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## ALVINGTON.

Alvinston, Nov. 22.—On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Miss Kate McLean of Brookville, was united in marriage to Mr. Alex. McDonald, by Rev. J. N. Wallace, of Inwood. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. John McDonald, while Miss Eliza McLean, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The wedding was for several years' organization of the Presbyterian Church, 10th line of Brookville.

Mrs. R. Gubbins, of Brookville, returned home on Saturday, after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John A. Rose, Lorne avenue, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lickman, Essex Center, were the guests of Mrs. Kate McLean on Wednesday last.

On Tuesday evening last a large number of the citizens of Alvinston assembled at the home of the Misses Braman to bid them farewell, prior to their departure for Manitoba. Miss J. L. Braman has secured a good position in Rowland, Manitoba, and leaves for that place on Saturday morning. During the evening Miss Braman was presented with a purse of gold pieces.

Miss E. Rich has gone to Toronto, where she will spend Christmas with friends.

Mr. W. H. Burk and family left for Mount Forest on Tuesday last, where Mr. Burk has secured a good position.

Mr. Duncan Livingston has accepted

is laid up with a severe illness, was no better at the present writing.

Miss Edith Johnston will leave in a month for Hyde Park.

Winnie Baker, Albert Baker's little girl, swallowed a pin on Wednesday, and the parents are uneasy as to the result.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Ingersoll, and Miss McKenzie, of Hyde Park, are visiting at John Johnston's.

These few cold days are making the farmers think winter is near at hand. Some are wishing they had hustled a little more during the nice days, and got their fall plowing done.

Miss Sloan, of Kincardine, is visiting at John Campbell's.

A number of the young people of this district will attend a party at James McKenzie's, in South Yarmouth, on Thursday evening.

Rev. R. McIntyre will give in the near future his interesting lecture, "What I Saw in the Old Land," in the Presbyterian Church.

Miss E. Prior is visiting friends in London.

Rev. R. McIntyre, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is in great demand this fall as chairman at all the entertainments for miles around. He is certainly one of the best chairmen in this part of the county, and everybody knows that where Mr. McIntyre presides there is bound to be a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horton held a reception on Wednesday night in honor of their niece, Mrs. H. Dawdy (nee Lyle Hazell), who has returned from her wedding trip east. A number of Lambeth people were present.

Mrs. Hardy and niece, who have been visiting the McPherson brothers, have returned home to Detroit.

**HENSALL.**

Hensall, Nov. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Hazell, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Mrs. Hazell's father, Councilor Ortwine, this week. It sounds strange to hear Mr. Hazell say that this is the second time in his life that he has seen snow.

G. C. Pettit went to the old country last week in charge of 40 head of cattle that he and Hugh McDonald returned from Montreal on Saturday.

ville, gave a short address, after which the ladies were invited to a well-arranged and pleasant "tea" at the hall.

The society is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Fraleigh returned home last Saturday evening, after spending a pleasant two weeks with friends in Ingersoll and Toronto.

The literary and social meeting of the Arva Epworth League, held on Thursday evening of this week, was decidedly successful. The meeting was divided into two parts, "Then and Now." The first address was given by Mr. E. Corraut, and the second by Mr. Quance, of Siloam.

Mr. Cumming gave an original poem; Mr. Heath an Irish reading; recitation by Master P. Nethercott; solos were given by Messrs. Hudson and Hatch; a duet by Messrs. Webb and Morden; Mr. E. Hudson and Mrs. F. Shobbrook acted as accompanists. Refreshments were then served by the young ladies, and after singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," all went home well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment.

Miss J. Shepherd deserves much credit for her efforts in providing so good a programme. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Nethercott, occupied the chair.

Mr. E. Barrell has erected a windmill on his property, which is quite an addition to the village.

**WEST LORNE.**

West Lorne, Nov. 22.—A sad death took place west of the village on Tuesday evening, the little seven-year-old son of Mrs. Annie Smith, passed away after a few days' illness with quinsy. Owing to the case showing signs of diphtheria, the house was placed under quarantine, and a private funeral, which was held Wednesday to Rodney Cemetery, deceased was the only child, and Mrs. Smith has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends, as this is her second sad bereavement, having lost her husband after a short illness, about two years ago.

One of West Lorne's oldest and most highly-respected residents passed away last Saturday after a very few days' illness with a gripe, in the person of Mrs. Wm. Wall, at the age of 52 years.

