

Fergus Correspondence.

The New Year—1885 belongs to the years that are past and gone. It was allowed to terminate its natural existence by a somewhat natural death, but it must have suffered feelings of deep regret, cheer and anger, when compelled to close its existence by the tolling of the bells for its own funeral.

The Day—As usual the old year was rung out and the new in by the bells. Many wait for this before retiring. Friends often meet to be together in groups as well as in single couples so that happiness for the year will not be lost by waiting till daylight to be wished, and so we go visiting one year and return the next—a long visit to friends. The last day of the year was a busy one in the village. The night was quiet but towards the early morning some rollicking choruses enlivened the surroundings almost before the old year was gone. However, for the sake of his father Somers took the citadel and kept possession of Fergus till well into day-break.

Domos of the Day—A big smile, happy new year, a hearty shake meet us on every hand. As we walk we feel that we are all mankind and are assured of perfect reciprocity. Whatever other days may be to-day we are all friends and this is a reality. There is no hypocrisy in the grasp of hands we have not touched for perhaps a year. All are free, jovial and merry. The sleighing has not returned but Jack Frost has, and the cutlers take positions in the rink. The dam is frozen over and many glides like spirits along its smooth glossy surface. Others have family gatherings and must be at the rendezvous in time for the turkey. The society men have a duty and pleasure to perform in making calls. For whatever New York or London fashion may dictate Fergus rises above such things and tries to conform to fashion and equal to the emergency of containing the grand old custom of seeing friends in their own homes at least once a year. All here are convinced of the benefits of New Year's calling in extending, consolidating and strengthening friendships which become stretched, torn and broken by the necessities of every day work in providing for our existence. Strict lines of caste are adhered to, all are welcome in propriety, there is a glorious freedom and no harm done except it be to take and coffee and their receipts unduly imposed upon for the day. Liquors are almost entirely done away with. We have therefore everything to gain and nothing to lose by keeping up the good old custom. The sincerely wished Happy New Year at home and abroad, along with the many other varied customs belonging to this season and Xmas, conduce when used and not abused to a better world in its wider sense, and exert a beneficial influence which we pray may continue and spread throughout the year in our lives and that of the world.

Fire—Our brigade and engine were nearly called out on Saturday night to put out a fire but it proved to be only Mr. A. Gannon's chimney and it soon ended in disagreeable smoke. Convention—Steps must be taken this week to select candidates for the convention on the 14th inst. The best of judgment is necessary as this is a most important part of the election. Upright—A wedding party was rolled over carriage and all on Wednesday last. No person hurt. Carriage visibly affected by the event. The party arrived at the station in time. Personal—We are pleased to hear that Mr. P. Ronnie is much improved and hopes to get out again soon. Curling—Fergus and Brantford purpose playing a game on Dufferin lake some time soon. It is proposed to play one club against the other, or as many as can play, at 9 rinks a side. The game was to come off on Thursday, but it is now uncertain. Sober—The annual tea meeting of St. Andrew's Church is to be held in the drill shed on Tuesday next, 12th inst. Good music, grub, and addresses, are the order of the night. Prayer—Prayer meetings are being held every night this week in the different churches in rotation. It has been the usual practice during the first week of the year for some time past. Jubilee—A meeting of the managers and elders of Mr. Smellie's Church, representative from Guelph Presbytery, was held in Mr. Ferrier's office, on Wednesday last, to consider what action should be taken in connection with the jubilee in honor of Mr. Smellie, in March next. We believe there was nothing decided. Army—Our village has been again besieged and assaulted by some branch of

The Salvation Army.

Two meetings were held on Sunday last in their barracks—the old Royal Hotel. No report of dead and wounded. Trustees—The election for school trustees on Wednesday (to-morrow) is likely to be interesting. There are five good men in the field, Messrs Penny, Philip, Anderson, Mitchell, and Menzies. Three of these are to be elected and in case of no council election we may yet have some fun. Lectures—Dr. Orton gives a short history of his Northwest rebellion experience at Harwood to-night. It was reported he was to favour Fergus also, but no definite time has been agreed upon as yet. Council—To-night was to have been the last meeting for the '85 Council. As they are all back it will not appear like a new Council for '85. This is the meeting for the passing of accounts and settling up generally. Memorial—Garatara elects H. Black for Deputy. Resolved by 27 of a majority over Mr. McDermott, Councilors, House, Hannah and Ramsay—the Reseve being elected by acclamation. Nichol gives Mr. Reynolds's Deputy and a good Council, Messrs Lindsay, Cunningham and Clarke. The band promenade the streets on New Year's Eve. Snow is again falling. We hope it may continue. The river has been very high, owing to the heavy rains, but the ice remains.

Several special attractions in the village this week, but they are too numerous to mention. Society includes them all, and society is very lively. Fergus, Jan. 6, 1885. Nervous Debilitated men. You are allowed a free trial of thirty days of the use of Dr. Dy's Celebrated Voltaic Belt with Electric Remedy Apparatus, for the speedy relief and permanent cure of Nervous Debility, loss of Vitality and Manhood, and all kindred troubles. Also, for many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk incurred. Illustrated pamphlet, with full information, terms, etc., mailed free by addressing Voltaic Belt Co. Marshall Mich. OFFICE—NEXT DOOR TO FRINGLES' QUEBEC STREET. \$8.00 C. W. PARKER. \$8.00

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