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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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SHOP EARLY.

XMAS tree decorations at McLarens'.
SHEEP-LINED COATS, heavy corduroy, SWIFTS'.
SUCCESS seldom comes to a man who is too lazy to go after it.

DANDELIONS in bloom on many lawns in town during the past week.
A FULL line of candies, nuts and chocolates at Lovell's.

ROGERS BROS.' 1847 silverware.—T. DODDS & SON.
DID you ever meet a self-made man who was ashamed of his job?

RENEW your Guide-Advocate subscription before the holiday rush.
SILK Mufflers, all shades, boxed separately, 50c to \$2.25.—A. BROWN & CO.

KEEP tab and you will discover that at least half your disappointments are blessings in disguise.
EVEN the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet do not eat eggs these days.

WE are selling children's tweed and cloth coats at 1/2 off, \$3.00 coat for \$2.00.—SWIFTS'.
Now that we have a good army to meet in the Boy Scouts should be re-organized and placed under proper leadership.

SKATES in all sizes and makes from 50c. to \$5.00. We have something to suit everybody in price and design.—THE HOWDEN EST.
THE good roads and mild weather came to an end on Sunday, the snow drifts putting an end to automobiling and cycle riding for a time.

If you are looking for bargains you are more likely to get them in the forenoon than later in the day. Experienced buyers know this.
WALL PAPER in a great variety of patterns, from the cheapest to the best. Also a few remnants at remarkably low prices.—P. DODDS & SON.

FURS, big stock, price cut owing to weather conditions.—SWIFTS'.
SILVERWOODS, Limited, have taken possession of the Wagon Co's premises and will fit the same up for a creamery and produce warehouse.

MR. T. M. FORTUNE, of Goldburg, Sask., has returned to his home here for the winter and purposes taking back with him a carload of horses in the spring.
DON'T overlook McLaren's toy department on the second floor at the rear. The best showing we have ever had.

CARVERS, berry spoons, meat forks, etc., at lowest prices.—T. DODDS & SON.
CHURCH congregations were small Sunday evening owing to the storm. Did you ever notice how many storms come on Sunday and keep people away from church?

WHAT has become of those much advertised poultry foods, guaranteed to make hens lay. If they are any good there should be a big sale just at the present time.
OUR stock of Haviland china is complete now. Buy early and avoid possible disappointment. New pieces in white and gold china.—THE HOWDEN EST.

In the Congregational church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock, Rev. R. Stevenson will preach on the subject: "The Man who sleeps in church's." Everybody made welcome.
AVIATION Caps 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Motor Hoods 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Knitted Skirts \$1.50.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE illustrated lecture given by Rev. W. G. Connelly in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening drew a good crowd. Both the talk and pictures were of an exceedingly interesting nature and were much enjoyed by all present.
BURGLARS in London ignored the cash drawer and stole a number of eggs. Come to look at it as there is nothing very strange in this as eggs are now worth their weight in gold—or nearly so.

XMAS bon bons, perfumes, Parisian ivory and ebony goods at McLarens'.
LINEN Sets, the Belfast kind, \$4.50 to \$18.00.—SWIFTS'.
MERCHANTS throughout Ontario report November trade much lighter than usual; but there is a lot of Christmas buying to be done yet that will probably make December one of the best in years.

It is doubtful if better dressed shop windows than those shown in Watford this week can be found in any town in Canada. The attractive goods and the tasteful way in which they are displayed should prove a paying advertisement.
HOUSE COATS or smoking jackets, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.00.—SWIFTS'.
A CAMEL was returned a few hours after being advertised in our Want Column, but several lots of lost money are still to be heard of. Strange how some people's honesty is not on a solid cash basis.

WE have a very handsome assortment of china, lamps, etc., suitable for Christmas. Selections made now will be placed away until you need them.—P. DODDS & SON.

THE suspicious man always finds what he is looking for.
MAKE your Christmas selections now and have us lay the articles away for you.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE government has passed a more stringent law to prevent adulteration of maple syrup.
SOME men are born deaf and some acquire deafness shortly after acquiring talkative wives.

