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Archie McCorvie and L. Thompson were harvesting ice last week. The ice on the pond is about eight or nine inches thick and of good quality.

L. Carter was in Chatham on Sat

arday. Mr. Hopper moved into the new louse on Chicken St. last week. From the appearance of things now we may have a white Christmas this

The rain on Saturday night and the now on Sunday, being frozen, make

the sleighing very good.

Neil Watson is getting in a large stock of logs this season. He is taking advantage of the good roads. A number from here attended the concert in English's school house on Friday evening and report a good

time.
Chas, Osterhout is moving to Ridgetowa, where he intends taking a
course in telegraphy.
May the happy, glorious tidings
Of a Saviour born,
Bring to you fresh joy and comfort
On this Christmas morn.

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District Doings.

WALLACEBURG

Dec. 23.-Claude Chubb, Jno. Ner

and Young are spending Christmas in town.

The marriage of Mess Ella Frye and Mr. Michael MacNairnie took place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd, at the home of Mr. Wm. MacNairnie, Rev. J. M. Nichol officiated.

The Methodist S. S. are giving a cantata in the Opera House on Christmas night.

mas night.

Mrs. J. C. Crothers, who fell on the pavement a few days ago, is very much better.

The annual Christmas entertain-

ment was given at the Booth school house on the East Branch on Tuesday evening.

The Separate School concert was The Separate School concert was given in the Opera House on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd. A full house greeted the children, who did not disappoint them, but gave a very excellent program. The "Irish Tutor," given at the conclusion of the program, is certainly worthy of mention. A Christmas tree was given to the children.

When you want on artistic design, call up or visit Victoria avenue Green Houses. 'Phone 181.

TILBURY

Dec. 23.—Mrs. Baker, of Romney, left to-day to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hyatt, in Pontiac, Mich. Village schools closed yesterday for

an Church here last Sunday, and will gain occupy the pulpit next Sur

Dr. W. Boyd left on Monday for A Christmas service will be held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church next Sunday morning, a feature of which will be the singing of a Christmas carol by ten of the small boys of the

Miss Helen Younge, of the public school staff, left to-day to spend va-cation at her home in Sarnia. Wm. Carey was in Chatham Mon-

In our climate a fur coat prolongs life. It is a necessity. Does father or husband do any driving? Get him a coat. \$12 to \$50. We are closing them out cheap. Geo. Stephens & Co.

DRESDEN

Dec. 23.-A: B. Carscallen, of Wahterday.

Miss Grace Miller is assisting at W.
H. Willson's store for the holiday

rush.

Geo. Boylan, of Philadelphia, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Haley, is visiting his parents, Camden town-

is visiting his parents, Camden town-ship.

A largely attended and enthusias-tically representative convention was held in the Dresden opera house yesterday. The organization of the new riding was completed, and another meeting called for next Thesday, Dec. 29th, for the purpose of select-ing a candidate in the coming fed-eral elections.

ral elections.

The salvation army gave a chaldren's entertainment in the barracks last night.

Holidays in the Dresden schools

took part in the recent story competition of the Chatham Planet.

Dec. 24.—In Chatham, yesterday, John McKim, Base Line, to Miss Alma Card, 12th concession, Chatham townn After the ceremony the han ouple returned to the home of the bridegroom's father, Base Line, where a sumptuous wedding supper was par-taken of. Mr. and Mrs. McKim will take up their residence on the

take up their residence on the eleventh concession.

Miss Culvert, of Lucan, has been appointed to the vacant position on the public school staff.

Rav. N. Lindsay preaches at Hensall

on Sanday next.
Chas. Metzker has been succeeded as wine clerk at the Westcott House by Mr. George Blackburn, of Blen-

Mrs. C. H. Gordon is visiting rela-

Miss Dottie Lawrence, of the Otta-wa Kindergarten School, arrived at home last night for the Christimas holidays.

Mir. P. W. Currie, of Ottawa, is the

Mir. P. W. Currie, of Ottawa, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. (Riv.) N. Lindsay, Hughes street.
Robert Shaw is back from his season on the great lakes.
N. Hoppins, North Dresden, visiting friends and relatives in Kingston.
Miss Henderson, of Sparta, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Vm. McVean.
Mrs. J. A. Taylor is spending the ents.

ents. Mrs. Walter Merrill, who has been Mrs. Walter Merrill, who has been holidays in Forest, visiting her parthe guest of Mrs. W. Rubel, returned to her home in Windsor yesterday.

