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Meeting of Athens Public Library

The annual meeting of the Athens Public Library was held on the evening of January 11 in the Women's Institute rooms. The goodly number in attendance testified to the growing interest that is being taken in the Library. The various reports read show satisfactory progress. During the year 1915, the Library was open to the public 74 times, and 1,271 books were circulated. To the large number of books already on the shelves, 98 new ones have been added, classified as Geography, Travel, Natural Science, History, Biography, Useful Arts and Fiction.

The following Board of Directors was elected for 1916: Rev. W. G. Swayne, Rev. Wm. Usher, Jas. E. Burchell, Reeve Holmes, M. C. Arnold, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, Mrs. C. F. Yates, Miss M. Mackay, Mrs. E. Eaton.

At the conclusion of business, the following program was rendered:
Piano Solo—Miss Nellie Earl
Paper on Jane Austen—Miss Allen
Piano Duet—Mrs. Whitman and Miss Usher
Recitation—Mrs. Towriss
Report of Library Institute at Ottawa—Rev. Wm. Usher
Piano Solo—Miss Usher

This was followed by a dainty lunch served by the Women's Institute. The Library Association tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Women's Institute for the great assistance given the Library during the year 1915.

McGarry-Simmons.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Columbus church, Elgin, on Monday last, when Helen, daughter of Thomas Simmons, was united in marriage to Timothy J. McGarry of Elmira, N. Y. The bride was given away by her father, and wore her going away dress of Arabian brown broadcloth, with blouse of pink georgette crepe, and large brown velvet hat, also the gift of the groom, a gold wrist watch, and carried American beauty roses. Her niece, Miss Pearl Doyle of Cleveland, Ohio, was bridesmaid, and wore navy broadcloth and carried pink roses. The bride's cousin Richard Mahoney, acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the party drove to the bride's home at Chaffey's Locks, where a dainty breakfast was served. The decorations were pink and white, and the tables were waited on by four young ladies and four young men. About thirty guests were present, being the immediate friends. The bride received a great many valuable and useful gifts, and a number of cheques, including a substantial one from her father. The young couple left on the afternoon train for Ottawa and other cities, before going to Elmira, where the groom holds a responsible position, and has a home in readiness for his bride. The guests from a distance were Mr. P. J. Burns, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simmons, Smith Falls.

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The Late Mrs. Whitmore

Margaret Rea, daughter of William Rea, was born near Toledo, April 12, 1836. She married Thomas Whitmore in 1858, who died in October, 1887. Twelve years ago she removed to Gananoque, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hill. During the past five years she has been in poor health and some weeks ago she was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and bronchitis. She passed away on Saturday, January 8th.

Seven of her nine children survive being Mrs. William Iva Hunter, Calgary, Mrs. Edward Freeman, Chantry, George, Jackson, Michigan. William Regina, James on the home farm, Toledo. Mrs. James Hill, Berrie St., Kingston, and Mrs. Thos. Hill, Gananoque. Four of these were present at her funeral held Monday, January 10. Her pastor, Rev. Melvin Taylor, officiating.

Mrs. Whitmore was converted in services held by the Rev. McFrizzell at Frankville about 40 years ago. She then united with the Methodist Church of which she remained an earnest and consistent member. As long as strength was given, she found her way to the house of God. Her life was exemplary, her character fashioned after that of the Divine Master and her children used to call her blessed.

The Late Mrs. Miller

Taken ill of acute indigestion at her residence near Rockspring Thursday evening Mrs. Wellington Miller, a well known and esteemed resident of the Township of Elizabethtown passed away in less than five minutes. Her sudden death has proved a shock to her many relatives and friends as previously she had been in good health.

The late Mrs. Miller was a daughter of the late George Tackaberry and resided in the township all her life. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters and two sons, namely: Misses Eva, Mary, Jessie and Charlotte and Messrs. Sam and Herbert Miller. A brother, William, resides at Greenbush and another brother, Manford, is in the west. Some sisters also mourn her demise.

Cobourg Girl Hangs Herself

Cobourg, Jan. 10.—Suspended to a rope, tied to a rafter, the lifeless body of Miss Lilian Quackenbush was found in a barn in O. John's farm, near the House of Refuge, Cobourg, on Friday. The deceased was last seen alive about eleven o'clock, and was apparently in good spirits according to her aunt, Mrs. Johns, with whom she made her home. She was about 27 years of age. The family are unable to account for the unfortunate girl's rash act.

Languages.

