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(From the London Advertiser, Dec. 23, 1870.)

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1906.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st inclusive.

M. H. ROWLAND, Manager.

London, Dec. 17, 1905.

went to attend a special meeting called by the W. G. and B. R. Company, at

Wingham, have returned today at 12 o'clock.

The speakers at the meeting from Hamilton were Messrs. W. McGivern, and Adam Brown; two gentlemen from Brantford, and a number of others whom they had enlisted in their cause. The only person allowed to speak in the interests of the London, Huron and

person, whose remarks were intended to with deep interest and attention and had a telling effect in favor of the London road.

St. George's Society acknowledge donations from the following for the poor: Messrs. Carling, sen., Phillips, Code, D. Haystead, R. Smith, J. Slater, J. Ruppahan, P. C. Barnard, F. Westlake, English Packing Co., G. Moorhead, R. Walker and Son, R. Keenan, G. Roach, Dr. Cattermole, S. Dutton, W. Baskwell, Pope, Snell, J. Fry, Santo, E. Smith, Whetter, R. Luxton, Welsh, J. Mitchell, J. Elson, Jun., Treblelock, S. Tutill, Linfoot, T. McCormick and Tanton Bros.

Miss Sarah Comfort, who has resigned her position as teacher in the Bond street school, was presented by her pupils on Wednesday before the school broke up for the holidays, with a handsome silver cake basket. Miss Corrigan, teacher of the boys' department in the intermediate school, has been presented with an elegant writing desk, by her pupils.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Leslie, who formerly held the position of teller in the Bank of British North America, has had his appointment as accountant confirmed. The vacancy was caused by the removal of Mr. J. P. Lawless to Toronto.

Miss C. Robertson's class in the Central School closed the Christmas term yesterday by an entertainment of singing and recitations, and the distribution of presents from a Christmas tree.

The cold has been intense for the past three days and the river is now frozen completely over in several places.

Among the Londoners who have returned to the city from the States to spend the Christmas holidays, we note Mr. George Durand, from Albany, looking remarkably well.

The curling season was opened yesterday by a game on the ice above Hunt's dam. Arrangements have been

made for a grand contest on Monday.

Our staff and compositors will have their time so occupied with the festivities of Monday, that no paper will be issued on that evening.

Sleighting and skating all over Canada. A foot of snow in North Huron, Toronto Harbor frozen. Ottawa and Montreal jingling with sleigh bells.

The Hamilton Spectator is quarrelling with a London gent. about the Egyptian pyramids. There is a "live" issue for you, Conservative brethren!

The papers want to know why Mr. Carling's department gives free "emigrant passes" to female minstrels. Mr. Carling's constituents don't say much, but they think a good deal.

The Stratford Dispatch advocates Mr. Jas. D. Devan's claims as reeve. Why not give someone else a chance?

LONDON AND DISTRICT

Mr. Wm. Burtis, of this city, is visiting his parents in Embro for a few days.

Mr. E. R. Barclay, storekeeper and postmaster at Poplar Hill is quite ill with pleurisy.

Miss Annie Frankpett and Miss Leona Buckingham are the guests of Mrs. Charles Holly, Staff.

The name of Thomas Leslie Tanton was inadvertently omitted from the Collegiate Institute results yesterday. He stood in Class III.

Dr. J. A. Gibson, of Buffalo, with Mrs. Gibson and their little daughter Clara, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, at 555 Taibot street.

The Sherlock-Manning Organ Company yesterday presented a Christmas turkey to every married man in their employ and a handsome necktie to every single man.

The employees of the Parisian Steam Laundry presented their foreman Mr. J. N. Chiera, with a handsome gold-headed cane, as a testimonial of their kindly feelings towards him.

Mrs. Cheesbrough, of Saginaw, Michigan, has fallen heir to \$10,000 through the death of Mr. Scarlett, of England. Mrs. Cheesbrough is a sister of Mrs. Henry Silk, 475 Taibot street.