Besides her loving husband, she leaves to mourn her loss three daughters and two sons, Mrs. James Toles, of Rodney; Mrs. Harry Ripley and Miss Nettie, of this village; Mrs. Messers, Garnet, of Chicago, and Albert E., of this place. The funeral service was conducted at the family residence, Main street, at Monday, Nov. 21, 1:30 p. m., by Rev. W. J. Ashton, St. L. pastor of the Methodist Church, after which the remains were interred in Rodney Cemetery.

Mr. John Hauser has purchased from Mr. J. W. Triggs, the property on Main street west, at present occupied by Mr. R. Downing.

Inverary Camp, No. 90, Sons of Scotland, hold their annual Scottish concert in the opera house on Friday evening, Dec. 4. Miss Huguette MacKenzie, the talented Scottish soprano, of Buffalo, and Mr. Harry M. Bennett, humorist, vocalist and entertainer, of Toronto, are among those who will take part. F. G. McDermid, M. P. P., will occupy the chair.

The date of the Methodist Sunday school Christmas entertainment has been changed to Dec. 23, instead of Dec. 24.

**WATFORD.**

Watford, Nov. 22.—Postmaster Christie, Esq., was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. R. Rogers, this week.

Mr. A. W. Holby, representing Atkins & Co., Glasgow, Scotland, was in town this week.

Dr. Kenward was in London this week.

Mrs. (Rev.) E. B. Horne is suffering from a serious attack of typhoid fever.

Fred H. Lawrence returned Wednesday from a business trip to Toronto.

Miss Kate McDonald, who was visiting friends in London and Hamilton for the last few weeks, has returned home.

Miss May Armitage is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Corraut.

Mrs. (Rev.) Tye, Bramford, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Corraut.

Mr. C. H. Baldwin, who has been under treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, returned home Wednesday much improved.

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The remains of the late Mrs. J. A. Lamond, who died at her home in London on Monday, were brought to Watford for interment. The funeral took place from the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Corraut, on Wednesday morning.

The last and rites were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Gerrie, R. A. The pallbearers were T. L. Swift, Dr. Kenward, Chester Howden, J. M. McLaren, G. Jamieson and A. Thorne.

**PETROLEA.**

Petrolia, Nov. 22.—The Hockey Club will meet officers tonight at the Hotel Iroquois.

The new bridge over Bear Creek was opened for traffic on Tuesday last, and will greatly facilitate traffic, especially at this season of the year.

Miss Nettie Reid, of Presford street, was united in marriage to Mr. David Thompson, of Oil Springs, on Tuesday evening last, the Rev. J. Livingston officiating.

The Fierces, popular entertainers, were greeted with a crowded house at Victoria Hall last night. This is the second time they have been here, and they are expected to return again.

Mrs. Sarnia defeated the Petrolia rink at a friendly game in Sarnia on Tuesday last.

Mr. George E. Moncrieff, barrister-at-law, is named as the man who will likely be nominated by the Conservatives as their candidate for the vacancy caused by the death of the late Oliver Simmons.

Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Fairbank entertained a number of their friends at their residence, Warner avenue, Tuesday evening last.

The town merchants reported excellent sales, and are confident of a record-breaking Christmas trade.

The St. Andrew's supper will be held at the Fletcher House on Monday evening next, Nov. 30. A dainty card invitation is in evidence about town.

**PARKHILL.**

Parkhill, Nov. 22.—Mrs. J. A. Cole, of London, was the guest of Mrs. R. Burley, this week.

Miss May Christie has returned home from her visit to Sarnia and Petrolia.

Two rinks of our curlers played a match at Sarnia and was defeated.

Mr. E. B. Christie, a former musical director in the institute for the blind, at Brantford, accompanied by his wife, visited his parents at Sarnia.

A former citizen of this town, died in Toronto this week.

The Coughlin family orchestra furnished the music for the ball in Theford on Tuesday evening.

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Mr. A. W. Humphries and Mr. Boyce are running for mayor for next year.

Mrs. C. Baird, of Michigan, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Munro.

Dr. Thomas Manes, of Carsonville, Mich., has been in town this week on a visit to his father. He is recovering from the effects of a recent severe illness.

George Andrews, son of Rev. J. W. Andrews, and who has been in Manitoba for about two years, has come home on a visit.

Rev. Mr. Forest, ex-chaplain of the St. Paul's, of Forest, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

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—Dr. H. A. Little, of Woodstock, to Argue Case.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—The Dominion Government have appointed Mr. H. A. Little, of Woodstock, as a delegate to inquire into and settle the claims of Canadian sealers against Russia for seizure of their vessels. The Russian Government will also appoint a delegate, and the meetings of the two representatives will take place in London in January next. The seizures to be

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