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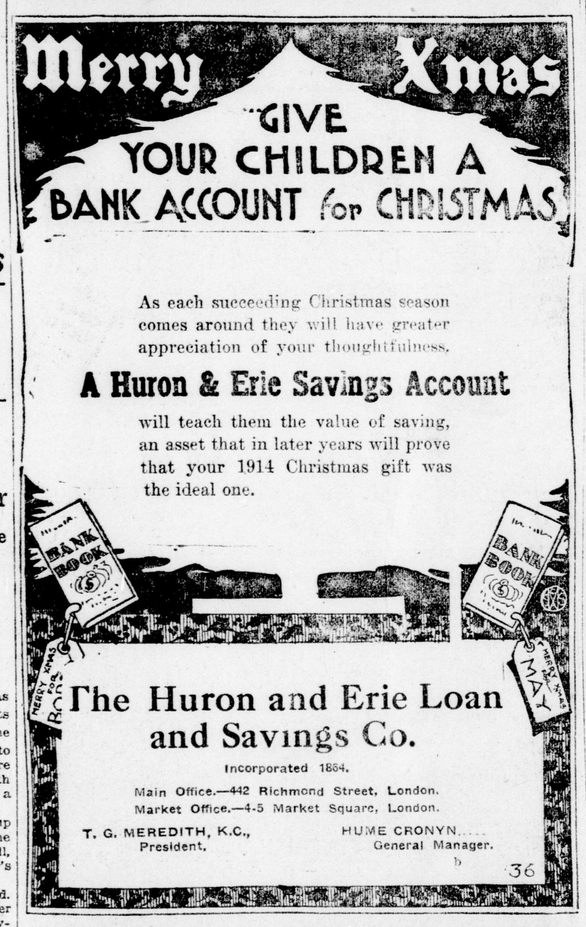

Holiday Cheer? for the Guests at Castle Carter
"Won't Works" Must Not Be Pampered, Say Those Who Know.

Half a pound of bread, half a pound of potatoes, one quarter-pound beef (without bone), and all the water and salt wanted.

This is the menu for the Christmas dinner that Governor Carter's guests will stow away on Dec. 25, unless some kindly-disposed citizens will come to the rescue and donate something more appetizing than boiled murphies, with a quantity of salt, bread, water, and a little meat to finish off with.

"Won't you even give the boys a cup of tea, with milk in it?" inquired the reporter of Turnkey Archie Campbell, who is looking after Governor Carter's work during his illness.

"No, I don't think so," he replied. "You know, it doesn't do to pamper the boys too much. However, if anyone sends any extras in for the prisoners, I see no reason why they should not get them. We may give them ham instead of the usual beef, but we are not sure yet."

In the meantime, the prisoners are hoping against hope for a repetition of the Christmas breakfast they received Sunday morning from Assistant Postmaster Matthews.

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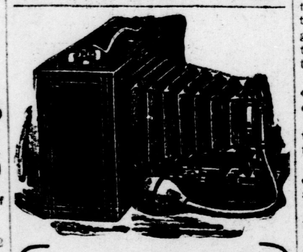
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NO. 2 COMMITTEE DINED
L. H. Martin Entertains Members of Board of Education.

L. H. Martyn, chairman of No. 2 committee of the board of education, entertained the members of the committee at a dinner in the Travellers' Club last night, as a fitting testimonial to the support and co-operation which was given to him in the past year. Among those present were A. M. Hunt, chairman of the board, Inspector C. B. Edwards, Supt. of works Clemens, Trustees, W. W. Gammage, Thomas Rowe, A. E. Silverwood and W. T. Strong.

Chairman Hunt will give a dinner to the members of the board next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
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SERGEANT BIRRELL AUCTIONS SPOILS OF BIG COCKFIGHT
Echoes of Sunday Raid Heard When the Crowing, Feathered Fighters Are "Knocked Down" At Police Headquarters.

The sum of $17.55 was realized by Auctioneer Sergt. "Bob" Birrell Tuesday afternoon, when, with hat cocked over one ear, he auctioneered off the dozen birds that he helped garner in in the wee sma' hours of Sunday morning. The crowd of fifty-odd men that filled up the garage of the police station, although they fully believed that the sergeant was telling the truth when he praised up the various good points of the birds, were loath to pay any more than they had to for the fowl.

"I got soaked enough in court, without paying a cent for my birds," said one man.

The sergeant was of the opinion that there was a combine to keep the prices down.

"Why those birds are worth all kinds of money," he exclaimed in indignation after the sale.

It looked like another cock fight, when at 3 o'clock a number of men, in twos and threes, slipped quietly into the garage. At each new arrival, the cocks crew lustily. At 3:10 these same cocks literally got the hook, when a husky cop mounted to the "hay loft" and let down an even dozen black boxes with handles attached.

"Crowd Up Gents.

"Crowd up gentlemen," said the auctioneer, as Detective Thomas Nickle, who acted in the capacity of clerk, sharpened his pencil in anticipation of a brisk business to come. The first bird, a pit game, strenuously objected to the sergeant's caresses. "Now don't make a fuss, but come along quietly," said the sergeant in his most soothing professional tones. "I'm not going to hurt you."

"Look out, Sergeant! Put the heels on him, he's going to buckle you," warned one spectator. The first bid was 25 cents.

"You're a cheap sport," said Clerk Nickle disgustedly. "That bird is worth $50."

However, Mr. Rooster was sold to C. Meyers for $1.