Mr. Warren Martin, of Chatham, will conduct services in the Presbyterian church, both morning and evening on Sunday next.

The Methodist S. S. enterta ment will be held to-morrow, Friday, evening, in the Grand Opera House.

F. A. McKim was in Chatham last night on business.

Neil Munn, who is well known in Dresdem is spending his Christmas vacation with his sister, Mrs. Albert Peters.

Special services will be held to-morrow, Christmas day, at 8 and

Special services will be held to-corrow, Christmas day, at 8 and 1 o'clock in the morning. Parnell Mahoney, who is attending chool at Sandwich, is home for baristmas. Walter Jeffs, of the Ontario Dental College, is home for the holidays.

BLENHEIM

Dec. 23.—Posters are out calling for the nomination of reeve and four councillors for the Township of Harwich, the nominations to take place on December 28, '03.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Baptist church takes place on December 24th. The principal entertainer will be Mr. C. Newman, of Crown Moving Picture and Concert Co. One of the principal features of the evening will be the picture of the famous Passion Play.

Miss Laura Shaver has returned from visiting friends in Detroit.

Mr. Hector Carmichael, of Jackson, Mich., and Mrs. Les Appleford, of Walfaceburg, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carmichael.

Robert Wodehouse, of Toronto Medical College is home for the Christmas holidays.

The annual Christmas concert of S. S. No. 17, took place yesterday ternoon. It was a hupe success. The children did their respective parts well, The numbers most, worthy of mention were the solders' drill and the choruses by the whole school. At the close of the concert Miss Nata Bounsall was presented with a ruby ring and card, and the following address:

Dear Teacher.

We the scholars and friends of S. S. No. 17, Harwich, feel that we would like to express our appreciation, in some tangible form of your untaing like to express our appreciation, in some tangible form of your untaing efforts to advance our school. You have been regular in your attendance, when not prevented by sickness, coming in all kinds of weather, sometimes when few scholars were there and even giving of your own time after school hours, and on Saturdays when occasion required. We therefore beg you to accept this ring and card, as a slight token of our respect for you.

card, as a second for you.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and that you may long be spared to be successful in your chosen calling.

Signed by NELLIE McMILLAN, STUART McBRAYNE.

STUART McBRAYNE, Mr. and Mrs. G, J. Gibb and famly leave to-day for Toronto, to spend the holidays with Mr. T. S. Arnold. BLENHEIM.

Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Vivian left yesterday for Ann Arbor, Mich., to spend Christmas with their daugher, Mrs. C. Case. Glen Crookshanks, of Trinity Med-

ical College, Toronto, is home for the Christmas vacation.

The annual Christmas entertain-

The annual Christmas entertainment of Huffman's Corners Methodist Church took place last evening and was a great success.

The Mull Social Club held their fortnightly dance on Tuesday evening. A good crowd was present.

Trinity Church S. S. entertainment and Christmas tree was held last evening. It was well attended and went off successfully. The Hidjah deill by the girls and the little order in their pantomime took well with the audience.

Nominations take place Dec. 128.
C. W. Graham, of Milwaukeel is spending the holidays with relatives

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Biggar, of Cilgary, Alberta, are here for a three months, visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thompson, of Simooe, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Burse, for

this and Mrs. P. Burse, for Christmas, i Mr. Anderson leaves to-day for Toronto to spend his vacation. He expects to bring his family when he returns.

Hair brushes, clothes brushes, military rors, in ebony and natural woods, suit-able for Christmas presents, at Rid-ley's Drug Store.

FLETCHER.

Mr. J. Clemens will be a partner with Mr. Hoy in his new stand.

