

## SUGGESTIONS FOR XMAS SPECIALS IDEAS NOVELTIES

It is not too early to talk Xmas buying—Early purchases mean better assortment, better attention and better satisfaction. Never have we found ourselves better provided for the holiday trade. A rare combination of that high standard of quality, so essential to a gift, and at a price within the reach of all.

**Handkerchiefs**—Always a popular gift. The largest assortment, every conceivable kind and quality from one cent to one dollar.

**Kid Gloves**—Very acceptable. We have them in style, shade, size, quality and price to suit everyone.

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**Gauntlets**—For the child or grown-up in Gray or Black Astracan and Sealette from 25c to \$1.00

**Men's Ties**—Novelties for the holiday trade to hand this week. They are beauties. Many of the regular 50c. lines for 25c.

**Fur Caps, Way's Mufflers, Kid and Wool Gloves, Silk and Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Braces, Silk umbrellas, Gauntlets, Sweaters and countless other useful gifts to delight the heart of man or boy.**

# A. BROWN.

## Before It's Too Late.

If you have not already made your Xmas selection it will be to your advantage to do so now.

Don't leave it until the rush of the last two or three days. We can serve you better now.

### J. W. McLAREN,

DRUGGIST. STATIONER.  
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

## CHRISTMAS is COMING

And with it the Need of

**TRUNKS, SUIT CASES, TRAVELLING BAGS, ETC.,** for the Holiday Trips.

WE CAN SUPPLY YOU

In all lines at RIGHT PRICES.

We also have in stock Fur Coats which we guarantee to be good and the price as low as the lowest: if you do not believe it Call and see them.

Our Stock of ROBES and HORSE BLANKETS is large and well assorted. And we think we can suit you in

**QUALITY AND PRICE.**

**GEO. A. FINLEY,**

**Watford.**



We wish you all—our Customers and Friends—a Merry Xmas, and thank you heartily for your kind patronage during the year 1902.

Don't fail to see our display of Holiday Goods at Sixty Cents on the Dollar.

**L. D. CALDWELL,**  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES.

culls to good, \$3.75 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.50 to \$4.35; sheep top mixed, \$3.50 to \$3.75; culls to good, \$1.75 to \$3.40.

## LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

### Four Candidates in The Field in District No. 6.

There was a good attendance of electors in Fuller's Hall, Arkona, on Monday afternoon at the nomination of County Councillors for District No. 6, comprising the Townships of Watford and Bosanquet, and the villages of Watford, Thedford and Arkona. Mr. Alex. Saunders, of Watford, was the nominating officer. The following nominations were made:

CANDIDATE	MOVER	SECONDER
Robert Fitzsimons	R. Russell	Rebt. Jones
James Jamieson	C. Jackson	R. Fitzsimons
Cabel Kennedy	Geo. Jaap	H. M. Casselman
H. M. Casselman	C. Kennedy	Geo. Jaap
John L. Fuller	J. O. Smith	Joe. McCormick
Duncan Campbell	Thos. Brandon	Rich. Thompson
Alex. Laird	R. Fitzsimons	A. E. Outler
Joe. Hall	A. E. Outler	P. Graham

At the close of the official proceedings Mr. George Jaap, of Bosanquet, was called to the chair.

County Councillor Hall was first called upon. Mr. Hall dealt with the County rate, explaining the items that caused an advance in the rate. Bridges alone had cost over \$8,000. During the present year \$25,000 was collected and the County was now in a better financial position, and would have about \$15,000 to start in with. Bridges had only been a small item this year. Steel bridges were now being substituted, which would be permanent when once constructed. Had tried in every possible way to be economical. Had not cast a vote that was not in the interests of the people they represented. Expenses were increasing from year to year. Referred to a new registry office. By law had been drafted in June. Grand Jury brought in report not very complimentary to County Council. County Judge had made continual complaints, and the result was an indictment against the County Council for maintaining a nuisance. At the December session a committee was appointed to deal with the matter. Claimed that the jail was in as good a condition as any similar institution in the country. Sarnia people wanted the whole thing built new, which would probably cost \$125,000. Would not favor building two registry offices. Who ever your next representatives may be they will have to stand firmer on this question. Had served them for the past four years, was thankful for past support, but was not a candidate for the re-election.

County Councillor Jamieson was next called upon. He had served them to the best of his ability during his four years term of office. Had opposed the raise in the salary of the manager of the House of Refuge on principle. We must build a new registry office. No one thought it would be a saving to the County to have two offices. Was thankful for past support and was now retiring from the field.