XMAS Silk Stockings 75c and \$1.00 a pair.—SWIFTS'.
PAYING premiums on a fire insurance policy is like throwing money in the fire—until one has a fire.

MUNICIPAL Councils in Ontario meet next Monday to wind up the business for the year and prepare their financial statements.
You can get something for man, woman or child at McLarens', and a variety of everything to choose from.

LOVELY Linen Towels from 20c to \$2.25 each.—SWIFTS'.
RECOMMEND the Guide-Advocate to your neighbor who may not be a subscriber. We will appreciate it, and he will too a little later on.

THE Agriculture Department at Ottawa has put an embargo on cattle, sheep and swine importations from the Old Country owing to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease reported from England.
OUR bon-bon boxes are filled with the best chocolates on the market.—LOVELL.

20 LADIES' COATS, 1/2 off regular price, 25 the price cut in two.—SWIFTS'.
NOMINATIONS for municipal councils will be held this year on Monday, Dec. 29th. At Watford this year the meeting will be held in the Lyceum, the old town hall having been sold to Mr. J. Willoughby.

MAKERS of fake maple syrup will hereafter be prosecuted. Some of the stuff that now passes under the name of "genuine maple syrup" never came much nearer a sugar bush than Capt. Cook did to the north pole.
FOWNES guaranteed kid gloves for women, all shades in kid or suede, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.—A. BROWN & CO.

GEM safety razor \$1.00, Auto-Strap \$5.00, Gillette \$5.00, ordinary razor \$1.00 to \$2.00, pocket knives 10c. to \$1.50 at HOWDEN'S.
CLUB subscriptions are forwarded from this office every Saturday afternoon so that subscribers can get the papers the following week. Get your order in before three o'clock if you wish your club forwarded that week.

THERE appears to be an egg shortage at the present time, but this is not to be wondered at when so many valuable hens are gallivanting about at poultry shows instead of remaining at home and attending to their domestic duties.
CHRISTMAS raisins, currants, nuts, peels and all other holiday supplies now in. Everything choice and fresh.—P. DODDS & SON.

LADIES' heavy coats, quilted linings, mink, marmot collars, \$14 to \$24.—SWIFTS'.
W. R. DAVIES, proprietor of the Thamesville Herald, announces that beginning with the New Year all subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid up in advance will have their paper discontinued, and that he will adopt that system permanently.

THE stray cattle advertised for by Mr. Warren, of Camlachie, were recovered on the 2nd line of. A number of them driving many miles in search of them for advertisement brought many replies telling Mr. Warren where to find the animals.
SATURDAY was an exceedingly busy day with Watford merchants. A lot of Christmas buying was done. Exceptionally large stocks are being carried by the Watford business men this year and the choice for Christmas buyers is equal to that of most cities.

MISS NESBITT will have a display of her Christmas goods at Harper Bros. store this year, commencing Friday, Dec. 5th, until Christmas. Have a pretty line of water color work in cards, silk work, and pictures. Kindly call and see if I cannot suit you in a pretty present for the holidays. n28-tx

BELL Telephone subscribers are notified that they must pay their accounts promptly. Though the book-keeping and billing are now done from London the accounts are still payable at the local office. Bring your bill with you and call soon. W. McLeay, local agent. d5-2t

MR. R. SUSSEX, G. T. R. agent at Komoka, a former resident of Watford, one of the laymen interested in the laymen's missionary movement, delivered an excellent missionary address in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Mr. Sussex is a very pleasing speaker and thoroughly conversant with the subject. The audience was delighted.
HANDKERCHIEFS from the two-cent rag to the best lace trimmed—at \$2.50.—SWIFTS'.
REV. W. J. FORD, a former pastor of the Methodist church here, will accompany the pastor, Rev. H. E. Curry, next Sunday morning and will preach at the usual hour, 11 o'clock. Mr. Ford was president of the London Conference during his pastorate here and is an excellent preacher. The congregation looked forward with pleasure to hearing him again.

WHAT better gift than a good book. We have lots of them for everybody.—MCLAREN'S.
A GOOD serge skirt, black and navy, regular \$3.50, Xmas price \$2.50.—SWIFTS'.
THERE were 30,563 acres of fall wheat sown in Lambton this year, with a yield of 825,201 bushels, being an average of 27 bushels to the acre.

