

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Put in Interesting Form by Correspondents of the Times Hereabouts.

WESTOVER

The heavy fall of snow on Friday and Saturday stopped all farm work. It is feared that unless it thaws the frost won't reach the swamps, which will be a great loss.

Mr. F. Fisher entertained his aunt, Mrs. C. Misener, accompanied by her niece and nephew, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mill spent a week in Buffalo.

Mr. Joseph Rubin has accepted a position in Hamilton for the winter.

Mr. C. Costello sold a team to Mr. E. Ironsides last week.

Everyone is looking for a stack of straw to buy just now.

Great preparations are being made in the churches here for a Christmas tree.

The grader was used to good advantage on the fifth concession just before the storm.

MERRITT

SETTLEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lampman and son, Charlie, of Canboro, visited his parents on Friday and Saturday of last week, and spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. Nelson.

Miss Delia Merritt spent Saturday and Sunday of last week with her parents here.

Mr. R. H. Nelson and Mrs. W. Green spent Friday last with Mr. and Mrs. B. Travis, of Basingstoke.

Mrs. W. Merritt and son, Dennis, took a trip to Grimsby village on Saturday.

Mrs. L. Lampman attended an old-fashioned quilting bee on Thursday last at Mrs. M. Merritt's, Fulton.

Mr. J. Flewellyn, of Canboro, and son, Charles, of Hamilton, were calling on friends in this settlement on Wednesday last.

Morley Merritt, of Fulton, called on friends and relatives in this vicinity on Thursday evening last.

A very painful accident happened to Mr. Delancey Nelson last week while cutting a tree in the woods. In falling, his limb bounced upwards, striking him in the face, breaking his nose, and his flesh was considerably lacerated.

Christmas is near at hand, and wedding bells are ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, of Kimbo, spent Monday with relatives here.

Mrs. M. Merritt and children, of Fulton, visited her parents on Monday last.

TWEEBESIDE

Mrs. D. Fleming spent a couple of days this week with her daughter, Mrs. U. H. Webber, Main street west, Hamilton.

Many friends of Mr. Alex. Aiken in this neighborhood were shocked to hear of the terrible accident which resulted in his death last week, and extend to the family their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The carpenters are busy on the new buildings which are being put up beside the new stone quarry.

The revival in the Methodist Church was not very well attended last week on account of the unfavorable roads and weather.

Many from this neighborhood attended Mr. Ralph Featherstone's sale last Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Brad and sisters, Zelta and Ethel, attended the funeral of Mr. Alex. Aiken at Trinity Methodist Church, Glanford, on Monday.

On account of the blockade of snow in Hamilton on Saturday, the train that is due at Vinemount about 5:30 p. m. did not arrive until 10 o'clock, consequently the people who went to town did not get home very early in the evening.

Mr. James Marshall's teams from Barton are busy drawing wood from Mr. Charles Barr's bush to Barton.

CARLISLE

Saturday's storm kept some of the market people of this district in the city over night. A grocer from Kilsbide had to leave his load in Watford and hitch his team on the stage to help it through the drifts.

Master Russell McCartney celebrated his twelfth birthday on Tuesday by giving a party to a number of his schoolmates and neighbors, the little folks enjoyed a good time, and Russell was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

Mr. F. Page has started work again in the barbeque business.

Mr. Albert Eaton and family, Mr. J. Tansley and family, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gastie, were guests at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Eaton, West Flamboro, on Monday evening.

Mr. Millard, was on the sick list for a few days, but is around again.

Miss Bella Rutherford is visiting friends in Hamilton.

KELVIN.

Miss Morton is stopping at the Methodist parsonage here during the special meetings.

Some from Haily and Northfield have been attending the meetings here nightly.

The special evangelistic services in the Methodist Church here drew large congregations, both morning and evening, on Sunday last. In the evening extra seats had to be provided. Miss Morton, the evangelist, preached eloquent and able sermons, which were listened to with the strictest attention and created a deep interest. Miss Morton is an educated and refined lady, uses choice language, and is intensely earnest. She wins the good will of all her hearers from the first, and gets the strictest attention throughout the entire service. The people of Kelvin are certainly greatly favored in having the help of one so well qualified for the work of her calling.

