

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A number of Aylmer merchants have given notice that their places of business will hereafter be closed at 6.30 p.m. every evening except on Saturdays and evenings preceding holidays. It seems to us that it would be reasonable to make this the hour for general closing. Surely the day hours are long enough for customers to do their trading without keeping the stores open through the evening. By closing at 6.30 proprietors and clerks would get a chance to spend their evenings at home with their families, or use them in profit or pleasure, to which they are justly entitled. In nine cases out of ten it is exceedingly doubtful whether the patronage secured after the supper hour warrants the expense incurred in keeping open. We congratulate those who have voluntarily set this good example, and hope to see it followed by all. A ten-hour day is surely long enough for proprietor and clerk.

After mature consideration we have arrived at the conclusion that there are many people in St. Thomas who dearly love a scrap, and that their headquarters for scrapping are in the city council and school trustee board. The ratepayers scrap to get elected, then keep it up for eleven months in the year. That the members are really not so blood-thirsty as reports of their meetings appear to make them is evidenced from the fact that their December meetings each year seem to take the form of a mutual admiration society, when each takes advantage of the occasion to tell what a remarkably fine and capable lot of fellows his associates are, and what a big mistake it would be if the ratepayers did not re-elect them for another term. There was a record number of candidates for honors at the county seat this year and the fight was the fiercest in years. Many of the old guard knew how to play the game, were returned, and will doubtless be in their element while teaching the unsophisticated how to protect themselves. A lady and a minister were on Monday elected as members of the school trustee board, and it will be somewhat interesting to watch what effect this will have on the demeanor of the old gladiators.

The year 1919 goes down in history as the warmest year recorded since 1840. Not only did the mean temperature, which was 48.3 degrees, exceed the average by 4.1 degrees, but the sun shone for 2,068 hours, twenty hours longer than the estimated average number of hours in former years. In rain-fall however, Toronto's Weatherman records the exactly normal supply of 28.66 inches while the snowfall was but half the usual quantity, being 28.5, or 37.6 inches below the average. Ten degrees above average was the record established by the month of June, the hottest month of the year, while on July 4th, when the recorded temperature was 98, the mercury reached the highest point during the year. December 17, when the thermometer dropped to 7.2 below zero, was the coldest day, and December, with a temperature of 3.4 degrees below average, was the coldest month. Incidentally, December experienced the heaviest snowfall of the year, with a recorded depth of 9.4 inches. December's warmest day was the 13th, with a temperature of 48.8, but practically the only measureable quantity of rain was the fall of 0.4 inches on December 9th. The snowfall was 9.4, the heaviest being 2.5, on the sixth.

Our local baker, in conversation with the editor the other day produced facts and figures which if correct seem to justify the advance in the price of bread at his store from ten to eleven cents a loaf. He claims that although the price of flour has gone up, this is not the only reason for the advance. Wages are much higher to-day than ever before, while sugar and yeast are also soaring, the latter costing more than one hundred

per cent. more than it did two years ago. According to the baker's figures his net cost of producing amounts to practically ten cents a loaf, and naturally we could not argue that a profit on the bread sold of one cent is at all unreasonable. From statistics prepared and tabulated by the Baker and Confectioner and submitted to us, we learn that the cost of bread production varies slightly in different localities, but the average given for the Dominion is 10 1/2 cents for a pound and a half loaf. Consequently Aylmer is under the average, otherwise bread could not be sold here at the present price. This may be the reason that bread coming into Aylmer costs one cent more than the local rate. Accepting the facts as submitted, we very much doubt that there are very many business men here who would be satisfied with the small margin of profit the baker receives.

