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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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A Toast to 1912.

Throughout the year may you receive
The best that fortune e'er may give,
To you the most desired thing:
Health, pleasure, friends, contentment
rare,
And freedom from oppressive care.
The changing seasons may they bring,
To you the most desired thing:
May fancy oft delight itself
In memories of Nineteen Twelve.

1912.
LEAF YEAR.
CAME in cold and raw.
HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.
JANUARY CLEARING PRICES at Browns' KING WINTER was only joking after all.
LET us make this year a hummer for BUSINESS.
ATTEND Swift's discount sale and save money.
CALL at T. Dodds' and see his stock of automobile skates.
COURT LOBBY next Monday evening. Installation of officers.
It is the store clerks who are glad that the holiday season is over.
THE annual financial statement of the Merchants Bank of Canada will be found on page two of this issue.

New spring muslins, damasks and draperies.—A. BROWN & Co.
If you have any red clover to sell bring a sample to R. Haskett.
SWOOD'S public library is in a butcher shop. You can get food for body and mind at the same counter.
ON December 1st, 1911, the Canadian Order of Foresters had funds on hand to the amount of \$3,814,276.41.
In spite of the "high cost of everything" people bought this season as freely as ever. Which means they have the money.
SEE our hat window, your choice for \$1.50.—SWIFT'S.

THE local option repeal by-law voted on in Wyoming was defeated on a vote of 50 to repeal and 111 to keep the by-law.
SOME person tampered with the electric wires on New Years night, causing considerable inconvenience to users of the electric fluid.
ONE of the holiday visitors in town writes expressing a favorable opinion of Watford's young people and hopes to return in the near future.
NEW PRINTS; embroideries, dress goods and gingham opened this week—spring goods.—A. BROWN & Co.

MISS MAUD ROWLER, formerly of Watford, was married in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, on Dec. 23rd, to Mr. Harold Orme of that city.
BRING designated as a "gentleman" on the ballot does not guarantee that the voters will mark their ballots in your favor.
WORD comes from New York that the price of straw hats is going up. The report will not worry one much this cold weather.
MEN'S heavy wool pants \$1.50.—SWIFT'S SALE.

UP to her wedding day a girl believes that if a husband has bad habits it is because his wife never feeds him angel food or meets him at the door with a kiss.
THE new Congregational church will be opened on Sunday, Jan. 28th, and a social will be given in connection therewith on Monday evening, 29th. Particulars later.
THE first home game in the intermediate hockey series will be held in the rink here on Wednesday evening next between Sarnia and Watford. A fast game is looked for. Reserve the date.
TRY Haskett's for low grade flour, shorts, bran, sugar beet meal, oats and barley, flour, corn and wheat.
MEN'S overcoats to wear under fur coats, \$5.00.—SWIFT'S SALE.

THE regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Graham on Wednesday evening, January 10th. Rover call will be answered by a composition on the new year.
DID you ever take Eaton's catalogue, pick out what you want to get, and then go down and ask one of our merchants to give you his prices on the same articles? Try it. He will surprise you.
THERE will be morning and evening service in Trinity church on Sunday. In the morning the sermon will be especially for young people. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.
SEE our overcoats for big boys, \$3.50 to \$4.75.—SWIFT'S SALE.

It is understood that the increase in the rate of pay promised to their train and yard men by the Grand Trunk Railway at the time of the settlement of the strike in the summer of 1910, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1912, will mean an increase of about \$400,000 per year in the payrolls of the Grand Trunk for this class of labor.

PROBS.—Snow to-night.
Now for slaughter sales.
THE coal man is now coming into his own.
YOU save big money on carpets.—SWIFT'S SALE.
CALL and get one of those pink receipts that we keep on the counter.

THE only athletics some people indulge in is jumping at conclusions.
SOME of the weather-wise say that there will not be much snow this winter.
START the New Year right,
Go home early at night.
THE new spring rugs and linoleums are ready for your inspection.—A. BROWN & Co.
THE Province of Ontario may be divided into districts for the purposes of health regulations.
WHEAT a man buys a new hat, he wants one something like the one he had before—but it's different with a woman.

