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WATFORD, DEC. 27, 1907.

The Outlook.

The outlook in Canada continues to brighten all along the line, says the British Columbia Saturday Sun. While industrial activity cannot be said to have again resumed full swing, there is abundant reason for believing that the present stringency will be of short duration.

The wheat crop is now moving freely, and at present prices, the prairie farmers are obtaining for their wheat quite as much money as in former years. Retailers under pressure of their wholesalers, are enforcing the prompt payment of their accounts. Many of these have been outstanding for two or three years, the debtors in the meantime buying more land. The result will be that even more cash will likely be diverted from this year's crop, into commercial channels than in previous years. The speculation in land has almost ceased and the farmers are now paying their bills. This will have a beneficial effect right along the line.

The present situation has caused a heavy slackening in buying the result being an almost demoralized assorted business. As a consequence stocks have accumulated on the jobbers' hands in Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal. These are being moved out at any price they will bring. The only evil result from this condition, however, will be a loss of profit on all fall assorting business and possibly more cautious spring buying by dealers throughout the country. No great harm, will accrue to anyone from this fact. The dealers will now be able to clean up their stocks, collect their accounts and, if they are wise, will wipe out the credit system, and put their business on a cash basis.

Construction on the G. T. P., is now expected to begin on an active and large scale, in this province in the very near future. This will not only absorb any surplus of labor which now exists in British Columbia, but will create a demand for thousands more.

The Canadian banks are gradually withdrawing their call loans in New York, but find themselves paid in clearing certificates often than in specie. The flotation of the Vancouver bond issue in England last week is favorably commented upon in the East as indicating a diversion of the stream of British capital to Canada for these issues. Others will now doubtless be offered in England instead of to Canadian houses as has been the practice in the past.

PLYMPTON.

Wm. McDougall, of Detroit, is spending Xmas with his brother John, con. 6.

Mr. Wm. Forester, of the G. T. R., Sarnia Tunnel, spent Christmas under the parental roof at Wanstead.

Mrs. (Dr.) Dewar and three daughters, Windsor, accompanied by Miss Nesbitt, are spending the Xmas holidays at Kertch.

Mrs. M. T. Donnelly, accompanied by Miss Donnelly, Kertch, left on Monday for Detroit to spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly.

Miss Esther Tait, of Petrolia, and Miss Louisa Tait, of London, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, 3rd con., Wanstead.

There is strong talk of John Forbes coming out as councillor. The temperance body would like to see opposition in the Council in order to give the question a fair trial.

The marriage of Miss Leach to Mr. Dan McKinley, of the 8th con., took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leach, townline, Plympton and Enniskillen, on the 18th inst.

The Literary entertainment held in the School House No. 8, Kertch, on Friday evening, 20th inst., was a great success. The school was filled to its utmost capacity and many had to go away. The entertainment consisted of dialogues, recitations and readings, vocal and instrumental music. The principal feature of the evening's program was an address and a beautiful present to the teacher, Miss McFarlane, who leaves with the regret of all.

BROOKE.

Miss Alice Scott Beattie is visiting friends in Brucefield and Seaforth.

D. Coristine and sister Lillian Coristine left Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays with their brother, J. H. Coristine teacher of the Storness public school.

Court Pearl No. 306, C. O. F. meets Tuesday night Dec. 31st. Members requested to be present. Election of officers and other important business. Come out and spend the last evening of the year in your Lodge room.

The death took place on Friday, of Mr. John H. Lucas, con. 12, after a long illness borne with true resignation. The funeral on Sunday afternoon was one of

the largest ever seen in the township, testifying to the high esteem in which deceased was held in the community. An extended obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

The death took place on Sunday after a lingering illness of Annie, beloved wife of Alex. Cran, con. 14. Deceased had been in failing health for some months. Deceased was highly esteemed in the community and her death is deeply regretted. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. The Rev. E. B. Horne conducted the service. Mrs. Cran is survived by her husband and two young daughters, the eldest being 11 years of age.

The prize lists are now out and ready for distribution for the County Winter Poultry Show to be held at Inwood. Over a hundred dollars will be offered in cash prizes as well as a long list of silver cups, medals, etc., besides the regular cash prizes. The show will be held on the last three days of January 1908, and a large entry has already been promised. Mr. A. H. Graves, of Inwood, the secretary, reports a big call already for prize lists from points all over Western Ontario.

