

Aylmer's General Store

Christmas Goods in all Departments

If you wish to give useful presents, something durable and at the same time economical, you can be suited here.

In Dry Goods

There is a good assortment to choose from, including a shipment of fancy Handkerchiefs which have been marked at very low prices.

In the Shoe Department

Special lines of seasonable Goods have been added, including a handsome range of LADIES' AND MEN'S SLIPPERS. Just the thing for a Christmas gift.

The Grocery Stock

Is loaded down with holiday Goods, and our FRUITS are second to none. We have the best at lowest prices.

Try our Chocolates and creams at 15c. per lb. Oranges from 15c. per doz. up. All kinds of Produce taken.

H. C. Mulholland

POUSTIE'S OLD STAND

Headquarters for Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes.

NEW YEARS GIFTS

Forget some one at Christmas time? We have a nice lot of little novelties suitable for New Year's giving. Just a few of each of our lines left, but taken all together we have the nicest display of goods for New Years in Aylmer.

ERN. A. CAUGHELL,
Druggist and Stationer, Aylmer, Ont.
WHITE DRUG STORE.

Must Have Good Shoes

All sorts and conditions of people are in need of Shoes. They come in our direction because we have the Goods, and are not extortionate as to price. We never sell the wrong Shoes to the right people if we can help it. A satisfied customer is better than a large profit. Apart from the morality of the thing it would not pay us to overcharge you. We never have fire or bankrupt sales, and never give something for nothing. If the shoe business wasn't profitable we should quit it. The secret of our success is the buying judiciously and selling properly. No one can beat us in giving quality for price. Call and see our special line of fancy slippers for the Christmas trade.

Walker & Love.

Letter From Manila.

Tommy Michael, formerly of this place, sends the Express some interesting news.

Island of Luzon, Manl., P.I., Nov. 11, '99.
DEAR EDITOR,—Thinking perhaps that the readers of your valuable paper would like to know how the war is progressing here in the Philippines and as to how the "Boys in Blue" are fighting the insurgents, I will endeavor to write an interesting account. You can patch it up to suit yourself. I will endeavor to give only an outline sketch.

We are on the firing line known as the Passays lines, and which are about four miles from Manila, and in regard to fighting we are having plenty of it in our dishes at present. Just as soon as night approaches our out-posts are attacked, and the insurgents keep up a steady fire until near daylight, but the trouble is just as soon as we begin to give them a heavy volley fire they vanmose and that is the last we see of them until the next night, when they again give us another brush. One week ago last night we gave them a three days' running fight, and since then they have been very much fatigued. We lost 4 officers and 8 men, while they lost about 85 killed, and 63 wounded, as near as we could judge. The "Boys in Blue" seem to be giving them plenty of lead day and night on both ends of our lines. We are living in bamboo huts and sleeping in bamboo beds and have plenty to eat, and in consequence we are feeling fine, and instead of losing flesh and strength like we did last summer in Cuba, we are gaining health and strength and are perfectly satisfied. A soldier's life is the life for me in times of war. There is just enough excitement to keep one's spirits up, and just enough danger to keep you thinking and guessing how to keep from passing in your check.

It rains here every day, and in consequence we are soaking wet all the time and in mud up to our ears, but that is nothing when you get accustomed to it. The natives here dress neater than they do in Cuba, and they are a thrifty race in their mode of living. The houses are all built of Bamboo and their chief mode of living is selling fruits and tobacco, which are very plentiful. A cigar which costs 10 cents in America can be purchased here for 1 cent, or 6 for 5 cents. A person soon becomes accustomed to their language and can soon talk to them quite accurately. I know a number of natives who can talk the American language quite well, and it is amusing to hear them hum over some American song. The prospects are good for an early settlement with satisfactory terms of peace, but have no prospects ahead of us for our leaving for home before 1901. Will write letters from time to time. Yours truly,
Corporal Thomas W. Michael,
Co. C. 30th U. S. Infantry.