In the report of the Collegiate Institute exams, Miss Ina Blackburn, of upper school, was credited with taking 88. Hyman, to be assistant engineer in the public works department in this city.

Mrs. Robbyn-McKillop will assist the choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Christmas Day, Jan. 2, and will also sing, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," from the Messiah. The choir of the church has prepared a good musical service for that day.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice Brown took place from her late residence, Cathcart street, yesterday afternoon. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. S. Salton, of Charing Cross. The floral tributes were beautiful, showing the great respect in which the deceased was held by her host of friends.

The deputations of the L. and P. S. R. board has compromised with the Lake Erie Coal Company on the matter of the shed which is to be erected on the line of the Pere Marquette near Simcoe street. The shed will be limited in size and will be boarded so closely that there will be no cause to complain of the dust.

The morning service at Dundas Church tomorrow will be especially for children and young people. An address appropriate to the Christmas season will be given by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Laneside, and the choir will be augmented. In the evening Adam Giebel's sacred cantata, "The Nativity," will be given by the choir under the direction of Mr. J. Parnell Morris, organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dobbyn, of Florence, parents of Mr. Alfred Dobbyn, of South London, recently celebrated their golden wedding. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Dobbyn, the following were present: Dolson Dobbyn, of Wheatley; Mrs. T. Risk and husband, of Detroit; Mrs. J. Johnston and husband, of Auburn; and Miss Winnifred Dobbyn. The family reunion proved to be a most enjoyable affair.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church (corner of Waterloo and Gray streets) will render the following Christmas service of praise on Sunday evening, under the direction of Mr. A. B. Stein, choirmaster of the church: Anthem, "Nazareth" (Gounod); solo, "Les Rameux" (Faure); Mr. Milton Francis; anthem, "Arise, Shine" (Elvy); quartet, "The First Nowell" (Stainer); Misses Rutherford and Reid, Messrs. Weeks and Cruickshank; anthem, "Christians, the Morn Breaks" (H. Row Shelly); soloists, Miss Rutherford and Mr. Cruickshank.

HOLIDAY AT THE POSTOFFICE

The public lobby at London postoffice will be open to boxholders all day. The general delivery window and stamp window will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All mails will be dispatched as usual. There will be but one delivery by carriers on Christmas Day, but it will this year be a pretty heavy one.

HUNT-BALLETYNNE

A pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. Robt. McIntyre, at the manse, Tempo, at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday, when Miss Lily A., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Balletynne, became the bride of Mr. Thomas H. Hunt, of "Elginville," Westminster. The bride was becomingly attired in blue silk

with applique and sequin trimmings. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was partaken of at the home of the bride's parents. Subsequently the happy couple left for Toronto amid showers of rice and good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The bride's going-away dress was of brown chiffon broadcloth with hat to match.

NEW OFFICERS.

At the recent meeting of Star of West Lodge, No. 126, C. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for 1906:

N. G.—Bro. R. Henry.
G. B.—Bro. C. H. Parson.
P. N. G.—Bro. J. L. Martin.
Secretary—Bro. J. Henry.
I. M.—Bro. Wm. Dean.
Chaplain—Bro. Goward.
I. G.—Bro. Parkhouse.
O. G.—Bro. W. Henry.
Warden—Bro. Burgess.
Auditors—Bros. R. H. Prebble and J. L. Martin.

CHAIR FOR THE FOREMAN.

Mr. Wm. Hooper, foreman for Mr. Wm. Ward, was waited upon by the employees of the firm yesterday and elected by a handsome chair.

During the many years Mr. Hooper has acted as foreman he has been kind and considerate to the staff, and the presentation was made to show their appreciation of this fact. An address accompanying the gift, was read by Mr. John Batten, the presentation being made by Mr. Ward.

NEW OFFICERS FOR HIVE.

The Ladies of the Hives, Forest City Hive, No. 320, held their meeting and elected the following officers for the coming year:

Past Lady Commander—Lady Raymond.
Lady Commander—Lady Douglas.
Lady Record-Keeper—Lady Smythe.
Lady Finance-Keeper—Lady Ellwood.

