

NEWS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Put this interesting form in the pocket of the TIMES Hereabouts.

SCOTLAND.

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at 1:30 p. m., at the residence of L. J. Leitch, Esq., of Glasgow, Scotland. The bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cook. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Cook, minister of this village, in the presence of over thirty guests. After the ceremony the company sat down to a dinner of Scotch food served by Russell, of Brantford. The young couple were the recipients of a number of handsome and useful presents, and Mrs. Cook left on the 3:45 train, amid a shower of rice, for Philadelphia and points east.

Another wedding took place on Christmas at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Beamer, when their eldest daughter Mary was married to Mr. Robert Armstrong, of Niagara Falls, N.Y. The bride looked very pretty, dressed in white, with a train and veil, and a white ribbon. The little ring-bearer, Miss Anne Hyde, of Brantford, also looked beautiful in white, with a white ribbon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Cook, under an arch of evergreen. The bride was escorted by her father, the wedding march being played by Mr. David N. Beamer, cousin of the bride, Miss Edith Kane, of Vanessa, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Will Armstrong, of Port Rowan. The young couple received many presents. The invited guests were from Niagara Falls, N. Y., Port Rowan, Simcoe, Round Plains, Waterford, and Vanessa. The wedding party left on Monday for their home at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

There is snow here, but not sufficient for good sleighing. The evening mail coming on the five o'clock train is very much appreciated by the villagers. Mr. L. L. Henry, of Chicago, formerly of this village, passed through here last week. He was married to Miss Lily Donald, of Hamilton, in that city, on Wednesday, 17th inst. Congratulations.

Mr. J. M. Hyde and Master Ernie, of Brantford, were the guests of Mr. Geo. Johnson, on Monday. Mr. McK. Smith, of Toronto, and Mr. E. H. Malcolm, of Round Plains, are spending their holidays at their respective homes in this village. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Wilson, of Geo. Johnson and Miss Johnson spent a day in Brantford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McElmiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Wilson moved into the village a few days ago, taking the house recently vacated by Mr. E. Daniels.

Mrs. N. Owen, of Tilsonburg, is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. L. Hooker and Miss Lazenby, of St. Catharines, have been spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. D. Barnes, of Round Plains, was in the village on Saturday on business.

SHEFFIELD.

Anniversary services will be held in the U. B. Church on the 4th of January. On the following Monday evening a tea meeting and good programme will be furnished. Mr. Leslie Green and family, of South St. Marie, are visiting here. C. M. Whitman, of Toronto, spent Christmas here, the guest of his father, Mr. Geo. Whitman.

Miss L. Young is acting organist during Miss W. Ward's sickness. Miss Mary Hamilton is on the sick list.

Mr. H. and Miss Mary Regan, of Ancaster, spent a few days here last week. Mr. Oscar Main, of Stratford, is home here for holidays.

Revival services have started in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Jas. Patrick and Miss Ella Grinnell, of this place, were married at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday last.

Mr. Charles Metcalfe, of Mt. Forest, spent Christmas here.

BIRKBECK.

The nomination meeting held in the Town hall, Birkbeck, last Monday afternoon was largely attended. The following gentlemen were again nominated: For Reeve, Mr. James Leonard Salmon; for Councilors, Messrs. James Barclay, Robert Evans, James Muir, Bruce Wilson. Capital speeches were made and all were declared elected by acclamation. By the Clerk, Mr. William B. Switzer, of Birkbeck township. Councilor Salmon, James Barclay, Robert Evans, James Muir, Bruce Wilson, made a capital speech. The meeting closed by Mr. James Barclay proposing three cheers for the King, which were promptly given.

Rev. M. Allen, of Blackheath, occupied the pulpit of Knox Presbyterian Church, of Sunday evening last. Rev. Mr. Watt will preach next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

ANCASTER.

This place has been called upon to bear the loss of its most esteemed and useful man in the person of Mr. John A. Daniels. Death came very unexpectedly. The deceased was born April 25, 1845, on the farm of his late father, John A. Daniels, near the town of Ancaster. He was prominently connected with the Associated Agricultural Society and Wentworth Ploughing Club, a Justice of the Peace, and a member of Seymour Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Ancaster, in which lodge he held every office of honor. A short time ago his brethren honored him by presenting him with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel.

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AT THE STONE CHURCH.

Barton Presbyterian Sunday School Gives Christmas Entertainment.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School of the Berlin Church held its Christmas party on Tuesday night at the Stone Church. Despite the severity of the weather there were some 300 people in attendance, enjoying the evening.

Rev. E. B. Chestnut, acting pastor, seconded by Mr. Adam Inch, Mr. Robt. Logan, the highly efficient superintendent of the school, took the chair, and introduced the programme, which included numbers by the school, all of which were well given. Books were distributed as prizes by the teachers to nearly all the scholars. The attendance during the year averaged 35 out of an enrolment of 70, and the collections were nearly \$52. A voluntary collection, amounting to over \$100, was taken up at the meeting. The school has had one of the most prosperous years in its history, and the scholars acquitted themselves most creditably.

Miss Helen and Mr. Percy Mitchell, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Mitchell, of Niagara Falls, spent the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell, at the parsonage.

R. A. Dunham, Toronto, was in the village Friday.

The following spent Xmas with friends here: Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moore, Mrs. Neil and daughter, from Morleyville; Mr. and Mrs. E. Drake, T. Gilmore, from Port Haron, Mich.; Mrs. J. A. W. B. Marks, from Toronto; W. S. Sexton and family, from Hamilton; Mr. O. Morrow, from Sanilac, Mich.; M. Henderson, from Port Rowan; and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, from Port Rowan.

