

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

COMMUNITY CLUB AT REDNERSVILLE

Live Spirit Animates People of That Region—Meets Weekly.

MR. PARLIAMENT SPEAKS

Speaker in Legislature Tells How to Become an Orator.

REDNERSVILLE—While there was a good deal of excitement created by the first Wednesday morning last in the building occupied by Thos. G. Thompson as a general store, the early alarm by a midnight passer-by and the prompt action of friends and neighbours prevented any heavy loss and saved nearly all the stock and the building.

MADOC.

Miss M. Hall left on Monday to take up her duties at St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Simmons spent Xmas with Mr. Simmons's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curry motored to Belleville on Christmas morning.

Miss Agnes Gordon and Mr. B. Reid, of Belleville spent Xmas at Mr. Gordon's.

Miss Kathleen Burns, of Belleville, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Mary Foote is visiting friends in Belleville.

Miss Pearl Sandford and Mr. H. Sandford, of Toronto, spent Xmas with their parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewart and son John are spending a couple of weeks in Buffalo and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rupert, of New York, are visiting friends and relatives around Madoc and Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin and baby spent Xmas at his home at Remington.

Mr. R. McCoy, of Carstairs, Alta., is spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Madoc.

Miss Esther Wagner, of Belleville, spent a day last week with Miss Morna Wallbridge and was present at the "At Home."

quirements of the art of public speaking as being enterprise, singleness of aim and preparation.

Next he dealt with the obstacles, viz. self-consciousness and nervousness, forgetfulness, indirectness and failure to get and hold attention, showing by various allusions that it is possible for a speaker to be so absorbed in his theme that surroundings, impediments, helplessness and even opposition can be overcome. He closed by summarily proving that a firm faith in and co-operation with the great Heavenly Father and His divine way is the great centre and secret of success.

The thanks of the meeting was tendered the speaker by Rev. L. M. Sharpe, pastor and individually by most of those present at the close.

The next session of the club will be held at Centre Church next Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, of Vancouver, B.C., are visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, and his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wagar, Centreville, and other friends in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baughan announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Caroline, to Mr. Thomas Kenworthy, of New York City.

Miss Laura M. Chambers, R.N., has returned from spending the past few months in Los Angeles, Cal., and is visiting her mother and sister in Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foltz and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barrett, of Belleville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, John Street.

Miss Louise Harshaw entertained at a delightful "The Damsel," Wednesday afternoon, the guests of honor being Miss Agnes Bellhouse and Miss Kathleen Daly.

Mrs. H. W. Kelly left on Wednesday for Gananoque to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Harcourt Acton, Gananoque Silver Springs Farm, also to attend the Gananoque Bachelors' Ball on Friday night.

Mrs. Martin, of Deseronto, accompanied by her sister, Miss Bessie Greenfield, are guests of their sister, Mrs. I. McKenzie, in town.

Miss G. George spent the Christmas festival and holidays in town the guest of her mother.

Miss Hyatt spent Christmas and the holidays at her home in Picton.

Mr. Prosser is spending the holidays at his home in Ravenshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lees spent Christmas in Trenton, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. John Redburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hasse, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the former's home here.

Miss Dorothy Embury, who is attending Ladies' College in Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays the guest of her parents here.

Mrs. Datoe, of Gilmour, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thos. McInroy.

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Russell spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mr. D. G. Chisholm spent Christmas with his sister at Frankford.

Miss Evaline Knox, of Bracebridge, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Knox.

Mr. Walter Naylor, of Niagara Falls, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Naylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jones left today for their new home in Truro, N.S.

Mr. John McCullough was home from Sudbury for a few days during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Simmons, of Niagara Falls, spent Christmas with friends in Marmora and Deloro. Mr. Simmons returned Monday, leaving his wife to spend the winter months here.

Mr. Dan. Shannon and daughter, Miss Marion, were in Toronto on Monday. The latter will remain in the city for some time and complete her musical training at Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Miss Lillian Batstone returned on Thursday from Povaassa where she taught school last term.

Mr. P. R. Mulhern is spending a few days with Picton friends.

Miss Ethel Anderson is home from Burlington Hospital for the holidays.

Miss Geraldine Conley is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sine and baby spent Christmas at the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sine.

