# HELL WAS LOOSE IN VLADIVOSTOCK

## American Tells of Manchurian Army Revolt.

## CHINESE QUARTER WIPED OUT

**Thousands of Chinese Ruthlessly Slain—Wounded Burned to Death —Russ Officers Defied.**

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 2.—Henry Bush, a witness of the outbreak at Vladivostock, has returned on the steamship Tartar.

"The Russian soldiers were greatly dissatisfied," he says, "because they were not discharged from the army and returned to their homes at the termination of the war. They had expected to go home as soon as peace was ratified, and when the days passed and there was no sign of a homeward movement they naturally began to grumble. Several minor riots occured, and on Nov. 13, of our calendar, a considerable number of Russian soldiers crowded about a large Chinese bazar close to the water front of Vladivostock. The bazar was a great open building, with many stores or stalls.

**Started by Russians.**

"How the row started is not quite clear to anyone, but it is said to have been because a Chinese butcher attacked a Russian soldier who had helped himself to a meat ball. It seemed to me—I was there at the time—that the soldiers surged against the stalls together by some pre-concerted plan and began a general fight. There must have been 200 soldiers there, struggling with the Chinese storekeepers, who fought hard and courageously to prevent their wares from being looted, some with cleavers, others with sticks and clubs, a few with revolvers. The Russians began the shooting and clubbing, and, with wild yells, beat down the stalls and killed owners, looting everything they could lay their hands on.

"There was a steamer at the dock close by discharging a cargo of oil. After the carnival of destruction had been thus begun many of the soldiers went to the dock and carried back can after can of kerosene, which they threw over the stalls of the bazar, saturating everything. They then fired the place.

"The scene was an awful one. Chinese and Koreans, of whom many were clubbed to death, and many of the dead—yes, and also numbers of the wounded—were thrown into the flames. There must have been 1,000 Chinese killed in the fight. The Chinese, as a general thing, were not armed, as were the soldiers, or the loss of life would not have been anything like as great. But five Russians were reported killed in the fight.

**Looted the Stores.**

"After the 'Battle of the Bazar,' some one shouted, 'Let's help ourselves at the foreign stores!' The big mercantile house of Kuntz & Albers, a German firm, was situated directly across from the Bazar. After about an hour's fighting and rioting at the Bazar, the soldiers rushed across to this two-story building and smashed in the plate glass windows of the store with the butts of their rifles. Many ran to the wharf to get more kerosene from the steamer and the warehouses.

"It was about this time that Commander Kersoff ordered out the troops who were in barracks to disperse the mutineers and rioters, who had been ordered by their officers to cease looting and had flatly refused. The officers, unable to exercise any authority, then fled. When Commander Kersoff arrived with his troops he ordered them to fire upon the mutinous soldiers, but they lifted up their rifles and fired instead into the upper story of the Kuntz & Albers building.

"At noon Kuntz & Albers' place had been looted and was in flames, the revolting soldiers having saturated with the kerosene what they could not carry away. The place burned rapidly and the owners must have lost upward of a million in gold.

"Meanwhile the troops which had been brought up to stop the revolt were distinctly apathetic, and many of the officers, fearing death at the hands of their own men, for these officers are aware of their unpopularity, fled from the city. Commander Kersoff was one of the first to run. He went to Santank on a special train as soon as it could be made ready and from that station, 20 miles from Vladivostock, issued proclamations.

**Killing and Burning.**

"The soldiers in the meantime went about the streets, killing and burning, looting and breaking; and what Chinese had not taken refuge in flight were shot or clubbed to death. Building after building was fired, until fully two-thirds of the business section of Vladivostock was in ruins.

"The bodies of those killed in the rioting lay unburied in the streets for three days just as they fell. There was no order, and no one to look after the funeral plans. Commander Kersoff continued to telegraph proclamations, which were posted in public places and laughed at.