MR. JOHN WHITE has been appointed delegate from Watford to the K. O. T. M. convention in Sarnia next week.
LATEST returns show that local option carried in nineteen municipalities on Monday and 32 licenses were cut off.
HEAVY fleecy-lined shirts and drawers, 75 cents a suit.—SWIFT'S SALE.
THURSDAY morning's papers give the result of the general election in Prince Edward Island as Conservatives 28, Liberals 2.
CANADIANS drank five and a half gallons of beer per head last year, and one gallon of gin, whiskey and other kinds of spirits.

ONE of the civic reforms the new council might consider is that of prohibiting the dumping of ashes and other refuse on the public streets.
GEORGE CHAMBERS offers a reward of fifty dollars for the conviction of the party who caused a short circuit in his electric wires on election night.
ROLLER BLINDS at 25c., also a two color oil shade, regular 75c. for 50c.—A. BROWN & Co.
W. E. FITZGERALD wishes to thank those who so faithfully worked for him in electing him again Reeve for this year.

THIS is Leap Year. We hope some of these old duffers of bachelors who have been hanging around for years, will get caught in 1912. They lack nerve, that's all.
FOREST carried both by-laws on Monday, one in favor of municipal ownership of electric light plant and the other to grant tree site and tax exemption to a canning factory.
AUTOMOBILE skates at T. Dodds'. A full line of all sizes, ladies' and gent's. Also a full line of Hockey sticks. Call and examine these goods.

REV. J. BAILEY, Field Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, preached on Local Option in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning and in the Baptist Church in the evening to good congregations.
FULLER'S Minstrels have been advertised to appear in several places and have failed to turn up, and debts contracted by the advance agent remain unpaid. It is about time travelling showmen were made to pay in advance.
AN Indian man has been sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for stealing chickens. Had it been turkeys, the offender would doubtless have been shot at sunrise. Tampering with the necessities of life is getting to be a touchy matter these days.

PAY your account for 1911. We need the money.—SWIFT BROS.
A MEETING of the Lambton Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. was held at the Roche House on Friday last to close up the business of the year. The Company has had a very successful year and after paying all claims there remains to the credit of the Company \$22,000.
THE Wallaceburg News issued a Christmas supplement of an interesting nature. It contained about forty half-tone views of the principal dwellings and scenes of the town, and gave historic facts about the town since it became a village in 1875. The issue was a very creditable one.

SPEAKING at Thamesville last week Dr. Samson touched a responsive chord in the hearts of many children, when he said that it made his heart ache to see little girls and boys struggling home at night beneath a load of books to pore over when their minds were tired.
A SHORT course in Bee Culture will be given at the Agricultural College, Guelph from Jan. 9-20, 1912. It will be free to all those who wish to attend. No fees, no examinations, with reduced rates on the railways. For program and particulars write to C. C. Creelman at the Agricultural College, Guelph.
THE meeting called for in the Lyceum Friday evening to discuss local option was well attended, every seat in the building being filled. Mr. L. J. Williams, principal of the High School, was chairman and introduced the speakers. Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald spoke first against local option. Mr. Hamilton, of Toronto, followed speaking in favor of the by-law. Then Mr. Hazelgrove of London, spoke for the anti and Mr. Hamilton had fifteen minutes in which to reply. The speeches were attentively listened to, but little enthusiasm was manifested. The meeting was closed by singing the national anthem.

READ the Want Column.

A MODEL train, composed of an engine and five cars running on a curving track, and through a miniature tunnel is attracting considerable attention at St. Thomas. It is operated by means of a third rail. The engine is an exact replica of the ones used in the M. C. R. tunnel at Windsor, and is run by Hydro-electric power.
By profession the members of the new Legislature will line up as follows:—Lawyers 29, Doctors 11, Veterinary surgeons 2, Merchants 14, Manufacturers 7, Farmers 14, Lumbermen 1, Editors 2, Insurance men 4, Contractors 3, Mechanical 1, Financiers 2, Teacher 1, Real Estate 1, Civil Engineer 1, Apple buyer 1, Cattle dealer 1.