THEY FOUGHT.

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER ON FLOOR OF HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

Representatives Williams, of Mississippi, and De Armold, of Missouri, Struck One Another Several Blows—Williams' Cheek Gashed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Immediately after the House adjourned to-day Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Representative De Armold, of Missouri, became engaged in a personal encounter on the floor of the House. The men closed in and dealt each other several blows. So startled and so astounded were the members of the House and the officials that for a moment no one offered to interfere, and the leader of the minority and the member from Missouri lunged back and forth between the desks, both awaying wildly and each in apparent danger of going down.

Blood was flowing freely from a gash in Mr. Williams' cheek when Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Simeon Sprang intervened, grasped Mr. De Armold and held him back, while representatives and attendants, following suit, effected a separation.

The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding a conversation of a week ago about some committee appointments.

A SPRIG OF HEATHER.

To my worthy friend, Hard and brother Wm. Murray, on receiving his annual address to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Society in Hamilton, Ont., and enclosing therewith a sprig of heather.

THE PAST: Thy tiny purple bloom Recall the glowing winter bloom. When staidest men wrought deeds sublime. Of fearless Bruce and Wallace worth. Thy fragrance, soft and sweet, Tells of a faithful hearted band. Who met the heather took their stand. The heather in some hidden nook. Proved they were true whole-hearted men. Through the thicket memory fondly turns To Auld Lang Syne and Robert Burns. Thy purple bloom may bring forth. Oh, for a blink of Scotia's hills!

THE PRESENT: Give a throb of pain As all those come back again. Sweet emblem of a loving hand. In fellowship to greet, command. We feel the heart that throbs to-day For those who may be far away. Love, friendship, brightness as we go And so we reap just as we sow. The purple bloom is here and now. Its fitting lesson to bestow. The heather bell will bloom again On breezy glades and in the rain. "The present moment is our all," "The next we never saw."

THE FUTURE: Firmly hangs on thee, Just what we are we still shall be. The heather bell will fall and grow And deck the hillside here to see. This little sprig so fresh and new Sprang from a seed beneath our feet. And so the future sure's laws, In wonderment we often pause And ask ourselves, Why are we here? And whether heather bloom by year? God's plan is better understood In man's eternal Brotherhood. An emblem of eternity.

Your truly,
JOHN McMASTER.

Referring to the above Mr. Murray writes: I have just received the enclosed from Mr. John McMaster, one of the defunct firm of McMillan & McMaster. Good goods merchants of this city, and an ex-president of the St. Andrew's Society, now in Wheeling, West Virginia. While he doesn't pretend to be a great poet, he throws a good deal of Scottish spirit, at least into all he writes, and his contributions are always welcome to the Scottish-American. It would please both him and his old friends here to see his present rhyme in the Times if it doesn't tax your crowded columns too much.

Yours sincerely,
WM. MURRAY.

TRIOBLE AT THE R. M. C.

Cadets "Swiped" Stuff From One Another's Rooms.

Kingston, Dec. 9.—The offence for which the Commandant of the Royal Military College rusticated five cadets was apparently of a minor nature, but one which has to be given attention in a boarding academy like the Military College. The property of young men attending the college has to be protected, and when some of the cadets complained about their boxes being rifled an inquiry was at once instituted. The "swiping" of a cake from one box was a feature of the case. Money had been missed by more than one of the cadets, but the taking of this could not be proved against any of the unfortunate young men who had made merry with their comrades' edibles.

The evidence brought out some other irregularities. It is against the rules for the cadets to play cards in their rooms or about the college. Card-playing has been very prevalent, and it will now cease, special orders to that effect having been given.

The Commandant found the five cadets guilty of irregularities, and rusticated one for four months and the other four for one month each.

CRIPPLED IN MID-OCEAN.