The forecast made by the Express in regard to the vote on the Gas By-law proved correct in every detail. We must concede a decided victory to the Company in the fight, and it is now up to the officials to show that they are worthy of the victory, and appreciate the advance in rates granted them. According to their agreement they must make an honest, persistent effort to secure an adequate supply for consumers who continue to do business with them. Failure to do so will simply mean a total loss of patronage, as our people have now gone the limit in concessions and accepting excuses. Whether they realize it or not the Company is hardly playing fair in the rendering of their bills for November and December, which were promptly delivered the morning following the passing of the by-law. While they are entitled to the advanced rate from November 1st last, they have evidently overlooked the fact that the reading of the meters for November payment was made from about the 15th to the 19th of October, which gives them the benefit of the forty-cent rate for practically half of the latter month, to which they are certainly not entitled. Now that their attention has been called to the matter, they will doubtless allow consumers due credit for the overcharge.

MORRIS-STEVENSON

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place on New Years Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevenson, St. George St., when their only daughter, Virginia Mae became the bride of Roy Morris, of Tisdale, Sask. Rev. J. A. H. McLean performed the ceremony which was solemnized at 10 o'clock in the presence of the immediate relatives. After the ceremony the happy couple left on a short honeymoon. They will reside in Tisdale, Sask.

IN MEMORIAM

Shackleton—In loving memory of our dear mother, Rebecca Shackleton who died four years ago to-day, Jan. 8th. Days of sadness still come o'er us, Tears in silence often flow, For memory keeps her ever near us, Though she died four years ago. Friends may think that we forget her, When at times they see us smile, But they little know the sorrow, That smile hides all the while.

Inserted by her loving children, Mabel, Edith and Ray

HEALTH FOR THE BABY

The baby of to-day is the man and woman of to-morrow. Thus the success of the future man or woman depends upon the baby's present well-being. If the baby is sickly and ill nourished it is not to be expected that he will grow into a strong, active man who will hold his own in the business world a few years hence. Mothers it is a duty you owe the future to keep your little ones well now. This can easily be done if Baby's Own Tablets are kept in the house. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which regulate the bowels and sweeten the stomach and thus make baby healthy and strong. Concerning them Mrs. W. Orser, Edinburg, Ont., writes:—I have a fine healthy boy about three years and have used Baby's Own Tablets for him ever since he was a small baby. I certainly think them a splendid medicine. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

OLD LADIES

Yes, they are beautiful. Not with the beauty of youth, perhaps; the bloom may be gone; the rounded cheek and the swelling throat all have passed away; but there remains beauty that can be felt—the soul shining through the eyes, the large heart and benevolent impulses, taking in all within its reach. A kind word to one a look of sympathy and love to another; for they have lived long enough to suffer, and they believe in the fellowship of suffering. The storms and tempests have gone over all the sharp points of their character and rounded them down, so that now they only ripple the surface. The eyes may not be so bright for one, but their is less selfishness, and they take into their warm hearts the sorrows of many and send out such a ray of comfort and hope into mourning hearts. They have followed the loved ones almost to the gates of the "Beautiful City" so often, that their faces have caught some of the radiance reflected on them. Can anything be more lovely than a beautiful life? And the longer, the more grace, the more patience. Then let none regret that they are growing old. If the life is holy, it will shine through the plainest face; the heart never grows old. And when these houses of clay begin to totter and to crumble away, let us climb to the upper chamber nearest heaven and look out upon the shining city and catch the glory.

WHY THEY CALL IT PIN MONEY

This expression originally came from the allowance which a husband gave his wife to purchase pins. At one time, pins were dreadfully expensive so that only wealthy people could afford them, and they were saved so carefully that in those days you could not have looked along the pavement and found a pin which you happened to be in need of, as you can and often do to-day.

By a curious law the manufacturers of pins were allowed to sell them only on January 1 and 2 each year, and so when those days came round the women whose husbands could afford it secured pin money from them and went out and got their pins.

Pins have become so very cheap in these days that we are rather careless with them but the expression has continued to live, although to-day when used it means any allowance of money which a husband gives his wife for her personal expense.