WHEN first he went to see her,
He had a timid heart,
And when the lights were low,
And they sat this far apart,
But when their love grew warmer,
And he leant the joy of a kiss,
They knocked out all the spaces,
And sat close together like this.

WE wish to thank our customers for the large business of 1911, and the good Christmas trade.—SWIFT BROS.
NEW YEARS DAY passed off quietly in Watford. The weather was fine and cold and those interested in the elections of reeve and councillors were kept busy all day long getting in the vote, which was a large one, the local option by-law bringing out many who would not otherwise have voted. The results appear elsewhere. There were 294 votes cast for the reeve and 278 for and against the by-law.

A RECEPTION was given to Dr. and Mrs. Matthews on New Year's evening, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. W. H. Harper. Only intimate friends of the family were present. From 4 to 8 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served in the dining room, beautifully decorated for the occasion, after which the evening was pleasantly spent in music and viewing the fine array of presents. Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harper, of Rouleau, Sask., and Mr. A. W. Harper and son, of Mantou, Mich.

DID you get enough presents at Christmas to satisfy you? Did you give as many as you expected to get? Did you give only to those from whom you expected to receive, or did you send help and assistance to the poor and those who could not respond in kind? Are you satisfied with yourself? If not, make it a point during the year 1912 to do some good deed every day. It is not always necessary to give financial aid, but you can give your sympathy, and help to cheer the despondent, to restore self-respect to the fallen, and assist in making the world better and happier. Will you do it?

A number of the many friends of Mr. H. A. Cook assembled in the Roche House dining room on Tuesday evening to say adieu to him prior to his leaving with his wife for Toronto where he is going into business. About thirty gentlemen sat down to an exceedingly tasty and well served luncheon, and that being disposed of, Rev. E. B. Horne, M.A. was asked to take the chair. After a few preliminary remarks he called on Mr. E. A. Brown to read an address expressing regret at Mr. Cook's departure and for the loss of a good citizen and expressing regret at his departure from the town. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

Silver Wedding.

A merry family party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mitchell on New Year's Day to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stoner, Arkona; Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Cornell, Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brock, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mitchell, Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hall, Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mihel and Miss Mitchell, Strathroy; Miss Beatrice Dodge, Almonte, Mich.; Miss Edith Luddy, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Lawrence, Watford. After dinner the first toast, that to the "Bride and Groom," was proposed by the groomsmen of 25 years ago, W. J. Mitchell, of Parkhill, in a neat speech and appropriately responded to by T. G. Mitchell. Mr. Murray Mitchell acted as toastmaster and a list among which were "Canada," "Our Sister Nation to the South," "The Western Continent," "Ontario, the Banner Province," etc., were proposed and fittingly responded to by members of the company. Many beautiful gifts in silver were received and telegrams of congratulation from New York, Victoria, B.C., Lucan and Pt. Huron. A very happy day was spent and on leaving all wished T. G. and Mrs. Mitchell many more years of happiness and prosperity.

Forest, Jan. 2nd.—The by-law to provide a free site for the Dominion Camera, carried here by a vote of 50 to 26. The by-law to take over the electric light company's plant and operate it as a municipal institution carried by a vote of 50 to 29.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. L. Fuller, Arkona, was in Watford Monday.
Norman Cook, Wilkie, Sask., is visiting relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson spent New Years in Preston.
Mr. Goodburn, Sarnia, was a guest at Mrs. Morgan's on Sunday.
Mr. A. D. M. Hone left for Birch Hills, Sask., on Tuesday.

Miss Liddy, Winnipeg, is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Lawrence.
Russell Hyde, Collins, Mich., is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. E. Fowler.
Miss Bertie Fowler, Sarnia, spent New Years at Mr. J. E. Fowler's.
Mr. Allan Kinder, of Saskatoon, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Vail.
Mr. and Mrs. John Young, Brigidon, spent New Years with Mrs. Nixon.
Miss Stapleton, London, was here this week renewing old acquaintances.

