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LONG BANK HOLIDAY.

Mexican Banks Will Stay Closed Until Jan. 1st.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—By a Provisional decree issued yesterday afternoon every day, including to-day, until the end of the present year, is made a legal holiday in order to check the run on the banks here, particularly that on the Bank of London and Mexico.

On the promulgation of this decree the Bank of London and Mexico opened its doors but refrained from paying deposits. Provisional President Huerta in the decree says he deems such action necessary in order to protect the banks until public confidence is more nearly restored. The banks, by this decree, are absolved from meeting any obligations until Jan. 1. It applies to all banking houses, whether a bank of issue or not.

With the exception of the Bank of London and Mexico and the Central Bank, none has yet taken advantage of the decree, and business at the other institutions is being conducted as usual. Crowds gathered about the doors of the two banks mentioned but there was no incident. Both banks are being guarded by a strong force of police.

CURRENCY BILL ACCEPTED.

Representatives Agree to Amendments—Now For Signature.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The House passed the currency bill at 10:46 o'clock last night by a vote of 483 to 60, and sent the report to the Senate, which had waited in session to receive it before the adjournment for the night.

Prolonged and uproarious cheers from the Democrats greeted the announcement of the vote by Speaker Clark and many members of the House hastened over to the Senate to see the report received there. Earlier in the evening the Senate had agreed to vote not later than 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, and the leaders regarded it as certain that the completed bill would be in the hands of President Wilson for his signature before to-night.

LAND BOUGHT UP.

Government Has Acquired Waterfront Property at Quebec.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—An important step has been taken by the Dominion Government in the purchase of three miles of waterfront at Quebec. The purchase of the waterfront is a part of the scheme to develop the harbor of Quebec towards accommodating the growing traffic of the port.

This special purchase, it is stated, is only one of a number of similar purchases which will be made from time to time at harbors throughout the Dominion, the purpose of the Government being to encourage and develop ocean and inland water navigation.

One of the Ministers yesterday, in discussing the policy of the Government, said although he did not care to have his name quoted, "Transportation of all kinds it is our purpose to encourage. Good roads, good railways, good vessels everywhere—these are the big things to-day."

Explosion on Royal Train. ROSTOCK, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Dec. 23.—An explosion occurred on the Russian court special train at the railroad station here, just before the arrival of Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, who left Copenhagen yesterday for St. Petersburg. Seven members of the train crew were injured.

According to the official account the explosion was caused by a defect in the lighting apparatus.

What Could He Do? The teacher was reading the history of England to some of the little pupils. When she came to the statement that Henry I never laughed after the death of his son she noticed one of the little girls had raised her hand and seemed very desirous of attracting her attention.

"Well, Amy," said the teacher, "what is it?" "Please, ma'am," said little Amy, "what did Henry I do when he was tickled?"—Harper's Bazar.

ROSSMORE

Mr. Robt Babcock and Mr. Wesley Weese spent several days last week in Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Carr of Robin Hills are spending the holidays at D. Gamble's.

Mr. Ben Post spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Misses Sarah and Lillie Mason, of Belleville spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason.

Most everybody spent Saturday before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redick of Point Ann visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. Robt. Babcock of Point Anne spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beling spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Manly Helpp.

Mr. W. R. Carr, our progressive merchant, has been delivering groceries the last few weeks in large quantities for the Xmas trade.

FOXBORO ORANGEMEN ELECTED OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Foxboro Lodge L.O.L. No. 3 was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 13 in the Orange hall, Foxboro. There was a large attendance of members.

The lodge having been closed in due form, an oyster supper was served up, then a program consisting of the following toasts was enjoyed by those present.

"The King" honored by all. "God Save the King" by Rev. J. H. McInnes, D.G.C. and Henry Carr, C.L.; "The District Orange Lodge" responded to by W. H. Cooke, P.O.M.; "The District Orange Lodge" responded to by Rev. J. H. McInnes, D.G.C. and Henry Carr, C.L.; "The Royal Society" by G. R. Reid, E.C. in C.; "The County Orange Lodge" by Wm. Reynolds, P.M. and D.G.M.; "The Visitors" by Wm. Woods, D.M. of L.O.L. 251. "The Initiates" by Jas. Lake and Chas. Empson.

