purchase some yarn for war work.

Mrs. Somerville tendered a vote of thanks to those who took part in the program, and also to the hostess, for the use of her home. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time spent.

## Smith Re-union Held Recently at R. L. Davidson's

The second Smith Re-union was held at the home of Mr. R. L. Davidson, on Friday, July 26th, when nearly one hundred descendants of the Smiths of Nassagaweya gathered to spend the afternoon and evening.

The afternoon was spent with baseball games, after which the gathering as a whole to a picnic lunch of all the best things to eat of which was a grand birthday cake, as three of the number also celebrating their birthday.

After lunch the business part and following races were carried out, after which dancing on the lawn was enjoyed till the wee small hours.

The following were prize winners:  
Boys' and Girls' Race, 5 and under Shirley Lashy; Mattie Elliott.

Girls, 6 to 8—Hazel Kennedy; Mary Lasby.

Boys, 6 to 8—Don McMillan; Carl Kennedy.

Girls, 8 to 12—Marie Kennedy; Annabel Anderson.

Boys, 8 to 12—Tommy Kennedy; Leonard Moller.

Young Ladies' Race—Mary Anderson; Flo Elliott.

Young Men's Race—Ralph Anderson; Wilmer Davidson.

Married Ladies' Race—Mrs. R. L. Davidson; Mrs. Oakie.

Married Men's Race—Lloyd Campbell; R. L. Davidson.

Relay Race, for couples—Mrs. Grant McMillan and R. L. Davidson.

Baseball, for couples—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell.

Shoe Race, for couples—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell; Mary and Ralph Anderson.

Person Coming the Farthest—Mr. Rex Motter; Flint, Mich.

Oldest Lady Present—Mrs. Mary Coates, of Lisle.

Youngest Child—Bobbie Marshall.

Oldest Man—Mr. Tom Smith, Brookville; Mr. "Sandy" Bell, Acton; Mr. Tom Kennedy, Brookville.

## Location of New Canadian Industry in Acton



The Building in Acton now being made ready by Beardmore & Co. and leased to Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Limited, for their new Canadian plant. The Company is capitalized at a quarter million and will give employment to 100 hands. An approximate 100,000 feet of space is being made available.

## New Industry Introduced in Canada Will Locate Plant in Acton Soon

### Beardmore & Co. Have Leased Building to Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Ltd.

#### New Company Plan to Produce at Rate of 3,000,000 Pounds of Wool Tops Annually—Will Employ About 100 Workers— British and Canadian Interests in Company Capitalized at \$250,000—Mr. K. Markon, the General Manager, Here Now Planning the Installation.

Acton is to secure another new industry of considerable size. Workmen are now busy demolishing old equipment, and planning for installation of the new machinery. The building is being cleared of all materials stored there by the Beardmore Co. and being refitted for Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Ltd. It is a new Canadian company, coming a type of work that was not formerly done in Canada.

The building being used here is the section of the Beardmore Co. plant known as the cement block building. It is three stories in height and contains approximately 100,000 square feet. The Company will also occupy a brick structure connected with this building and known for some years as the Machine Shop of the plant.

The Beardmore Co. have leased these buildings and are now making them ready for occupancy. Other facilities of the Beardmore plant will be used in making the plant ready for the new Company. The building here gives adequate room for the installation of the necessary machinery, plus all the required facilities for wool sorting, scouring, carding and combing, as well as plenty of space for storage of raw material and the finished product. We understand the plant will require about 300 horsepower from the Hydro.

Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Limited, will operate under a Dominion Charter, with an authorized capital of \$250,000, and as the establishment of this plant will provide the only individual wool combing unit in this country. It fills a gap in the textile industry at a time when it is most urgently needed for the production of wool textile goods for military purposes.

Prior to the war, combed wool (known to the trade as wool tops) was imported into Canada from England and Australia, no combing being available here. Australian and New Zealand wool, and wool of many other origins, was shipped to England to be combed there and came to Canada in the form of wool tops, which are used by the worsted spinner and weavers in the manufacture of yarn and cloth here. The total imports of wool tops into Canada during the past few years have varied between nine and twelve million pounds annually.

Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Limited, whose plant will be situated at Acton, Ontario, will, when in full production from its initial plant, equipment, produce at the rate of three million pounds of wool tops annually. The present demand for uniforms and other wool products has necessarily created an abnormal consumption of wool tops and, therefore, the erection of this plant is being welcomed both by the trade and in Government circles at this time.