"The soldiers paid not the slightest attention to these proclamations, until the third day of the rioting Kersoff sent in a proclamation that the soldiers would be sent away to Russia as fast as trains could be secured to transport them. The mutiny died.

"As soon as order was restored, arrangements were made to bury the dead and the refugees began to return. The bodies were gathered up by the soldiers and carted, wholesale, out of the city, to fill a general grave."

## A USEFUL PAMPHLET

**Issued by Public School Inspector Edwards for Guidance of Teachers.**

Mr. C. B. Edwards, public school inspector of London, has issued a pamphlet dealing with the course of sturdy as outlined by the regulations of the education department of Ontario. It is intended to supplement the "Limit Table" published in 1904, and to make the necessary divisions in the subjects in each of the four forms into which the public school course is divided. The object aimed at is to secure a reasonable degree of uniformity in the work of the schools, allowing at the same time a large measure of freedom to the individual teacher.

The Educational Monthly of Canada comments favorably upon the idea of the pamphlet, and quotes approvingly Mr. Edwards' remarks upon reading, which are a portion of the preface. A well-selected list of books in each subject for reference and supplementary purposes is another useful feature.

## Advertiser Correspondence

THE GRAND TRUNK RESTAURANT

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Kindly allow me to correct a statement made by Mr. C. B. Keenleyside at the licensed victuallers' meeting on Saturday, Dec. 30, in regard to the station restaurant as the station bar.

The insinuation contained in his reference to the business I am conducting leads the public to believe that only a bar business is done on the premises. This, as any person who travels, or goes to the station, knows, is quite false, and Mr. Keenleyside made the statement either through ignorance or a malicious desire to injure my business.

It occurs to my mind that this gentleman's traveling experience must indeed be very limited, if he cannot recognize that it is an absolute necessity to have a dining, lunch and refreshment room for the benefit of the traveling public at a railway station such as the London station is.

In regard to the accommodation afforded, I think it is fair that I should be allowed to state some facts for the information of this gentleman, as well as any intelligent citizens of London who wish to know the facts. I will mention a few figures in this connection. In the first place our dining-room and lunch counter can accommodate 175 people at once, and during the excursion season we have frequently provided meals and lunches to 1,000 people in one day, who are going through to attend conventions, such as that of the Christian Endeavor Society, the National Educational Association, and many others. On ordinary days we provide meals and lunches for a great many citizens of London as well as for connectionthe traveling public.

During the past year I paid out $10,010 in groceries, meats, poultry, wages, fuel, etc., as expenditure in connection with the dining-room and lunch counter. Does this appear as if the station restaurant was conducted merely as a bar, or can anyone say that this statement of expenditure compares unfavorably with the expenditure for similar purposes made by other places which accommodate the traveling public? Should anyone doubt this statement, I can produce vouchers to confirm the truth of it, and I will gladly do so to any respectable citizen who is not prompted by idle curiosity—not excluding Mr. Keenleyside, though he appears to be a man of somewhat narrow vision.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kindness in allowing me so much of your valuable space, I am, yours truly,

JAMES BUTLER,
Proprietor G. T. R. Restaurant.
(Not bar only.)

London Jan. 2, 1906.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Please permit a word of explanation. At the license holders' meeting in the city hall on Saturday night, I was answering the cry that the reduction of licenses would seriously cripple the hotel accommodation, and in doing so made the statement that there were six hotels which combined possessed only 50 rooms and had 31 boarders, leaving only nineteen rooms for the traveling public. At this point there was a very general call for names, and in response to the call I read out the six places to which I referred. Now there seems to be an impression in many minds that this was in some way an official list of the places aimed at by the temperance workers. It was not so intended, but was simply used to show that in point of accommodation we could well spare six licenses. As a matter of fact, some of those on the list are among the least objectionable, and some are at the other extreme. Yours,

C. B. KEENLEYSIDE.

London, Jan. 2, 1906.