A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN. If you are troubled with weak, tired feelings, headache, backache, bearing down sensations, bladder weakness, constipation, catarrhal conditions, pain in the sides, regularly or irregularly, bloating or gaseous enlargements, sense of falling or displacement of internal organs, nervousness, desire to cry, palpitation, hot flashes, dark rings in the eyes, or a loss of interest in life, I invite you to write and ask for my simple method of home treatment, with ten days' trial entirely free and postpaid, also references to Canadian ladies who gladly tell how they have regained health, strength, and address: Mrs. M. Summers, Box 1, Windsor, Ont.

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AUCTION SALE Farm stock, implements, hay at residence of Owen M. Robin, lot 2, 4th con. Thurlow, Thursday, Jan. 15, 1914 at 12.30 p.m. sharp J. L. PALMER, Auctioneer

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE Farm stock and implements and household effects at residence of Wm. Terwilliger, lot 32 in 2nd Con. Sidney, better known as the Cornelius Young farm, two miles from Belleville on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. sharp J. L. PALMER, Auctioneer

ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of the Victoria Cemetery Company Limited, will be held on Jan. 7th at one p.m. at the residence of B. A. Fairman. A full person interested is especially requested as matters of importance will come before the meeting for discussion. B. A. Fairman, President. D274, 25w

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STIRLING

Stirling, Dec. 23.—Mr. R. P. Coulter and Thomas Montgomery are in Belleville today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Forward of Belleville were guests of friends here last week.

The clothing department of R.A. Elliott's store was entered by thieves on Friday night last who were successful in getting away with quantities of goods which included a fur overcoat, underwear and other articles also a small quantity of cash was taken from the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dingwall, widow of the late Peter Dingwall, took place at the home of her father, Mr. Wm. Hanna, on Saturday last. Interment was made in Stirling cemetery on Monday.

Mr. Macdonald of the Agricultural College of Guelph arrived in town on Saturday, having accepted the position assigned to Mr. A. D. Macintosh in the Dept. Agr. Mr. Macintosh has been a nurse-in-training at the sanitarium at Clifton Springs and returned home a public meeting will be held in the opera house Monday evening, Dec. 23rd for the purpose of nominating candidates for the position of Reeve and Councillors and also for nominating trustees to fill vacancies.

Mr. and Mrs. Rip Scott of Toronto are in town on business.

Miss Edna Girwood of the Peterboro Normal School is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Kathleen Duke of Ottawa and Miss and Mrs. Bottom of Belleville were visitors in town last week.

Mr. Lindsay Melkijohn and Mr. W. Bailey each lost a very valuable dog recently by being poisoned.

Miss Bertha Fair is taking a course at the Belleville Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fletcher of Belleville are visitors in town.

AMFLIASBURG

Amfliasburg, Dec. 22.—Mr. Morley Carrington spent Sunday evening with Mr. Delbert Sander.

Mr. Norman Coner is spending the holidays with his uncle, Mr. M. Carrington.

Mr. Clayton Pulver and family visited Mr. Roy Pulver on Sunday last.

We are sorry to learn that our school is about to close for the winter.

Mr. Anthony Adams has returned home from the west.

Mr. Cecil Carley has returned home from Salmon Point, where he has been teaching.

Mr. George Ayles attended the wedding of his niece, Miss Carrie Ayles on Wednesday last.

A number of people went to Trenton on Saturday.

Mr. George Ayles spent an evening recently with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carrite.

Miss Lena Pulver called on Miss Floeie Carrington on Sunday last.

Miss and Mrs. George Ayles were calling on friends Monday.

FRANKFORD

Frankford, Dec. 23.—On Wednesday last a sale was conducted on the farm formerly of John Houlden and household goods were sold. A large crowd was present.

Mr. Joe Maginnis of Sidney, visited Mrs. Meyers on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith with a son, Edith Armstrong, absent.

Mr. O'Brien's Evangelistic services closed on Thursday night last when he left for his home in Trenton.

The school closed on Friday and our teachers left for their homes to spend their Xmas and New Year holidays.

We are sorry to report that Miss Sheridan is not going to return.

We are pleased to welcome our young people for their holidays. Jack Clarke, Roy Scales, teacher at Bancroft and Miss Ethel Lowery of Albert College, Belleville.