Mr. Warren Boldrick is here from

the west on a visit to his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Boldrick.

Mr. Joe Delaney, Twsed, and Mrs. English, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with their sister, Miss Sarah Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleston and baby, of Deseronto, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton, St. Ola, Goldwin, Fraser, of Smithfield, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Bidwell Sine, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitty are spending the holidays in Tweed, guests of their daughter, Mrs. Felix Rashotte.

Miss M. S. Donnan, trained nurse, of New York City, is the guest of her sister and father, Miss Eliza and James Donnan, of town.

Mrs. Alf. Chard, accompanied by her two small sons Tom and Bobbie, of Mount Royal, Calgary, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hurst and family, Helen, Mr. Jas. Bateman, Peterboro, Miss Margaret Bateman, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Bateman, Xmas Day.

SERVICE CHARGE NOW EXPLAINED

Why Hydro "Tax" is Called Necessary Puzzles Many People.

AN ILLUSTRATION

Graduated Charge is Found More Fair—Meaning of Public Ownership.

(By J. E. Middleton)

Here is an actual bill for electric light in a Toronto residence for the months of October and November:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Service charge, 1,700 square feet at 3c per 100 per month, 102 Kilowatt hours at 2c, 15 kilowatt hours at 1c, Gross \$3.21, 10 per cent. discount, if paid before Dec 23, 1920, \$2.89.

The service charge puzzles many persons. They see no reason for an arbitrary "tax" on the size of their houses and would prefer to pay only for the current they actually use.

Possibly an illustration may explain it better than an argument.

In a tiny backwoods hamlet lives a little old man who makes his living by hiring out coal oil lamps to his neighbors as they may require them.

His task is to keep the lamps trimmed and filled, and to deliver them every evening all ready to light, according to requirements. On Monday night the Joneses need only two, the Smiths, three and the Robinsons, five.

On Sunday the Joneses are away visiting and need only one, to light them to bed on their return, the Smiths have company and require six, the Robinsons need five as usual.

On Christmas Eve with all the children at home everybody needs all the lamps available. The Joneses call for ten, the Smiths for ten and the Robinsons for fifteen.

Emergency Calls

It is obvious that the little old man must keep on hand enough lamps and enough oil to meet an emergency call for 35—although the ordinary demand is for ten, or at most twelve.

If his hiring rate is merely enough to cover the average consumption of oil and the average wear and tear on the lamps actually used, the little old man is going to come out of the small end of the horn.

He must make a charge for the lamps held in reserve.

The Hydro-electric system is the little old man. Every house wired for electric light has at least one lamp in every room, and there must be enough power available to light all at once, if necessary.

But usually not more than two or three lamps are burning at once in the average house on an average evening.

It would not be fair to charge only for the current actually used. In such circumstances an electric service could not make ends meet.

The Two Ways

There are two ways of applying a service charge; by a flat, arbitrary rate per month for each user, and by a graduated charge based on the likelihood of emergency demands.

According to the first method of rating, the widow occupying two rooms would pay exactly the same service charge as the millionaire in a house of forty rooms.

Plainly, that would be unfair. It would be an unreasonable discrimination against the owners and tenants of small houses.

The graduated charge is more just. It is assumed as a guiding rule that the man with a big house will be more likely to require emergency service than the man with a five-room cottage.

Therefore "the Hydro" measures the floor space and fixes a rate of 3 cents per 100 square feet.

Of course it is arbitrary. There may be cases where the occupants of a big house are very quiet folk, while the people living in a small house may entertain their friends very frequently.

But on the whole the rule is reasonable and just. The man making the most frequent demands upon the reserve force of the Hydro pays the largest service charge.

In Toronto a three-storey house of fifty feet frontage and sixty feet depth would be charged \$2.70 a month. The minimum service charge for a small house is 30c.

Another feature

Now consider once more the bill at the head of this article. Including the service charge and deducting the discount for prompt payment for two months' service is \$2.39.

The actual consumption of current was 117 kilowatt hours, therefore the net cost to the householder for lighting was less than 2 1/2c per kilo-

U. S. CANCELLATIONS HIT BRITISH FIRMS

Attempts Made at Adjustment Through Local Consulates

LONDON, Jan. 4.—"British traders complain that the cancellations of contracts involving millions of dollars are becoming numerous," said Robert Skinner, United States Consul-General in London, today.