"He owes us ten cents, for he offerred to pay $1.10," quoth the auctioneer.

"Did I hear you say a dollar for the second bird?" inquired the sergeant of C. Meyers.

"I'll take him if you promise not to follow me," bargained Mr. Meyers.

"Done and sold," returned the sergeant.

$2 for This One.

Wm. Smith got a fine Dominique for $2.

"Dirt cheap," commented Clerk Nickle, who, it was whispered, was possibly the best judge of a bird present, with the possible exception of Squire Chittick.

"What, only 25 cents for this valuable bird?" said Mr. Auctioneer, as No. 4 was put up for sale.

"Aw, have a heart, Sergeant. How can we tell how good they are when you got your fist over them?"

"Let 'em down on the floor and give 'em a kick," said a fan from the rear.

Sam Hagan bought two birds. "That's two for you, Mr. Hagan," said the auctioneer. "I'm coming out to see you some time."

"Sure thing, Sergeant; come on out. We'll have a fine dinner," returned Mr. Hagan.

The last bird to be sold was started at 50 cents, and objected strenuously to the insult, going so far as to tickle the sergeant's ear with his tail feather. However, he finally was knocked down for $2.25, and the historic sale was over.

Following are the names of the buyers:

C. Meyers, three; Joe Bragg, two; Sam Hagan, two; Wm. Smith, John Edgar, M. Gray, E. E. Beldback and Joe Nickle, each one.

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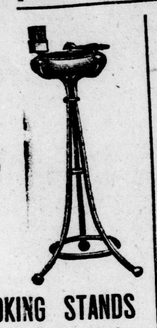
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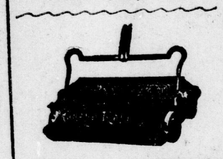
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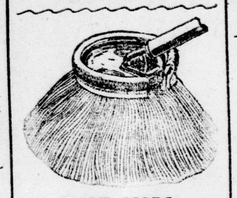
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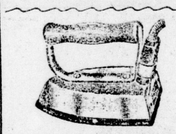
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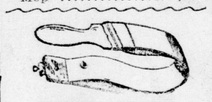
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SWEEPERS BUCK DRIFTS TO CLEAR TRACTION LINE
Snow Piled Deep On Tracks Make Traffic Difficult On Interurban.

The heavy west wind that blew across the country Monday night played havoc with the country roads south of the city, all the highways being more or less impassable. A number of the north and south roads had drifts six and seven feet deep, while those running east and west were not so bad. The Dorchester, Nilestown, Wharncliffe and Wellington roads, all had deep drifts in the cuts.

The Traction Company kept up its schedule pretty well Tuesday, although the snow was from four to six feet from London View to Talbotville, the Wharncliffe road being impassable for more than light hauling. The snow plow was stuck for 40 minutes Tuesday morning between London and St. Thomas, while a car for Port Stanley had to return to St. Thomas and allow the plow to go ahead and clear the track. This, according to Manager Warburton of the Traction Company, was an unusual occurrence, as very little trouble is ever experienced south of St. Thomas. It is estimated that the wind was blowing 30 miles an hour from the west yesterday afternoon.

If we get much more snow and wind at the present time, all the railways will have their work cut out for them," declared Manager Warburton. There is a great deal more snow in the country than people think."

The Pere Marquette's snow plow was nothing but a mass of snow when it arrived in St. Thomas yesterday. The plow managed to get through without serious difficulty.

The Huron and Bruce line, which is always a thorn in the side of the Grand Trunk, apparently had its share of the snow, the trains running an hour late Tuesday. Trains were also late on the Stratford branch. The lines east and west were not affected, the trains travelling fairly well on time.

PERFORMS POST MORTEM

A postmortem was performed at Melbourne last night on the remains of Mrs. Delaire, alias Kisheko, an Indian woman who died of hemorrhage at her home on the Munsey reserve Sunday night, by Dr. Dewar. The report of his autopsy is to be submitted at the inquest, which will open at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Melbourne.

According to Coroner W. H. Woods, of Mount Brydges, who had charge of the investigation into the death of the woman, death was due to foul play. The findings appear to show that she was struck a heavy blow on the head, which broke her neck, and caused other internal trouble.

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COL O'BRIEN DEAD.

SHANTY BAY, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-Col. W. E. O'Brien, ex-M.P., died tonight at his home here in his eighty-fourth year. He took a large part in the fight against the Jesuits estate bill at Ottawa, 1889, and was for many years a prominent figure in Dominion politics.

London & Western Trusts Co. Increases Dividend.

Attention is directed to the Dividend Notice of The London and Western Trusts Company, Limited, which appears in another column. This company has pursued a very conservative policy since it was incorporated in 1896, and as a result, is in a position to increase its dividend from six per cent to seven per cent per annum, when other corporations are either cutting their dividends or passing them entirely. It might be supposed that this is due to the increased rate of interest which money is bringing, but The London and Western Trusts Company is purely a trust company, and does not accept deposits or do any banking business, consequently the increased rate of interest is only of advantage to the estates which are under its control, and not of any direct advantage to the company itself. The directors of the company, doubtless felt that the time was opportune to show its confidence in general conditions, to instill some of that confidence into its shareholders, and to help its shareholders at a time when their earnings were possibly decreasing in other directions. The company now has over $5,000,000 of assets under its control, and it may well be considered one of the firmly established financial institutions of Western Ontario. Sir George Gibbons is the president, and Mr. J. L. Englehart and Mr. John Labatt, vice-presidents of the company. b

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