Wm. Lamb, Jr., of the Guide-Advocate staff, spent the holiday in Ailsa Craig.
Mr. W. W. Brison spent Christmas at his uncle's James Brison's, Woodstock.
Mrs. J. Johnston, Ingersoll, was the guest of Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald this week.
Mr. Cecil Vail, of Port Burwell, spent a couple of days at his home here recently.
A. R. Brown spent New Years with his cousin, Mr. T. G. Postam, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Shirley Willoughby and bride, Petrolia, spent Sunday with Watford friends.
Miss Essie Howden, Seattle, and Miss L. Howden, Detroit, are visiting relatives in Watford.
Miss Ethel Tye, London, and Miss Clara Tye, Toronto, spent New Years at their home here.

Mr. J. D. Bodaly and family, Eastmount, spent New Years with his parents, Front St.
Miss Muriel Taylor has returned after spending the holidays with friends in Port Huron.
Miss Annie McCorkindale, London, spent the week end with her friend, Miss Rae McCormick.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Graves, Red Deer, Alberta, were with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Thompson last week.

Mr. Malcolm McIntyre, Swan River, Man., spent New Years with his brother-in-law, Mr. Alex. Black.
Mrs. W. Z. Hunt, Aylmer, Rev. Murray J. Hunt and Miss Fisher, Lambeth, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Newell, Front street, this week.
Miss Alma Truman, Strathroy, spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Nixon, St. Clair street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Handsford, Girvin, are visiting Mrs. Handsford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor.
Mr. N. McNee and daughter, Bessie, spent a few days this week in Brantford with Mrs. McNee's sister, Mrs. W. Lamb.
Mrs. E. Lamont, Mrs. Howard McConnell and Charley Lamont spent the New Years holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Muxworthy, Detroit.
Mrs. W. C. Sutherland and daughter Dorothy, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nixon, St. Clair street.

Miss Alice Tanner, who has been spending the holidays with her family here, returned Tuesday to St. Mary's to resume her educational duties.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Livingstone have returned after spending the holidays with relatives in Port Dalhousie, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. W. A. House.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cook left for Toronto on Wednesday morning where they will in future make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will be missed in social circles of Watford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Walker and children, Fred and Charlie Walker, and T. A. Abraham, London, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collins, Strathroy, spent New Years with Mrs. Ed. Walker.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kells and son, of St. Catharines, also Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Everett, son and daughter, of Woodstock, have returned home after spending a few days with their parents here.
Mr. and Mrs. Mac Dewar, Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Polley and Wesley Polley, Petrolia; Mrs. Mara and Mrs. Shields, Pt. Edward, were the guests of Mrs. McCormick, New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell and Mr. Frank and Mr. Bert Gilley, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allum, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilley and Miss Helen Gilley, of Strathroy, spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Willoughby.
Dr. Chas. Kenward and wife, Hobart, Ill., who have been visiting the doctor's parents; returned home on Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Frank Kenward who is taking a trip west to visit her other sons, and will spend part of the winter in California.

Death came very suddenly to Alex. Robins, Petrolia, on Monday. He was about to start down town, and had got as far as the door when he became suddenly faint. He managed to reach a chair, and sinking into it expired in a few moments. He was 68 years of age, and besides his wife, leaves one daughter, Mrs. Collins.

LOOK at your label.

MATTHEWS-DAVIS.