Mr. Windover's new hall was opened on Saturday and was attended by a large number of the boys certainly put up a good program consisting of songs, solos and comedies by the selections.

On Saturday morning the funeral of Mrs. Catherine McNeil was held in the R. C. Church and interment took place in their cemetery. The attendance was large, friends being present from a distance. Among those present were Father Conley and nuns of Trenton, Dr. Alex McCauley of Brockville, Master McCauley of Dawson City, Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell of Belleville, and others.

The Hamilton bridge men, consisting of Mr. Hoek and helpers, have finished their work on the six locks of the canal and have left for Campbellford. The locks being inspected by the Government Inspector, Mr. Pretty.

Mrs. Charles Rose is very ill and we fear will not recover.

Mr. McCroft and little daughter of Peterboro are visiting her sister, the Misses Clarke's.

The Frankford people join in wishing all the readers of this paper a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Relief for the Distressed.—Physical and mental depression usually have their origin in a disordered state of the stomach and liver, as when these organs are deranged in their action the digestive process is beneficially affected. Try Parley's Vegetable Pills. They relieve the digestive process, act beneficially on the nerves and restore the spirits as no other pills will. They are cheap, simple and sure, and the effects are lasting.

THE HILL

4th Con. Sidney, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shroy left Friday for Wallacburg to spend the Xmas holidays with Mrs. Shroy's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Skjapstad spent a few days recently visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robt. Wright.

Mr. H. Shroy has returned home after visiting friends at Northport.

Mr. Frank Shroy of Toronto, is spending the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wright took place on Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ash spent Monday evening at Mr. Robt. Wright's.

Christmas trees seem to be the order of the day. There has been one about every night this week.

Mr. Wm. Dracup is in town after spending a few months at Fort Hope.

MOUNTAINVIEW

Mountain View, Dec. 15.—There is a big day today on Huff's Island, where they are fixing the bridge across the strait.

Huff's Island Christmas tree was held on Friday night, Dec. 19th.

Miss Annie Way is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bristol for a few days this week.

Mr. H. H. H. and family have moved into Royal Jones' house.

The W.M.S. met at Mrs. Chas. Lauder's. A great interest in the work seems to be prevalent and the officers are much encouraged.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Anderson went to Toronto for a few days.

Miss Spencer is the new central girl.

O.S.D. BOYS AT PALACE THEATRE

Through the kindness of the ever genial proprietor, Mr. Scott, the younger boys of the O.S.D. to the number of about one hundred were entertained free of charge at the Palace Theatre, on Front Street, on Friday afternoon. For two solid hours the boys sat and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, while seven reels of pictures, all entirely interesting, entertained and soothed, were run off.

The boys naturally expected to pay the usual price of admission and were very much surprised when Mr. Scott refused to accept any money. The kindness of the proprietor in thus entertaining them was very much appreciated by the boys who will not soon forget his display of the true Christmas spirit.

GLEN BOSS SCHOOL

Senior Fourth. Matriculated Winsor 688, b Evelyn Hibel 648, b Fjord Armstrong 574 Myrtle Weaver 565 Rada Carlisle 533 Laura Holden 424 Junior Fourth. Ray Armstrong 375 Junior Third. Annie Abbott 736 b Evelyn Holden 652 Myrtle Brown 537 Wava Wallace 484 Retta Carlisle 480 Hazel Smith 465 Howard Holden 457 Hazel MacDonaid 477 Ethel Armstrong, absent Junior Second. Vernon Holden 451 John Carlisle 451 Fred Weaver 350 Whitney Armstrong 181 in order of merit Names of First. Violet Winsor Frank Abbott Bruce Armstrong Gordon Armstrong Edith Abbott Primer. Violet Winsor Frank Abbott Bruce Armstrong Elms Armstrong Walter Penndict Visitors 21 Average attendance 27.2 H. T. McMullen, Teacher

INE

Sine, Dec. 23.—A surprise was given Miss H. Green last Thursday night when her friends waited upon her and presented her with an address and also a silver table and silver cake basket.

Miss Lizzy Hawkins was also surprised on Saturday evening by a number of her young friends invading her home and showing her with a lot of useful utensils for her kitchen.

