

LOCALS.

by the Pupils of Mr. Coleman's Class.

with Africa there are 700 lan-

troops in the Philippine fighting now

news says the Canadian well in South Africa.

season is winter in Canada, summer in South Africa.

the fifth inst five of the girls own to have their teeth filled.

is the chief sport for the people and curling is for the old

that cannot enlist as soldiers, of our big boys would like to go to our country

Boers originally came from the "Boer" means "farmer," and "boer" means "farm house."

man said to the farmer, Mr. M. "What do you ask for the colt?" "It is not for sale."

help others when you can, but do not give what you cannot afford because it's fashionable.

the pupils are greatly pleased with their improvement, and are interested in the progress of the school.

one of the teachers selected seven good skaters to play hockey, but we are sure that they will play

We never have seen an idea too big or sentences too big for an idea.

last week Miss Mary Knawinger photo from her dear sister Lotta she was very much pleased with it.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day passed away. After dissipation we must go ahead in school this new

Some large boys consented not to play football last fall, but every day they play hockey. Nobody has been hurt yet

We girls want to extend to the boys our best thanks for fixing the rink very nicely. We think the rink is the best we ever had.

Some say that the new century begins with the new year 1900, others claim that it begins with the new year 1901. Which is right?

We all think that Miss Annie Blackman is the most graceful girl skater. We are sorry that she can't skate long on account of weakness

On the 5th of Jan a boy in our class walked heavily and shook the floor and the teacher said to him: You should learn to walk lightly, and easily.

We were sorry to hear that Rev. Mr. Thompson sprained his ankle two weeks ago and he could not come here. We hope that his ankle will get better soon.

On the 6th ult., a gentleman of Toronto sent 60 stereopticon views to our Institution. We had a magic lantern entertainment on Saturday evening and it was good.

We are very glad to see that Gertie that is learning to skate. She got many tumbles when she first began, but she does not now. We hope she will be a graceful skater.

We were gladly surprised to have a carved turkey for tea one night last week. It was very kind of Miss Walker to carve, but we think it was hard work for her as well

Last Sunday Mr. Coleman lectured to us in the chapel. His subject was "Joseph and his Brethren." We were interested, and we must try and remember what he told us.

I got a letter from home saying that the people are engaged working on the railroad running through Bancroft from Toronto to Coe Hill, and I am glad to hear that it will soon be finished.

The 9th inst. was Mr. Mathison's birthday. Some girls gave him an address. We wish him many happy returns of the anniversary of his birth and hope that he will have a joyful life.

A couple of weeks ago Georgina Lamborn got a letter from home saying that young and old people in Windsor had been vaccinated for the prevention of small pox. There were many sore

We are proud to be Canadians, and are glad to help the British to win victory in South Africa. Gen Buller is in command at Tloela river and we hear that a big battle will soon take place.

On the 15th ult. Lizzie Scott got a small pretty case, from her friend Mr. Ernest Luther. She opened it, and it contained a lovely ring for her birthday. She looks proud. The girls congratulated her.

About two weeks ago Ethel Thompson got a small idol toy in a popcorn bag and so she planned to induce Lizzie Scott to eat it as if it was chocolate. Lizzie did so, but she made a wry face and we all laughed.

On the 1st inst a new girl, named Mary Boyle, of Orilla, came to school with her mother. The next day her mother left her to go home. We hope she will improve fast in school. She looks like a nice little girl

On the 8th inst, some of the girls asked the boys if the rink was good, and they said no, it was very wet. In the afternoon we were allowed to skate on the rink as the ice was good. We think that it was a sudden change.

Miss Mary Nunn, formerly our nurse, has offered her services as a trained nurse to the Dominion Government for the South African War, to go with the second noted Canadian contingent, but she has not been accepted yet

One of Mr. T. C. Forrester's Christmas gifts was a splendid Scotch cake, and it came from an Aunt of his in Scotland. Those who had the pleasure of getting a piece of it said that it was the best Scotch cake they ever tasted. We suspect Mr. Forrester is his Aunt's favorite nephew. All here like him. He is an agreeable gentleman.