ARKONA.

J. Hockin visited his son in Chicago this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamsou, Watford, spent Christmas at S. Waterman's.

Wm. and Miss Flossy Johnson, Arkona, spent Christmas with friends at Marlette, Mich.

C. W. Lucas attended the funeral of his brother, the late J. H. Lucas, of Sutorville, last week.

Rev. T. W. Charlesworth, of London, formerly of Arkona, will occupy the Baptist Church pulpit, Alvinston, during the winter months.

Reeve Jaynes and J. Jackson are probable candidates for the Reeveship. The contest is always close and the race for 1908 will be a hot one.

Thos. Oakes, Watford, spent Christmas with his brother, Alex. Oakes, Tommy, being from a small town, the sights of a great city dazzled his eyes.

The power plant is working smoothly and everybody is delighted. Many visitors have come from a distance to see the plant. There will be something doing when the electric railway gets under way. Arkona is it.

CHOP STUFF.

Shield Bros., shipped nine carloads of lumber from the Alvinston G. T. R. station to the old country last week.

Edmund Weld, barrister, of London, has been appointed clerk of the crown for the county of Middlesex, to succeed the late Col. John Macbeth, who died some months ago.

The grand jury at Middlesex December sessions recommended a new bible and a closet for the jury room, and that the pay of jurors be increased from \$2 to \$3 a day on account of the raise in hotel rates.

The fact is not generally known that maple syrup can be made as well in the fall as in the spring. Martin Roberts, a farmer of London township, tapped 200 trees on December 9th and a good run of sap was the result.

A revolting story of cruelty comes from Stratford. It seems that a farmer took a 14-year-old girl from the Children's Aid Society and abused her in a shameful manner. The case is being investigated by Rev. C. A. Miller, agent for the society.

Jas. Aitkens, of Enniskillen, broke his arm Saturday while sitting in his chair in his home. He swung his arm around to scare the cat and struck it against the furniture in such away as to break the bone which was very brittle from age.

Phil. McKaig, formerly a photographer in Port Huron, now a mining engineer living at Auburn, Cal., was in that city last week calling on old friends. He was en route home after spending about a year in the Cobalt mining district of Ontario;—Port Huron Times. Mr. McKaig is an old Petrolia boy and his many friends hereabouts will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying a lucrative situation in California.

Last week Dr. Chalmers, assisted by Drs. McAlpine and C. O. Fairbank operated on S. G. Jackson and removed a common pin from his appendix. Mr. Jackson had swallowed the pin when he was only eight years old and it had remained in him for thirty-two years. It troubled him slightly occasionally but gave no serious trouble till about last April when it formed a large abscess. The abscess was removed but the healing did not progress satisfactorily, but as the cause of the trouble is now removed it is hoped that he will soon be in good health again.

A New Trolley Line.

Stratford, Dec. 22.—One of the first direct results of the success of the Rock Glen power plant on the AuSable River, which is now in operation near Arkona, will be the construction of a trolley line from Arkona to Sarnia.

Strongest Navy Supreme.

London, Dec. 22.—Wm. T. Stead, the editor of The Review of Reviews, in an article in The Daily Mail, justifying his recent advocacy of Great Britain's replying to the German's naval program by laying down two Dreadnaughts for every one of Germany's brands argues that Germany had weakened instead of strengthened her position in the world by building a fleet, because the whole German navy virtually is a hostage in the hands of a strong naval power.

"For any power to have a fleet on the high seas, says the writer, which is not the strongest fleet afloat, is an increase not of strength, but of vulnerability."

We wish all our Friends and Customers

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SWIFT BROS.

Big Clear up of Holiday Goods
This Week. No Goods Put
Away. Everything Possible
Sold Regardless of Cost.

SWIFT BROS.

TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK.

STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1907 to December 15th

| RECEIPTS | |
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| Total Receipts from all sources | \$ 34671 92 |
| EXPENDITURES. | |
| 1907 | |
| General Fund | 10192 93 |
| Div. No. 1, Jno. Ravecraft, commissioner | 328 41 |
| " 2, E. A. Edwards, " | 681 69 |
| " 3, Peter Graham, " | 540 06 |
| " 4, Wm. Hall, " | 461 16 |
| Salaries | 788 83 |
| Board of Health | 11 50 |
| Charities | 259 45 |
| The Drains | 534 24 |
| Local Drains | 2061 35 |
| School Sections | 6806 31 |
| Legislative Grant to Schools | 1172 20 |
| Sheep Killed by Dogs | 36 01 |
| Special Grant to Schools | 105 90 |
| County Rate | 3000 00 |
| School Debentures | 2010 44 |
| Total | \$28956 49 |

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

| ASSETS. | |
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| Due by collector, (about) | \$ 1060 30 |
| Cash on hand, Dec. 16, 1907 | 6229 13 |
| Total | \$7289 43 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Due Schools | \$ 2592 32 |
| Collector's salary | 75 00 |
| Peter Graham's salary | 55 00 |
| on County Rate (about) | 1373 25 |
| on Local Drains | 735 86 |
| Total | \$4831 43 |

R. AULD, Reeve. E. MCGILLICUDDY, Treasurer.

Warwick, Dec. 16th, 1907.

The year just past has been the most successful in the history of our firm. During the year to come we will maintain our high standard of quality, coupled with moderate prices, and will strive to merit a continuance of your highly esteemed patronage.

T. B. TAYLOR & SONS.

BORN.

In Stratford, on Dec. 22nd, 1907, the wife of Edgar Kerton, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

At Sykeston, on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1907 by the Rev. E. C. Currie, Alexander Kirk to Miss Mary Norwood, both of Moore Township.

In Dawn Township, on Dec. 11th, 1907, at the Methodist Parsonage by the Rev. Wm. Baugh, Mr. Robt. J. Reid, of Sarnia, to Miss Agnes Baker, of Dawn.

DIED.

In Brooke, on Sunday, December 22nd, 1907, Annie, beloved wife of Alexander Cran, in her fortieth year.

In Brooke, on Friday, December 20th, 1907, John H. Lucas, aged 49 years, 13 days.

On Saturday, Dec 7th Leah Lucas, aged 90 years, at his home, corner of base line and 11th con. Chatham Tp.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 8th, 1907, at the home of his brother-in-law, Jas. Stinson, con. 5, Dawn Tp., Robt. McBrean, aged 56 years.

In Stratford, on Tuesday morning, December 24th, 1907, Silas Denray, aged 58 years and 3 days.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WANTED—Any quantity of basswood heading. Highest cash price paid.—M. A. LAWRENCE. d20-2t

COMFORTABLE rooms for two or four H. S. students. Apply to Mrs. E. Lambert, near the High School. d20-2t

DR. GIBSON needs money and respectfully requests parties indebted to him to settle their accounts before 1908.

WANTED—A middle aged woman to keep house for elderly gentleman. For particulars apply to "Ellwood Place" Queen's Ave., London.

LOST—Between Watford and Warwick on Monday evening a spring seat for a wagon. Finder please drop a card to Geo. Prince, Warwick P. O.

WANTED—Agents in every city for Canada's Humorous Weekly. Liberal commission.—THE WHITE LYRE, DERNEN BLDG., Toronto. d27-13

CARD OF THANKS.—The family of the late John H. Lucas, of Brooke, wish to express their heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown during his long illness which will be gratefully remembered.

CUSTOM SAWING—The undersigned have purchased the McLeay saw mill and have filled it up with a new boiler and engine. They are prepared to do custom sawing of all kinds in a prompt and satisfactory manner.—ROWLAND AND DORMAN. d20-2t

Man Buried Alive.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Jean Lachiez, a shepherd, aged 65, of the village of Saint Aubin, near Dijon, was found in bed, to all appearances dead, guarded by two dogs, who would not at first allow anybody to approach.

A doctor pronounced the shepherd dead, and issued a burial certificate. The burial took place yesterday, but the coffin had scarcely been lowered into the grave when there was a loud knocking sound from it and stifled cries.

The coffin was immediately brought up again and opened, whereupon the old shepherd sat up. He was conveyed back to his home, but the shock was so great that he died during the night.

T. E. Freight Business.

The freight business during the Christmas season this year has been heavier than it ever was before," said Freight Agent Gordon, of the G. T. R., Saturday. "Our rush is pretty well over just now and things will be quieter for a few days."

"London wholesale men have done an enormous business and are sending goods all over the country. Large quantities of goods have been received also, and as far as I have heard the merchants are all prosperous. Certainly none of the wholesalers are complaining."—Advertiser.