Pins were known and used as long ago as 1347 A. D. They were introduced into England in 1540. In 1824 an American named Wright invented a machine for making pins which enabled them to manufacture cheaply. About 1,500 tons of iron and brass are made into pins every year on this continent.

CLOCK OF ALL GLASS

A feat of painstaking ingenuity has been accomplished after six years of continuous work in the construction of a working clock, every part of which, except the springs is made of glass. The constructor is a Bohemian glass polisher living in this country.

The plates and pillars which form the framework are of glass and are bolted together with glass screws. The dial plate, hands, shafts and cogwheels are of glass and glass wedges and pins are used for fastening the various parts of the running gear together.

All these parts are ground to the average proportions of the metal parts of other clocks of the same size. The teeth of the cogwheels are cut with minute exactness. Only the balance wheel is heavier and thicker than it would be in an ordinary clock to control the movements of the machine.

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Overcoats

15 per cent. Discount for Cash	
\$15.00 Overcoats	for \$12.75
18. " "	15.30
20. " "	17.00
25. " "	21.25
28. " "	23.80
35. " "	29.75
37.50 " "	30.00

Winter Caps

15 per cent. Discount for Cash
A big stock of Choice patterns and blocks to choose from.
Come in and look them over.

Wear "Life-Buoy"

Rubbers

The best rubbers made.
Every pair guaranteed perfect
They cost no more to buy than inferior makes.

All the newest ideas in both fine rubbers, overshoes or mackinaws.

Sweater Coats

15 per cent. Discount for Cash	
\$3.00 Sweater Coats and Pullovers	\$2.55
3.50 " " "	2.98
4.00 " " "	3.40
5.00 " " "	4.25
6.00 " " "	5.10
7.00 " " "	5.95
8.00 " " "	6.80
9.00 " " "	7.65

Sheep lined work coats for \$12.35
Knitted mitts or Gloves 50c. to \$1.25

21 only Men's light flannelette shirts at Each 90c

Penman's fleece-lined underwear, per garment \$4.00

Men's Mackinaw Coats, each \$9.85

Boys' Mackinaw Coats, each \$6.95

Men's Black Smocks, with a heavy flannelette lining, each \$3.50

Child's Overcoats from \$4.75 to \$14.00 each

Men's Grey Flannel Shirts at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

15 Per Cent. Discount on all Winter Work Mitts.

Child's all wool pull over sweaters, 2 to 5 year sizes only, each \$1.00

The G. R. Christie Co.

THE STORE FOR BEST VALUE

Like the clock itself, the key with which it is wound is of glass. The completion of the work was a matter of infinite pains. Some of the parts had to be made over and over again, as often as forty times in some cases before the clock would go and keep good time.

A POSSIBLE REASON

One never knows what is the power behind the throne. The true motive often lies buried deep under a pile of plausibilities. Perhaps the clergyman in this skit probed down to a true spring. The good parson was summoned for driving his automobile beyond the speed limit. "Now," said the magistrate, "you say you were going only eighteen

miles an hour, but the constable still rate? Is there any grudge he owes declares you were travelling at you." thirty. Now I don't like to doubt "No," replied the clergyman, "no, I either of you. Can you think why can't think of anything—unless it is he declares you were going at that that I married him three years ago."

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The Best on the Market—Just in.

Seeded, lb. packages	25c
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Seedless in bulk, very choice, lb	25c

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New Buckwheat Flour, New Wheatine, New Graham Flour, Yellow Corn Meal.

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Syrup and Molasses to advance soon.
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Flour has advanced.
Jelly Powders up 20 cents a dozen.

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2 Curly Cloth Overcoats, made by Newlands, Dressy and good to wear \$30.00, Sale Price \$25.00 Net

2 only, Sheep-lined Coats, new \$15.00 each, Sale Price \$12.99 Net

25 Grey Sweaters, Men's Size, net... \$2.00

15 pairs Men's Best Overshoes, sizes 10 and 11 large sizes, net... \$1.77

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