### *Why Barney Wasn't Fired.*

They called him "Barney the Blunderer" because he made so many mistakes. He had been working for a coal dealer about six months, and was an earnest, honest soul, but he did not seem to learn anything concerning the details of the business.

One morning, after having delivered coal to two wrong addresses, he was rather short and crusty in answering a regular customer, so the proprietor discharged him, saying: "Go to the office and got your money. I've been as patient with you as I could be, but you are too thick-headed to ever learn anything."

"All roight, sir," answered Barney. "Mebbe O'im t'ick-headed, as yez say, but Oi've learned wan t'ing, annaway."

"If you have really learned one thing, and learned it well, I'll not discharge you," said the proprietor banteringly. "Now, tell me what you have learned."

"Oi've learned, sor, that siventeen hundred makes a ton in this place," replied Barney, and he went back to work."—Lippincotts.

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# BRIDGE PLAY LAYS YULETIDE GHOSTS

## Gambling Is Sole Holiday Sport at Many Places.

## DINNER BECOMES A BORE

**Folk Lore Also Disappears From Christmas Magazines and Current Fiction.**

London, Dec. 1.—"If a census were taken of the amusements which occupied the guests at the country houses during the Christmas holidays it probably would be found that in 60 per cent of them bridge had ousted all the round, rowdy games associated with the old-fashioned Christmas festivities," says the Daily Express. "If there were one or two children in the house they were bundled off to bed as early as possible, and the house party settled down in religious silence to bridge. In many houses the game was played on the four successive afternoons and nights without a thought of turkey, plum pudding or crackers. The one anxiety was to rush through a short meal as quickly as possible. Bridge, in fact, has killed, in certain circles, the old-fashioned Christmas."

In London several "waifs and strays" parties were given on Christmas Day, the idea being to gather together the lonesome souls who dislike noisy festivites, pull down the blinds, play bridge from luncheon until the small hours of the morning. Tea and a short dinner were regarded as interruptions and small talk as superfluous.

**Passing of Ghost Lore.**

Among the destructive effects of bridge is a total discomfiture of ghosts. Ghost stories, without which in the good old-fashioned days no Christmas annual could be complete, have had no place in this year's Christmas periodical literature, and current fiction equally is silent on the subject of the ghostly visitant who contributed to the Christmas festivities of a decade ago. White ladies, headless monks, gray friars, wicked lords, and all the vast army of spooks who were wont to wax obstreperous on Christmas eve, no longer are a part of the novelist's stock in trade. Women who anxiously inquire for a really good ghost story at the shops meet with a blank stare of surprise. Not a single ghost story has emanated from the publishers this Christmastide. "Out of date," was the terse explanation of a publisher of light literature when asked why the Cheistmas ghost has been exorcised. "There no longer is a demand for bloodcurdling stories of clanking chains, rattling bones and dismal shrieks."

Dreary, tumbled down houses, ancient feudal castles and melancholy moated granges as may be seen from the following list of Christmas fixtures, have been their favorite haunts. All of these are pedigree ghosts, with officially recorded appearances:

At Dilston Castle, Lady Westmoreland; at Cullaly Castle, wicked priests; at Beddiscombe Manor, a screaming skull; at Calverley Hall, Sir Hugh Calverley; at Bradenham House, Isaac Disraeli; at Rainham Hall, a gray lady; at Corby Castle, a radiant boy; at Newstead Abbey, a black friar; at Brookhouse, a headless woman; at Copley House, two heads; at Pomeroy Castle, a lady; at Churton Hall, a lady and a dog; in Llyne Valley, a white horse of Llangynwyd; at Holland House, Lord Holland; at Bispham Abbey, the wraith of the Lady Hobby; at Rufford Abbey, a Cistercian father; at Cheadle Rectory, the Abbess of Godstown; at Hampton Court, Catherine Howard and Jane Seymour.