WATFORD MARKETS—Wheat 82c., oats 32c., butter 24c., eggs 40c., geese 11c., turkeys 17c., fowl 8c., chickens 10c., potatoes 75c. to 85c.
MR. JOSEPH HOCKEN, father of Mr. John Hocken, the well-known travelling agent for the London Free Press, died in Vancouver, Monday, in his 87th year.

AN exchange says that the first earmarks of good citizenship noticed in a man is the condition in which his sidewalk is in after a heavy snowstorm. If it is nicely shoveled off he is alright.
We took particular care in choosing our bon-bons this year. Any box would make a suitable Xmas gift.—LOVELL'S.

OUR clothing tag sale was a surprise to many. We continue it until Monday, the 15th.—SWIFTS' Clothing Department.
MR. W. A. MOFFATT has been appointed postmaster of Alvinston, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. McPhail. Mr. Moffatt is well and favorably known in Watford and will no doubt make a capable official.

YEARS ago lack of snow at Christmas put the kiddies in a blue funk for fear old Santa could not travel with his reindeer and sled, but since the old gentleman has taken to a sixty horsepower aeroplane all such fears have vanished.
FOR MEN—Silk or fancy cashmere hose, 2 pair, boxed, for \$1.00.—A. BROWN & CO.

SEE our south window.—T. DODDS & SON.
"I HAVE traded at all the surrounding places," said a farmer the other day, "and I get better satisfaction in Watford than anywhere." This is the experience of all who have tried it. Watford is noted as the best trading town of its size in Ontario.

A HUMOROUS writer in New York has pictured the evolution of the American business man to the point where he will simply step into a restaurant, insert a nozzle into his mouth, give one jerk of a pump-handle and retire stuffed.
You are going to buy halters and horse blankets soon. We think we have the best values and are satisfied to leave it to you.—THE HOWDEN EST.

WHAT is this \$2.00 for, your tag on that \$12 coat you bought? Oh; I see, this coat stands me ten.—SWIFTS'.
THE bazaar given by the A. Y. P. A. in Trinity Church school room on Friday was an unqualified success, the receipts being far in excess of what was anticipated. The forenoon booths were tastefully decorated and the articles offered found ready sale.

RUBBER boots, overshoes and rubbers all of the best quality, new goods, all sizes, also a full line of boots and shoes for men, women and children. Get our prices. See the goods.—P. DODDS & SON.
The late Mrs. Emma J. Fowler, of Hamilton, who died Oct. 30th, was insured in the Lady Macabees and was a member of Minto Hive, Watford. Last Thursday—five weeks after her demise—the beneficiaries received a check for the full amount. They appreciate the prompt manner in which settlement was made and are thankful to the local hive for the business-like manner in which they looked after the matter.

CARPET SWEEPERS, floor brushes, dustless mops, crumb trays, O'cedar oil, liquid veneer, renuall and matchless liquid gloss if you want help in brightening up for Christmas.—THE HOWDEN EST.
A STEADY stream of people, young and old, kept going in and out of J. W. McLaren's Wednesday evening to view his display of Christmas goods. The store was brilliantly illuminated and nicely decorated, and the counters and show-cases packed with an attractive and varied assortment of fancy and useful articles. The handsome new room on the second floor was thrown open for the first time, and contained an immense assortment of toys, children's presents, Christmas tree and Santa Claus.

SILKINE Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c, 3 for 25c and 5 for 25c. White silkine initial 2 for 25c. Linen initial—25c each. Special in women's handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c each.—A. BROWN & CO.
THE church population of East Lambton as set down in the census of 1911 is 22,223, made up as follows:—Adventists 25, Anglicans 3,679, Baptists 2,206, Brethren 126, Christians 35, Congregationalists 575, Disciples 54, Friends 22, Greek Church 12, Jews 10, Lutherans 32, Mennonites 57, Methodists 7,655, Mormons 86, Presbyterians 6,273, Roman Catholics 961, Salvation Army 241, Various other sects 168, Unspecified 16.

