

NOTES AND COMMENT

A Happy New Year to everybody.

Let's see. Is it understood that the money saved by having no election in several Elgin municipalities is to go to help the Belgians?

Aylmer is proud of her citizens. Notwithstanding the many patriotic calls and the avowed hard times, less than \$300 of the 1914 taxes remain unpaid. Contrast this with Toronto where there is twenty per cent. uncollected.

No chance of St. Thomas foregoing a municipal election, and giving the money it will cost to patriotic purposes. As a result of the nominations three are in the field for mayor, two for water commissioners, twenty-seven for councillors and fifteen for school trustees. Any officer who slips in by acclamation in St. Thomas is a dandy.

As the mayor remarked Monday evening, no town in Canada has more modern improvements than Aylmer. As a matter of fact we have also as many comforts as could possibly be found in any city, with the single exception of an electric railway on which to get in and out. Remedy this one defect, and you will see Aylmer grow and develop almost as fast as Jack's proverbial beanstalk.

The way of the newspaper editor is hard and full of trouble and sometimes pain. The St. Thomas Journal has been pouring hot shot into the camp of Mayor Johnson, who seeks re-election. This very much incensed the mayor's son, and on Tuesday morning he waylaid Editor Sutherland, giving him a true Johnson punch in the jaw. Brother Sutherland now asks the militia for a bodyguard to and from his place of business.

The sudden drop in the temperature here to some 28 to 34 below zero, according to the thermometers Christmas night, made one more sympathetic and thoughtful for our faithful soldiers in the trenches in France. The next morning it also showed us our obligations to hustle around after a plumber, who was supposed to be in at least a dozen places at once, thawing out frozen water pipes. Such a cold dip at this season is quite unusual in Canada.

During the course of his address Monday evening, Mayor Wagner sprung a surprise on many present by the announcement that there is likely to be a shortage in Aylmer's water supply before very long. Some of us were resting easy in the belief that with the inauguration of the Caverly system, we had an unlimited supply for all purposes, but it would seem not. The mayor's statement led to a discussion of the town's obligation to the Condenser in this respect. The original agreement was produced by the clerk, which obligated the town to supply the Condenser with 480,000 gallons daily, if required, for a term of five years free of charge, and further stated that the Condenser people were to have sole control of the conduit from the Baker wells, "or from other sources," during the time the factory is in operation. In 1912 the five years of free water had expired and a new agreement was made with the water commission, which we believe to be most favorable to the town, as by its terms, Aylmer retains control of the mains and sells water to the Condenser, whereas, if the Condenser had insisted they would have had control and would be selling water to Aylmer. We all remember and appreciate the generosity of the Company in making a grant of \$5,000 to assist in securing a satisfactory supply of water, at a time when we were up against it, and when they were under no obligation to contribute one cent. They were also most generous in acceding to the terms of the new agreement. Under this we were to supply them at a cost of 4 cents per 1000 gallons, and when the commissioners reported this rate was not sufficient, the price was raised to 5 cents, the present rate. It should be remembered that the by-law was passed almost unanimously by a vote of the people, and in view of the commendable attitude of the Condenser people throughout, we on our part should be honorable with them.

As there are to be no municipal elections in Aylmer, Malahide, Yarmouth and Bayham, the ratepayers need lose no time in figuring out how we are to secure an electric railway that will prove a real benefit—and pay its way.

We have already made a New Year's resolution: Beginning with tomorrow morning, Friday, Jan. 1, we pledge ourselves to do our best to remember to write it 1915.

Secord & Sons have been duly notified that it was up to them to make good their work on Aylmer's concrete roads. From past actions of this firm we hardly expect any notice to be taken of the demand. One thing is certain these awful roads must be put in proper shape, and it is up to the council to see that the ratepayers who are assessed for the work, are protected. If the contractors will not make a move, Aylmer should take the initiative. It will have to come to a show down some day, and the sooner the better.

At the nomination meeting Monday evening, Reeve McKenney gave information that we believe is not generally known and that may be of great benefit to those unfortunate enough to suffer affliction. If we did not misunderstand him, Mr. McKenney stated that in consideration of the small grant made the Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, any citizen who is ill, on the recommendation of the mayor, will be admitted to this hospital, provided with room, food, and medical and nurse attendance, for 70 cents a day or \$4.90 a week. This is worth remembering.

The Death Roll

Major William Faulds
The late Major William Faulds, who passed away at the home of his son, William, at Toronto, on the night of December 23, was one of Aylmer's oldest citizens. His father was a drummer at the battle of Waterloo, and a member of the Black Watch Guards at Gibraltar, where the subject of this sketch was born in the year 1827. From his youth up Major Faulds took a deep interest in military matters. He served in the American army during the Mexican war 1847, and received a pension until his death. Back in the 60's when the 25th Battalion was formed in Elgin, he took a prominent part, and was a devoted officer until his retirement in 1890 with the rank of senior major.