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Turrill-McKenzie Homestead.

From our own Correspondent

Since my last writing, Mr. Wilho Summers was here twice and one time we all talked away till midnight in our efforts to study the Transvaal war in detail.

During the first week in December, Messrs. David Turrill and Kenneth McKenzie, who had been to Petrolea and Shetland, 12 and 10 miles away respectively, reported heavy snow and good sleighing, lasting a few days. Strange to say it was entirely the reverse here.

A new well for drinking purposes has been drilled on Mrs. Nutter's farm, by Mr. Jas. W. Jackson, father of Elroy of your school. Mr. Jackson has been the agent for the Pumping Company in Petrolea for months past, travelling over this district.

Mr. Roderick McKenzie, brother of Kenneth, was six days here and then left for Glanville, Bruce Co., to spend the winter with his parents, as he is bothered with a badly sprained back, from an accidental fall. We sincerely hope he will be in his usual condition in the spring as he purposes returning to Elm River where he was doing very well at carpentering; and it is the same with his brother John D. On his way he stopped at Bay City, Mich., where he met Mr. Wm. Freeman, your former pupil, and reported him a carpenter and married to an American (nude) girl, also at Elm he visited the Institution for the Deaf, and accompanying a pupil from there he called on Mr. Walter Work, in the harness factory.

The next day we all were greatly surprised to see Miss Christina Showers, kindly driven over by her friend, Mr. John Vince. Then I accompanied her to her mother's place in Shetland for my holidays.

THE SHOWERS HOMESTEAD.

Mr. John Vince rents Mrs. Michael Showers' other farm, adjoining, and stays with the family here. On Sunday before Christmas Mr. Albert Wright came here and stayed over night, when the next day he and myself went with the Showers family to spend Christmas with Mrs. Showers' sister-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Munroe, and her family four miles away. Mr. Munroe was that day away to his aged mother's funeral, in Bluevale, near Wingham, at the residence of her son, Mr. Jas. Showers. The deceased was 85 years old and was mother in law of Mrs. Michael Showers and grandmother of the Misses Showers of your school. She was also a sister of Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, of Glanville, and aunt of Roderick, John D. and Kenneth, Jr.

That same day Miss Lena Showers and Mr. Vince went to Thamesville, where Lena will spend one week's holidays with the Vince family. She will see Mr. Duane Bloom every evening during her walking exercises down town.

Mr. David Turrill came over to spend Christmas happily with his parents in Florence, as he had not been there for a long while.

On the 9th inst., your superintendent, Mr. Mathison, will be one year older, so we, the mutes, as well as our friends really wish him many happy returns and fervently hope he will be spared long in his good labors.—W. K.

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

As the holiday season is past and we are all settled down once more to the usual steady grind, I will now try to give you a short account of what happened in Ottawa during Xmas and New Year's weeks. Of course the prevailing topic in the war. Three of my near neighbours are going with D Battery and are taking their horses with them. At present we have quite a large party bivouacked at the exhibition grounds, and report says they will be inspected by Gen. Hutton on Wednesday, and also leave for Halifax the same day. I trust it will not be a final leave taking and that we will in a few months have the pleasure of welcoming them back again.

Miss Northwick was absent from the city for a few days attending the wedding of her sister, in the capacity of bridesmaid. As the Northwick family was one of the first to settle in this vicinity, and comes of good Scotch stock, it is scarcely necessary for me to say that the young couple received the best wishes of a host of relatives and friends for their future welfare, but owing to the recent death of an uncle the marriage was private, only the im-

mediate friends of the bride and groom being present.

The first of January being the fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McClelland, they celebrated the occasion by entertaining all their deaf friends in Ottawa and the vicinity who, it is needless to say, were overjoyed at this opportunity of showing their regard for them, as the numerous presents suitable to the occasion can testify. A very pleasant evening was spent, and before the party dispersed, Mr. Bayne, at the request of those present, addressed them wishing that all present might be spared to help them to celebrate their golden and diamond wedding, and thus ended one of the most pleasant evenings the deaf of Ottawa enjoyed for many a day.

