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The Grand Trunk have added another lot of the handomely built first class coaches to their already up-to-date equipment. Already during the past year some fifty of these modern cars have been built and placed in service, taking the place of some of the older coaches, and these new cars have been greatly admired by all who see them. Everything that science, experience and skilled labor can do has been brought into requisition to make these new coaches perfect in every detail, and great credit is reflected on the Grand Trunk shops at Point St. Charles, where the present lot of cars were turned out. In completeness of detail, artistic workmanship, appointments and finish, they surpass anything of their kind yet built in America, and, in fact, it would be hard to equal them in the world.

The new cars form part of what is known as the 800 series, and consist of wide vestibule order, 35 feet long, with four-axle trucks, making the riding of the cars easy, and with the least possible jolting effect. The cars are equipped with Westinghouse quick-action triple brakes and air signals. A special feature of the cars is the peculiar construction of the platform, which is built of steel, and an adjustable covering is arranged over the vestibule, making the whole platform vestibule, by this means dust is excluded, and perfect safety to passengers on the platform is assured. The vestibule is also lighted with a powerful light, which though unusual is a most convenient appointment.

The total weight of these coaches is 72,100 pounds each, and they have each a seating capacity for 72 passengers. There are 20 windows on each side of the cars, fitted on the outside and inside in Gothic iron-structure in oak and mahogany combination. The interiors are finished in quartered oak, and are extremely handsome. The seats are Grand Trunk standard reversible pattern, upholstered in crimson plush. The other trimmings are of exquisite design in bronze. A large and comfortable smoking room with a seating capacity for eight passengers is provided where the lovers of the fragrant weed can enjoy their smoke with luxurious ease and comfort. The saloons are fitted with the latest devices to make them as near perfection as possible. The sides of the cars are carpeted with Brussels, and linoleum covers the floor in the compartment. The closets are self-heating and separate lavatories are provided for ladies. The cars are heated by steam, and the ventilating arrangements are ample and satisfactory. The total ensemble of these handomely built coaches is one of elegance and everything about them wears an air of ease and comfort.

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GEORGE AND GRIM

They Spend Christmas Together in the Northern Woods.

An Interesting and Chatty Letter From an Old Friend George C. Rankin.

To the Planet.—One of the conditions in life in which one will persevere is the occupation of writing for occupation's sake, is to be alone in these woods, clothed in the silent stillness of their winter garb, with no other domestic companion within three miles of one than a cat, a rabbit, a very clever, fawn colored, handsome, aristocratic looking cat, whose name in full is "Grim Logie." He was given me last winter as a New Year's present at a time when he was in the callow state of half grown cathood, and I was sick almost unto death. I therefore called him "Grim." "Grim" consequently may be regarded as his Christian name, while his sobriquet of "Logie" is his surname and was earned after the manner of the knights errant of old in their way of extermination and because he has repeatedly shown that he can reason within himself from cause to effect as well as any other knight errant. One night last summer I heard him jumping about playing or scuffling with something in the lean-to shed at the rear of this cabin, and on going out to see what the row was about, I found that he was playing with a half grown rabbit which was just in the last throes of death. I took it away from him and gave him a saucer of milk, which out here in the bush is a great luxury to him. Since then he has caught two more rabbits and at least a dozen red squirrels and chipmunks and one weasel (a thing I never heard of being caught by a cat before) and everyone of these he has brought to me with an expectant look as if he would say: "See here, what are you going to give me for this?" Of course I always trade with him by taking the animal away from him and giving him something that he'll eat or drink in lieu of it, and make a point of congratulating him upon his prowess and perspicacity. But notwithstanding all this cleverness on the part of Mr. Grim Logie, he can't talk English, and that is rather a drawback to his partner who wouldn't mind at this particular moment bailing any fellow that might happen along with a "Merry Xmas" and "A Happy New Year," who could answer back in any kind of vernacular to the same effect. Just as this particular moment Master Grim is in an abnormal state of excitement, as indeed he is in a state of excitement, and to such an extent that he's been several times "scattered" back to his chair and cushion beside the kitchen stove. This is due to the fact that he knows quite as well as his bipedal partner does that we're going to have roast partridge for dinner, and if there's anything he likes better than that is roast partridge with brown gravy and bread sauce.

ABOUT ELECTRIC ROADS.