STRAFFORDVILLE

The nominations for candidates to grace the municipal board of our township, passed off very quietly here on Friday, 22 inst. At 12 o'clock, J. G. Pauling, the clerk asked for nominations for the offices of reeve and councillor, and when the hour had passed, it was found that no less than seventeen had received nominations, although it is stated that one of the aspirants filled in his own nomination paper and sent it begging around the hall for a mover and seconder. After dinner the speeches took place in the town hall, with J. G. Pauling acting as chairman and with two exceptions the acts of the old council were endorsed by the speakers. From what we understand of the two charges mentioned, one desired to have the 3rd concession line tiled and macadamized, which the old council had overlooked in their anxiety watching the Huffman-Tanner case, and the other was a misconception of one Henry Claus, who did not appear to know that rain would moisten clay soil. Most of the nominations were simply complimentary, but two who were proposed seeing or greatly desiring the honor of councillor, determined to try titles for the position they so earnestly coveted. It is certainly too bad when men who have no legitimate fault to find nor any remedy to offer, should put the township, which is already overburdened by taxes, to the expense of an election, when the money could so much better be used in repairing our highways. But our correspondent prophesies that New Years day will bury them so deep in the shades of oblivion, that they will never be resurrected, as is generally and should be the case with those turbulent and contentious spirits who are ever forcing themselves upon the electors.

J. G. PAULING.

Our Clubbing List for 1900.

Express and Toronto Weekly Globe	\$.1 50
Toronto Weekly Mail	1 70
Toronto Daily News	1 85
Toronto Daily Star	1 75
Toronto Daily World	2 75
Toronto Ladies' Journal	1 25
Toronto Weekly Sun	1 30
London Free Press	1 75
London Advertiser	1 35
London Daily News	2 00
St. Thomas Daily Times	3 75
St. Thomas Wkly Times	1 90
St. Thomas Dly. Journal	3 75
N. York World, tri-weekly	1 65
Montreal Herald & Star	1 75
Montreal Witness	1 60
Buffalo Illus. Express	2 50
Farmers' Advocate	2 00
Canadian Horticulturist	1 80
Corticelli Home Needle-work	1 15
Farming	1 75
Farm and Home	1 10
McCall's Magazine	1 30
McClure's Magazine	1 80

As usual these prices are strictly in advance to old and new subscribers. Papers not on this list will be furnished at lowest possible rates. Any number of outside papers may be taken by one party with one copy of THE EXPRESS pro rata.

Wishing You a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

*Did you note the Christmas Greetings
From your friends afar and near?
Does the holy blessed meaning
Linger with you sweet and clear
Of the Loving Master's teachings?
Then to-day is glad New Year!*

We wish to thank our friends and customers for any measure of patronage they may have bestowed upon us during the past year, and to express a hope that the new era of plenty and prosperity now dawning upon our fair land, may more than compensate for any privations they may have had to endure during the many many years of "hard times," though still remembering the useful lessons of necessary economy and thrift, the latter years have forcibly inculcated.

Yours faithfully,

Jouell & Wrong.

Aylmer, January 1st, 1900.

GROVEEND.

Mrs. E. Russ, of Yarmouth, spent a few days last week at her father's. Her sister, Jessie, accompanied her home to spend her holidays.

The entertainment passed off very nicely on Thursday evening. Miss McDonald had the children trained well. Her scholars presented her with a nice ink stand. Proceeds \$20.

Miss E. McDonald left for her home in Ingersoll on Saturday she will be greatly missed in this place she intends going to Toronto to attend the Normal school.

Miss Georgia McDonald is spending her holidays with her parents in Port Huron.

Mr. E. Chute is getting along fine. He is now able to be up around the house.

Mr. Newton McConnell, of Toronto, is spending his holidays with his brother, H. McConnell.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Malahide Agricultural Society and the East Egin Fair Association will be held in the Town Hall, Aylmer, on Wednesday, January 10th, 1900, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, receiving the report of the Secretary and other business.

A. A. LESLIE, Pres. D. H. PRICE, Sec.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Aylmer Horticultural Society will be held at the Town Hall, Aylmer, on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 1900, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, hearing the report of the Secretary and other business.

M. HARRIS, Pres. D. H. PRICE, Sec.

Registration Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a by-law was passed by the council of the Town of Aylmer on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D., 1899, to consolidate the amounts of certain local improvement By-Laws, and to provide for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$5,300, to pay for certain local improvements constructed by the said Town of Aylmer during the current year, and that such by-law was registered in the Register Office for the County of Elgin on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1899.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within one month from the date of registration, and cannot be made thereafter.
JUNUS BRADLEY,
Clerk of Aylmer.
Dated the 27th day of December, A. D., 1899.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
TO ALL**

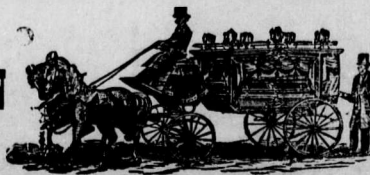
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