The principal languages of the world are listed in order as follows: English, spoken by more than 150,000,000 people; German, more than 120,000,000; Russian, more than 90,000,000; French, more than 60,000,000; Spanish, more than 55,000,000; Italian, more than 30,000,000, and Portuguese, more than 30,000,000. These seven are the principal languages of Europe and America. There are said to be 3,424 spoken languages or dialects in the world—1,624 in America, 937 in Asia, 587 in Europe and 276 in Africa. Among other important languages are the Chinese, Japanese, Scandinavian branches, Slavonic speeches and dialects and the various languages of India, Persia, Arabia and modern Greece.

A Poor Present.

A wounded soldier explained his grievance to his nurse.
"You see, old Smith was next me in the trenches. Now, the bullet that took me in the shoulder and laid me out went into 'im and made a bit of a flesh wound in his arm. Of course I'm glad he wasn't 'urt bad. But he's stuck now, I don't think that's fair. I'd a right to it. I'd never give a girl 'mine a second 'and bullet."—Exchange.

Easily Arranged.

A man took the following telegram to a telegraph office: "Mrs. Brown, Center Street: I announce with grief the death of Uncle James. Come quickly to read the will. I believe we are his heirs. John Black."
The telegraph clerk, having counted the words, said, "There are two words too many, sir."
"Cut out 'with grief,'" was the reply.

In These Martial Days.

"You must not be so quarrelsome, Willie," said William's father impatiently. "Remember that the impetuous shall inherit the earth."
"Maybe they will hereafter," responded the young militant, "but around in my school they are used to wipe up the earth."—Chicago Herald.

What It Will Be Called.

Teacher in Civics—When we have everything in common and your business is everybody's business, what is it called? Observing Student—It is usually called gossip.

Family Joys.

"When you were courting me," said his wife, "you declared there wasn't another woman in the world like me."
"Yes," replied her husband, "and I'm glad of it—for the sake of other men."

In common things the law of sacrifice takes the form of positive duty.

Tanglefoot Seized

For some time past certain members of the 4th Hussars have been observed to be the worse of liquor, and the query was naturally asked: "Where do they get it?" As it is against the law to sell liquor to soldiers, and likewise illegal to sell it in a "dry" town. Inspector Foster was given the tip and he quietly lay for the guilty party. He was rewarded on Saturday last, when Ernest Rolland, of election betting fame, was caught red handed with a big consignment of liquor snugly stored away in a hay loft in the barn of his uncle, Henry Lagrew, of the broken 2nd, Matilda, comprising over 40 bottles, which he had bought at Prescott with the apparent object of selling it to the soldiers. Inspector Foster took out a search warrant and with County Constable John Armstrong made a search of Lagrew's premises with the above result. When Earn reached Cardinal a member of the 4th Hussars (whose name the Inspector has), put him wise to the situation and Earn hiked for the tall timbers. He was last seen running west along the railway tracks and eluded the Inspector—for the present. The liquor, of course, was seized, and the Inspector is on the lookout for the elusive moonshiner. This is said to be third or fourth lot sold to the soldiers with the connivance of certain ones who will be made an example of if it is repeated, while the soldier who gave Earn the tip will probably not escape if the case is proceeded with. Inspector Foster is determined to get the parties guilty of breaking the law.—Iroquois News.

The Late Rodger Percival

On Saturday, January 8th, Rodger Percival, South Branch, Augusta, died at the age of 87 years. He left a widow, two sons and three daughters. They are: Samuel, South Branch; M. H. and S. B., Mrs. James Weir, Mrs. Geo. Ackland, Augusta, and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds, Kemplville. He was one of the oldest residents of the township and a strong Conservative in politics. He was an Anglican in religion.

Full Taxes

The public schools of Sturgeon Falls have won their fight for the full taxes for the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, in spite of the decision of the local court of revision, confirmed by the district judge, which gave one-third of the company's taxes to the separate schools. The decision, which will have a far-reaching effect upon the claims of the separate schools throughout the province, and may lead to a shift in taxes in more than one centre, was handed out by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board recently.

Renfrew Seeks Bigger Post Office

Renfrew, Jan. 14.—Mr. A. A. Wright, Renfrew's postmaster, is in Toronto to see the chief superintendent of post offices, with a view to urge upon him the necessity of providing for further accommodation in the Renfrew office. The sudden and somewhat large growth in population here, as a result of the establishment of certain new industries, has rendered too crowd the present office, which when built by the government a few years ago was supposed to be large enough to accommodate Renfrew for a quarter of a century.