Canadian wool growers will also be interested in this development inasmuch as it will provide them with a new outlet for domestic wools, some of which have formerly been exported to be combed abroad because of the lack of combing facilities in this country.

The Company has been formed by a group composed of Canadian and English interests, with the officers and Board of Directors in part as follows:

The President of the Company is the Right Hon. Lord Barnby, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., formerly Colonel Francis Vernon Willeyes of London, England. Lord Barnby is well known on this continent and has been a frequent visitor to Canada and the United States during the past twenty years. He is Chairman of the Board of Simpsons, Limited of London, England, and is actively interested in one of the largest wool combing plants in Yorkshire. During the last war he served with the British forces at Gallipoli, and later was appointed to the position of Wool Controller of England.

The Vice-President of the Company is Mr. Leslie Biggin, who is President of The Canadian Wool Co. Limited, Toronto, and President of Willey-Biggin Wool Service, Inc., Boston. Mr. Biggin has also been identified with the Canadian wool trade for the past twenty-five years and has had considerable experience in the production and supply of wool tops for Canadian users. He is also Past President of the Dominion Wool Dealers Association and the Canadian Allied Textile Trades Association.

The General Manager and Treasurer of the Company is Mr. K. Markon, until recently of London, England. Mr. Markon is a technical expert in wool combing and brings to the new company an extensive experience in this particular branch of the textile industry, which he has gained over a period of years in Europe.

Previous attempts have been made to successfully operate a wool combing plant in this country, but the opinion is expressed that their failure was due primarily to an unsound basis of financing, plus a lack of the necessary knowledge required for the successful operation of such a highly technical process. In addition to a sound financial structure, the personnel of this Company, being composed of men who are closely associated with successful wool combing interests in England and the United States, allows the Company access to all the technical knowledge necessary for the successful erection, equipment and maintenance of this plant. Furthermore, previous attempts to provide wool combing in Canada have been based on the purchase of wool and the resale of wool tops, making the Company, therefore, actually act as a topmaker. This Company will purchase no wool, nor will it sell any product. It will be a commission combing plant, available to the trade for wool combing at standard tariff rates of commission, based on the quality of wool to be processed.

## THOSE SMALL BOYS

Small Boy (to policeman): Quick! There's a train being held up.  
Policeman: Where?  
Small Boy (preparing to run): Round the corner—at a wedding.

## Guelph Clubs May Lose Services Acton Players

Guelph baseball fans and executive officers are completely in the dark as to the future of three of the Royal City's entries in the Intercollegiate Baseball League. The situation has arisen over a decree issued by the Ontario Baseball Association forbidding any players from "Milton and district" playing in Guelph.

Guelph officials are not yet clear whether "Milton and district" takes in nearby Acton or not, and are seeking clarification of the edict, so that the Guelph Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors will know just where they stand. All three clubs are using Acton players and they mean much to the local chances at Ontario titles.

## Air Training Plan is to be Accelerated

Empire airmen are to be required to work and to "sweat" a little more intensively in order to hurry along the Commonwealth Air Training Plan now underway in Canada.

There is to be no relaxation of the standards for good pilots, navigators, gunners and wireless operators. But under a "speed-up" ordered at Ottawa on Tuesday, they are required to become good pilots, navigators, gunners and wireless operators considerably more quickly.

The order went out Tuesday from the Minister of Defence for Air, after a meeting of the Supervisory Board of the Air Training Scheme, and reports are that the response from eager young students of warfare in the air was "Come on, let's go." Leaves may be shortened a little. Rest and relaxation periods may be curtailed a little. But the ultimate result will be that competent men will be turned out earlier.

In such of the elementary, intermediate and advanced training stages for pilots the training period has been reduced from eight to seven weeks. This acceleration of training is the result of a specific request from the United Kingdom, it was announced by Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Defence for Air.

The "hurry-hurry" plan will not become manifest until all the schools are in full-time operation, and until the present shortage of training aircraft has been overcome. But the Air Minister indicated that since deliveries of planes from Britain have been resumed and additional arrangements have been made to acquire aircraft in the United States, it will be possible to open eight service flying schools this year in place of the five provided in the original schedule.