Mr. A.G. Robertson, D. S. Young
and C. Hawkins attended a very sucessful card party at George McKay's.
Mr. Thomas has purchased a new

phaeton,
Mr. Joseph Lefaive and Ed. Perrie
will give a private dance at A. Odlaw's, on Christmas night.
Mr. McHardy shipped a carload of
stock to Toronto Saturday last,
Mr. Wm. Robertson has purchased
a new horse from G. Hope.
Mr. Abe. Skippen shipped five car-



The nousewife who does not use

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is at a disadvantage. She cannot get the same perfect work from any other.

loads of hay last week. Mr. N. Kelly is on the sick list. The ratepayers of R. C. S. S. No. 4, have decided to build a new separate school, No. 3, between the fifth and sixth concessions, Tibury. Thomas Bean had a successful taffy pull at Mr. Thomas Druce's last Friday evening. Mr. Frank Finn spent Sunday at Mr. D. Griffin's.

The municipal council of the township of Howard met at the township hall, Saturday, Dec. 5th, as per adjournment. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting and of court of revision on Watterworth and Campbell drains were read and confirmed. A pair of otter fur gauntlets were left in the general waiting room of the C. P. R. station last evening. A

DOWN THE RIVER.

The annual Christmas entertainment will be held at St. Thomas church Christmas Evel. Everybody

Welcome. William Turner left for England William Turner left for England last Tuesday.
Miss Lena, Newkirk is visiting friends in Chatham this week.

Jam's Fleming is improving the buildings on the McGarvin farm, which he has purchased.

Mr. John and Miss ladelaids Johnston in Lend spending their holidays in Bay City.

ston in lend spending their holidays in Bay City.
William Stephenson has finished shreddings a line lot of corn.
The fishermen, we understand, are enjoying a good catch just now.
Election chart is the order of the day, and, we believe, Mr. Geo. King, our present councillor, will be in the field next year.

Master Willie Newkirk will finish his term at the C. C. I. next Wednesday, when he expects to take a good position in Dilroit.

Cigars in Christmas boxes, of ten and twenty-five, from Je up, at Red-ley's Drug Store.

LOUISVILLE.

We are losing one of our much re-pected citizens in the person of Mr spected citizens in the person of Mr. Maroni Traxler, who is going to the State of Iowa. He has sold his farm

State of lowa. He has sold his farm to a Mr. Findley, of Charing Cross, whom we hope will prove as good a citizen of our burg. Mr. John Winters and Mrs. Albert Bedford was away on Sunday attend-ing the funeral of their brother, Mr. Winters, of Dover.

Mrs. (Rr.v.) Buckborough is away in Woodstock, attending the funeral of her brother-in-law. Our teacher. Mr. Walker, is spendng his Christmas holidays with his

ing his Christmas holidays with his parents at Teeswater.
Several of our young people are entering into the blissful state of matrimony for Christmas, On the 16th inst, Mr. Frank Williston and Miss Jennic Roid; also Mr. A. E. Van Horn and Miss Maud B. Williston were united. Rev. Mr. Noble performed the double ceremony.

Mr. H. J. Merritt & Son, are doing a Afr. H. J. Merritt & Son, are doing a rushing business in the mercantile line these days.

The Louisville gun club have elected their officers for the season, and built a new club house on the old shooting grounds, and expect to have their regular shoot on Tuesday 22nd.

The smow fall has made very nice sleighing, therefore the merry jingle of the sleigh bells is heard oncomore.

or the stag.

more.

At Mr. Traxler's sale on Friday Mr.

Alf. Merritt purchased the fast "DarAkey Boy" mare. So if will not take
him long to go to Chatham now.

Nothing nicer for the small boy the big man than a nice pocket knife dor Christmas. How about skates, silver plated, nickelled or polished steel?

TURNERVILLE.

The Lindsay Road Church should be illed on Sunday night to listen to the beautiful anthem that will be render-

beautiful anthem that will be rendered by the choir.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor is a young man of great and rich promise is devoutly spiritual, a scholar and a gentleman, and his stay on this circuit will, we hope, be attended with results.

Don't forget the Sunday school entertainment at the school house on the eve of the 25th. you would like to have sent to your home, subscribe for The Planet, The Planet of Kent.

Planet of Kent.
Albert Shaw, a brother of Samuel
Shaw, of this town, died in Dawn Tp.
on Friday morning. Quite a number
from here attended the funeral on
Sunday.
William and Edward Salesbury, of
Marina City returned home to spend

Marine City, returned home to spend Christmas with friends in this neigh-berhood. borhood.