But Father of Time! I didn't intend when I began this missive, to inflict upon you any reference to the cars and plans of the electric road project, and my desire to do so is chiefly prompted by an item which appeared in The Planet of the 30th ult., announcing the return of Mayor Smith from Buffalo, whither he had gone to negotiate "with capitalists for the construction of a radial electric road in this (Kent) county." But, I see on looking over the item again, that the Mayor is credited with saying that he had arranged with the afore-said capitalists that they were not to broach the subject to the city until after next year's council is elected, and this being the case, I think the suggestion I have to make looking to the construction of the proposed radial electric road is better left in abeyance until after the new council is installed in office. Meanwhile, I beg to observe that when Mayor Smith says, as he is further credited with saying in the item referred to, "These capitalists will look into the project thoroughly and if they can see any prospect of making a fair interest on their investment, they will undertake it," he is simply fetching coals to Newcastle in making such an announcement. Because he need not have gone beyond the limits of his own city to have found the sort of genius capitalist, (a universally common one) who would build the road if they could but be convinced that when it was built it could be operated with sufficient profit to ensure a fair return upon the investment. I respectfully submit that my own lamentably abortive efforts of two years ago to bring about a combination of conditions such as would lead to the carrying out of the enterprise amply proved this both as to local capitalists and to several other more conspicuous ones foreign to the city. However, before going further into the subject of the railway and offering the suggestion I have to make, as I said before, I shall wait until the new council is installed in office for 1940.

A FAMOUS TRIP.

In the meantime—at this moment—I am sadly reminded of the finale of my experience as a railway promoter at Chatham, and the work of super-erogation of mine enemies in sending Chief Young all the way up here into these woods in midwinter to escort me about to give evidence which in the most solemn way I had assured the press, the public and the lawyers on both sides of the prosecution of Ald. Bright, I did not have to give. It was a very humiliating, but under the existing circumstances could not have terminated otherwise than as it did—the disfigurement of the bitter little couple who sent the chief here on his abortive and withal perilous journey. One of the funny incidents of this famous journey was that The Planet, the Banner, and the Toronto Globe gave somewhat highly colored, not to say

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exaggerated, accounts of the perils and hair-breadth escapes of the chief was likely to encounter in the trackless snow and frost-bound regions which asperion upon its colonization roads and the winter hospitality of its citizens. His expected comrades, Dr. Sault Ste. Marie, that, headed by Mayor Biggins, (who as editor of The Pioneer, for forty years, has been ever watchful of Algoma's interests) they held a public indignation period of the "inverted year" water was still available as a fluid. If any of the representatives of the culprit papers had happened along about that time they would have unquestionably gotten a cold bath and wet reception—and I doubt not that if I as the primary, albeit innocent, cause of all the bother, had appeared upon the scene, they'd have pumped upon me, too. Altogether, the wind-up of my experience incidental to Chief Young's "perilous" journey to this hyperborean island, as the late Col. Prince was wont to call it, was anything but pleasant.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING.

It was annihilating, and following, as it did, the sometime cessation of work upon the project, I have been seriously crippled and well nigh left de combat. But my position is improving, thanks to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, and I have hopes for the future, as who should not who properly reveres and believes in the auspiciousness of this blessed Xmas day as an institution. Between the two disastrous experiences referred to my then condition is suggestive of a story I heard of a certain Irish dragoon in the present lamentable hour. He was a very brave fellow, and he was wounded and taken to the hospital, and he was asked how he was getting on. "Well, sir," he replied, "I have two wounds. I can't get them out, but I'll recover all right from the other war."

GEORGE C. RANKIN.

Gordon Lake, Ontario, Xmas Day, 1899.

HOWIE-TAYLOR.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Howie and Walter Hulme (Jim) Taylor, two of Chatham's favorites, was celebrated at the residence of W. C. Baxter, 21st Ave., Bensonhurst, New York, at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Wallwood, of the church of the Holy Spirit. The bride looked sweet in a travelling gown of dark blue broadcloth carrying a beautiful bouquet of pink and white roses, while the groom looked his genial self. The wedding was a very pretty one but quiet, only a few of the old Chatham friends of the couple being present. After the wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left amidst the usual shower of rice and good wishes for the future. The following Chathamites were present:—Mrs. Marenthette, Mrs. and Miss Garrett, Miss Peasey, Miss Morrice, Miss Baxter, Gerald Pegley, Torrence Peasey, Mr. Moore and Rev. and Mrs. Wellwood, of New York.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer, now generally observed by the churches everywhere, commences Monday, January 8th. The services here will be as follows:—Monday—Holy Trinity Schoolhouse; subject, The Necessity and Value of Prayer; speakers, Revs. Dr. McColl and R. McCosh. Tuesday—Park St. Methodist Church Schoolhouse; subject, The Christian in the World; speakers, Revs. F. H. Larkin and Robt. Sims. Wednesday—St. Andrew's Church Schoolhouse; subject, The Relation of the Holy Spirit to Church Work; speakers, Revs. R. W. Locke and Dr. Hannon. Thursday—Christ Church Schoolhouse; subject, Preparation for Service; speakers, Revs. Dr. Battisby and J. J. Ross. Friday—First Presbyterian Church Schoolhouse; subject, Bible Society Meeting; speakers, Revs. Dr. Hannon and Robt. Sims. A collection will be taken up at this meeting on behalf of the Bible Society.

