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WESTMAN BROS.**Big Hardware****WRITES HOME TO HIS COLONEL**

Trooper Chas. Ryall, on Duty in South Africa, Communicates With Col. Rankin

Life is a Strenuous One and Menu is Not a Christmas one - Big Prices for Horses.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, commanding officer of the 24th Kent Regiment, has received the following letter from Trooper Chas. Ryall, formerly of the Regiment, now on active service in South Africa:

Schullhoek, O. R. C., November 6th, 1902.

To Colonel Rankin:

Dear Sir—No doubt you would like to know a little of the life of Mount-Ed Police life in South Africa. To the most of the world the war is over, but to us this makes but little difference—at any rate as far as roughing it goes.

We are scattered about a war devastated country without proper shelter doing hard patrol on bullock and hardback, out of reach of proper transport and but poorly supplied with "extrins" and comforts. The only point in which the life differs from the war, there is not the excitement nor do we have to run as many chances.

The life is lonely, cut off as we are from regular news of the world, and constant companionship with one's squad comrades is very well, yet after a time one hankers after fresh faces and to exchange ideas.

It is quite a pleasure to see a newly arrived "fat bron" back on her farm or to ride 30 or 40 miles with despatches into a civilized post and hear the news.

The work of night patrols—to stop horse stealing—is a job perhaps in a cold wind or in some danger covered with mud, or sweltering in the heat with the dust and flies for company, your hands as sore as a couple of boils from velvet sores on the same ration, day after day, is an experience that is pleasant to talk about afterwards than while you are at it.

Things will be better in a short time when we are able to get vegetables and fruit. The future is bound to have its excitement to tracking stock thieves and fights with the native tribes will fall to the lot of the S. A. C.

Now a little about the present prices and I'll have finished. Oxen are bringing about £18 to £20 ahead, and horses, any old skate will fetch £20. I have seen horses that some of the farmers at home wouldn't accept as a gift sold for £15 or £18, and mules are worth as much as horses.

With these remarks I will close.

Yours sincerely,

TPR CHAS. W. RYALL.

52102 Troop 19, S. A. C.

Bloemfontein, O. R. C.

South Africa.

Theatrical**AT THE GRAND**

Last night's production of "David Harum" was one of the best performances ever seen in this house, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The title role, as enacted by Mr. Valentine Love, was David Harum personified. Miss Beatrice Gordon, as Mary Blake, acted naturally and looked pretty. In fact, all the principals seemed especially fitted for their different roles. Especial mention should be given to two of the minor parts which were well played by Mlle. Ermani and Fred Carleton, namely, Chet Timson and Deacon Perkins.

Mlle. Ermani again scored with her spectacular dance, entitled "A Game of Wits."

PRESENTATION

The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright, Dover Township, assembled at the latter's residence last evening and presented them with an evening chair and an antique table. Mr. Wright is one of the Dover councillors. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have decided to move to Chatham, and their neighbors felt that the many kindnesses and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wright should be recognized. The following was the address:

To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright: Dear Friends,—As you are about to leave Dover, where you have resided a number of years, to live in the city of Chatham, we have met here this evening for the purpose of showing you our good will and appreciation since you have resided amongst us. In all the years you have been here you have always been a good neighbor and faithful friend, and the few that are gathered here this evening echo the sentiments of all whom are known to you. We ask you, therefore, to accept these small gifts, not for their great value, but for the purpose of letting you know of the many friends who have an interest in your welfare.

We trust your move into a new sphere of life will be a most prosperous one and that the Grand Order of the universe will give you health and strength to enjoy it. On behalf of your many friends, W. J. FOY, G. KRIEGER, R. CONROY, A. BROWN, Dover.

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TERMS OF SALE

\$200 Per Share Paid for Lake Erie Stock by Pere Marquette Interests.

New York, Dec. 17.—It is understood that the Lake Erie & Detroit was acquired by the Pere Marquette through the purchase of the entire capital stock (\$1,400,000) of first mortgage bonds, equal to about \$15,000 per mile.

The new bonds will be limited to \$2,500,000, the National Trust Co., Ltd., of Toronto, being trustee. The interest rate on the bonds will be 3 per cent. until Jan. 1, 1905, and thereafter 4 per cent. to maturity, Nov. 1, 1912.

The bonds may be redeemed at the option of the company at par, on any interest day upon 60 days' notice. The Lake Erie & Detroit River has outstanding about \$3,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, equal to about \$15,000 per mile.

The Pere Marquette intends to increase its through business across the lakes. It recently added a fourth car ferry, and intends to increase its car ferry equipment up to seven boats.

WORLD OF SPORT**FOOTBALL****CLOSING THE SEASON.**

A meeting of the Chatham Football Club was held last evening at the Hotel Merrill, Captain F. D. Laurie presiding.

The treasurer, C. B. Sissons, submitted the financial statement for the year, showing that the affairs of the club had been handled in a most business-like manner, and that the total receipts for the year had been over \$210. Mr. Sissons asked to have auditors appointed and the business of the season closed in regular and satisfactory manner. His suggestion was heartily approved.

A provisional committee, consisting of F. D. Laurie, H. W. Anderson, P. B. Fetterly and F. H. Briscoe, were appointed to investigate the advisability of holding a grand entertainment or concert in the Grand Opera House early in the year for the purpose of securing funds for the season's expenses and the possibility of accepting Galt's invitation to visit that town in the spring.

THE FINAL GAME.

The final game of the Peninsular League series, between Darrell and Windsor, will be played in Chatham on Saturday afternoon next. Wm. H. Brackin, of this city, has received a communication from Secretary M. Donald, of Detroit, notifying him of his appointment as referee.

Boys, tell Santa Claus to bring you a tool chest. He can get them at Westman Bros.

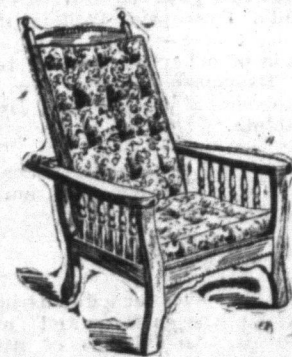
A Glance :: Through Our Store

Offers many suggestions to parents and friends for the remembrances so appropriate for Christmas time.

The Betrothal Ring, so interesting, should hold a gem of the "first water." None other should be given on this occasion. If selected at our establishment it carries the assurance.

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The largest fact in connection with business the next two weeks is that we have

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