Messrs R. Sine, Roy Heath, W. Donald and W. Robinson were in Belleville on Saturday.

Mr. Alex. Donald of Port Hope, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald.

Mrs. B. Badley of Wallbridge is at her daughter's Mrs. C. M. Sine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mannaker were at W. T. Shroy's Sunday.

Mrs. Demille, Lakefield will spend the holiday week at her father's, Mr. J. Couit's.

Our local paper, the News-Argus, failed to appear on time last week. The publisher seems to be having more than his share of troubles of late, and there must have been more new difficulties or this paper would have been issued on time surely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray attended the funeral of Mrs. Sine at Quebec on Thursday last. She was an aunt of Mrs. Sine.

Mrs. H. Sines from Alberta is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tucker.

WOMEN'S CONFIDENCE IN BEECHAM'S PILLS

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Women's Confidence in Beecham's Pills. The annual meeting of the Mountain View Cheese Factory was held yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of those interested. The president, Mr. J. G. S. Simonds occupied the chair, and Mr. Wellington Robbins acted as Secretary. The Secretary read a summary of the season's operations as determined by the auditors as follows:—

Total lbs. milk 1,881,202 Total lbs. cheese 168,187 Total lbs. paid 119,016.77 Average lbs. for lbs. cheese 11.08

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:— Pres.—J. G. Simonds Vice-Pres.—J. A. Walker Secy.—J. A. Walker Treas.—J. A. Walker

Directors—Old board re-elected as follows:—Jno. Howell, Wellington Howell, J. W. Robbins, Robt. Hobbs, D. A. Walker, W. J. McPaul, Jno. Lattimer, T. E. Barber

Auditors—Harold Young and W. Robbins.

The cheese-maker, Mr. John Hall, who has been giving the best of service, was re-elected for another year at a previous meeting of the board of directors.

Mr. James R. Anderson although offered the position of salesman for another year, declining the honor, he said he was not sure but he would be coming season turn his attention to the production of cream instead of cheese and he had planned a trip which would take him away for three months or more next year.

Mr. Anderson, in closing his labors as salesman for the factory, called attention to the remarkable fact that the company since its inception forty-five years ago had had only two salesmen. For twenty-five years after the first establishment of the factory Mr. John Potter had acted as salesman and given the best of satisfaction in having been succeeded by Mr. J. A. Walker. For the last twenty years he has acted as salesman and given the best of satisfaction in having been succeeded by Mr. J. A. Walker.

Mr. John Elliott of Belleville, was called upon and gave a forcible address upon the outlook for the cheese industry. He commented upon the high reputation of the Old Company's cheese from the Bay of Quinte district and particularly from Mountain View factory. He read a letter from a wholesale firm in England, complimenting Mr. John Hall, the cheese-maker upon the fine class of goods turned out in his factory.

Mr. Arthur Jones of Belleville also addressed the stockholders briefly. He congratulated them upon the fine showing made by the company and expressed his best wishes for a prosperous new year. The meeting then adjourned.

PROMINENT LADY OF TRENTON DEAD

(Special to The Ontario.) The death occurred on Saturday night last of Mrs. Barbara Shurie at her late residence, Marmora Street. The deceased was in her 84th year, and until a day or so before her death was able to take her regular interest in household affairs. Her maiden name was Barbara Slater Pea and was a native of Orkney, Scotland. She, with her husband came to Trenton in 1871, and she have resided continuously here ever since, her married life covering a period of 51 years.

The late Mrs. Shurie devoted much of her time to charitable work and in this connection will be greatly missed. She was a constant member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. P. Shurie, and by her sons, Dr. J. S. Shurie of Vancouver, B. C., of Wellington, and James S. and Andrew of Trenton.

XMAS TREE WAS SUCCESS

Avondale School, again last evening was the scene of merrymaking, it being the occasion of their Christmas entertainment.

The schoolroom was beautifully decorated with evergreens and the tree fairly groaned under its great load of presents, there being presents for every child in the school.

The program opened with a chorus by the school which was followed by the address of the chairman, Mr. Blanchard. He told that their school was one of the best in the district and that they were from 9-11 and had a favorable balance in the treasury.