HARWICH-TAX NOTICE

I will be at Geo. Stephens store, Chatham on Saturday Dec. 30th, and January 13th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to receive taxes. WILBER J. HUFFMAN, led 1m3w Collector.

Ask for Min. and take no other.

BRETTIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Miss Otley McGregor is somewhat better.

R. L. Gosnell, P. M., was in Chatham yesterday.

Mayor Peter Haggart and wife are visiting in Brantford.

There is no change in the condition of W. R. Fellows, sr.

W. H. McIntosh, of Comber, is in Blenheim visiting friends.

Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor, is visiting Mrs. Stephenson.

Ray Bill, of Chatham, is visiting John McCullough, Blenheim.

Mrs. J. M. Gardiner had a large social gathering on Christmas day.

John Glasford, of Chatham, was in Blenheim Thursday and Friday.

Miss Rena Langford, Kent Bridge, is visiting her brother, Dr. Langford.

Mrs. Jas. Springsteen, who recently returned from the Public General Hospital, is doing well.

Mrs. J. W. Gibson, wife of Town Clerk Gibson, is spending a few days in Florence.

Miss Josie Sterling and Harvey Hildreth were married by the Rev. Mr. McLaren this week.

Miss Lois Vester returned to Detroit to-day, after spending Christmas with her father.

Chas. Kitchen and his two daughters, of Chatham, spent Christmas with J. Kitchen, of this town.

G. N. Babcock, the popular druggist, entertained a number of friends at his pleasant residence last evening.

Geo. Breeze is selling out his stock of household effects and will remove to Colorado, where he will engage in business.

Mrs. W. H. Stevenson entertained a few friends Thursday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor.

Miss Gertrude Johnson has returned from Goshen, Ind. where she has been teaching singing in the public schools.

Arch. Samson reports that the Blenheim merchants all claim that they did an excellent business last week and were highly pleased.

John Bond, of the Old Street, was in Blenheim yesterday. Mr. Bond is still weak, but is recovering nicely from his attack of appendicitis.

The Ball Telephone Co. have completed their new line down the principal street. All the old poles have been replaced with new ones, quite high.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

Miss Ethel Newsum, of Detroit, who has been visiting her father, went to Wardsville to-day to spend a few days before returning to the City of the Straits.

The whole town is talking of a sensational case in which a Chatham man wanted to buy a number of acres near Wardsville, Blenheim, for alleged breach of promise.

Leary Bros., who have been disposing of a bankrupt stock in Blenheim for the past three or four months, are going to move to an eastern town shortly.

Miss Lena Newsum, who has been visiting her father, started for her home in Cookshire, Que., to-day. Miss Newsum will spend a few days in Wardsville on the way.

Baker and Confectioner J. M. Gardiner reports business good last week. On Saturday there was a regular bread famine, and by four o'clock it was impossible to get a loaf in town.

Sandy Robinson, who recently returned from the Klondike, broken down in health, is slightly improved. Dr. Story thinks that the Blenheim air will soon make Mr. Robinson his old self again.

The Blenheim Masonic lodge had an enjoyable supper at Pickering's restaurant last Wednesday evening. The L. O. F. will hold their supper at the same place next Wednesday night, and the Maccabees will also hold theirs at Mr. Pickering's establishment a week from Monday.

The public library board met on Thursday evening. There were present, Chas. Babcock, Chas. R. M. Thompson, Frank McLean, George M. Baird and C. L. VonGunsen. A number of accounts were passed and the books recently purchased were ordered paid to the amount of \$200.

Will Beaton has received a letter from his friend, Frank C. Powell, formerly in the employ of Dr. Holmes & McKeough, Chatham. Mr. Powell is in Dawson City and reports that his health is excellent. He is in the employ of Orr & Tukey, freight contractors, and receives \$5 a day and his expenses.