Messrs. Haldane and Shoulden reports having spent quite a pleasant time visiting old friends in Montreal.

We are sorry to say our esteemed friend, Mr. Gray, of Motcalle, has been seriously indisposed and confined to the house for a couple of weeks. This will be hard on him as he is naturally of an industrious disposition, and speaking from personal experience as a farmer, we can say it is hard to be so long without seeing our bags and other stock.

Mrs. Wigget spent the holiday season in Montreal with her parents.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Miss A. Mathison, of Komoka, has been visiting her sister in Niagara Falls all summer. On her way back she remained in London for a brief visit and then returned to her home in Komoka.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, who has been working for Mr. Noyes, of Denfield, during the summer, returned to his home in Thamesville for Christmas. He expects to return to Denfield next Spring.

Mr. Geo. of Duncrief has moved with his family to Poplar Hill where he will reside in the future.

On the 31st ult., Mr. W. H. Gould drove with Mr. Leathorn to Talbotville to visit Mr. Henderson. The sleighing was splendid and they enjoyed their visit to their old school mates Jonathan and his sister.

Mr. Wm. Bryce, of Poplar Hill was lately a visitor to our city. He was the guest of Mr. Wood.

We understand that Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, and Mr. Byrno, of Stratford have some intentions of going to Manitoba next Spring.

Mrs. Eliza Smith's mother of Chatham came here to see Eliza on Dec. 23rd, and stayed here for several days.

Miss Lily Bryce spent Christmas at her parent's home in Byron.

Miss Lily McIntyre spent Christmas holidays with her relatives in Dorchester, Gladstone and Avon.

Mr. Nelson Wood had an enjoyable time, spending his Christmas holidays at his home at Exeter.

During Christmas holidays Mr. Richard Leathorn and Mr. W. H. Gould, Jr., went to Stratford where they met Miss Maggie Fuller of Mitchell and Miss Claudia Moore of Sebringville and Mr. J. R. Bryno, of Stratford.

Mr. Harper Cowan went to Woodstock to attend Mr. Charlie Ryan's Christmas party on Dec. 25th. About twelve deaf friends were present with them.

Some deaf mutes of this city drove to Hyde Park, 7 miles west, and spent New Year's Day at Miss Ada Mason's home.

Mr. Vernal Morse of Fingal came here on New Year's Day and has started to work at Geo. White's threshing machine factory.

Quite a number of our deaf friends witnessed the departure of the mounted rifles and artillerymen for South Africa. Thousands of citizens turned out to wish them "God Speed."

The second Canadian troops will leave Canada for South Africa on the 25th of January.

We like to read the war news every day and to hear of the stirring events in South Africa.

Many Russians, Germans, and French troops aid the Boers in South Africa, as they want to beat the English troops.

The world has had but few teachers; a score of men have furnished us all the wisdom and philosophy we possess.

The deaf pupils in the U. S. Institution say, "The Boers in South Africa will defeat England." But the deaf pupils in Canadian Institutions say, "England will be successful."

HAMILTON ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Robert McPherson was in Brantford for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Mr. Wilho R. Watt went to Guelph for Christmas.

Mr. A. C. Shepherd, of Toronto, was in the city on Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gottheb and children, of Brantford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gottheb on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith and children, of Brantford, spent a happy New Year's day in the city.

Mr. George Bridgeford, of Dundas, was in the city on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golds and children, of Milton, were in the city on the 23rd ult., on their way to Paris, where they stayed for a week. While on the train, they met Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, of St. Catherine's, who went to Brantford.

Mrs. St. Plato, mother of Mrs. H. Gottheb, returned to Berlin after a visit here of six weeks.

Mr. James Mosher had a week's holidays from Xmas till after New Year's Day, also Mr. E. Haackbusch had a month's holidays.