The acceleration will also include shortening the course for air gunners and wireless operators. It is expected the course will be reduced, in accordance with the British plan, from 24 weeks' training to 18 weeks.

STRANGE  
Him: "Well, I suppose you're plenty angry because I came home with this black eye last night."  
Her (sweetly): "Not at all, dear. You may not remember it, but when you came home you didn't have that black eye."

## Hydro Rates Are Unchanged For this Year

### Commission Makes Transfer from Operating Account of the Waterworks

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening, August 5th. Commissioners J. B. Chalmers and Mac Symon and Chairman C. M. Hansen were present.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Hydro Department	ACTON FREE PRESS, printing and advertising	\$ 4.82
Moffats Ltd., supplies		16.81
J. C. Matthews, postage		10.00
		\$29.63

Waterworks Department  
Hydro Department, power at the spring

Upon motion, \$500.00 was ordered to be transferred from the Waterworks Account to the General Account of the town.

The schedule of rates was received from the Ontario Hydro Commission, and rates are just the same as the past year.

The Superintendent was authorized, if additional help was required, to secure same.

## Another Crowd Shares in Prizes of War Stamps

### Red Cross Realizes \$2.75 When Winners Turn Amount Over to Local Society

Acton Business Men's Association threw in two extra prizes on Saturday night in the weekly draw and 13 prize winners were declared, with awards going to town and the district around. There were four who lost by not being present.

A feature that created quite a bit of excitement was the auction of one of the prizes. Mr. John McClure was fortunate in drawing one of the \$100 awards, and on being presented with it Mr. McClure returned the amount, to be given to the Acton and District Red Cross Society. It was explained to the audience that the Red Cross could use only cash funds and the stamps were put up by auction. Mr. L. Starkman paid \$1.75 for the stamps and then gave the stamps back again. The result is now at \$2.75 for the Red Cross.

The \$500 certificate was won by Mrs. L. O. Johnston, R.R. 1, Acton. The \$200 prizes were won by Margaret Somerville and Mrs. F. W. Crump, Young Street, Acton.

Winners of the \$100 awards were, as follows: Mrs. J. Loulitt, J. McClure, John V. Savage, Miss Allen Gordon, Miss Annie Thompson, H. Robson, John Bauer, Mrs. Rose Tyler, George Smith and Mrs. E. Loughlin.

Those who lost prizes by not being present were: R. Lawson, Gerald McLeod, R.R. 1, Acton, Mary Maxine Bonwick, 282 Moore Avenue, Waterloo, and Joan Pargelet.

The children who drew the prize-winning tickets were Jean Lawson, Acton, and Dennis Hickey, of Mimico.

The committee in charge of the draw were Messrs. R. L. Davidson, Wilmer Watkins and C. P. Leatherland. The drawing took just twenty-two minutes.

## House Commons Closes Session of Eleven Weeks

### Estimates of \$120,000,000 Are Approved in Last 5 1/2 Hours of the Sitting

After a sitting of 14 1/2 hours, with time out for meals, the House of Commons adjourned shortly before 1:30 a.m. E.D. T. yesterday, with the seasonal program completed. Formal adjournment took place at noon until November 5th.

In the last minute drive to end the session, the House approved estimates amounting to \$120,000,000 in the last 5 1/2 hours of the sitting. The \$120,000,000 estimate of the Revenue Department went through in about one minute.

Thus the first phase of the first session of the 19th Parliament since Confederation approached the final formalities after a session of about 11 weeks. Because of the war Prime Minister Mackenzie King decided some days ago that prorogation would not take place. Rather, parliament will stand ready to be summoned at any time between now and November 5th if circumstances warrant, but will meet in any event on that date.

Close of the session comes on the 21st anniversary of Mr. King's selection as Leader of the Liberal Party. He was chosen at the Liberal convention, held in Ottawa 21 years ago yesterday.

## FARMERS CUT WEEDS ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

When the supply of weed poisoning chemical, purchased to spray the weeds on Township road sides, proved to be inadequate, farmers in Erin district pulled out their moving machines and scythes and proceeded to clear the weeds.

Despite the fact that many farmers are short handed every Erin Township road that had not received chemical application was cleared by farmers and their helpers.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Duke of Devonshire LODGE, Bingham, Wednesday, August 21st, Legion Hall, courtesy of Legion. Proceeds for War fund.