Librarian Deacon is highly gratified with the increase in the use of the number of books in the library. "We have a fine line of new books," said Mr. Deacon yesterday, "and these, with our present excellent range of books, makes one of the best reading rooms in this part of the county. Some of the new books added are, Social England, Napoleon the Third, by Archibald Forbes, Lowell's complete works, West African Studies, by Mary Kingsley, Life of Nelson, by Capt. Mahan, and The United Kingdom, by Goldwin Smith. These are only a few of the books, but they show the high class of literature read in Blenheim. The public library contains, besides a wide range of fiction, biographies and history, all the latest magazines and papers, and the institution is a credit to Blenheim."

All the municipal officers of Blenheim went in by acclamation, so that there is no contest. The great question, however, which is agitating the electors, is whether there is to be a night watchman or no night watchman. The business men are universally anxious to have a nocturnal constable, and the electors will be asked what they wish on New Year's day. One citizen speaking on the question, said: "The travelling public are surprised when they come to Blenheim to find that a town its size has no night watchman. It is a matter of some wonder to them to find that so many are opposed to the best interests of the town. A few public-spirited townsmen paid the watchman out of their own pockets this year. The merchants need a watchman to protect their business interests, and in

protecting those interests the welfare of the whole town is protected, since the business is the life of a place. The necessity for a guard at night is shown by last year's experience. The night watchman wasn't dispatched with for two weeks before the Powell bank safe was blown open. The same thing occurred in Dresden, when the Bank of Commerce was robbed. Another instance of the usefulness of a patrol was shown one night this week. A young fellow went into the livery stable of Tom McCallum in the McGregor block. He was in a badly confused state and filled the stove with blankets, harness, etc. The night watchman detected the odor of burning wool. He notified the proprietor, who went down and put out the blaze just in time to avert a disastrous conflagration. The merchants, who pay the heaviest part of the taxes, feel that they should reap some benefit from what they pay. The great majority of those opposed to the payment of the night watchman by the town are not tax-payers, and it seems hard that the bulk of the taxes, and also have to pay the night watchman. However, the people of Blenheim will themselves have the say on New Year's day, and they will no doubt give a good majority for the night watchman."

LADIES OF THE HOME MEET.

The ladies of the Home met Friday afternoon at the usual hour. It being the last meeting for this year, many extra accounts had to be settled. The ladies present were:—Meadames Stevens, Ferguson, Gardiner, Fleming, Tisaman, Tyhurst and Misses McColl, Kingston and Ryan.

The ladies who visited the Home, found everything on and about the place in good order. The inmates enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner prepared by the worthy matron, Miss Green.

The following accounts were ordered paid:—

Ward 1—W. Weaver \$1.
Ward 2—Edgar Putman \$2.75.
Ward 3—Edgar Putman \$12.45.
Ward 4—Mr. Dunlop \$1.
Ward 5—J. H. Hogart \$2.25.
Ward 6—W. F. Cornish \$6.60.
Ward 7—James Paul \$6.
Wards 1 and 5—Wood account, F. Johnston \$5.75.
Ward 2—Mr. Reddick \$1.50.
Ward 3 and 4—Chas. Badgley \$6.
Ward 4—R. Sluder \$4.25.
It was moved and carried that the same drymen continue the work for the year 1940.

Home accounts.

G. W. Cowan \$1.
T. H. Taylor & Co. 80 cents.
Mr. Marquardt \$1.
E. R. Snook \$16.25.
Public General Hospital \$12.50.
George Stevens \$37.17.
Water rates \$12.50.
J. C. Wankles \$2.63.
Central Drug Store 40c.
J. C. Wankles \$2.63.
Milk account \$3.
D. Gorrrie, \$5.
Christmas Cheer Disbursement.
J. McConnell \$5.72.
Edgar Putman 50 cents.
W. F. Cornish \$6.50.
Mrs. Graves \$5.00.
Fred Wood \$10.75.
No. 2 and 3 wards—Respectively \$5.50 and \$4.50.
Two burials \$19.
Re passes G. T. R. \$5.85.

Several kind friends have made Xmas donations to the Home.

Ladies who were appointed to visit the Home for January:—Meadames, Seane, Gardiner, Fleming, McDonald, Green, and Mrs. Tyhurst.

The regular routine business being transacted the meeting broke up with greetings and good wishes to all for the New Year.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Hours of Service.

First Presbyterian—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
St. Andrew's—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Holy Trinity—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
St. Joseph's, R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7 p.m.
Park St. Baptist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
In Dawson City and reports that his health is excellent. He is in the employ of Orr & Tukey, freight contractors, and receives \$5 a day and his expenses.