Lady Chaplain—Lady Watson.
Lady Sergeant—Lady Durban.
Lady Mistress-at-Arms—Lady Durnah.
Lady Sentinel—Lady Milligan.
Lady Picket—Lady Sadler.
Lady Organist—Lady Burridge.
Lady Physician—Lady Jamieson.

COURT DEFERENCE OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of Court Defiance, No. 7, Canadian Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected for 1906:

Past Chief Ranger—Bro. H. J. Holaday.
Chief Ranger—Bro. Jas. Reed.
Vice Chief Ranger—Bro. A. E. Turner.
Recording Secretary—Bro. William A. Reid.

Financial Secretary—Bro. F. C. Toon.
Treasurer—Bro. Geo. Harper.
Chaplain—Bro. J. W. Thompson.
Senior Woodward—Bro. James H. Branton.
Junior Woodward—Bro. H. W. Fleming.

Senior Beadle—Bro. Jas. Moore.
Junior Beadle—Bro. N. Pratt.
Court Physician—Bro. C. W. Belton, M. D.
Trustee—Bro. A. R. Galpin.
Auditor—Bro. Wm. A. Reid.

BENNETT'S AMATEUR CONTEST.

In the amateur contest at Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre last night, Miss May Graham won the prize. She rendered a solo very acceptably, and was well entitled to first honors. Second prize was won by Eva Crayson, the dancer, and third prize was divided between two boys, Evans and Corelli, who put up a wrestling match. At the close "a little of everything" was put on by the "professionals," who became amateurish for a while and called themselves the Lambeth Debating Society. The audience was large, and the regular performance won continuous applause.

ELECTION AT PUTNAM.

At the last meeting of Pride of Mid-Lothian, L. O. L., No. 1847, Putnam, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Bro. Richard Johnston.
D. M.—Bro. Charles Rath.
Chaplain—Bro. Max Noad.
Recording Secretary—Bro. William Remick.
Financial Secretary—Bro. E. Fleming.
Treasurer—Bro. H. Rath.
D. of C.—Bro. Joseph Morris.
Lecturer—Bro. Roy Wallis.

A. O. U. W. ELECTION.

At the last regular meeting of Lodge, No. 18, A. O. U. W., the officers were elected for 1906 as follows:

Master Workman—Bro. C. C. Carless.
Foreman—Bro. J. Wilson.
Overseer—Bro. D. Gillespie.
Recorder—Bro. J. B. Stephens.
Financial—Bro. J. Nichol.
Reverend—Bro. E. C. Coombs.
Guide—Bro. J. Hutton.
Inside Watch—Bro. J. Smith.
Outside Watch—Bro. J. Laffer.
Auditor—Bro. Gillespie.
Representative—Bro. E. Moor.
Alternate—Bro. J. B. Stephens.
Medical Officers—Bros. H. A. Stevenson, J. S. Niven.
Trustees—Bros. J. C. Duffield and C. B. Hunt.

A SCHOOL CONCERT.

A very enjoyable concert was given under the auspices of the Midway Dramatic Club in the school of school section No. 3 and 10, London Township. The programme was eminently pleasing to those who were dramatically as well as musically inclined, and the several performers acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.

Mr. R. H. Hudson, baritone, of London, gave several instrumental and vocal solos, which were highly pleasing to the audience. Little Lizzie Koki sang well and her recitation was very effective. Mr. and Miss Moir rendered several violin solos and were most heartily encouraged. F. Forte, elocutionist, of London, was in his usual good form and his selections were most happy. Charles Goulding gave many whistling solos, and was encored each time. A number of dialogues were very efficiently given by the young people of the section. Rev. D. W. Collins, of Birr, gave a very appropriate address. John Fox, of Lucan, occupied the chair. Much credit is due to Miss Gertrude Fitzgerald, teacher of the school, who trained the pupils. The proceeds are to be devoted to a library for the school.

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