

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

WELLINGTON

A terrific gale swept over the village on Thursday morning last, bringing down a few trees and doing damage to the telephone wires. During the afternoon the news reached us that Jack Miracle, who was well known here, had been killed near Hallockville by the rack of his wagon being blown off by the gale. He was buried on Christmas Day at Stinson's Burying ground.

The weather was quite calm again on Friday and Christmas Day was an ideal day for skating, and many of our young people availed themselves of the opportunity.

There have been a number of parties and Christmas Trees here.

The St. Andrew's Sunday School entertainment under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Hartop, was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday night. It was open to the public, and the number present was by no means disappointing. The curtain rose at 8 p.m. Santa Claus and Mother Goose's Reception was splendidly acted depicting the goodwill of these fictitious worthies and their guests. The second playlet entitled "Christmas Secrets" was rendered excellently by the smaller children, and culminated in a pretty firelight scene. The last scene showed a meeting of fairies who had successfully tried to find Santa Claus and was prettily and musically staged. After the final scene the Rector said a few words in thanks and appreciation on behalf of the audience, and proposed three cheers for the director and his staff of willing workers, which were heartily rendered. The gifts were then taken from the Christmas tree and distributed among the children, after which the audience dispersed and the young ones went home to dream of Santa Claus.

The Friends Christmas Tree was also held on Thursday night at the home of the minister, where there was accommodation for all that came.

Wallace Garret made an excellent Santa Claus and distributed the gifts

from the Christmas Tree. Games and musical items as well as refreshments all helped to make this a most enjoyable evening.

The Methodists had a packed house for their Christmas party at the Masonic Hall on Christmas Eve. They also had a special musical service on Sunday night.

The Friends took a special collection on Sunday morning on behalf of the starving children in Central Europe, this amounted on Sunday to \$53, but more is expected before the Treasurer sends the money off.

SALEM

After the close of the Sunday School at Salem church Mrs. Frank Flindall, was called to the front and presented with a silver tea-pot after which an address was read by the superintendent.

Mrs. Flindall was taken by surprise although she responded very nicely and thanked all for their kindness, after which all joined heartily in singing "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

RD. OF HILLIER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benway entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rote and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Benway on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fritz and Myrtle spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Kieley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyle, of Wellington, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright.

C. B. Clapp made a business trip to Picton last week.

Mr. Tim Fridmore, of Cole Creek, is spending the holidays at Elgin.

Miss Amy Harvey is visiting Mrs. Andrew Pettigill of Rose Hall.

A number from here attended the dance at Hillier last week.

Mrs. I. Reilly spent Wednesday at Hillier.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ellis spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McPaul.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Leavins entertained company on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. King Terry and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Corey McPaul spent Christmas at Mr. W. Foster's.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Thompson were at Belleville to his sister's, Mrs. C. Grass, for Christmas.

Miss Geraldine Benway is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Loomis, of Eldorado, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright's.

NAPANEE

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spencer and two children are spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spencer.

Miss Lena Graham, Utica, N.Y., is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. A. Graham.

Miss Muriel Olson, of Watertown, N.Y., is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Tyner, Lime Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Bartlett and little daughter Patricia, London, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waller.

Mrs. Will VanDusen and daughter Dorothy returned home on Saturday last, after spending two months visiting friends in Detroit, Mich., and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore left on Monday for Brownsville, Que., to visit his sister. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Barney Moore, of Rochester, N.Y.

Mrs. G. W. Bishop, of Brockville, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanchard, and her sister, Mrs. H. B. Smith, left for home on Monday. In a few days Mr. and Mrs. Bishop leave for Jacksonville, Fla., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Boyce and daughter Alberta, of Syracuse, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Couter, of Watertown, N.Y., are spending the holidays with Mrs. N. VanAlstyne, Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. White, Sillsville, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Judson were in Kingston on Monday attending the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Nash.