Mr. Wm. Adams, of Bay City, Mich., was calling on old friends on Monday.

Mrs. F. Bishop, of Brantford, is visiting at Wm. Bishop's.

A number of the young people of this village, attended the "At Home" given by the Epworth League of Zion Hill Methodist Church on Tuesday evening. A pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed by all.

ABINGDON.

The Caucus electors at their nomination meeting re-elected their entire Council by acclamation: Reeve, A. Shields; Councilors, R. Lymburner, A. Asher, J. Young and A. Killins.

The Methodist Church is undergoing repairs, and will be reopened the second Sunday in the new year. Mr. J. Miller, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his mother.

Miss Victoria and Mr. S. Nichols are home for Christmas vacation. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, moderator for this charge, preached the pulpit sermon in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last.

BRITISH OR RUSSIAN?

Max Nordau Sees a Mighty Combat for Supremacy.

Vienna, Jan. 1.—In the course of an exhaustive review of the history of the world, contributed to the Neue Freie Presse by Max Nordau, the writer deeply deprecates the growth of military imperialism in the United States, and says that by the admission of the spirit of militarism, which was formerly vigorously excluded, America is raising obstacles to the entrance of emigrants, whose only capital is their strong working arms.

Speaking of the future of the world, M. Nordau says the opening of the Panama Canal, under American ownership, will mark the beginning of a new epoch. It is the Anglo-Saxon element will seek to drive out the French and German flags floating over single points in the Pacific Ocean, then the struggle will be carried further to the Asiatic coast, where Anglo-Saxons and Russians will have to decide the momentous question whether Eastern or Russian Asia shall remain British or Russian.

To this forecast M. Nordau adds: "One can only imagine with horror what such a gigantic struggle of nations and races will signify."

DEATH ENDS ARGUMENT.

Cuban Editor Shoots and Kills an Opponent.

Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, Jan. 1.—Congressman Corona, editor of the Cuban Libre, shot and instantly killed Senor Corona, editor of the Republica, to-day. Both men were prominent politicians. Senor Corona was drinking in a cafe in Sancti Spiritus, and a party of friends entered the place and began a political discussion. Personalities and insults followed, and Senor Corona, who was a member of the Cuban Senate, suddenly drew a revolver and shot Senor Corona three times. Senor Corona then walked quietly away and has not yet been arrested. The shooting has caused great excitement here.

Lightning Remedy for Cramps.

Some people have cramps for cramps, others only now and again. But when you do have them it's a mighty quick relief you want. Polson's Nervine is as sure as death to relieve cramps in five seconds—it's instantaneous, just a few drops in sweetened water and the pain is gone. Buy a bottle of Nervine to-day, and keep it handy. Nervine is a common household necessity and only costs 25 cents.

Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake Pills cure Constipation.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

Conneautville, Pa., Jan. 1.—A passenger train on the southwest branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked at Conneautville, near here, to-night. Four passengers were badly hurt and some of the other passengers were shaken up and frightened. The train northbound was running more than an hour late, and an engine pushing a load of empties was trying to get on Leisner siding.

Blondin Sentenced.

Boston, Dec. 31.—With an indifference that seemed remarkable Joseph Willard Blondin, convicted in the second degree of killing his wife, received his sentence of life imprisonment in State Prison from Judge Stevens to-day. The court room was crowded with spectators. When Blondin was called the court asked Hon. John H. Morrison, the senior counsel, if the convicted man waived his exceptions. Mr. Morrison said he did not.

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ANOTHER G. T. R. COLLISION

Victoria Bridge Scene of a Railway Tragedy.

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THE WATER LIGHT.

Twice like an old-time love-feast—that watchlight—for it seemed that heaven was just so near to us as its light around us streamed.

Jerusalem, the golden, flung all its portals wide.

The water light.

We saw, as 'twere beneath a bright and all-revealing sky, that far-off land, o'er the wide strand, where our possessions lie.

And heard, while all our songs of joy were thrilled and waited o'er, a softer, sweeter music from the bright, celestial shore.

The dear old songs of Zion—the old and ever new—From praying lips and hearts that night were answered from the blue.

We listened for the answer, with perfect faith, and then When one cried "Hallelujah!" soft echoes said "Amen!"

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This is the season of January clearing sale—a season that enables the retailer to reduce his stock before taking an inventory, so, to make ourselves felt, we will go slightly below our competitors' prices.

Sensational Reductions in Coats and Suits

LOT I.—A general "clean up" of our stock of Winter Coats—odd lines, odd sizes, from 32 to 44—fawn, black, grey and brown—several styles—silk lined—prices were from \$15.00 to \$30.00, our clearing price **\$7.45**

LOT II.—LADIES' TAILORED SUITS—A large variety of styles and a great many more prices—serge, cheviot, hopsacking, broadcloth and tweed are the cloths—never before have we sold man tailored suits at such a price, but they must go—the stock is too large to list—\$16.50 to \$25.00 suits **\$9.45**

To go at one price

A Closing Out of Wrapperettes--5c

Just to make an entire clearing of our Wrapperettes we will to-morrow sell all the lines that have been selling at 10, 12½, 15 and 17c **5c**

Mantle Cloths at Half Price

To clear out the remaining Mantle Cloths we have reduced every piece in stock just one-half—every yard will be sold at HALF PRICE.

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