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## THE STAGE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—  
Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24.  
Ernie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.  
Return of Morris-Thurston Co.,  
New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

### DOLLY VARDEN CO.

Aside from the fact that the operatic success, Dolly Varden, is well known and appreciated on account of its presentation here last September, there is another potent reason why the patrons of the Brisco should, and no doubt will, turn out in large numbers this evening, when that tuncful opera is once again offered to the music lovers of Chatham, and by the same company or very accomplished singers who won instant favor on their initial visit earlier in the present season.

The entire company of forty-six people are making Chatham their home for what is called in theatrical parlance the "lay off week." Aside from the round sum the company as a whole will leave in Chatham for hotel bills, nearly every member of the company has been busy all week spending their savings for Christmas tokens. The dry goods men, the dealers in fancy articles, the furriers, in fact every line of trade in Chatham has received more or less benefit from the sojourn of the company in our midst.

It will be with a sort of special satisfaction, therefore, to local theatre goers to realize that when they patronize the Brisco this evening, they are only in a measure giving back to the management a small percentage of the coin of the realm that has been spent by the Dolly Vardenites during their week's stay in Chatham.

### MARKS BROS.

Marks Bros. will play their annual engagement at the Brisco Opera House for five nights and Christmas matinee. This well known company commence their engagement to-morrow and will continue all week with highly performances and a bargain matinee on Saturday afternoon. Ernie Marks has gathered together what is known as the best stock travelling organization in contemporary theatricals. Besides the dramatic offerings, the management for good measure, present four big vaudeville features at every performance, making a double bill for the one price of admission, which is abnormally low, the whole being offered at "people's popular prices," namely, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Ladies' free tickets to the limit of one hundred will be given to-night.

### ANNUAL CONCERT

The annual school concert, and the presentation of prizes, took place last Friday night at Charteris' school, Chatham Township, of which Mr. Robert Park, Jr., is teacher.

The prizes were presented as follows, by Mr. Robert Park, I. P. S.: Public school leaving—Robert Warnock, Albert Rice, Jessie Stewart and Grace Wright.

High school entrance—Norma Waddell, Olive Wright, Dora Tong, Grace Haviland, Pearl Newkirk and Esther Rice.

Entrance medalist—Norma Waddell. Highest in third class—Lizzie Savage.

Dr. C. R. Charteris acted as chairman over the program, which was as follows:

"Welcome," Norma Waddell.

Recitation—Elizabeth Charteris, Bessie Steen, Marion Haviland, Dora Tong, Nellie Savage, Vivien Horn, Carrie Charteris, Eva Colby, Olive Hickey, Robert Stewart, and Esther Rice.

Solos—Christie Baines, Bernice Shaw, Leta Steen and George Park.

The choruses sung were "Our Native Land," "Maple Land," and "The Red, White and Blue."

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### This Week's Specials.

\$12, \$15, \$16 Men's Overcoats for \$10.

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Boys' Fancy Two-d Overcoats, 1/4 off regular prices.

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### SPLENDID SERVICE

The services in Holy Trinity Church yesterday, especially in the morning, was one of the best witnessed in that Church for many years. The choir was strong, the congregations large and the responses hearty.

A pleasing feature of the service was a duet by Mr. Riach and Miss Lillywhite, of London, and a violin solo by Miss Carmen MacIntyre, which were much enjoyed.

The choir have prepared special music for to-morrow and will be assisted by those same artists from London. Mr. Riach also sang a beautiful solo at the evening service.

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## DISTRICT

### WALLACEBURG

Wallaceburg, Dec. 22.—Miss S. Seafe is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Ridgeway.

Miss Q. Robertson is visiting friends in London.

The children of the Public school enjoyed a little Christmas entertainment yesterday afternoon. A fine program was provided and the children presented each other with a Christmas gift, after which refreshments were served. A number of the parents were also present to enjoy the afternoon with the pupils.

### DRESDEN.

Dresden, Dec. 22.—Miss Sarah McVean, of the Toronto Medical School, and Miss Kathleen McVean, of the Ladies' Presbyterian College, Toronto, arrived home on Friday evening.

Mrs. Osgood McVean gave a small dinner to the McVean young ladies on Friday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Sarah's birthday.

Mrs. Grover arrived from Portage la Prairie to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson, on Friday evening.

Miss Eva Blackburn and Miss Edith Hughes, who have recently graduated from the Portage la Prairie Hospital, arrived home for the Christmas holidays on Friday.

Miss Robinson, of the Public school staff, left for her home in Dutton on Friday.

Mrs. Eastlake and children have gone South for a couple of months.

Mrs. Jesse Rubie left on Saturday morning for Flint, Mich., to spend the holidays with her sons and daughters.

Ronald McVean and Jack Lawrence, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, arrived home Friday.

Miss Eva McVean spent Friday in Chatham.

Mrs. John McVean and children will spend Christmas in Woodstock, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland.

The B. M. E. church held a very successful Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday evening.

The Ladies Guild of Christ Church have secured the services of the celebrated violinist, George Fox, of Toronto, for New Year's Eve for a concert in the Grand Opera House. They will also have the aid of local talent and the concert will no doubt be excellent in every particular.

Miss Grace Laid, of the Convent, Chatham, is spending the holidays at her home here.

The Public schools closed on Friday to re-open January 3rd. Closing exercises were held in the different rooms.

### TILBURY

Tilbury, Dec. 22.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones died on Thursday and will be buried to-day.

Public and Separate schools closed yesterday for Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Powell and family leave to-day to spend Christmas with relatives in London.

Miss Kalista Johnston and brother Wellington, of Port Rowan arrive to-day to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. C. Johnson.

Miss Lulu Scriven, of Delmar, arrived yesterday to spend the holiday with her parents.

Misses Anna Campbell, Olive and Laura Mather, who are attending the Ursuline Academy, are spending vacation at their home here.

Principal Wynne, of the Public school, left yesterday to spend the holiday at his home at Wainford.

Special Christmas services will be held in St. Andrew's English Church to-morrow.

The pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday school gave a very successful cantata in the school last evening.

Mrs. S. Sloan leaves to-morrow to visit her niece, Mrs. F. M. Scarff, Georgetown.

Misses Nessie Alexander and Edna Brown, of the Public school staff, left last night to spend the holiday at their homes in Essex and Comber respectively.

All local stores will be open on Monday night for business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moffat returned yesterday from a six weeks' trip to Calgary.

There will be no street lights until next month, owing to the wrecking of the chimney of the electric light plant.

The third floor of the Empire hotel has been fitted up, giving a dozen additional rooms, making 35 in all, for the accommodation of the transient trade.

Thos. Mero, Jr., has returned from Onaway, Mich.

One and a half tons of poultry were shipped on Wednesday to Montreal via O. P. R.

R. M. Broe, of Comber, this week opened a harness shop in Alex. Cassidy's old store.

Darrell Moffat, of Upper Canada College, is spending the vacation at his home here.

Fercy McLaughlin will open a fourth barber shop in Laplante's billiard hall.

E. Paré has exchanged his brick dwelling on Canal St., and given \$1,300 to M. Moffat, for the latter's house on Cathcart St., and his interest in the blacksmithing business and building on Queen St.

### SHE FIXED HIM.

There was a man in the car this morning who persisted in reading the newspaper that I was holding, said Mabel, but I soon fixed him.

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