

Newsy Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

LYNDHURST.

Mr. Dick Brombridge, Jr., is visiting friends at Lyndhurst. The Christmas tree in the Methodist church was a great success, being held on Christmas night. Clifford Johnston is home for his Christmas holidays. Mr. Jack Harvey is home. Mrs. G. E. Thomas and little son, of Shenandoah, Iowa, are visiting at Mrs. A. J. Love's, Lyndhurst. Mr. Peter Kendrick is on the sick list. Mrs. Thos. Walsh is on the sick list.

FRONT OF YONGE.

The Christmas tree in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school was held in the Presbyterian church, Caintown, on Wednesday evening last. We had no legitimate means of knowing all the facts, but so far as learned, Mr. Konking, of Ottawa, gave some very fine readings and recitations; in short, he was a real live charicaturist and imitator.

The Christmas tree held in connection with the Methodist church Sabbath school in Caintown came off last Wednesday evening and was a great success, both socially and financially. The programme was good. Mr. M. J. Connolly occupied the chair, which was well filled. We cannot give particulars as we were not on the scene. In short, the children all acquitted themselves in good style, and will be content. A recitation was given by Miss Alma Dickey, a young lady of more than average ability, a resident of Hill Avenue. We would not mention this particular recitation only that a Canadian poet composed it, and from thousands of other poems this piece was selected for a public recitation in Caintown before a crowded house. This piece was "The Trip of the Sunset Limited; a Railroad Story," by Crawford C. Slack, of Athens. This was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

Now, as to the Christmas tree in Ballycane, we have not a pin left to hang our hat on, as the scribe of said place did ample justice to the evening's entertainment. Mr. Bulger, of Orchard Villa, has rented his fine farm in Ballycane and is now engaged in the carriage works in Brockville.

TEMPERANCE LAKE.

Mr. Seymore Burnham contracted with Mr. Benson Towriss to cut 500 cords of wood. In six weeks he finished 4 cords, and stopped for want of hard wood, on Saturday, 20th December.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mansell have returned from their visit near Lansdowne Station at Mr. Smith's (Mrs. Mansell's father).

Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Earl entertained a number of their old friends from various localities on Christmas.

Mr. Yates Avery has taken a few fine pieces of timber out of their swamp for Mr. Rennie.

The many young friends of Mr. Fred Mansell will be pleased and ready to congratulate him on his marriage and settlement in Watertown. He owns a factory and is a successful cheesemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Mansell spent a very pleasant Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Del. Avery.

Mr. Alonzo Bonsteel is now a permanent resident of Brockville.

Mr. Bennett Kavanaugh and sons have made a nice addition to their farm at a cost of \$555.

Mr. Manson Hayes is quarrying stone for a woodhouse and kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. John McQuilton, of Lyn, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hayes.

Mr. Oliver Hayes has enlarged his farm by 25 acres of pasture and woodland.

Mr. Z. W. Earl, of Detroit, Mich., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hayes, his mother, since Christmas eve. He returns New Year's eve. His line of business in the city is stoves and bicycles, and he has two helpers employed. He is looking well and doing well.

Miss Edith Church, school teacher, has returned home from her school at Temperance Lake. She is not only a good teacher, but possesses the rare quality of ignoring tittle-tattle, and never indulges in idle gossip. May all such persons find a seat in Paradise, a welcome in that realm of peace and love.

LANSDOWNE.

Mr. and Mrs. Tovelle, of Western Ontario, are guests at their cousin, Mrs. Stillwell, of the parsonage. Miss Mamie Stillwell is spending

her vacation under the parental roof, the parsonage.

Mrs. Will Stafford and children, of Cananogue, are visiting the former's father, Mr. McConnell.

Miss Flossie Redmond goes to Toronto this week to spend the winter.

J. H. Warren engaged Claude Running to assist in the store during the Xmas trade.

Arthur Bradley is home from Toronto for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherill, of Lyndhurst, have returned to their home, having been here since the 24th.

Wedding bells at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The contracting parties are Mr. D. F. Warren and Mrs. C. A. Bradley. Congratulations.

Miss Fredenburg is spending her Xmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Cornell, at Oxford.

Mr. J. H. Warren, merchant, spent Xmas at Smith's Falls, where he acted as best man at the marriage of Mr. W. B. Taber, of Soperton, to Miss Mabel Taggart, while the duties of bridesmaid were successfully performed by Miss Taggart, sister of the bride.

Mrs. Robert Allen and her three children, of Great Falls, Montana, arrived here very lately. The remains of her late husband arrived here a few weeks ago for interment.

Lawrence Boyle, of the Stewart House, has moved his family and effects to Brockville, and his premises have been taken possession of by James Plunkett, Brockville.

The Knew.

Mrs. Hayfork (in country postoffice) —Anything for me?

Postmaster—I don't see nothin'.

Mrs. Hayfork—I was expectin' a letter or postcard from Aunt Spriggs tellin' what day she was comin'.

Rural Postmaster (calling to his wife) —Did you see a postcard from Mrs. Hayfork's Aunt Sally?

His Wife—Yes. She's comin' on Thursday.

Tabooed the Union.

"I-I have come," he began, addressing her father, "to—to suggest to you that a union of our families would—"

"I'm not in favor of unions," the testy old captain of industry interrupted, "and I will not submit the matter to arbitration. Good morning."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Labouchere's Sarcasm.