British Steamer Cambrian at Sea With Broken Shaft.

London, Dec. 19.—The Cunard liner Cambrian, when in communication by wireless telegraph with Fastnet at 6:30 this evening, signalled that she had been in communication with the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain from St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, which reported that she had spoken with the British steamer Cambrian, bound from London for Philadelphia, in latitude 30, longitude 30, with shaft broken.

The British steamer William Giff, from New Orleans for Liverpool, was standing by and rendering all the assistance necessary.

The Cambrian left London Dec. 7, and was almost in mid-ocean when reported.

CONCRETE ARCH.

Another Bridge Catastrophe Feared at New York.

New York, Dec. 19.—That the new Hudson Memorial bridge, planned to span the Spuyten Duyvil creek and to cost \$4,000,000, is liable to furnish New York with a bridge horror surpassing the recent disaster at Quebec, is the fear expressed by the Engineering News in its issue of to-day. Editorially the News says: "We do not say that the great structure could not be built if unlimited expenditure of time and money is permissible, or that, if built, it might not stand up. What we do say is that the accumulated knowledge and experience of the engineering profession is not now sufficient to build a concrete arch of 703 feet span with the assurance of safety that the public properly demands. In other words, the construction of the huge arch involves serious risk."

KELVIN'S BURIAL.

London, Dec. 19.—In accordance with the desire of the Royal Society, Lord Kelvin, who died two days ago, will be buried in Westminster Abbey. The last scientist to be buried in the Abbey was Charles Robert Darwin, who died in 1882. The funeral of Lord Kelvin will take place next Monday.

To cure a cold in one night—use Vapo-Rub. It has been used for generations. It is the best remedy for colds, coughs, and all the ailments of the throat and lungs.

CHARGE CHANGED.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Antonio Lambardo, an Italian, accused of attempted murder on Nov. 7 last, was this morning sent up for trial on a charge of wounding, the evidence not being sufficient to warrant the more serious accusation. Both of Lambardo's victims recovered after several weeks in the hospital.

CAR KILLS CHILD.

MOTORMAN IS THREATENED—HARLEM HAS SERIES OF TROLLEY MISHAPS IN WHICH DEATH AND SERIOUS INJURY ARE THE RESULTS.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three surface car accidents within five minutes in Harlem last night resulted in the death of a child, the probably fatal injury of one man, the serious injury of two others, and the pursuit of a motorman by a mob with threats of lynching.

Albert Clay, six years old, was returning with his mother to their home at No. 2431 Third avenue, when at 111th street and Third avenue he saw his father approaching on the opposite side of the avenue. With a shout of greeting the boy ran toward his father into the crowded street.

Waiting near a northbound car had passed, the child ran behind it and directly in front of a southbound car, which was crowded to the doors. The motorman applied the emergency brake but the momentum of the car was so great that it struck the child with terrific force, throwing him forward on the track for some distance.

Before the car could be stopped it was upon the boy again and his body was wedged in the forward trucks. The passengers were thrown into excitement by the child's screams and rushed to the street. Men gathered about the car and lifted it from the track, but were still unable to dislodge the boy.

Threats and curses were showered upon the motorman, whose name was given as Patrick Kelly. The crowd became bolder and began to throw sticks, stones and whatever came to hand. Kelly waited until the attack became dangerous and then fled. The crowd followed him down Third avenue for several blocks until he escaped through a basement in a side street.

A HAPPY SEQUEL.

OTTAWA GIRL WEBS MAN WHO SAVED HER LIFE.

She Was in Peril of Drowning—With Sister Was Swept Away by Waves—Young Operator Arrived in Nick of Time.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The romantic sequel to the heroic rescue of a young Ottawa lady from drowning by a Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph operator at Barnett, B. C., in the summer transpired last evening, when Rev. Robert Radie united in marriage Miss Edith Olive Thompson, daughter of Edmund Thompson, to Clement Young, of Barnett.