Deceased was also a musician of some distinction. He led the Aylmer band with success for many years, and composed all music used by them at that time. He was a severe critic when music was badly rendered, and a compliment from him was worth receiving.

Three sons and two daughters survive him, William and Edward, of Toronto, Dr. Winfield, of Gary, Indiana, Mary, of Chicago, and Victoria, of Indiana.

The remains were laid to rest at Aylmer cemetery on Christmas day.
Emma Frances Heiter
After many months of patient suffering, borne with true Christian fortitude, Emma Frances, the beloved wife of James G. Heiter, Collector of Customs, passed away on Sunday morning last. Deceased was a faithful wife, a noble mother and a true friend. Her many estimable qualities endeared her to all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Arthur, manager of the Royal Bank, Saskatoon, and two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Miles, of Fresno, California, and Miss Edith at home. The funeral took place from her late residence Tuesday, and was conducted by Rev. C. Miles, of whose church deceased was a consistent member. The interment took place at Aylmer cemetery.

Hannah Price
Aylmer citizens received a severe shock Christmas morning, on learning that Hannah, beloved wife of Charles A. Price had suddenly passed away during the night. She had not enjoyed good health for some time, but no immediate fatal results were anticipated.

Deceased was born near Eden, in the Township of Bayham, in 1842 and was a daughter of the late Isaac and Mary White. She was married in 1861, and ten years later removed to Aylmer with her husband, and resided continuously, since with the exception of about one year, in the house in which she died. She was the last of a family of twelve children. Devotion to her home, her family and her church, St. Paul's Methodist, were among her many admirable qualities, and her memory will not soon be forgotten.

Her sorrowing husband, two sons, Isaac and George, and two daughters Mrs. J. T. Rowe and Mrs. C. L. Skin-

ner, all of Aylmer, mourn the loss of a true wife and mother. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon to Aylmer cemetery; Rev. A. E. M. Thomson performing the last sad rites, and relatives being present from Buffalo, Fort Erie and Port Huron.

Sarah Charlton Deo
After an illness of several months, Sarah Charlton, beloved wife of Wm. Deo, joined the silent majority last Sunday afternoon, in her 72nd year. Deceased was not widely known, owing to her somewhat retiring disposition, but those who knew her best loved her most. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Francis Grass, of this place, survive her. The funeral took place from her late residence, Myrtle street Tuesday afternoon to Aylmer cemetery.

Willie Westover
One of the saddest of deaths was that of Willie Westover, only son of Mrs. S. Westover, on Saturday. Willie was 12 years of age, and was a bright, courteous, manly little fellow, with splendid promise of a useful life. He was a victim of typhoid fever. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved mother and two little sisters, who mourn for him. The funeral took place to Aylmer cemetery on Monday.

George H. Johnson
George Hamilton Johnson, for 34 years an esteemed resident of Aylmer, died at the family residence, 23 St. Ann's Place, St. Thomas, on Monday, after a short illness. Deceased was born at Fort Erie, Welland County, on Feb. 2, 1834, and was consequently in his 81st year. He came to Bayham, Elgin county, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. In 1890 he was married to Alice M. Matthews, who survives him. The late Mr. Johnson was also an expert carpenter, and some 34 years ago, gave up farming, and removed to Aylmer. He continued to work at his trade until a few weeks ago, and his skillful services were greatly in demand. Besides his widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ella Kennedy, St. Thomas; Mrs. M. E. Matthews, Winnipeg and Miss Georgina, at home; also one brother, Sidney Johnson, Tillsonburg. The funeral takes place from his late residence at 1 o'clock, to-day, interment in Aylmer cemetery.

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BREAY—The regular attendance at the home of Mrs. M. Ingram, held at the home of Mrs. M. Ingram, as usual Sunday Christmas service dining room dace Jacks and holly, and of military design canopy of flags at the strains of M. march sounded forth Miss Rette Chute, of Mr. Crowley took the canopy. Then followed Payson Greay London camp, clad Leslie Todman, also stood by his side, joined by Miss Ingram in a lovely green and chintilly and orange blossoms appearance of a lovely Hazel Ingram made dressed in rose silk a basket of white car. The solemn service audience present tur guests and congrat couple. During the register Miss Chute "To-day." The gown was a heavy silver to some case, to the bracelet and to the book. The guests were dining room to partake cake, which was out sword, and was dispersed Miss Grace Ingram, being the last leave of groom, the wedding have taken place some was hastened on. was announced in L last week and cab'egri relation were received of London, uncle of from relatives of the bridal couple left for moon, the bride travel blue tailored suit and romance which ended on Sunday afternoon Miss Ingram was on a the Bishop of London, A short time later Cor to Canada to study far in this district. A few joined the volunteer for overseas service.

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