Cabel Kennedy, of Bosanquet, was the next speaker. Had appeared before them two years ago, but had come out in the minority. Some of his friends had thought him a proper man to fill one of the vacancies. Was before them to ask their suffrages. Had been in the County Council a number of terms and knew something about County business. There was a good deal of log rolling in that body. It takes a green man some time to get into the harness. He would be apt to be snubbed and advantage taken of him. Representatives from the towns were disposed to be expensive and place the financial burden of the County on the rural municipalities. Did not see any decrease in expenditure under the new system. Thought his past experience would be of service if elected. He was a candidate for District No. 6.

J. L. Fuller, of Arkona, had consented to come out as a candidate. Was not much of a speaker, but was a great thinker. Had spent 40 years of his life on a farm, but of late years had been in mercantile life. He was in as good a position as ever to look after the interests of his farmer. If they entrusted the responsibility to him they could depend upon his best efforts. Had been in Watford Council for eight years, and had got along well. Had made no arrangements with anybody in regard to this campaign. He was in favor of the old system of representation. He was a candidate for District No. 6.

Duncan Campbell, of Watford, had consented to stand as a candidate for County Councillor. Had four years experience in County Council work. He was a resident of Watford all his days living close to Bosanquet. Would try and get around to see all he could. Was opposed to dividing County for registration purposes.

Ex-County Councillor Fitzsimons, of Watford, thought a new registry office

was required, as the present building was too small and unsuitable. Would be opposed to a division into two districts. He was not a candidate at the present time.

H. M. Casselman, of Watford, was glad to see the interest manifested in County affairs. He criticised the action whereby indigents were kept in the County Jail instead of being provided for in the House of Refuge. It was admitted that a new registry office was a necessity, and he was surprised at the action of the County Council at its last session in deferring action after the by law had been published and expense incurred. Criticized County Councillors for raising their own salaries, as the expense was now little less than when each municipality was represented. Was not before them as a candidate.

Ex-Reeve Laird, of Watford, was opposed to the constant raise in the salaries of County officials. Where an official asked for an increase it should be considered equivalent to a resignation. Had been Reeve of Watford for five years, and if they thought he had done his work well asked for their support. Did not believe in personal canvassing, considered it was self degrading. If elected would do his best to keep down expenses. We wanted a new registry office, why not build it. Sarnia was the most convenient place. If a motion was brought up to reduce the pay of County Councillors to two dollars a day he would support it. It was defeated he would have the three dollars in his pocket with the rest.

Mr. Hall replied to the criticism of Mr. Casselman, explaining his position on points received from that gentleman.

The candidates remaining in the field are Duncan Campbell and Alexander Laird of Watford, Cabel Kennedy, of Bosanquet, and John L. Fuller, of Arkona.

## FATAL FIRE AT STRATHROY.

Little Girl Burnt to Death at a Christmas Entertainment.

Strathroy, Dec. 22.—The annual Christmas entertainment in St. John's church, which was being held to night, had a terrible ending. Several people were badly crushed in a stampede, and a little girl was so badly burned she will die. The affair caused the greatest excitement in the town. The fire bell rang and the fire department was called out. For a time stories of the most startling description as to the nature and extent of the accident were flying about.

The injured are:—  
Ida Hancock, aged 11 years, terribly burned about the legs and arms, will die.  
Mrs. Hancock mother of Ida Hancock, badly burned.

Mrs. L. Dampier, mother of the manager of the Bank of Commerce here, and formerly of London, crushed in the stampede will recover.

Mrs. Kinder crushed.

Mrs. Drewe, badly injured.

Mrs. Ella Lewis badly injured upon.

Many other people were less seriously hurt in the mad rush of the panic stricken merry-makers to escape from the building. The entertainment took the form of a Christmas tree, with a programme of songs and recitations preceding. Mr. E. J. Wright took the part of Santa Claus, and had just entered the room when the accident occurred. Ida Hancock stood upon a chair that she might the better see Santa Claus. Her head came in contact with a Rochester lamp, which she lifted from its resting place. The lamp fell with a crash upon the floor, and instantly the oil took fire. The little Hancock girl was enveloped in flames, but the presence of mind of her mother and others near at hand quickly extinguished the fire. Mr. Wright with splendid disregard for his own personal safety, seized the burning lamp and threw it from the window.

The crowd which included many children was seized with a panic. There was a stampede for the door, and in their haste to find exits numbers clambered out upon the roof at the rear. Those who went down the stairway experienced a wild time. Several women were knocked down and trampled upon. It is a marvel that more fatalities did not take place in the jammed mass of struggling people on the staircase.

The little Hancock girl is a daughter of Mr. George Hancock, of Strathroy, travelling for the Strathroy Brewing and Malt Company. Her injuries resulted in her death on Tuesday.