"I have instructed the United States Consuls throughout the British Isles to inquire carefully into individual cases, and where alleged cancellations are substantiated to assist in accomplishing amicable adjustments through Washington. There have been no definite settlements yet, but I am hopeful of clearing up the majority of claims soon."

"Most of the complaints come from Manchester and the vicinity, where the great textile concerns have been hit hard by United States cancellations, and thousands have been thrown out of work."

"United States exporters are by no means the only ones complained of. Consuls of other countries are busy on similar work of settling disputes."

Sir Charles Sykes recently in an address before the Huddersfield Chamber of Commerce said he had been informed that Washington probably would centralize the United States Consular offices of Great Britain in the near future, and that inland offices of Great Britain in the near future, and that inland offices, with the exception of London, would be closed and work concentrated in the ports.

Consul-General Skinner said that, while the present tendency of the Government was to reduce staffs or to eliminate entirely minor Consulates, Sir Charles' information was inaccurate, and that it was not the intention of the United States to close all the inland Consulates in Britain.

STOCKDALE

Mr. Brown, of Lindsay, is spending his Christmas holidays at Mrs. E. Sanborn's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wannamaker spent Christmas with Mrs. S. White.

Mr. Geo. Brownell, of Trent River, spent a few days the past week at Mr. A. E. Wood's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sargent spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wannamaker spent Christmas at Mr. M. Davidson's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox, Mrs. Demill, Mr. P. Demill and Miss V. Wood spent Christmas at A. E. Wood's.

Mr. Jas. Foster is moving to Frankford, into the house lately owned by Mr. M. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Powell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Osterhout, of Frankford, spent Christmas at Mr. J. S. Powell's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Arnott, of Vineland, spent Tuesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sargent.

SCHOOL REPORT

S. S. No. 11—Thurlow

Sr. IV—Neva Garrison.

Jr. IV—Charlie Brown, Derwood Windsor, Jean Leslie, Irene Latta, Bertha Badgley (absent).

Sr. III—Julia Roblin, Kenneth Bradshaw, Percy Latta (absent).

Jr. III—Nellie Lywood, Norma Garrison, Palmer Phillips, Gordon Rose.

Sr. II—Helen Leslie.

Jr. II—Arthur Bradshaw.

Primer—Helena Bradshaw, Grant Cole.

POSTS—TERWILLIGER

Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, H. J. Postie to Miss M. Williger.

Saffron added to the ring

BERLIN HOLWEG DIES

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NO. 9 THURLOW

Report of S. S. No. 9—Thurlow. Names in order of merit.

Sr. IV—Grace Simmons, Percy Reynolds.

Jr. IV—Kenneth Clarke, Luella Jones, Dick Grindley.

Sr. III—Herbie Roper, Earl Gilbert, Clayton Sullivan, Lyle Vanderwater, Arthur Shields.

Jr. III—Rosalya Guay, Xavier Guay, Violet Guay, Maggie Reynolds.

Jr. II—Ferne Patterson, Billie Roper, Mary Hicks, Noely Guay.

Primer—Veronka Guay, Irene Reynolds.

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Until He Took "Fruit-a-lives" The Fruit Medicine

R. E. No. 1. LORNA ORR. "For over three years, I was confined to bed with Rheumatism. I treated with doctors, and tried nearly everything without benefit. Finally, I tried 'Fruit-a-lives'. Before I had used half a box I saw improvement; the pain was easier and the swelling started to go down. I continued taking this fruit medicine, improving all the time, and now I can walk about two miles and do light chores about the place."

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REPORT OF S. S. 23, SIDNEY

For November and December.

Jr. IV. Class—Luella Waldron, 79%. Frank Pope, 57%. Frank Tucker, 50%.

Jr. III. Class—Elsie Wallace, 71%. Mable Peck, 50%. Malcolm Nobes, 40%.

Second Class—Edward Peck, 94%. Miles Benedict, 60%. Everett Phillips, 50%. Willie Armstrong, 46%.

First Class—Jean Pope, Howard Armstrong, Lucille Lawrence.

Primer B.—Ruby Woods and Helen Trembley (equal), Wallace Lawrence, Alice Trembley.