Of Gladstone Henry Labouchere once remarked, "I do not object to Mr. Gladstone occasionally having an ace up his sleeve, but I do wish he would not always say that Providence put it there."

Many a man who goes through life bemoaning the fact that he is misunderstood ought to be thankful that such is the case.

Toothache.

If one has a toothache and can't reach the dentist, try this method of temporarily allaying the pain: Cleanse and dry the hollow tooth with a bit of cotton. Then put in a small cotton plug dipped in creosote or oil of cloves. Cover this with another bit of dry cotton, or, still better, a little beeswax and cotton kneaded together. This keeps out the air and downs the "misery" until a dentist can be reached.

Cockney.

"That Englishman Simkins is very well fixed, isn't he?" inquired Polk.

"Well," replied Jolk, "some people think so, but I know he hasn't a bit of property he can call his own."

"Nonsense! He lives in his own house."

"That may be, but he calls it 'his hown.'"

Disenchantment.

"How did you enjoy your visit to the Bermudas, Uncle Jed?"

"I was a good deal disappointed. The onions didn't come up to my expectations. Why, I've eat better Bermuda onions right here."

An Old Family.

He—Miss Bellacour claims to belong to a very old family.

She—Well, she's justified. There are six those girls, and the youngest of them must be at least thirty.

A Genuine Achievement.

"My son," said the old lady proudly, "is a surgeon of great ability. Why, when there was a railroad wreck down here a little while ago he saved the life of a man that was fatally injured."

A Good Thing For Dinner.

"I had something I like for my dinner today," said the poor man, "but it didn't do me any good."

"You don't say! What was it?"

"A magnificent appetite."—Brooklyn Life.

A Good Reason.

"What makes you think, sir, that I will not be able to support your daughter?"

"Well, I haven't been able to myself."—Brooklyn Life.

Food for the prominent English consist in the lime salts from the lime water, and other parts. best avoided, as they want of proper Port, veal, cheese must be avoided, any of these foods stroke of apoplexy. simple, plainly cooked great moderation, lest the gans be overtaxed. consist of porridge and wheat bread and milk or bread and fruit and a cup milk. Dinners may consist of soup and bread, macaroni and some simple plain nonflesh dish; for dessert, and bread or plain rice, sago, macaroni pudding. If flesh eaten, it should be of the most ble kinds, as lean beef or mutton, boiled or baked white mested fish then in moderation. Supper may consist of whole wheat bread and fruit, boiled onions, celery or beet root and a cup of cocoa or milk and water. Food should not be taken for at least three hours before going to bed.

Effecting a Settlement.

"On one occasion," remarked a well known Methodist minister who had been a circuit rider in the mountains of North Carolina, "a man from a neighboring county swooped down on our side and carried off the wife and male of one of my church members. There was an immediate agitation, and in the midst of it I arrived. A consultation was held, and it was decided that I should go as peacemaker and ambassador and effect a settlement. Just before I started the bereaved husband called me to one side for private conference.

"I reckon, parson," he said, "that you oughter to know my feelin's in this thing."

"Of course—certainly," I assented.

"Well, I tell you what you do. Don't be brash about it ner socety, for I'm a man uv peace, but ef he'll give you \$47 in money for the mule you needn't ter say a doggone word about the ole woman."

Strikes Are Old.

Strikes, now so prevalent, says the London Chronicle, are commonly thought to be a nineteenth century production, but it is only the name, said to be of American origin, that is modern. Their power as wage raisers was tried at least as far back as the sixteenth century, for in the "Calendar of State Papers" is a letter from Sir William Fitz William to Mr. Secretary Cromwell containing the statement that "the workmen at Dover refused to work except for sixpence a day." Two of the ringleaders had been some time of the black guard in the king's kitchen.

No moral imputation was conveyed in calling them black guards. All that was implied was that they formerly guarded the pots, pans and other utensils of the king. It was a much later generation that turned the term to purposes of abuse.

How Not to Grow Old.

The Spanish wit and philosopher, Quevedo, who in his time gained a reputation for knowing everything, was asked if he knew of a means whereby a person could avoid growing old. "Most certainly," said he. "I know of certain rules which will surely prevent your growing old."

"What are they?"

"Keep in the sun in summer and in the wet in winter. That is one rule. Never give yourself rest. That is another. Fret at everything that happens. That is another. And then if you take care always to eat meat cold and drink plenty of cold water when you are hot you may be perfectly sure that you will never grow old!"

A Cup of Coffee.

An ideal cup of coffee can, it is said, be made only in one way. The coffee must be of the best quality and must be roasted, ground immediately and used as quickly as possible. Connoisseurs in coffee assure us that it is of the question to make this beverage absolutely perfect out of factory roasted coffee that has been allowed to stand in the open air any number of hours. In addition one might say that such a thing as a cup of good coffee from that which is purchased ready ground is quite an impossibility. The fine aroma of the berry evaporates in a very short time.

A Strange Calculation.

Taking the length of the permanent railways on the surface of the globe at nearly 60,000 geographical miles, with a daily average of ten trains, it is estimated that the total loss suffered by wear and tear each day by the metallic rails of the earth is about 600 tons. The 600 tons are lost in the form of a fine powder and are carried back to the earth in the shape of soluble iron salts.

Hardest Part of Medical Practice.

"And what," they asked of the surgeon who saved Mr. Tightfit from an untimely end, "what did you consider the most difficult stage of the operation?"

"Collecting the money," he answered, with a smile of conscious skill.

Suspicion.

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