**Fine Old Coterie of Wraiths.**

A fine ghostly company these. Lady Derwentwater, so goes the tale, has been wont at Christmastide to revisit the earth to expiate the crime of restless ambition which impelled her to drive the Earl of Derwentwater to the scaffold. Isaac Disraeli, father of the late Lord Beaconsfield, is said to drive a ghostly coach and pair, and the beheaded form of Lord Holland used to walk in the gilt room, carrying his head in his hand. The wraith of Lady Hobby carried a spectral basin, wringing her hands, vainly, trying to wash out the stain of guilt, for, according to the legend, she murdered her boy because he blotted his copybook.

The Cistercian father, dressed in white, always appeared to women only, but this Christmas none of these ghosts are reported to have manifested themselves. What is the use of them troubling themselves when everybody is too deep in bridge all night through to watch for them.

NOT A NAUSEATING PILL.—The excipient of a pill is the substance which enfolds the ingredients and makes up the pill mass. That of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is so compounded as to preserve their moisture, and they can be carried into any latitude without impairing their strength. Many pills, in order to keep them from adhering, are rolled in powders which prove nauseating to the taste. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are so prepared that they are agreeable to the most delicate.

There is no hiding from the subpoenas of court of conscience.

Tears in the eyes are often telescopes that bring heaven near at hand.

There is no happiness in all this world if there is none in the heart.

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Bargains are constantly being advertised in "The GLOBE Business Opportunities." If you want to buy or sell, use "The GLOBE Business Opportunities." 2c a word.

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Suffered for years with Stomach Trouble

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Stomach Trouble is usually bowel trouble. The bowels become constipated. Poisonous matter, which should leave the bowels every day, stays in the bowels, two and three days at a time. These poisons paralyze the stomach muscles, prevent the digestive juices from reaching the food, and stop the whole process of digestion.

MRS. F. H. WALLACE, St. Mary's, Ont.: "I have used most of one box of 'Fruit-a-tives,' and found them all right. I have had a good chance to recommend them as I have been in bed for a week with a bilious attack and am getting around fine thanks to 'Fruit-a-tives'."

Doctors talk of dyspepsia and catarrh of the stomach when they should talk of Constipation.

Fruit-a-tives

or Fruit Liver Tablets

cure Stomach Troubles because they tone, sweeten and stimulate the stomach and they cure the Constipation which is the chief cause of dyspepsia. These concentrated and specially combined fruit juice tablets act directly on the liver—increase the flow of bile—and make the bowels move regularly and naturally every day.

More than that. "Fruit-a-tives" regulate the kidneys—strengthen them—make them excrete more urine—and rid the system of excessive urea and uric acid. They stimulate the glands of the skin to increased action—take away pimples and redness—and keep the skin clear, soft and lovely.

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50c. a box or 6 boxes for $2.50. Sent prepaid on receipt of price if your druggist should not have them.

FRUIT-A-TIVES LIMITED, OTTAWA.

# BIG VOTE POLLED FOR LOCAL OPTION

## The Bylaw Was Carried in Thirty Out of Forty Municipalities.

Local option was voted upon in 62 municipalities in Ontario on Monday. Out of 40 places heard from 30 have given good majorities in favor of the bylaws, including the city of Owen Sound, the first city in Ontario to accept local option. But it was not won without a big fight. Against local option are Petrolea, Barton Township, each with six licenses, and Acton and Drayton, with three. License reduction carried in London, Oshawa and Peterboro, and votes to raise hotel licenses carried in Oshawa and Parry Sound. The following is the result of the local option votes:

**For Local Option.**

| Municipality. | Licenses. | Maj. for. |
|---|---|---|
| Owen Sound | 13 | 460 |
| Vaughan Township, York | 7 | 86 |
| Pickering | 6 | 98 |
| Southwold, Elgin County | 6 | 200 |
| Nottawasaga, Simcoe | 5 | 150 |
| Elmira, Perth | 5 | 150 |
| Markham Township | 5 | 95 |
| Amabel, Bruce | 3 | 40 |
| Southampton, Bruce | 3 | 76 |
| Arkona, Lambton | 2 | 22 |
| Amelias burg, Pr. Edward | 2 | 74 |
| Enniskillen, Lambton | 2 | 8 to 1 |
| Grimsby | 2 | 22 |
| North Grimsby | 0 | 100 |
| Sophiasburg, Pr. Edward | 2 | 100 |
| Stouffville | 2 | 99 |
| Thornbury, Grey | 2 | 31 |
| Peel Township | .. | 119 |
| Lakefield, Peterboro | 2 | 41 |
| Sydenham, Grey | 3 | .. |
| Keppel, Grey | 2 | .. |
| Derby, Grey | 2 | |
| Osprey Township | 2 | 106 |
| Metcalfe | .. | 147 |
| Arlan, Bruce | 1 | 13 |
| Rawden, Hastings | .. | 3 |
| Wales | .. | 102 |
| Otonabee, Peterboro | 1 | Big maj. |
| Peterboro | 1 | Big maj. |
| Maple | 1 | 59 |
| Tara | 1 | 13 |

**Against Local Option.**

| Municipality. | Licenses. | Maj. Agst. |
|---|---|---|
| Petrolea | 6 | 2 to 1 |
| Barton, Wentworth | 6 | 85 |
| Acton | 3 | 29 |
| Grafton | .. | 110 |
| Markham | 2 | 28 |
| Seneca, Haldimand | 2 | 53 |
| Stamford, Welland | 2 | 121 |
| Drayton | 3 | 18 |
| Omemee | .. | .. |
| Iroquois | .. | .. |

Uxbridge, Ont., Jan. 2.—Local option carried in Scott Township yesterday by a majority of 37.

Bothwell, Ont., Jan. 2.—Local option carried in the Township of Euphemia by a majority of 17. Three hotels will be affected.

Allenford, Ont., Jan. 2.—Forty-eight majority for local option.

Elsinore, Jan. 2.—Thirty-six majority for local option.

Wales, Ont., Jan. 2.—Local option carried in Osnabruck by 102 majority.

Mount Forest, Jan. 2.—Local option carried in Egremont by over 300 of a majority.

MANY PATENT MEDICINES have come and gone, but Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup continues to occupy a foremost place among remedies for coughs and colds, and as a preventive of decay of the lungs. It is a standard medicine that widens its sphere of usefulness year by year. If you are in need of something to rid yourself of a cough or cold, you cannot do better than try Bickle's Syrup.

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Thursday we will place on sale 150 FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS at greatly reduced prices. These wrappers are an accumulation of odd and broken lines which we desire to clear quickly. Not all sizes in every line, but all sizes from 32 to 46 in the lot. If low prices are anywise magnetic they should draw a crowd of eager shoppers to this deparement Thursday morning. Early arrivals will, of course, have best choice.

50 Wrappers, regular price $1.00, for . . . . . 78c

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These are made of extra heavy quality flannelette—soft, warm and cozy. Designs are tasteful and pretty. Many have yokes. All are nicely trimmed with fancy braid. Good full skirts with deep flounce at bottom. Free and easy to walk around in. Colors are principally blues, reds, black and whites.

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Felt Hat Shapes 25c

Selling rapidly under the magic influence of this little price. If you want one or two it would be advisable to make an early choice.

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SMALLMAN & INGRAM, 149, 151, 153 and 155 Dundas Street.

# JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

**Furnished by the Special and Occasional Correspondents of the Advertiser.**

**THAMESFORD.**

Thameville, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Luke and son spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, at Botany.

Miss Etta Breaton spent New Year's Day with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. J. D. Davis and son visited friends in Chatham during the New Year holidays.

Mrs. James Henderson and daughter spent New Year's Day with their many Thamesville friends.

In last week's report the name of little Johnnie Longhorne was left out of the drill of the "Little Soldiers."