Nearly 12 months ago, Mr. Thompson and his daughters, Edith and Nellie, left for a visit to the Pacific. The young people were bathing, when the two girls were swept off their feet and were in immediate danger of drowning. The father, rushed in to their aid, but, being unable to swim, he, too, was in serious difficulty, until Mr. Young came to the rescue. Although not by any means a good swimmer, the young fellow succeeded after several attempts in rescuing all three from the clutch of the receding waves. Mr. Young got his reward yesterday. On his way to the capital to be married, Mr. Young was a passenger on the train which plunged into the ditch at Angler, with fatal results to the engineer and fireman. Mr. Young took a lengthy turn at the telegraph instrument until the line was cleared.

OSCAR BURIED.

Late King of Sweden's Remains Laid at Rest.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The body of the late King Oscar of Sweden, who died Dec. 8, was interred at noon to-day in the Riddarholm Church, the burial place of Swedish Kings, with ceremony the simple impressiveness of which was accentuated by the widespread evidences of popular sorrow. Along the snow-covered route of the funeral procession thousands of people gathered and stood bareheaded in the biting cold during the passage of the hearse and the mourners. Every bell in the city tolled throughout the progress of the funeral. Black draperies and other emblems of mourning hung from the front of the buildings facing the streets down which the funeral cortege passed, and both sides of the route of march were hedged with lines of troops.

The Archbishop of Stockholm officiated at the ceremony. The conclusion of the service was marked by a salute of forty-two guns and volley firing by a party of infantry.

Local Option Winks At Drink

In a license town, drinking is done under rigid laws and in the eyes of the public. Every condition operates to make men restrain themselves. The beverages sold are of honest quality, and pure. In a local option town, men drink adulterated stuff of the worst quality, and drink far more because public opinion is blinded by the law. Practically, local option banishes the decent bar and tolerates the "blind pig." It winks at the abuse of alcohol and fosters its abuse.

Local Option Profits The Few

Under local option, the man who profits is the keeper of the "blind pig," who sells adulterated stuff by stealth and contributes naught to the local revenues.

Under license, the community benefits as a whole, for the liquor traffic is regulated, is taxed, and is conducted under the watch of the whole population, with all the restrictions that implies. Local option takes the traffic from the grip of the law and delivers it over to private greed.

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An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Application for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of the Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
- (2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by tilling on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homestead being a bona fide residence duties by living with the family (or mother).
- (3) The term "vicinity" is the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.
- (4) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents on a farm-land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST Homestead Regulations

ANY new numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 5 and 25, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homesteaded entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined and shipped from the lease.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000 x 1,000 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$200 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2% per cent on the value of the mineral produced.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entrance fee, \$5; renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

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Grievances Alleged, and There is Talk of Organization.

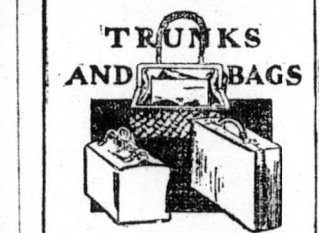
Toronto, Dec. 19.—There is talk of the formation of an organization of bank clerks at an early date, in fact it is said that the men who take care of the money in Toronto met recently at one of the big hotels and decided to band themselves in an association for mutual protection.

It has long been known that the bank clerks have nursed a number of grievances. The importation of young men from Scotland to take positions here has caused considerable feeling. Then there is the ever present dissatisfaction with the low rate of salaries, the minimum being \$200 a month, which goes only a short way toward meeting expenses.

Objected is also taken to the cast iron rule prohibiting marriage unless with the consent of the bank management.

BIG WHEAT CONTRACT.
C. P. R. Will Ship a Million and a Half Bushels to Europe This Winter.

Fort William, Dec. 19.—Eastern lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be busy this winter. The C. P. R. have made a contract for the delivery of 1,500,000 bushels of grain to European markets this winter. The grain will be shipped via the all-rail route to St. John, where it will be taken to the old country as ballast in C. P. R. steamers. A large amount of grain is being shipped through here now.



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