STIRLING

Miss Lora McIntosh, of O.A.C. Guelph, is home for the vacation.

Miss Lillian McGuire is home from Peterboro Normal for the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Alger is home from Haverhill Ladies' College, Toronto, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wright and two children, of Windthorst, Sask., are renewing acquaintances in town and vicinity.

Miss Laura Holden arrived home from Semana, Sask., last evening and will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Holden, of Carmel.

BANCROFT

Mrs. Geo. Winters, of Bronson, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Rose, Frankford.

Mr. S. C. Card and son Garfield, of Hamilton, are spending the Christmas holidays here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Card.

Miss Georgia Edwards is holidaying with her sisters, Mrs. D. Bronson, of Drayton, and Mrs. H. Lloyd, of Brantford.

Mr. James McCaw sustained a painful accident last week while operating a sausage machine in his meat shop. His leg became tangled in the endless chain, spraining it badly.

TWEED

Miss Lillian M. Genyon, of Kalamazoo, is visiting at Mrs. Ralph Bowell's.

Mr. Redvers Brown, of Albert College, Belleville, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Andrew Wilson and Mrs. Everett Smith spent Wednesday in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. E. Good motored to Belleville on Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Hayek, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huyck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Good, of Dunnville, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wright.

Miss Marion Rush, of Notre Dame, Kingston, is spending the holidays with her parents in Stoco.

Misses Violet Wagar and Maud Houston spent Saturday at Belleville visiting Miss Ruth Grant.

Mrs. E. D. Smith, of Pictou, Mich., left town on Monday to visit friends at Deseronto and Milltown after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith, of Tweed.

MARMORA

Mr. Donald Maloney, Secretary of Cordova U.F.O., was in Toronto last week attending the Provincial Convention.

Mr. Harold Naylor who has been in Niagara Falls some time, has returned to his home here.

Dr. G. Fraser Macdon, has just completed a post-graduate course in nerve blocking and business dentistry conducted by Dr. Hancock, of St. Louis.

Dr. W. G. Mackenzie, who has been in poor health for some time, is gradually recovering and has left on a trip to the West Indies. His friends in this vicinity will unite in hoping that he may soon completely recover his health so as to resume his regular practice.

Music and Drama

OVERSEAS REVUE

HERE THURSDAY

Captain M. W. Plunkett will present the famous fourth division "Maple Leafs" in their original overseas revue, "Camouflage," at Griffin's Opera House next Thursday night.

The "Maple Leafs" proved to be one of the most successful of all the theatrical parties of soldier-entertainers in France, and their present home-coming tour of Canada will be heartily appreciated by all the returned men, as well as by the usual theatre-goers, who appreciate a good show, put on by a regular bunch of fellows. And everybody knows that the "Maple Leafs" are regular fellows, all of whom have done their bit in the trenches before being chosen by Captain Plunkett as members of the entertainment corps.

There are some gorgeous "girls" with the company, who apply the camouflage with much artistry, and prove such delightful dimpled darlings that the show was named for them.

FAMOUS NOVEL PICTURED

WITH JACK PICKFORD

With "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" now being shown at Griffin's till Wednesday night, the millions of readers of John Fox, Jr.'s books will have a chance to see Jack Pickford in the role of one of the best liked boy characters in fiction.

Chad, the hero of the photoplay version of Mr. Fox's novel, is a perfect role for Jack Pickford. The book itself sold more than 1,000,000 copies and is well known to two generations.

The author's interest in the life of the mountaineers of Eastern Kentucky led him to picture it in several novels, as "The Kentuckian," "Knight of the Cumberland," "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and "The Heart of the Hills."