Miss Violet Albertson is home for her holidays.

Mr. C. Van Valkenburg spent New Year's Day with friends here.

Miss Vansickle, of Jerseyville, is visiting Thamesville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitzel, of Detroit, spent New Year's Day with friends in this place.

Mr. N. K. Cornwall has gone to New York to show his chickens. There is no doubt but Nate will bring honors home with him. He wins wherever he goes.

The town was made quite lively last night with sweet strains from our band, which turned out to honor the councilors and our worthy reeve.

Mr. Charles Obeay, the popular manager for Mr. N. Cornwall's big establishment, returned home on Saturday, accompanied by his wife and son, after a pleasant visit to Delaware and Strathroy.

The election here passed off in the usual quiet way. Mr. Wm. McKenzie was chosen reeve by acclamation. The councilors are: W. R. Ferguson, D. Wallace, Edgar Sherman and Mr. Mills, sen.

**DUTTON.**

Dutton, Jan. 3. — Mr. and Mrs. Avery, of London, were in Dutton for a few days this week.

The Dutton Council for 1906 includes: Reeve W. S. Kendall, Councilors Will Hocken, Malcolm McFarlane, William Ramstein and F. Milliard.

Mrs. J. B. Coates is visiting at Toronto.

Miss Francis Porter has returned home, after visiting her brother at St. Thomas, Mr. William Porter.

The Dutton Brass Band serenaded the councilors and reeve on Monday night.

Mrs. Wm. Porter, of St. Thomas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter, of this village.

Mr. E. Nelson, of Ridgetown, visited his brother, Mr. J. Nelson, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKellar, of Windsor, formerly of Dutton, was renewing old acquaintances here on New Year's Day.

Mr. Alex. McRae, of Indian Head, has returned home.

Mr. F. Fowler has been visiting friends in Shedden.

Mr. J. Dowswell and son, J. R. Dowswell, were in Chatham on Saturday.

**NILESTOWN.**

Nilestown, Jan. 3. — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giles, of Toronto, spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. Fred O'Dell.

Clifford Reynolds, of Detroit, has been here on a visit to his grandfather, Mr. H. Reynolds.

Holly Wilson spent a few days here lately.

Mr. Crossier spent New Year's with his father and mother near Toronto.

Miss Cora Reynolds went to London Saturday to visit with her brother, Raymond.

There was a good turnout at the Sunday school Christmas tree entertainment on Friday night, the seats in the hall being every one filled. In their recitations and songs, the little folks acquitted themselves splendidly. The dialogues of the larger scholars and young people produced great merriment. "Bridget's Investment," "The Train Tomorrow," and "'Way Down East," were on the list. Ivan Edmunds, a little lad, of London, visiting here, sang "Mamma's Boy," and was heartily encored. The applause accorded the "As You Like It" Male Quartet was so pronounced that only by dint of superior skill Old St. Nick guided his bewildered reindeers to his destination, thus enabling him to distribute the presents of the tree to the glee of the small ones.

The electric road, as surveyed past here, comes down the north side of concession 2, of Westminster; then crosses over into Dorchester at A. Brownlee's; then keeps straight along beside the town line on the different farm properties until near the outskirts of this village; then it cuts a little across lots and runs close beside the Hamilton road to Ingersoll.

**DELAWARE.**

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the Methodist Church, Delaware, will be held in the basement this (Wednesday) evening, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m., when a good programme will be given, consisting of music, dialogues and recitations, by the school. The Maple Leaf Glee Club, of London, will also enliven the gathering.

Considering the inclemency of the weather last Thursday, there was a rather large meeting of the Anglican Young People's Association at Mr. Hall's, to hear a paper on the "Origin of Santa Claus." Unfortunately, Mr. Trumper was unavoidably detained, and in the meantime it was proposed by the Rev. Adamson and seconded by Mr. A. A. Trumper, that an impromptu debate be held. This was carried out, several subjects were chosen, and each member was allowed two and a half minutes to speak. Mr. Trumper then arrived, and delivered a clever paper on the difficult subject, "The Origin of Santa Claus," a very suitable theme for this festive season. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Rev. Adamson, after a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall for his hospitality.