GRAND Xmas display every day and Saturday night.—SWIFTS'.
SMALL calendar pads, seals, tags, gold cord, and all the little things which add so much to the appearance of your Xmas packages.—MCLAREN'S.
THIS is supposed to have happened in Essex County: The other day one of the principal storekeepers of a local town met a farmer customer whose account was long overdue, and the debtor was asked to settle. He chafed at this just

request and finally said that he had got no money, none had come in to him yet, and that the shopkeeper must just wait. The storekeeper replied "All right, I'll give you another 30 days, but you will have to pay me an additional six per cent." "Great goodness," was the ingenuous reply, "that's more than I am getting at the bank."

A BOY or girl appreciates a pair of skates, we have them.—T. DODDS & SON.
SPECIAL prices to schools and Sunday schools for Christmas tree supplies at Lovell's.

A PLEASANT social evening was spent by the members of Havelock Lodge in their comfortable rooms on Friday evening, the object of the gathering being principally to say au revoir to W. Bro. Rivers, prior to his leaving town to become a resident of Arkona. An oyster supper was served after which Bro. Rivers was presented with a handsome meerschaum pipe and metal tobacco jar as a slight acknowledgment of his services as secretary of the lodge for some years. Bro. Rivers made a neat reply and assured the brethren that their kindness was much appreciated by him and that it was his intention to still continue a member of Havelock Lodge. An hour of speech, song and story followed and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

HARRY HARBARD, who has been employed with Mr. A. Brown for over two years, left on Thursday for Newark, England, to spend the winter at his old home. He will sail on the 13th from Halifax. Before leaving, he was presented with an address wishing him bon voyage and a club bag by the members of Trinity Church choir, he having been a valued member of that body for some time. The presentation took place in the schoolroom on Sunday evening, the choir leader, Mr. T. A. Adams, and the presentation made by the organist, Mr. B. Binks. The presentation was a complete surprise to Mr. Harbard.

A FORM of contract between the Bell Telephone and other telephone companies, private or municipal, has just been approved by the railway commission. The arrangement provides in part that the company owning the switchboard by which interchange is carried on shall not be required to furnish additional facilities for local messages unless the first mentioned party operate an exchange of more than 10 local subscribers. If not more than 10 subscribers, the other party may establish its own exchange without being considered a competitor and losing the opportunity to avail itself of the provisions of the contract. A switching charge of five cents is made for service over trunk circuits, and independent companies must accept the Bell Company's code of signals.

PERSONAL.

T. Fortune returned from the West Friday.
Alex. Elliot, Forget, Sask., is visiting at his home here.
Miss Clara Morgan, R. N., has returned from the West.
License Inspector McCallum, of Forest, was here on Tuesday.
Lee Aylesworth, Inwood, visited his brothers here on Sunday.
Mr. S. Rivers left for Arkona Monday to take charge of his basket factory.
Miss Kathleen McLeish, Vancouver, is a guest at the home of Mr. Wm. McLeay.

Rev. S. P. Irwin attended the Jubilee services in connection with Huron College on Wednesday.
J. E. Armstrong, M. P., spent Tuesday afternoon in town on his way to the meeting of the North Brooke Farmers' Club.
Mr. S. H. Mitchell and his brother, Mr. W. J. Mitchell, Toronto, spent a day this week with their uncle, Dr. Mitchell, Wallaceburg.

Mr. A. L. Cook, Sarnia, district superintendent for the Bell Telephone Co., was in town on Wednesday. Mr. Cook leaves early in the new year for the West.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brent, Kerr Robert, Sask. arrived from the west on Wednesday and will be the guests of relatives in Watford and Warwick for the winter.
The "Relics" of the 4 M. Club were entertained Wednesday evening by Miss Agnes Williams in honor of Miss Kathleen McLeish, a charter member from Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Lawrence returned last week from an extended trip through the west. During her six months absence she visited nearly all the principal cities, and met many former residents of this section. Miss Edith Liddy, of Winnipeg, returned with her.

