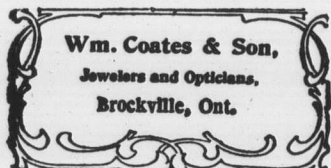


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We take this opportunity of thanking you for your patronage during the year just closing and of wishing our customers and friends a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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## Local and General

—Select Oysters at Wilson's. If Miss Bristol of the A.H.S. staff is visiting friends in Ottawa.

Mr. A. G. Parish, law student, Toronto, is home for vacation.

Mr. A. Fisher, Brockville, visited at the home of his father this week.

Mr. E. C. Wight of Ottawa spent the week end at his old home here.

Mr. Jack Donovan of Toronto is visiting friends in Athens this week.

Rev. L. A. Betts will accompany his son George on his return to the West.

Messrs B. P. Breese and W. Bell of Delta were visitors in Athens on Tuesday.

Mr. W. C. Smith has returned from a visit with his brothers at Watertown N. Y.

Rev. S. H. Brown of Wilcox, N. Y., is paying a brief visit to relatives in Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wreagar of Morrisburg spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McClary.

Mr. Claude Johnson of Crampton is spending vacation with his cousin, Mr. Wallace Johnson.

On Sunday evening next Rev. F. A. Read will speak on Municipal Government in relation to Local Option.

The rink is now in splendid condition and it is being liberally patronized by both ladies and gentlemen.

—Just bought at a special price, six men's Raccoon Coats, very choice prime fur, will be sold cheap, at H. H. Arnold's.

Mr. Jet Hawkins and family have returned home after spending a pleasant time with friends in Smith's Falls and Merrickville.

Mr. Wallace Johnston of Wycliffe College and Mr. Charles Sheffield of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, are home for vacation.

Pressure of advertising on the Reporter's columns this week necessitates holding over several valued contributions.

The first league hockey match of the season takes place on Friday (New Year's) afternoon, between Athens and Seely's Bay teams.

Morning services will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday next. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and contributions taken for the schemes of the church.

A brief but very appropriate Withrow memorial service was held at the close of the Methodist S. S. on Sunday afternoon.

As an enduring memorial to the work of this great and good man, Mrs. (Rev) Read, at the close of a brief address, invited contributions towards the establishment of a S. S. library, and over \$40 was at once subscribed by those present.

Our citizens are reminded by the council that they may do injury to the new cement walks by putting salt to melt the snow or ice, or by using pick, bar, axe or any instrument to loosen the same from the walks; and are requested to abstain from any of these methods, which will chip and injure the walks, and take full advantage of the mild days to remove the ice, when it will come off easily.

Mr. Gordon A. Rappell has returned home from the West and will spend the winter here. He is engaged in the office of the Assistant Engineer on the G. T. P., at present located on the line west of Edmonton. He has gained a pretty thorough knowledge of the country to be opened up by the new line and regards as very favorable the prospects of the Last Great West, soon to be accessible to settlers.

—A business education is a necessity in this commercial age, and the young man or woman who will qualify for business life can command a good salary. Many of our graduates during the past year have been able to double their earning power after completing one of our high-grade courses. The rates are very moderate and the total cost is within the reach of every energetic person. Write us for full particulars, and let us send you a few instant ones of the success attained by our graduates. Frontenac Business College, Kingston, T. N. Principal.

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H. H. Arnold has in hand a few Ladies fur Jackets, handsome new goods. Can be bought at bargain prices.

M. Beaudoin of Montreal arrived Monday evening to install the new gasoline engine recently purchased by Wm. Towriss for his grist mill.

John Mackie, Collector, hereby notifies delinquent tax payers of Rear Yonge and Escott that all taxes must be paid to him (or left at Moore's grocery) on or before Saturday, Jan. 2.

At the evening service in the Methodist church on Sunday next, Rev. F. A. Read will reply to the circular announcing the "failure of Local Option," which is being sent this week to the electors of Rear Yonge and Escott and Athens.

