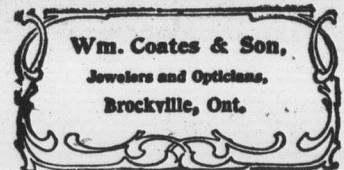


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**Local and General**

On Saturday a few cheese were sold in Brockville at from 11½ to 11¢.

—All photos will be finished at Falkner's Gallery before Xmas. Order now.

—Mr Sheldon Bullis of Vossen, Sask., is enjoying a visit with old friends in Athens.

—New Confectionery and Fruit, choice Xmas Candies—fresh Oysters direct from Baltimore.—Miss Addison.

Nominations for municipal representatives will be held on Monday, Dec. 30.

—High-grade chocolates, creams, bon-bons, caramels, etc., in package or bulk, at McClary's.

Mr (Dr) Lillie left Athens last week for a visit with friends in New York city.

A valuable horse belonging to James Kirkland, Forthton, dropped dead last week while at work.

—Buy a sensible Xmas present. See the handsome, reasonably priced dinner and tea sets at McClary's, and your choice is made.

On Wednesday last the marriage took place in Brockville of Miss Alice Stella Kilborn and Arthur J. Leacock, both of Frankville.

—Have you seen McClary's display of imported china goods—a combination of use and beauty that charms all beholders.

Mr Delbert Shook is home for the winter, after spending the season making cheese at Medicine Hat.

The provincial inspector says that the Central Prison and all the jails in the province are full. This is one of the first exhibits of lack of employment.

—Having sold out their hardware stock in bulk, Messrs. A. Taylor & Son offer at cost for cash all their Coats, Robes, Blankets, Washing Machines, Wringers, Stoves. See these articles.

The adv't of Mr. J. S. Moore, who has purchased the grocery business in the Rappell block, appears in this issue of the Reporter. His Xmas stock includes a line of fancy china-ware that is well worthy of inspection.

—The marriage of Miss Ruby Stevens, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rufus Stevens, to Mr Charles Lavelle Broley, manager of the Merchants' Bank, Delta, is announced to take place on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, at 8.30 p.m., at the home of the bride's parents there.

—The beautiful parlor lamps at McClary's are well worthy of inspection. As an Xmas gift, these can be relied upon to lighten, brighten and beautify the home, while giving an enduring pleasure to the recipient.

—Mr Gordon Eaton, on completing his term at the A.M.S., left for Grimshy, Ont., where his father recently purchased a fruit farm. Mr. Eaton is gifted with an exceptionally fine tenor voice, which was heard with pleasure on various occasions in Athens.

Mr Charles J. Greene, a former typist in this office, now on the staff of the Caron (Sask.) Enterprise, is visiting old friends here and at Oak Leaf. Like many others, Mr Greene is enamored of the West, and thinks there is no other part of the great prairie country quite so good as the Caron district. As a matter of fact, the crops in that district averaged well, and it was only on the heavy lands that any damage was done by frost.

—Mr G. A. McClary's annual importation of art china is now on display, and it excites the admiration of all visitors. Vases, casters, biscuit jars, water sets, porridge sets, trays, fruit, celery and salad dishes, besides many little boudoir articles, all show a refinement of art in coloring and design that is very pleasing. You will enjoy an inspection of these goods.

—The B.W. & N.W. Ry. Co. will issue single fare tickets between all stations on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24th and 25th, good to return Thursday, Dec. 26th; also on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Thursday, Jan. 2nd. Fare and one-third rates will be effective good going from Dec. 21st until 25th, returning Jan. 3rd; also good going from Dec. 28th until Jan. 1st, returning Jan 3rd.

Mr C. C. Slack excels himself in his poem published this week.

—See the winter Hats and Caps at A. M. Chassels'.

—Glassware at McClary's—never cheaper, never more beautiful—new designs.

Miss Annie Smith has gone on a visit to her brother at Kennett Square, Penn.

—Go to Falkner's Photograph Gallery now for your Xmas photos—no more acceptable gift for a friend.

Mrs W. Churchill of Grand Forks, N.D., is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs Silas Hamblin.

—See the package candies, chocolates, creams, and choice mixtures at McClary's.

Epworth League Monday evening. Topic: The Magnificat—a Christmas Song. Leader, Miss M. Hegerman.

You will probably find just what you want for Christmas enumerated or suggested in Kendrick's adv't this week. Read it.

The proposal to divorce the townships of Leeds and Lansdowne, which are united, Front and Rear, for municipal purposes, is being opposed. The Legislature will settle the question.

—Everything in Xmas groceries at McClary's. The ingredients for your Xmas cake and pudding are here, as well as all the dainty condiments, sauces, relishes, etc. required during the holiday season.

The pupils and friends of St. Paul's Presbyterian S. S. held their annual social on Wednesday evening last. An abundance of choice refreshments and an entertaining programme gave to all a delightful time.

—We have at the Woollen Mill a large stock of extra heavy all wool double blankets, size 72 x 90. Sheatings in all wool and union, 36 inch. Tweeds and all lines of flannels, also yarn in all colors.—JAS F. GORDON.

—Mr James McClelland, a native of Ireland, died at Forthton on Tuesday last at the home of his daughter, Mrs Kirkland, aged 78 years. Deceased had been engaged in mercantile business in Oswego, N.Y., until about a year ago, when he came to reside with his daughter. The funeral services will be conducted at the house on Thursday.

A great storm swept this district on Saturday evening. A heavy snow-fall, driven by a fierce wind, made travel almost impossible, and trading in the stores was practically suspended. Since then the weather has been mild, farmers have been prompt in breaking through the drifts, and now generally throughout the country good roads are reported. We seem likely to have ideal Christmas conditions.

Very interesting services were held by Evangelist Russell on Sunday last, in the Presbyterian church in the morning, in the Baptist church in the afternoon, and culminating with a great gathering in the Methodist church in the evening. Mr Russell is an eloquent, forceful, exceedingly practical speaker, and was heard with pleasure and profit. In the evening Rev E. S. Claxton, Rev Mr Scott, Rev I. N. Beckstedt, and Rev S. J. Hughes with their respective congregations joined in the services. Union services are being held every afternoon and evening this week.

Mr E. A. Gardiner of Regina has returned home for the holiday season.

Mr. Byard Johnston, a student at the A.H.S., is on the sick list this week.

Thus far the tubular boiler installed in the A.M.S. for heating purposes has given splendid satisfaction.

The A.H.S. students are this week struggling with their annual Xmas exam's, and, as usual, are provided with printed papers.

—Mr. D. Fisher has a stock of new cutlers, of latest design and finish, which he is offering at attractive prices. Call and inspect.

Mr Henry Stewart returned last week from his location in Saskatchewan and will spend the winter with his family in Brockville.

Christmas tree and entertainment of Trinity church S. S. is to be held on Monday evening next at the public school hall at 8.00 sharp. Admission 15c.

The Sunday School entertainment of Christ church to-morrow (Thurs) evening promises to be unusually good. Drills, choruses, dialogues, and recitations by members of the S. S. will more than fill an hour of amusement. Admission 15c. Programme to commence at 7.30.

—Abram Robeson of Hard Island passed away on Tuesday night at the age of 79 years. The funeral services will be conducted at the home of his son, George W. by the Rev S. J. Hughes of Athens on Thursday morning at 10.30. The burial will take place at Athens.

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