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FANCY

Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, is reducing salaries. Rev. Dr. Lyle's drops from \$4000 to \$3400.

Christian Schauer, jr., Treasurer of the Nation's Bank for Saving in Allegheny, Pa., was found dead, hanging in the Allegheny symnasium Tuesday morning. His books were all right. A lot of American banks are failing. David V. Ranger, of Ottawa, for tam-pering with Hiram Walker & Sons' whiskey, was Tuesday fined one hundred dollars.

whilstey, was idestay fried offering dollars.
While hunting with the Meynell hounds Tuesday, Mr. Chaplin, formerly president of the British Board of Trade, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured.
Richard Falk, a 14-year-old son of Dr. Frederick Falk, one of the leading physicians of Indianapolis, is dead from a knife stab in the heart, for which Thomas Hanns, ir., the 16-year-old son of Thomas Hanns, ex-Lieutenant-Governor, is responsible.

DRBES-At Hespeler, on January 2nd, the wife of George D. Forbes, of a son. LOCAL NEWS.

Wm. A. Gay, successor to H. Walke & Son, Family Grocer and dealer i all kinds of fruit, fish, oysters, etc. Sarnia Post: Miss Ada Waters, of Guelph, is the guest of her sister, Mrs W. J. Sharpe, Vidal street.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford returned from Scotland, Ont., last night. He left this morning for Toronto to visit his mother who is very critically ill. Judge Chadwick, Warden Han R. Wissler are auditing the ustice accounts today.

Progress Lodge, I. O. O. F., install thei officers tomorrow night. Past D. D. G M. Hewer will conduct the ceremony. Miss Viola Humphrey, and E. P. San lers, of Buffalo, are visiting Mr. and irs. Sanders, at the Central Hotel.

Mrs. P. Hartnett, who has been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital for the past three weeks, is improving very favorably. Mr. Charles A. E. Harris, Madan Albani's manager, arrived in Guelph th morning, and is registered at the We lington. Madame Albani may arrive thi evening.

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By an oversight a prayer meeting was nnounced for Chalmers Church this nnounced for Chalmers Church this vening. Owing to the Week of Prayer ervice in Norfolk St. Church tonight, here will be no meeting in Chalmers busch

Great sale of fancy goods till 1897 Iseful and ornamental presents in china lass, leather, celuloid and wood, includ-ing framed pictures, at Waters Bros."

Mr. John Hooper had a valuable mare ffected with cerebro spinal meningitis, ut from the skillful treatment of Mr. Davidson, V. S., has recovered. Mr. Henry Marshall, of Shabbona, lichigan, has been spending a short time with his old friend and brother-in-law, fr. John Grant, of Puslinch. Mr. Mar-hall was formerly a resident of Pus-

A meeting of the Royal City Curling Slub will be held at the rink on Thurs-ay evening at 7.39 o'clock sharp. A full itendance is requested.

Mr. Jas. Law's class of boys in Knox Church Sunday School gave him an agree-ble surprise at his residence, Notting-nam street, last night, when they met und presented both himself and Mrs. Law with finely bound teachers' bibles. The oys were afterwards suitably enter-ained by Mr. and Mrs. Law. Mr. Daniel Hughes has purchased th utcher business of the late Ralph Smith n Queen street. Mr. Hughes is we sperienced in the butcher business an

cut off and hall engage-

CITY COUNCIL. There was no quorum at the regular meeting of the City Council last night. Those present were: The Mayor, Ald. Taylor, Mahoney, Dowrie, Crosbie, Calvert, Penfold and Parkinson, Ald. Schultz arriving in time to see the adjournment. A special meeting of the Council will havesto be called to adopt the minutes before the new Council takes office. The date of this meeting has not yet been fixed. The new Council meets at 17 a. m. on Monday morning.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION. City Clerk Mitchell made his official declaration of the returns received by him from the depuir returning officers in the City Hall at noon today. There were present: Mayor-elect Hewer, Ald. Newstead, Assessor Hart, and E. Ryde, caretaker of the hall, and a reporter. The Clerk in due form read all the returns. Mr. Carter's total was 132, instead of 131.