Mr. John Mackie and son, W. S., who is home on a visit from Settler, Man., went to Montreal this week to witness the Stanley cup hockey match between the Edmonton team and the Wanderers. The latter won by a score of 7-3.

Last week the Reporter received a letter in praise of the West from a former typo in this office, Mr. Alfred Snider. He is at Caron, Sask., and has gained 15 lbs in weight since leaving here. A photo accompanying the letter showed a half dozen wild geese that he had shot near the home of Mr. Jesse Green.

—Training counts. In one of the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, where eight officials are employed, seven of them are graduates of Kingston Business College. This school offers a golden opportunity to young men and women who are prepared to accept it. Write to H. F. Metcalfe, principal, for particulars. Winter term opens January 4, 1909.

Widespread interest is manifested in the high-class concert to be held in the town hall, Athens, on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Mr. Clow exhibits commendable enterprise in bringing to our village such a quartette of eminent vocalists and entertainers, and there will no doubt be a large attendance from village and country. Such an opportunity of hearing the cream of Canadian talent comes but seldom.

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## TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The Council of Rear Yonge & Escott met after Nomination on 28th inst. Members all present, except Mr. Holmes. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Orders on treasurer were given as follows:

J. H. Ackland, refund for over charge in statute labor of G. N. W. Telegraph company, \$1.00; Theodore Foley, refunded \$3.00; Byron Brown, breaking main road twice in winter of 1908, \$4.00; supplies for the Biglow family, \$11.25.

The collector was instructed to collect John Ronan's Statute Labor tax for 1906.

Minutes of meeting were read and adopted and council adjourned.  
R. E. Cornell, Clerk.

## CHRISTMAS IN ATHENS

A quiet day—a home day—a day of many glad reunions—a day in which the Christmas spirit was generally manifested in many pleasing ways that brought comfort and joy to all.

At the close of the day a large audience assembled in the town hall to enjoy with the children the Xmas program of the Methodist S. S. Good singing in concert, duets, dialogues, drill, etc., gave to all a delightful evening, concluding with the presentation of two classical tableaux, arranged by Mr. B. S. Cornell. These were beautiful and impressive, the poses and all details being well worked out.

The secretary's report showed the school to be in a flourishing condition with a large attendance of pupils and a faithful staff of teachers.

## DEATH OF HARVEY BROWN

After being ill for the last eight months, Mr. Harvey Brown died at his home in Delta on Monday morning last, aged 69 years.

Deceased was well known and highly esteemed in this country. Though for several years a resident of Manitoba, he regarded this as home, and here he returned to spend the declining years of his life.

He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Horace Brown of Athens, C. Stowell of Brockville and Dr. O. Stowell of Watertown, N. Y., two brothers, Horace of Athens and Norman of Addison; one sister, Mrs. O. L. Gardiner of Lyn. He leaves also two daughters, Mrs. John Russell of Delta and Mrs. Wm. Hartwell of Manitoba.

Though of a quiet disposition, Mr. Brown had many warm friends who join with the Reporter in extending condolences to the bereaved relatives.

The funeral takes place at Delta to day.

## Hockey Meeting

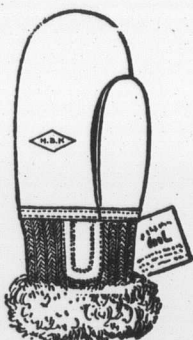
A meeting of Athens Hockey Club was held in the Gamble House sample room on Wednesday evening last. There was a good attendance and a keen interest was manifested.

A. W. Parish was elected vice-president, F. Dier having resigned. G. Lawson and R. Parish were added to the executive committee.

The fee of membership to the club was fixed at 25c, and G. Lawson was appointed to canvass for members.

At a meeting of the executive held at the close of the meeting a satisfactory agreement was made with the proprietor of the rink as to practices, games, etc., and arrangements made for procuring suits for the team.

—Wedding Stationery—the very latest at the Reporter Office.



## Mitts & Gloves

The best in town.