Primer A., Sr.—Mildred Phillips, Kenneth Twiddy, Eddie Trembley, Mary Dordan, Harry Trembley.

Primer A., Jr.—Percy Peck, Bertie Cassidy, Kathleen Cassidy, Caroline Dordan.

GIN CONFISCATED

A case of gin valued at about \$37 and consigned to a man residing near Cobourg was seized by Inspector Goodrich and the case came up for hearing before P. M. Floyd. The man to whom the case was consigned did not appear and it was confiscated.

COUNTY CONSTABLE

Joseph Watson, captain of the Grand Trunk staff of special agents at Brockville, was sworn in by County Crown Attorney M. M. Brown as a county constable for the counties of Leeds and Grenville. Mr. Watson is a capable officer with long experience in the Royal Irish Constabulary, the Dominion Police and other forces to his credit.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. BRUISES. DIABETES. BACKACHE. GRAVEL. NEURALGIA. MIGRAINE. HEADACHE. STOMACH DYSPEPSIA. BILIOUSNESS. COLIC. CONSTIPATION. URINARY AFFECTIONS. GONORRHOEA. GLEET. HEMATURIA. CATARRH. PYELITIS. NEURALGIA. MIGRAINE. HEADACHE. STOMACH DYSPEPSIA. BILIOUSNESS. COLIC. CONSTIPATION. URINARY AFFECTIONS. GONORRHOEA. GLEET. HEMATURIA. CATARRH. PYELITIS.

1067 THE PHARMACY

New Year Prices in Fur Coats. Almost impossible reductions have taken place in the selling price of these coats. You are now buying them LESS THAN THEY COST at the first of the season.

One only Opposum Coat \$199. One only Electric Seal Coat, Beaver Collar and Cuffs \$199. One only Electric Seal Coat, Alaska Sable Collar and Cuffs \$199. One only Muskrat Coat, Electric Seal Collar and Cuffs \$199. Hudson Seal, Genuine No. 1, Alaska Sable or Beaver trimmed \$350. Besure and see these coats, because we positively can save you a lot of money.

Geo. T. WOODLEY Furs & Millinery 273 Front St. Phone 421

ARGUMENTS BY COTTON CLASS

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—That was necessary to the industry spoke for was the information to the Tariff Commission on this morning.

One of these gentlemen Simpson, former manager of the tariff commission, is necessary to that in also to the oil shale industry. In the case of the latter he was interested he thought used in the product of oil shale should be the free list for two years as the only alternative to some districts.

ACCIDENT BY THE AV

Ontario Workingman's Showing Big Sum Provided for by A

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—A 54,851 accidents were reported to the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board during 1920.

10,591 more than in 1919. Last accidents reported during 1920 were 452, as against 429 during an increase of 32.

The daily average was 125, or one accident every 10 minutes of the working day.

The amount awarded for compensation during the year was \$7,780,145.25, as against \$7,192,859.93 during 1919.

883,994.84. During 1918, the increase is largely by reason of increased benefits provided

Every

A few years ago there appeared a Canadian newspaper a Canadian political leader, in of a medical doctor, long tombstone. All around the graves of the various and reforms which he had when in opposition, he had promised to put when elected. Now, after power, these principles are were all dead and decent with tombstones erected memories.

In the presence of the and their monuments, the medical man reverently takes hat and soliloquies: "Let me see! Let me see! ten years since I commenced here."

It must have been a practice, or he must have a great many patients, for a most many stones. All for reform had been laid a tomb, and hat in hand, he reverent meditation in the grave-yard of his good.

It was a clever bit of humor. Doubtless it made campaign ammunition. I think that it was a libel on tors, over whose backs the was being lashed.

Whether right or wrong that party leader, it did fact of life. Let us pause where in the midst of the get into a reminiscent mood shall see all around us the our good intentions.

This is especially true at the beginning of each new year when we are inclined to look back of us make good resolutions same time we are compelled association of ideas to look on the resolutions we made vious year and to realize have failed to fulfill many.

Such failure is so common some profess to be sceptical in good resolutions at the foot of those who do, weaklings, visionaries, and they do not know life.

Yet the person who keeps

MARRIED

Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, H. J. Postie to Miss M. Williger.

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