

ENGLAND

England, never dearer to the world wert thou  
Than at this moment, with thy valiant heart  
And resolute mind: no fiery dart  
Can thee intimidate or make thee bow  
Before the god, who raineth destruction  
now.  
Upon thee and historic works of art:  
Thus desperately upsetting but in part  
The marvellous buildings—genius did  
endow.  
The art upheld, the God of England  
hears,  
And strength does give to such as keep  
His laws:  
He sees thee battling not for self or  
fame,  
He knows thy need, and breaks a thousand  
fears  
In these grim days to aid thy righteous  
cause,  
And add new lustre to thy glorious  
name.  
—W. J. Mark, D.D.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of  
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The congregation of Knox Church subscribed \$173.40 last Sunday for the China famine fund.

At a meeting of the County Council, leave was granted the Township of Nasagaweya to erect a monument to the fallen heroes, in the centre of the road, between Lots 15 and 16, on the Guelph Road.

Miss Jean Orr, of Acton High School, has been awarded the silver medal for the best essay in the Province of Ontario, the medal was awarded by the League of Empire and Dr. James L. Hughes was the judge.

A by-law to appoint a Commission to manage and control the Hydro system, was given the required readings and passed at a meeting of the Acton Council on Monday evening.

About one hundred neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Duncan McGregor and family, last Friday evening, to spend a social hour with these hospitable friends, prior to their removal from the old home. Presentations were made during the evening.

Mr. Harry Ripley, who was in England when the war broke out, and enlisted with the Imperial Forces, arrived back last week, and is with his sister, Mrs. Robert Cross.

T. James Moore, City Manager of Guelph, passed away at Sudbury Hospital forty-eight hours after being shot by another deer hunter. The funeral to Acton Cemetery was largely attended.

**DIED**  
HEMSTREET—At her home, in Milton, on Friday, November 26th, 1920, Rebecca Vadden, widow of the late Richard Hemstreet, aged 93 years.

WAR  
25 Years Ago

By The Canadian Press  
Deadlock on Most Fronts with  
Reverses for Allies at  
Some Points

Communiqués of the Allies in the last week of November, 1915, during the First Great War showed opposing armies deadlocked in the major theatres in the West and the East. Anglo-French forces were checked in Gallipoli and the Balkans, while a gallant British expedition in Mesopotamia retreated after an heroic attempt to reach Baghdad.

Early in the summer the Allies had stopped the German drive to the Channel Ports. This was followed by Joffre's great autumn offensive, which petered out with comparatively slight gains achieved at great cost. The Germans were definitely checked but the long months of trench warfare produced nothing spectacular for the civilian public to cheer for.

Reinforced by fresh troops and ammunition, Russia's soldiers held the Austrian and German allies down the long front that stretched from the Baltic to Galicia. Throughout November the main German drive had been directed at Riga and Dvinsk in the north. Von Hindenburg's troops failed and the armies dug in for the winter.

**Serbia Overrun**  
Elsewhere Allied expeditions met reverses. Anglo-French forces poured into Salonika, were too late to prevent the overrunning of Serbia. The Gallipoli adventure, begun with such high hopes, was at a standstill and the whole British policy in the Balkans brought repulsions in Parliament.

The British victory at Ctesiphon on the River Tigris in mid-November ended the spectacular march on Baghdad by Sir Charles Townshend's Indian division. The force withdrew to Kut-el-Amara, a retreat of more than 100 miles, when the Turks brought up heavy reinforcements. After a five-month siege Townshend and his starving troops at Kut were forced to surrender.

**NOW IT'S FIRE-WATCHERS**  
Liverpool (CP)—Two hundred men in Liverpool warehouses are trained as "fire-watchers" to work with Air Raid Precautions teams in emergencies.

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tobacco JUST LIKE  
**OLD CHUM**



# Christmas Shopping

*How? When? Where?*

Mighty Big Questions in everyone's mind these days, when so many things are being planned for so many people and the budget is undergoing a stretching process to help you solve these problems satisfactorily and economically. But, after all, easy questions for solution, too, if properly met.

## HOW?

By reading the Advertising Messages of the Merchants you learn, without even going to the store, of Suggestions of Things that would be appropriate for Every One on the Christmas list. By watching the Window Displays you see the Goods on display. By Making Up Your Lists Early.

## WHEN?

Right now seems a good time to get the system working. An Early Start means avoidance of the Last Minute Rush. Some Merchants Advertise a Lay-away Plan that means you need not have the cash in hand to do Early planning.

## WHERE?

In the Stores in Acton wherever possible. Among those who offer You a Fine Display and invite your Patronage by asking for it in a local way through their local paper. Stores that prepare Store News have New Goods and Articles worth writing about. They are anxious to help You make the Christmas selection. They have the Goods.

Watch the Advertisements and Store News in  
The Free Press and Acton Store Windows for  
Christmas Shopping Attractions

## A Word to Merchants

With a smaller staff at THE FREE PRESS Office this year, we ask Merchants to make a special effort to hand in copy for Advertising early in the week. It will enable us to give Better Service, More Attractive Display and Better Attention to your needs. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

We have arranged a big variety of Christmas Illustrations that are available for easy selection. We are willing to assist in any way in preparing your Christmas Advertising Message.

## Christmas Edition

The Special Christmas Edition of THE FREE PRESS will be issued this year on December 12th. The cover will be in colors and the issue will comprise 12 pages. It will be complete with Christmas articles, and stories and we hope representative of the community.

*Order Extra Copies Early*

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