WEEK OF PRAYER. The second meeting of the Week of Prayer was held in the Trinity Baptist Church last evening. There was a large attendance and a deep interest was manifested in the address of the Rev. J. G. Scott. Tonight Rev. W. A. J. Martin speaks to the Bible Society in the Norfolk Street Methodist Church.

Nations and Their Rulers.
Wednesday, Jan. 6th, in Norfolk Street
Methodist Church. Annual meeting of
the Guelph Branch Bible Society.
Prayer for Sovereigns and Rulers, and
for all that are in authority; that cruelty
and oppression may cease; that protection may be extended to the Armenian
Christians, the Stundists, and all who
are suffering grievously for Christ's sake.
That all the momentous events happening among the nations of the earth may
only tend to the more rapid growth of
the kingdom of Christ.—I Kings iii. 5—10;
Prov. xiii. 3; xwl. 12; Jonah iii. 5—10;
I Tim. II. 13; Janes II. 8—9. Nations and Their Rulers.

WINTERBURNE.

A grand oyster supper was given at tr. Wm. Smith's by the 10.0.F last hursday night. A pleasant evening was pent by all.

On New Year's Day a service was held the lecture room for the Sabbath school Chalmers Church. Rev. A. M. Hamoton delivered an eloquent discourse to the service of the service was the school and the service was the school was along with mr. and Mrs. Harry Hosking and famfur, and Mrs. Harry Hosking and famfur, Talmerston, spent a few days with Mr. Donald and Miss Semtch have relly, Palmerston, spent a few days with relatives here.
Mr. Donald and Miss Semple have re-turned after their holidays to resume their duties as teachers for the present year of '97.
Miss Mary Shirreffs left. Saturday to be an assistant teacher in the Fforsdale

FAIR AND COLD.

Minimum and maximum temperatures Esquimalt, 44—48; Calgary, 24—38 Qu'Appelle 6 below—14; Winnipeg, 14 below—2; Parry Sound, 24—32; Tc ronto, 34—35; Ottawa, 32—36; Mon treal, 36—36; Quebec, 34—34; Halifax 40—56 Probabilities-Generally fair and cold

CONVENT BURNED At Lake St. John-Seven Nuns

Missing. (Special to the Mercury.) Roberval, Lake St. John's, Que., Jan The convent at this place was de-troyed by fire last night and the fol-owing nuns are missing: Mother De-ositaire, Sisters Providence, Ursula, t is feared they have perished in the

een caused by the upsetting of a lam LATER.

ames. The fire is supposed to have

DEATH OF MISS MAUD

Miss Lizzie Maud, daughter of Mr. Vm. Maud, died at her father's resi-ence, near Rockwood, on the 2nd Janu-ry, and the funeral took place on Tues-ay to the Everton cemetery, and was surely attended by five to the control of the

NEW POSTMASTER AT OUSTIC.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

At the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist Church last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Hon. Pres.—Rev. J. H. Sowerby. President—Mrs. Sowerby. Wice-Pres.—Miss N. Smith. Cor. Sec.—Miss G. Mitchell. Treas.—Geo. McLeod. Organist—Miss N. Smith. Asst. Organist—Miss M. McLeod.

POLICE NOTES.

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Thos. Ryle and Sam. Webb were charg-i with disorderly conduct at the Pollec ourt this morning. The charge arose at of their action in breaking into the buse on Mary street on Christmas morn-ic where they were caucht eating the

er. The Hespeler correspondent or the recury gave full particulars of the esentation at the time. Mr. Brewster day had much pleasure in exhibiting e cane to Mr. Richard Mitchell, Cityerk, remarking that he thought that r. Mitchell for his long services should celve a similar recognition at the

PRESENTATION gregational Church. Miss Gausby was instrumental in organizing the school six years ago, with some ten of an attendance, and the number has increased year by year, so that now seven teachers are required to do the work. As an acknowledgement of her falthful services, the teachers and scholars presented her with an address expressing their regret at her retirement, and acknowledging the good work she has done. Miss Goodeve made the presentation.

DONATIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S

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The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital gratefully acknowledge the following donations received during this season:
From the Guelph Fat Stock Club, a pair of turkeys; Mr. J. E. McElderry, a pair of turkeys and tobacco; Mr. T. F. Worts, Toronto, three pairs chenille curtains and furnishings, clothing, wine, a box of raisins, box of figs, a basket of oranges, nuts and candles; Mr. Thos. Helighan, a turkey; Mrs. Morin, Pilkington, a turkey; Mrs. Morin, Pilkington, a turkey; Mrs. Morin, Pilkington, a turkey; Mrs. Marrett, a turkey; Mr. Guthrle, a turkey, a goose and tobacco; Mrs. Ncubauer, Puslinch, a turkey; Mrs. A. W. Gay, five pounds tea; Mr. J. A. McCrea, 2 turkeys and a bottle of wine; Mr. J. Hohenadel, a turkey; Mr. J. Dooley, fruit cake; Mr. M. J. Duignan, tobacco; Mr. Korman, smoked bacon; Mrs. Lynch, Puslinch, 2 dozen eggs; Mr. P. Hartnett, ta pair chickens; Mrs. Halter, Little Germany, a bag of apples.

DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION. DONATIONS TO ST. JOSEPH'S.

DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

Of the various gatherings held in Ontario during January, the annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario holds an Important place. The annual convention of this association in Woodstock last year was recognized by everyone was present as the greatest gathering of dairymen and farmers ever held in Canada to discuss purely agricultural topics. The coming convention will be held in the city of Brantford on January 19th, 20th, and 1st, and promises to be equally as successful. The list of prominent speakers provided is sufficient guarantee that the addresses to be delivered will be practical, entertaining and comprehensive in character. Among others on this list are the Hon. John Dryden, Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, ex-Gov. Hodrd, of Wisconsin; J. H. Monrad, Esq., Illinols; Prof. Robertson, Prof. Dean, Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P.; besides addresses and discussions by practical cheese and butter makers. Every farmer and dairyman who can should arrange to spend these three days at Brantford and enjoy the addresses and discussions at the convention.

TRANSFERRED TO KINGSTON. DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

TRANSFERRED TO KINGSTON. Mr. & L. Von Iffland, for the past two years with the Bank of Montreal here, has been transferred to the branch at Kingston. Von. is a good all round sport and his departure will be regreted by a large circle of friends. He always took a special interest in hockey, at which exciting game he was an A 1 player. He roution here that of federa keeper will be taken by Kendall, of Pittawa. If you wish to have A Happy New Year

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Make Merry at Opera House

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Txxa; R. Martin, Arthur Village,
Hamilton, Maryboro; AlexaNo. 6-Joelah Hampton, Mt. Forest 2
John McNah, West Luther.
No. 1-Robt. Scott, Minto; John Kearns,
Palmerston.

ONLY A TEST But It Made a Number of People Very Warm.

Mr. Robt. Howe, Inspector for the Canadian Underwriters' Association, paid a visit to the city today to test the efficiency of the fire department. He interviewed the Mayor on the subject, and His Worship acquiesced in the arrangement to turn in an alarm. The alarm was sent down from the opera house and in the usual short time the hose reel, with Driver Hewer on deck, Chief. Robertson and half-a-dozen firemen on board, went up street on the flying jump. When the opera house was reached a couple of lengths of hose was laid, but the water was not turned on, it having dawned on the fighters of the fiery element by that time what was the cause of the alarm. A few seconds after the reel was on the spot, the house are some people call it, was an the scene.