Mrs. Russell Ripley, of School Ave., presented her husband with a fine daughter.

WABASH.

The school concert, which was held here on Dec. 18th, was a grand success. The school room was tastefully decorated with everigreens and tissue paper flowers. The program consisted of choruses, tableaus, drills and recitations. Mr. Howat, from Thamesville, acted as chairman, The tree was well filled with nice presents. The proceeds amounted to \$32. We are glad to see Stella Trahone out again after her illness. Georgie Marsh is recovering from a fever.

Mrs. George Wilcox died on Friday morning after many months illness. The funeral takes place on Monday t one p. m.

Joe Blackmore preached in the
L. D. S. church a few nights dast

GLENWOOD.

Miss Sarah Palmer, of Kingsville, has been spending the past week with her sister, Miss Lou Palmer.

Miss Aggie Shepley very pleasantly entertained a number of young people, of this village, and Merlin, last Friday evening. Games and refreshments were indulged in, and a very pleasant time spent by il present.

Miss Alice Estabrook, of Tilbury, is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Miss Beatrice Anderson, of Comber, was the guest of Miss Lou Palmer, on Saturday and Sunday.

Township Councils,

HOWARD COUNCIL

suitable reward will be paid for their return to this office. COMMUNICATIONS

From Geo. M. Baird, clerk, Harwich, stating that the council of Harwich had left the adjustment of the Alex ander drain in the hands of the referee; also, stating that he had received the communication re the above drain to the effect that Heward was willing to abandon Harwich's assessment in said drain, and as theireeve is willing to accept same, has asked the referee to have same withdrawn.

From Matthew Wade, pathmaster, Div. No. 56, certifying that in making his returns, he had by mistake charged the following persons with unperformed statute labor, and wished the council to refund same: Jss. Johnson, E. Hall, I. Duck, W. K. Wood, J. F. Suteliffe, John Smith and Jas. Wiggins \$2 each, Sarah Higgs \$1 and William Elliott \$1.

From Elliott & Co., returning order for \$45.89, claiming that such amount of

From Elliott & Co., returning order for \$45.80, claiming that such amount was not sufficient for the amount of

was not sufficient for the amount of sewer pipe received.

From James Holmes, county court clerk, stating that the referee, had filed his report on the McGregor oreek and Buller drains, and that there is payable thereon for law stamps \$24.

From Henry Watson, clerk of Orford, enclosing copy of judgment on the McGregor oreek and Buller drains reducing Orford's assessment on the McGregor creek to \$120 and on the Buller drain to \$550, also stating that in order for them to secure said judgment paid Mr. Shully for copy of evidence \$217.40, and for law stamps and copy of judgment, \$26.50, making a sotal of \$243.90.

From Allan Atkinson, in reference to tile on con. 7, claiming insufficient outlet.

From W. E. Best, in reference to dog

From W. E. Best, in reference to dog tax, claiming that he had no dog, wishing refund of same.

REPORTS

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From David Wilson, commissioner on the Cruickshank drain, stating he had same completed at a cost of \$200, being \$31.90, below the estimate; had also met on a drain under the D. & W. Act and came to an agreement on same, the municipality's portion of cost, \$22.50.

From A. F. Campbell, reeve, reporting that he had met at Morpeth under the D. & W. Act and do come to an agreement; all parties interested were willing to construct their portion of drain.

willing to construct their portion of drain.

From John Cain, township engineer, stating that in his opinion two tile, one 10 inch and one 12 inch, will be necessary to carry and give a free outlet to the water coming into said Campbell and McDiarmid drain, also consider that it would be of great benefit to M. Campbell and also to the road, as it would do away with the culvert and railing on Erie street.

The following persons addressed the council:

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W. Mowbray, T. Fritz, W. Atkinson, M. Martinson and D. Leitch in reference, to the amount of taxes on the Anderson drain, claiming that the drain was sold below the estimate and that, if the commissioner had made a blunder they should not be held liable and asked the council to refund the amounts as appearing on the collection roll.

roll.

W. Walters, in reference to dog tax appearing against his lot; Morpeth, claiming that said dog belonged to his tenant.

M. Campbell, in reference to drain crossing Eric street from his lot, wishing council to put tile in their portion of drain.