See our 25c horsehide unlined mitts. Our Comfort Mitts with horsehide cordovan palms for 50c have no equal.

Our Bells are all made from the best bell-metal. Do not rust. A good string to go all around the horse for \$1.00.

We have a nice stock of saddle and shaft Gongs in brass and nickel. See our Swedish chimes.

Robes, the kind you have been looking for. The Saskatchewan, which is wind and water proof, we have in all sizes.

Get one of our chest protectors for your horse for 10c, worth 25c. Protect him from the cold breezes. Everything for the horse and cutter.

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H. H. Arnold will sell during December his entire stock of

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## The People's Column

### Yorkshire Boar

The undersigned has for service at his farm, Temperance Lake, a thoroughbred Yorkshire Boar.  
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### Farm for Sale

The Tapin farm, adjoining the village of Athens, consisting of about 35 acres. Farm and residence will be sold separately if desired. Apply to  
T. R. BEALE,  
Solicitor for Executors.

### Roomers Wanted

The undersigned has comfortable accommodation for two lady students. Apply to  
MRS. N. SHOOK.

### Mare for Sale

The undersigned has for sale a buckskin mare well built, good roadster. Apply to  
R. N. DOWSLEY, Athens.

## Special Offering for December

For the approaching holiday season we are placing in stock a line of individual pieces of Furniture, handsome in design, elegant in finish—suitable for a gift, and not too high priced for your own home.

See our Parlor Suits, Dining Room and Bedroom Suits—all of the latest design and finish. We can meet your views as to both beauty and value.

When you are preparing for Xmas, give sensibly—call and see what we can do for you in the line of Rockers, Easy Chairs, Conches, etc.

**T. G. Stevens**

## ANALYTICAL CHEMIST TELLS OF PATENT MEDICINES

A graduate in organic chemistry, who has made a study of many of the best-known patent medicines on the market, states that many have virtue, but as a rule people have to pay for a lot of unnecessary expense. The following is the recipe of a well-known secret preparation, and is known by authority to be one of the best stomach and liver tonics. It is prescribed by many of the best physicians.

This mixture cures constipation and biliousness. The recipe:—  
Fluid Extract Cascara..... ¼ oz.  
Syrup Rhubarb ..... 1 oz.  
Carrara Compound ..... 1 oz.  
Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla 5 oz.

Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

An eminent authority, who has made a careful and scientific study of the relative values of drugs having a specific action on the kidneys, bladder, and liver, pronounces this an excellent combination.

You can buy the ingredients separately and mix at home.

Cut this formula out and save it.

### STUDENTS

Who contemplate taking a Business College course should communicate with the Reporter office. We can save you money.



It is sometimes hard to persuade people that they are missing many opportunities by not taking advantage of what we offer. Here's a chance that requires little or no persuasion to induce you to buy your holiday delicacies from us.

Blue Point Oysters, 60c  
Sweet Juicy Oranges—20c, 25c, 40c, 60c per dozen.

New Nuts, all varieties, 20c per lb. The finest selection of Bon Bons.

Xmas Candies at prices to meet the pocket book.

Ingersoll Cream Cheese, 15c per block

Malaga Grapes, 18c per lb.

**E. C. TRIBUTE**

## New Year Greeting

We have lines specially suited for the great New Year festival.

Spices, Extracts  
Icing Sugars  
Pure Chocolate, etc.

and in Dried Fruit we have a fine line of

Raisins, Currants  
Apricots, Peaches  
Pears, Peels, etc.

In short, you will find here everything you require for pudding or pastry.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, we invite you to call and see the beautiful line of gift goods we are offering.

**G. A. McClary**

## HARDWARE

The attention of  
**Farmers - and - Builders**

Is directed to my stock

Shelf and Heavy Hardware  
Paints and Oils  
Glass and Putty  
Gardening Tools  
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All my goods are of the latest design, the product of reliable manufacturers, and will give good satisfaction. Choice line of cutlery and many articles for the household.

We ask only a fair price and invite inspection of the values offered.

**W. G. JOHNSON**