Mr. Windover, the owner of the big gas well on lot 4, concession 8, Eniakillen sold his stock and farming implements last week, preparatory to leaving the farm. He has sold his farm to a Petrolia man. The buyer feels satisfied that there must be oil close to where that great volume of gas comes from, and will make efforts to find it.

## WATFORD MARKETS

**GRAIN AND SEEDS—**  
Wheat, fall, per bush.....\$ 60 @ \$ 65  
Oats, per bush..... 28 29  
Barley, per bush..... 40 40  
Peas, per bush..... 60 65  
Beans, per bush..... 1 60 1 80  
Timothy..... 2 75 3 00  
Clover Seed..... 4 50 4 70  
Alfalfa..... 6 00 6 50

**PROVISIONS—**  
Butter, per pound..... 16 16  
Lard,..... 12 14  
Eggs, per doz..... 20 20  
Pork..... 7 50 7 75  
Flour, per cwt..... 1 75 2 00

**VEGETABLES AND FRUIT—**  
Potatoes, per bag..... 1 00 1 20

**MISCELLANEOUS—**  
Wool..... 2 00 2 50  
Tallow..... 5 6  
Hides..... 5 6  
Wool..... 11 15  
Hay, per ton..... 5 00 6 00

**POULTRY—**  
Turkeys, per lb..... 9 10  
Chickens, per lb..... 5 6  
Ducks, per pair..... 45 50  
Geese, per b..... 6 6

**LONDON MARKETS**  
Wheat.....\$ 87 to \$ 89  
Oats..... 0 30 to 0 30  
Peas..... 0 85 to 0 92  
Barley..... 0 40 to 0 43  
Rye..... 0 47 to 0 50  
Butter..... 0 18 to 0 20  
Eggs..... 0 20 to 0 23  
Pork..... 7 00 to 8 25

**TORONTO.**

Toronto, Dec. 23.—To day was quite an off day at the cattle market, particularly in the local butcher trade. The run was very light, and there was very little wanted, and it is not likely that there will be much of any kind wanted for the rest of this week. The butchers are supplied with their Christmas beef, and except for a few export cattle, one or two good lots offering, finding purchases at from \$4.50 to \$5. What little there was doing in the butchers' cattle was at a little lower price than last week. Fair to medium butchers were selling at \$3.50 to \$3.75; choice lots, \$3.75 to \$4.25.

A few feeding steers and bulls were offering, and selling at about last week's prices—steers, 1,100 to 1,150 pounds, at \$3.75 to \$4.12; bulls, 1,200 to 1,300 pounds, at \$2.75 to \$3.30.

The sheep and lamb trade was dull, with practically nothing doing.

The total run for the day was 35 loads, with 336 head of cattle, 566 sheep and lambs, 1,120 hogs and 10 calves.

**Quotations:—**  
Feeders, steers, 1,050 lbs., \$3.75 to \$4.12; do., bulls, 1,300 lbs., 2.75 to 3.30  
Export, heavy..... 4.00 to 5.00  
Export cattle light..... 3.75  
Bulls, export, heavy cwt..... 3.75 to 4.25  
do. light..... 3.00 to 3.50  
Feeders, light, 800 pounds and upwards..... 3.00 to 3.50  
Stockers, 400 to 800 lbs., 2.00 to 2.75  
do. 900 lbs..... 3.25  
Butchers' cattle choice..... 4.00 to 4.25  
do. medium..... 3.50 to 3.75  
do. picked..... 3.75 to 4.00  
Light stock bulls, cwt..... 3.00 to 3.25  
Milch cows, each..... 3.00 to 5.00  
Hogs, best..... 6.00  
do., light..... 5.75  
Sheep, export cwt..... 3.25  
Bucks..... 2.50 to 2.75  
Culls..... 2.25 to 2.50  
Lambs..... 3.75 to 4.25  
Calves each..... 2.00 to 10.00  
Common rough cows and bulls..... 2.25 to 3.00

**EAST BUFFALO.**

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; steady. Veals—Receipts, 180 head; 25c. lower; tops, \$8.50 to \$9; common to good, \$5.50 to \$8. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; market steady; heavy, \$6.35 to \$6.50; a few at \$6.55; mixed, \$6.20 to \$6.35; Yorkers and pigs, \$6 to \$6.05; roughs, \$5.50 to \$5.80; stags, \$4.50 to \$5. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 14,100 head; sheep steady; lambs, 10c. to 15c. lower; top lambs, \$5.30 to \$5.55;

## For Christmas Presents.

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Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors,  
Hockey Skates, Spring Skates,  
Carpet Sweepers,  
Meat Choppers,  
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