ACCOUNTS. A. F. Campbell, 1 day D. & W. \$2; H. Spencer, tiling on Erie street, \$1.75; W. Simpson, load of listings for hall, \$1; Ellaott & Co., tile, \$128.26; Plaindealer, publishing by-law Watterworth drain, \$14; J. Hitch, tile \$65.87; Thos. Scane, survey Brown drain and assistance, \$21; Jehn Cain, award Miller, Anderson, Grant, Campbell and McDiarmid drains, \$14; Geo. McDonald, serving ratepayers Watterworth drain, \$2.

RESOLUTIONS. Brien-Williams-that the accounts be paid and charged to their several accounts, with the exception of Elliott & Co.-Carried. Williams-Brien-that A. Martinson

St Co.—Carried.

Williams—Brien—that A. Martinson be refunded \$8 on tile drain debentures, & w 1-4 lot 4, con. 2.—Carried.

McLarty—Wilson—that the -Mc-Cormick Bros. be given an order for the amount of \$14.12 for rate charged against; them on the Cruickshank drain, as they have already paid the treasurer the same.—Carried.

McLarty—Wilson—that J. Buller be refunded \$1 in dog tax.—Carried.

W. Hilson on the Cruickshank drain be received and Wm. Scafe be paid the balance due on drain, and D. Wilson be paid his commission as per by-law.—Carried.

Williams—Brien—that the clerk request W. E. Best to forward schedule of assessment before Dec. 15th; as he is assessed for a dog on roll.—Carried. Williams—Brien—that the report of At F. Campbell on D. & W. Talbot street be adopted, also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street he adopted, also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street be adopted, also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street he adopted also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street he adopted also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street he adopted also that of D. Wilson on Talbot street north and south, lots \$5 and \$6, and they be paid as per report.—Carried.

McLarty—Wilson—that the treasurer be instructed to make out detailed financial statement, itemizing money expended by commissioners in each electoral division, and not in bulk sum, and have 200 copies printed for distribution.—Carried.

McLarty—Wilson—that the clerk notify Harwich council is willing to relieve them of all assessment on said drain if they see fit to accept it, and we will deal with the engineer in regard to changes, but not with the referee nor M. Wilson, and will not be responsible for any extra expense incurred.—Carried.

Brien—Wilson—that the court of revision on watterworth drain as per adjournment.

Watterworth drain as per adjournment.

Brien-Wilson-that the court of revision now close.—Carried.

Brien-Wilson-that the court of revision on the McGregor creek and Buller drain be adjourned till Dec. 15 at 2 and 2.30 o'clock respectively.—Carried.

Wilson-McLarty-that D. McAlister be paid \$75, \$55 for allowance on old drain and \$20 for culverts. W. J. Cruickshank be paid \$54. \$42 allowance on old drain and \$12 for culverts John Murray, \$6.40, allowance on old drain. Bridges and culverts on the Cruickshank drain to be built and maintained by the above parties as per engineer's report.—Carried.

Williams—Brien—that the communication of M. Wade, pathmaster, be received and that the parties be refund-

Welcome to Christmas.

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Welcome to Christmas: while business waits on the universal joy we stop the wheels of trade to extend the Compliments of the Season. This store has done its work and done it well. It will be closed all day to-morrow. Now while the holiday spirit is on the earth let us unite with you in good wishes and good will and help to swell the melody of the bells as they ring it out.

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ing pieces suitable for gifts Reed Rockers—\$2 50, \$3.75, \$4.56. Wood Rockers—Golden Oak and Ma-hogany, \$3.75, \$4, \$5, \$7.50, \$8; Weath-ered Oak \$8. Cobbler Rockers-\$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75

Upholstered Rockers, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$6,

Reed Chairs, \$4.50, \$9.75. Fancy Upholstered Chairs, \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$15. Leather Chairs and Morris Chairs \$10, \$40, \$50. McDONALD & CO.

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*********************** ed amounts as per request.—Carried.
Williams—Brien—that the council
adjourn to meet Dec. 15, 1903, at 10 a.
m., for general business.—Carried.
GEO. McDONALD. Clerk.

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