Special mention might be made in regard to the recitation given by Miss Edna Woodman, the grand-daughter of the school and the girls' drill.

Old Santa Claus made his appearance about 10 p.m., and then there was some excitement. All the children stood on tip-toes and kept whispering, "If I wonder if he has anything for me," and not one was disappointed. Miss Parber, their teacher, was presented with a beautiful manicule set, given her by the school children as a token of their appreciation of her services. She certainly deserved it for she had the children well trained, and from the length of the program must have spent a great deal of time on it.

Mr. Bailey, superintendent of Holyday S. S., also gave an address.

Mr. Wm. Morrison leaves tonight to visit his parents in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Byron McCord of the S.P.F. Toronto, is home for the holidays.

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TABERNACLE XMAS TREE

Merriment reigned supreme in the Tabernacle Methodist Sunday school room last evening. It was the occasion of the annual Christmas tree and entertainment given by the school. Not only did the young people find enjoyment to the full, but adults manifested their keen delight in a most spontaneous manner all through the entertainment. The decorated room was crowded and needless to say the proceeds were very satisfactory.

The pastor, Rev. W. G. Clarke was very enthusiastic over the excellence of the annual event. The sight of happy faces expressed in all faces was inspiring.

The program opened with orchestral numbers, after which Rev. Amos Campbell offered up prayer, it being the children's night the opening address was delivered by a little Miss, six years of age, a grand-daughter of Mr. Thomas Willis. There were choruses by the school, recitations and solos. Two drills, one by cadets, and another by the girls in Indian costume, were in charge of Col. Sgt. Howard Sharpe. The Apex Club of young ladies gave an evergreen will having been constructed by Miss Bell of Octavia Street School. Other beautiful features were an alphabetical concert by a mother and her 23 noisy children, marching and singing, a motion song "Rockaby, Baby" by the infant class and a drill and dialogue "Flurries and Snowflakes" by Mrs. Meek's class of girls, the marching and counter-marching being unexcelled. The pianist of the evening was Miss Florence Davis.

The unique event of the evening was the presentation by superintendent J. E. Walmey of ten watches to ten pupils who had given a perfect recitation of the golden texts for every Sunday of the year.

When the literary program was finished, Santa Claus arrived and was accorded a hearty and generous welcome. He presented a detailed story of his adventures by the way and ended by distributing presents with which the tree was laden for all the scholars besides those which teachers had distributed to their classes.

CITIZEN'S WOULD NOT TURKEY-TROT

So Turkeys Did—Sold all the Way From 50 to 20 cents Per Pound—Geese High.

Turkeys about noon today took a drop in price on the Belleville market. The long sustained high prices and the large quantities offered, had either had the effect of making intending purchasers resigned or of stocking the larders even at high figures.

The threatening dawn this morning saw the farmers on the main traffic roads and heard the rumble of democrats as the ruralists drove along to Belleville market. A fair proportion of the market bidding was not produced here, but it seemed to be numerous and bidding and buying seemed listless. While numbers of turkeys and geese bodies changed owners for the sake of huge sums of silver, many farmers looked on sales as so inevitable today. Some prices had been up as high as 30c per pound for turkeys and \$2.00 to \$2.25 each for geese. At a late hour the cutting began and around 12.30 p.m. and wide-awake citizens were picking turkeys up at the rate of 20c per pound, some hung on for 23c and some 32 birds even at that afternoon hour looked like 30c (per pound is meant).

Geese did not decline as rapidly but fowls and chickens are looking higher in price. The latter it is said have been much too low, and recently have suffered in competition with the victims of Christmaside—the turkey and the goose.

This being a special Christmas market butter was not to be expected, and naturally was as scarce as if it was not produced here. Butter was 30c per pound.

Mr. Chisholm of Rosebush, Mich., arrived here last night to visit friends in Thurlow.

Mrs. Wm. Terex and daughter, Miss Alice left at noon today for Napawa where they intend to reside for the winter.

DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS

owe their singular effectiveness in curing Rheumatism, Lumbago and Sciatica to their power of stimulating and strengthening the kidneys. They make these organs so thoroughly filter from the blood the uric acid (the product of waste matter) which gets into the joints and muscles and is not produced here. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills strengthen weak kidneys and Cure Rheumatism