The Best Christmas Gift

The very best Christmas gift you can make yourself, your wife and all the members of your family is a year's subscription to that great paper The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It costs only one dollar and its visit each week will make your household happier than ever before. No home in Canada should be without that great paper during 1914—Every issue is worth the money.

Watford Chosen Friends

On Tuesday evening at their regular meeting, Watford Council No. 255, C. O. C. F., elected the following officers for next year, viz:—
F. C.—Swanton C. Reycraft.
C. C.—William Westgate.
V. C.—C. W. Browne.

Recorder—W. E. Fitzgerald.
Ass't Recorder—Miss S. C. McKenzie.
Treasurer—M. J. Easton.
Prelate—Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald.

Marshal—James B. Parker.
Warden—Mrs. Robert McNaughton.
Guard—Thomas R. Wilson.
Sentry—Frank McNaughton.
Organist—Miss Viola M. R. Eastbrook.

Trustees—Thomas Kerr, Sanford Stapleford and Angus Mitchell.
Auditors—Lloyd E. C. Eastbrook and Swanton B. Chambers.

Physicians—R. G. Kelly, M. D., and T. A. Brandon, M. D.
Representatives to Grand Council—Thomas A. Gault and Swanton C. Reycraft.

At the next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 13th, 1914, the above mentioned officers are to be installed after which a social evening is to be held. Members are expected to fetch refreshments with them. At said meeting the question of members also having free medical attendance is to be considered.

Grand Trunk Holiday Rates

The G. T. R. will issue reduced rate round trip tickets for the holidays as follows:—
For Christmas, single fare, good going Dec. 24 and 26th, good to return Dec. 26th. Fare and one-third, good going Dec. 22nd to 26th inclusive, good to return Dec. 27th.

For New Years—Single fare good going Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Jan. 2nd. Fare and one-third, good going Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st, inclusive, good to return Jan. 3rd. No ticket issued for less than 25c.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS

FORM III—LATIN GRAMMAR
O. Oakes 79, G. Crawford 78, S. Pressy 76, W. Harper 69, L. McPhedran 67, E. McCormick 64, F. Hick 62, C. Mathews 61, J. McKercher 56, G. Mead 52, V. Auld 49, E. Hicks 45.

FORM IV—HISTORY (MEDIÆVAL)
M. Logan 96, D. Wordsworth 89, H. Leach 70, C. Dolbeer 65, C. Sullivan 60, R. Leach 59, O. Maddock 46.

FORM IV—PHYSICS
C. Dolbeer 77, M. Logan 77, R. Leach 68, D. Wordsworth 60, H. Leach 58, C. Sullivan 42.

BOTANY—L. Fuller 96, D. Tamer 96, B. Currie 84, A. MacDonal 82, B. Lucas 52, R. Trenouth no paper.

BORN.

In Provost, Alta. on Saturday Nov. 22nd, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Harper, a son.

In Plympton on Wednesday Nov. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nichols a son.—William Joseph.

In Plympton on Friday Nov. 28th, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Brydges, a son.

In Plympton on Saturday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Anderson, a son.

In Brooke, on Monday, Dec. 1, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. McGugan, a daughter.

In Brooke, on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Annett, a son.

In Warwick, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson, a son.

In Watford, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stone, a daughter.

In Brooke, on Monday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Coristine, a daughter.

DIED.

In Theford, on Dec. 1, James Bissell, in his 78th year.

In Bosanquet, on the 3rd Dec., Earl, son of John Richter, 2nd con., in his 18th year.

In Strathroy, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 2, 1913, Arthur Eli, youngest son of Eli and Maude Hunter, aged 18 months.

BROOKE

The young people of Christ Church, Suroville, intend holding their entertainment and Christmas tree on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, in the school house of S. S. No. 17. A good program is being prepared, consisting of choruses, solos, dialogues, recitations and drills. Admission 25c and 10c.

Salem Methodist S. S., 12th line east, Brooke, intend holding their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday evening, December 22nd. The program will consist of dialogues, recitations, drills, songs and 11 solos. All welcome. Price 10c and 15c.

Mr. J. C. Beattie, of London, spent a few days with Mr. T. A. Logan this week.

SPECIAL orders should be in our hands now.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.