**ADELAIDE.**

Adelaide, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Houlton and Ira Downer visited friends in London and Stratford during the holidays.

Miss Carrie Martin, of London, spent the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Misses Sara and Amy Down, of London, spent Christmas at their home at Mullifarry.

Miss Gertrude Eastman, of Arkona, is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Adelaide.

Mr. Archie Campbell left on Monday to take a course in the Agricultural College, Guelph.

Miss Vida Reid, of London, is visiting friends on the second line.

Frank Martin, of Hamilton, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil, of Sarnia, spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris.

Miss Sara Campbell is the guest of friends at Sanilac Center, Mich.

Richard Down and sister, Miss Etta, visited friends at Appin and Thedford during the holidays.

Misses Annie and Florence Miner spent Christmas with friends in Mount Brydges.

Mr. J. A. McKone, of the Business College, Wingham, spent a few days with friends in Adelaide.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowley and son Morgan, of Napperton, were the guests of the Misses Martin one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dowding were guests at Hazelbrae Farm recently.

Miss Mary Randall, of Sylvan, spent a few days with friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Uren, at Byron.

Harry James and sister Gladys, of Strathroy, spent a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Houlton.

George Miner visited his sister, Mrs. L. Welch, at Mount Brydges, one day last week.

L. P. James and son Harry visited Sylvan friends recently.

**MOUNT BRYDGES.**

Mount Brydges, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Waters and son Murray returned to London on Saturday, after visiting relatives here.

There was quite an exciting time here on Monday over the election.

Mrs. A. Graham, jun., was visiting friends in Port Elgin last week.

Mrs. Riley, of Buffalo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McLellan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taggart, of Michigan, spent the New Year holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Taggart.

Mrs. J. Jones and daughter paid a short visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Small, last week.

Rev. Mr. Reid is conducting special services this week in the Methodist Church.

Messrs. R. and L. Yager, of Michigan, have been visiting some time with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, of Hamilton, attended the marriage of their niece, Miss Lulu Nash, to Rev. Mr. Mead, of Woodstock, on Saturday.

### Agramonte's Opinion.

489 Fifth avenue,
New York, Dec. 22, 1905.

Miss Belle Brown:

My Dear Miss Brown,—I take great pleasure in extending to you my congratulations for your excellent and thorough teaching of Miss Burnip, whose singing reflects great credit on her teacher.

Very seldom one finds a singer with such a thorough equipment to become an artist, wonderful control of breath, purity of tone and easy emission, never forced. I take the liberty of sending to you this, my recognition of you as an excellent teacher of the voice. Miss Burnip is studying very hard, and I am sure of her success as an oratorio and a concert singer, in the near future.

Very respectfully yours,
EMILIO AGRAMONTE.

Miss Belle Brown last week received the above letter from Signor Agramonte in reference to one of her pupils, Miss Burnip, and coming, as it did, unsolicited, it speaks well for Miss Brown, who is a teacher at the London Conservatory of Music.

They are laughing in Paris at the trick of a not unknown artist, who, having been given notice to leave his apartment, conceived a novel way of taking revenge upon his landlord. Before he departed he painted the [illegible] of the ceilings and walls of the [illegible] black, and then relieved them in white paint with death's heads, skeletons and cross bones. The landlord summoned the artist, but the judge held the artist had a right to "decorate" the rooms as he liked, so long as he did not "deteriorate" them.

DON'T FORGET, YOUR WIFE asked you to order some Clark's Pork and Beans, and remember she won't be satisfied unless you bring her Clark's. Plain or with chili or tomato sauce. 5c and 10c tins.