Not only is the story of "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" a true account of the customs of the mountaineers, but also a beautiful representation of some incidents of the Civil War. A beautiful love story involving a mountain girl's sacrifice of her lover adds a touch of

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"NEWSPAPER TALK"

Chicago Janitors Play Wrong Horse

Serve Ultimatum on Landlords and Tenants—Loss out With Santa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(By Canadian Press)—The "Merry Christmas" of many Chicago janitors tomorrow morning will fall to bring the customary Christmas tip, for thousands of tenants in this city are not feeling very "Christmas" toward their janitors. Christmas gifts to janitors from landlords are still less probable.

The janitors make the mistake of delivering their "Happy New Year" message before their Christmas greeting. They have served notice upon landlords and apartment dwellers that unless a blanket increase of 25 per cent in wages is granted they will go on strike on December 31. Only the union janitors participate in the "Happy New Year" ultimatum, but they number 4,837, and many apartment house fires will be deserted on the first day of the New Year if the strike threat is made effective. Not only will the apartments be heatless but deliveries of milk and other supplies will be tied up in many apartment houses. The landlords say the increase of pay demanded means an increase of \$1 a month per flat.

Trials Inexpensive.—To those who suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, rheumatism or any ailment arising from derangement of the digestive system, a trial of Farnes's Vegetable Pills is recommended. Should the sufferer be unacquainted with them, the trial will be inexpensive and the result will be an excellent customer for their action. That satisfaction can certainly be traced to their use.

ANYTHING GOOD IN IT?

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 28.—Walter F. Payne, press man, editor of the Manitoba Free Press and associated with that newspaper for the past 39 years, before sailing for the Old Country as a member of the Canadian curling team was presented with a valuable wardrobe trunk by his associates on the staff. All departments participated in the gift

pathos to a beautiful photoplay. Harold Lloyd in a funny 2-reel comedy, "High and Dry." Screen snapshots offering peep into the private and professional life of famous screen stars, photoplay magazine and Eileen Percy in "The Third Eye" serial precede the feature offering.

one of them and has been called upon to face similar troubles. But it repudiates the false contention that the press is responsible for conditions which affect it quite as much as they affect other lines of business. A little serious thinking will show that the Whig and Sir Vincent Meredith are right.—Kingston Whig

MOTHER TONGUE.

(Minneapolis Daily News.) Movies are coming to the rescue of the English language. On the silvery screen of the theatre in many American cities the daily crimes against Mother Tongue will be exposed, and those who are guilty urged to mend their ways. Over the heads of the audience the rays of the stereoscopic will flash such admonitions as this throughout the land: Don't say "I ain't got"; say "I haven't." Don't say "This is him"; say "This is he." Don't murder English. It's your Mother Tongue. It ought to be a happy week for Mother Tongue, than whom no mother is more abused, day in and day out, by her erring children.

CHERRY VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant spent Xmas at Mr. Nelson Palmatier's home.

Miss Vera Balance is spending her holidays at her home, Kelly.

Mrs. Carman Metcalfe is still on the sick list but improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Marion spent Christmas with their son, Mr. Alex Williams, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Thomas Cottop, who has been in poor health for some time, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from her late residence.

Miss Vina Francis, Belleville, is spending her holidays at her home here.

Miss M. Denbury spent Christmas week with her niece, Mrs. Philip Ostrander.

Miss Amanda Whattam who has been on the sick list is improving and will soon be out again.