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Wright-Logan

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, a very quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage at Lyn, when Dr. F. Myers united in marriage Mr. Richard Wright of Escott, to Miss Edie J. Logan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Logan. The bride was attired in blue silk trimmed with shadow lace. The young couple were unattended. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Wright left for Ottawa and other points north. After their return, they will reside in Escott, where the groom has been a prosperous young cheesemaker for the past two years, and has also been re-engaged.

Fire at Cornwall Hotel

At 9.30 Monday night, fire, caused by an over-heated stove, broke out in the sample-rooms of the King George Hotel at Cornwall, and considerable damage by fire and water was done, the sleeping apartments overheard also suffering. Several commercial men were in town doing business, but most of them had their samples still unpacked, and the trunks were hustled out safely.

C. A. Cunningham, traveller for the Diamond White Wear, Limited, Three Rivers, Que., had his samples, valued at close on \$1,500, ruined.

SHERWOOD SPRING

Jan. 17
Mrs. George Stewart was called to her old home on Friday by the illness of her mother Mrs. R. Brown.

Our teacher, Miss Chick is confined to her home at Mallorytown suffering from la grippe.

The sawing outfit of Messrs. Elton and Ford Eligh is very busy in this neighborhood and at Yonge Mills.

Buggies were in evidence last week but since Sunday the sleighing is very much improved.

Mrs. Elton Eligh has returned from Athens where she attended the funeral of her sister the late Mrs. J. R. Chambers.

Sherwood Spring, like nearly every place else, seems to be under the influence of la grippe but so far everyone is on the gain.

JUNETOWN

January 17

Miss Edna Green, Kilkenny street, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Orma Fortune last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ferguson and little granddaughter, Bernice of Dulcemaine, spent Saturday at Mr. W. H. Ferguson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whaley, Athens, were visiting at Mr. Fortune's on Sunday.

Mr. John A. Herbison had a bee on Saturday drawing brick from Mallorytown.

Mrs. W. B. Foley, Lansdowne is visiting her sister Mrs. William Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landon Vine View N. Y. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Warren Sunday and Monday.

Miss Orma Mulvaugh left on Monday to visit relatives at Lansdowne.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Avery, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. M. C. Trickey's, Quabbin.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Avery were visiting at Mr. James Williams', Caintown, on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Usher, Athens spent Sunday at Robert Mulvaugh's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pierce and little son Allen are visiting relatives at Marysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baile, spent one day last week at Mr. Orval Baile's, Purvis Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen and children, of Marysville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pierce, recently.

Local Option Recounts

The Whitby Local Option Committee has decided to make application to the County Judge for a recount of ballots on the recent local option vote on January 8. The vote stood 331 for and 223 against, leaving the by-law defeated by only one and two-fifths votes short of the three fifths required. The Local Option Committee hope to gain on a recount by being allowed some of the rejected ballots, which are reported to have been marked plainly for local option.

A recount of the votes cast in the recent local option contest in Petrolia will be held in Sarnia before County Judge MacWatt on Thursday, Jan. 20. A Weir of Sarnia will appear for the Local Option Committee, and A. McLinlay of the same city will represent the liquor interests. A scrutiny has also been applied for. If the court should deem it expedient to go into that aspect of the case a sitting for that purpose will be held in Petrolia on Friday, Jan. 21, at which the County Judge will preside, and the same solicitors will be present.

The Local Option Committee has made application for a recount and scrutiny of the vote for local option, which showed eight votes less than the necessary three-fifths. The committee is said to have about sixty cases to put before the Judge, allegations and other offences.

Charles Goff Dead

At his residence near Addison, on Sunday Jan. 9th, Mr. Charles Goff, aged 79 years, passed away after a short illness. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, two brothers and two sisters, also many friends. Mr. Goff was born and died in the same house and spent his entire life in this neighborhood. He was a member of the English church and a strong Conservative in politics. The funeral service was held Tuesday morning at the home after which the remains were taken to the vault at Athens there to await interment at New Dublin.

United Workmen Assessment

W. C. Mikel, K.C. and the Advisory Committee of the Ancient Order of United Workmen waited upon Attorney-General Lucas on Friday to ask whether they might introduce a private bill in the Legislature to enable them to increase their assessment. It was pointed out that their assets of \$800,000 would not be sufficient to cover all insurance policies outstanding and present contracts with the policyholders do not provide for an increase in the assessment. Consideration was promised.

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