Church Notes.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied by the pastor in the morning and Rev. Vern Thompson in the evening.

Rev. R. McCosh, will conduct the services, preach on both occasions tomorrow.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ church meets every Monday night at 7.45.

Divine service is held in Christ church every Wednesday evening at half-past seven.

Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Sunday school and Mr. Rankin's Bible class at 3 in the afternoon.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist church will be occupied to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke.

Rev. J. J. Ross will preach on both occasions in William St. Baptist church to-morrow, and teach his Bible class in the afternoon.

High mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's church at midnight to-morrow.

Watch meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church to-morrow evening, beginning at 10.45. There will be three or four speakers, and the public are cordially invited. Morning and evening services as usual.

The music at the First Presbyterian church to-morrow will be the same as that rendered last Sunday, with the exception that instead of the solo sung by Miss Edna Martin Mrs. Cooper will sing "Judith."

ABOUT SALARY

The Recent Increase Was Just and Right.

Mr. Wilson Gives Some Facts Figures Concerning the Matter.

To The Planet.—A great deal has been said about the high pay teachers of our schools during the two weeks occasioned by the act of the trustees in raising the salaries of the teachers of the School. The argument of ex-salaries seems to be the sole trouble of the candidates who are posing those trustees who vote slightly but just and fair salaries of the teachers in whom I will name—

First, Miss Green, the director of the kindergarten, who formerly received the sum of \$400 a year about three years ago on account of the smallness of the class and the source from the mover and of the motion that if her class a respectable number in the school would just as willingly her former salary. She now averages \$250 with which is as large as is possible to teach, and the board her salary to its former figure carrying out the promises of the board.

Then with regard to Miss I. an Miss Thompson who are both fourth book classes: Each of their salaries to \$400 each amount paid to all teachers fourth book class in the past same as Miss Abram, of school, has had for years for class.

We will now take up the salaries of the model school, paying him \$550 up to two years ago certain members of the thought he should not receive than the principal of the Mc school and reduced his salary to \$400. But the trustees who voted to give him \$550 were not willing to give principal of the model school for his superior qualifications and for his position as teacher of the class which requires special attention in order that he may fill it.

Now the county and the government anticipate that model school, who must be high up in the profit shall be paid more than the principal of the public schools each gives a grant to model school as follows: The government of \$150; the county in which school is held, \$150. Then from each pupil in attendance from this we raised the sum of last year, making a total of \$1,500. From this amount we paid an extra salary of \$250 to the principal, making a total of \$1,750, thus leaving us \$250 over, which has been used from year to year for school purposes. Now, if we had model school we would not secure cent of the foregoing grants and I have pointed out that the grant given for the express purpose of raising the principal of the model school an extra salary. Now, if we at this \$280 to the salary of the principal of the school it just past, the last two years, \$320 per year salary, and by paying him \$100 which was voted at the meeting of the board, the county \$150, while the principal of the school costs the city \$500.

In the following list, taken from reports of the minister of education, will be found the salaries paid to model school masters in cities and towns similar to Chatham, which, considering the number in class and the amount of fees received, will make Chatham appear very small indeed have no doubt everyone giving matter any serious thought will conclude that the trustees, in making small increase were only doing what is just and right between rates and teacher.

A COMPARISON.

Hamilton, teachers in training, government grant and fees, \$450; salary of principal, \$1,300.
Brantford, 7, \$333, \$1,275.
London, 34, \$470, \$1,200.
Plantagenet, 18, \$396, \$1,200.
Berlin, 10, \$350, \$1,150.
Toronto, 39, \$496, \$1,150.
Kingston, 36, \$480, \$1,100.
Galt, 13, \$365, \$1,090.
Gananoque, 16, \$375, \$1,000.
Lindsay, 36, \$49, \$1,000.
Owen Sound, 2, \$430, \$1,000.
Perth, 34, \$470, \$1,000.
Port Hope, 15, \$375, \$1,000.
Prescott, 25, \$425, \$1,000.
St. Thomas, 16, \$380, \$1,000.
Stratford, 33, \$465, \$1,000.
Collingwood, 10, \$350, \$950.
Sarnia, 15, \$375, \$950.
Ingersoll, 6, \$335, \$950.
Barrie, 20, \$400, \$900.
Cornwall, 33, \$465, \$900.
Goderich, 25, \$425, \$900.
Ingersoll, 6, \$335, \$900.
Toronto Junction, 24, \$425, \$900.
Windsor, 22, \$410, \$900.
Woodstock, 14, \$370, \$900.
Chatham, 43, \$515, \$800.

—A. WILSON.

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