(Mitchell Recorder, Dec. 29.)
On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, the marriage of Mr. Frank Kennedy Matthews and Miss Olive Reade Davis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis, was solemnized in Trinity Church, which was beautifully decorated. Very Rev. Dean Davis, of London, officiated, assisted by Rev. T. J. Charlton, rector of Trinity Church, and the service was fully choral. The vested choir pre-acted the bridal procession, singing "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." Miss Hotham presided at the organ and played softly during the ceremony. The ushers, Messrs. Hugh Campbell, F. A. May and Thos. Matheson led the bride's procession, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Alice Roger, who looked very pretty in a gown of pale blue charmeuse, low at the neck and slightly trained, the bodice being veiled in silk lace with crystals. A dainty Juliet cap of pale blue with crystals and pink buds covered her fair hair and she carried a bouquet of pinks. The maid of honor, Miss Gertrude Davis, sister of the bride came next, wearing a very becoming gown of cream charmeuse satin, low at the neck and finished with a long train—crystal tassels and silk lace were used as trimmings. A Juliet cap of cream, veiled in shell pink tulle with pale pink and blue buds, was also worn. She carried an armful of "pinks" tied with tulle of same color. Lastly came the bride, wearing a bridal gown of white liberty satin made on Empire lines with court train. Real lace was draped from the right shoulder and finished with a cluster of pearls in the back, the front bodice being beautifully embroidered with real lace and wreaths of orange blossoms fitted snugly over the bride's dark hair in a Juliet cap. She carried an Empire shower of lilies of the valley, orchids and roses. The groom, and groomsmen, Mr. Spencer McDonald, of Tillsonburg, met the bride at the chancel steps. During the signing of the register the maid of honor sang "Because." At the close of the ceremony the bridal party and guests who numbered around eighty drove to "Poplar Hall" which was prettily decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Davis received wearing a gown of blue with oriental trimmings and also a small hat with plumes. After dejeuner the young couple left for their honeymoon by the evening train. The bride travelling in steel grey velvet with white beaver toque and violets, Persian Lamb coat with muff to match. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews will be at home in Watford the latter part of January. A gift was a Heintzman piano, a cabinet of sterling silver, several cheques, cut glass, silver, china, brass and everything that could please the heart of the newly-weds.
The Stratford Herald says:—"One of the largest gatherings to attend a church wedding was that at Trinity Church last evening to witness the Matthews-Davis marriage, which took place at 8 o'clock. The bride was born and raised in Mitchell and was one of the most popular young ladies of the town and every one of her host of friends was anxious to see the wedding and to get a glimpse of the bride who looked very charming indeed. Her loss to Mitchell and Trinity Church will be much felt. The bride was the recipient of a very large number of costly presents and carried to her future home the well wishes of a large circle of admiring friends."

Death of John C. Auld, M.D.

After a painful illness of several months duration John C. Auld, M.D., passed away on Tuesday evening last at the family residence, Ontario street, aged 48 years. Dr. Auld was born in Warwick and was a son of the late William Auld. After he received his public school education he attended the Strathroy Collegiate Institute and matriculated, then graduated at the Toronto University. After obtaining his Canadian degree he went to the old country and passed through the Universities in Edinburgh and Glasgow. About twenty years ago he commenced the practice of his profession in Watford, and remained here until the time of his death. He was married twenty years ago to Miss Elizabeth Wichman, daughter of Mr. Charles Wichman, of Forest. Besides his widow he leaves to mourn his loss two bright young sons, Romeo and Valee, two brothers, Robert Auld, of Warwick street, ex-warden of the county, and David, of Warwick, also three sisters, Mrs. Ferguson, Watford, Mrs. Forbes, Plympton, and Mrs. D. Ross, Warwick. The Dr. was a generous, good-hearted citizen and had a host of friends who regret his passing away before the fullness of time.
The funeral took place Thursday afternoon to the Watford cemetery.

Coroner's Jury Verdict.

The jury empanelled to hear the evidence in the case of the death of Arthur Lathan, killed at the G.T.R. station, Watford, on Dec. 26th, met in the Council Chamber on Friday evening. Dr. Logic, of Sarnia, was present. The following verdict was returned:—"We, the jury, say Arthur Lathan on Dec. 26th came to his death by being accidentally run over by train No. 30, on the Grand Trunk Railway going east, at Watford station, and would exonerate the Company from any blame connected therewith."
ALEX. CAMERON, Foreman.