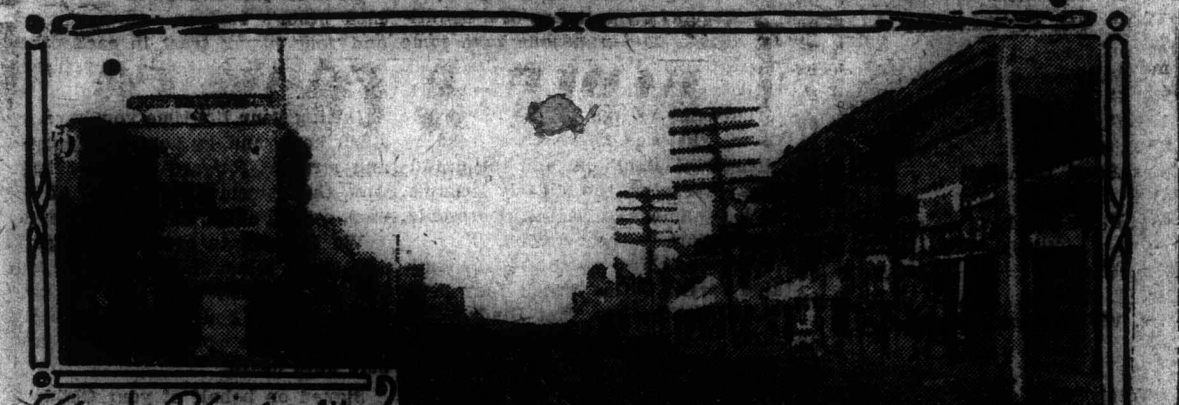
A number of young people attended the Christmas entertainment held in Bloomfield Christmas night. All report a jolly good time, the proceeds amounting to one hundred and sixteen dollars.

The heavy snow fall which came Sunday and Monday every one thinks has come to stay.

Ontario's lumber cut for 1918 was valued at \$33,165,137.

1,636 miles of electric railway were in operation in Canada in June, 1919.

Pioneers in Peace River District.



Grande Prairie Alta.

One August morning ten years ago, a Dominion Cabinet Minister at Ottawa interrupted for best part of a day the normal course of business to unfold to me, a sympathetic, travelling Englishman, his vision of the new North West.

He had just returned from a long tour right through the Peace River district up the Mackenzie Basin to Fort McPherson.

"We have no wish," said he with emphasis, "to induce settlers to enter as yet the new Promised Land."

—this, remember, was in 1910—"I speak of the future only. But I am satisfied that when the present prairie lands are all disposed of, then this back country will be taken up, because it will pay people better to secure land there than to pay the price that will be asked for the other."

"Much work has to be done first, however. Rivers have to be made navigable and the land has to be surveyed. My journey was made to ascertain if these undertakings would be justified. And my verdict is yes. Though this land lies north, it is not appreciably colder than the southern portions of the province. At Edmonton the climate is as favorable as at the international boundary, owing to the lower altitude; and for the same reason, together with other contributory conditions, a couple of hundred miles further up country makes little difference."

In 1914 came the railway gang, and in 1916, when its work was done, in pressed the pioneers. This year I have followed in their tracks and, reflecting on what I have seen, I endorse this vision.

First, the country is of uncommon charm—great tracts of prairie with patches of light bush, set among low purple hills, and intersected by belts of timber and fine rivers and streams. Park-like is the descriptive term that springs to one's pen. These flourish everywhere by millions and seem the air. Lilies challenge them for grace and glow. A thousand tinted grasses add soft undertones, as they ripple in the breeze. Rarely have I seen so moved with visions of a country's future as when our automobile is pounded along the ninety-mile trail from Peace River crossing to Spirit River. The naked prairie of the south have their charm—at least under summer skies; but here is a country where the eye is rested and the soul inspired, while still the pocket fills.

And the pocket does fill, until in some instances it smother one's life.

the how. It is not to be explained on the theory of taking in each other's washing, though there is "taking in" of some sort, if the unwary stranger suffers it. But where the occupation is farming, the mystery is explained. Nowhere south or east have I seen better crops, and last year this district prospered when others nearly failed. One man gleaned 120 bushels of oats to the acre, and 48 bushels of wheat. He is located about twelve miles above the Crossing and floaps his grain down there to in scows, freightage ten cents per bushel; and with a stream running nine miles an hour he doesn't lose much time.

Just north of Dunsmuir, on the 14th July, I plucked oats, four feet high and upwards by my pocket-measure. And wheat, rye, timothy and indeed all kinds of hay, were luxuriant. A man may be no agriculturist or authority on soils, but even a fool can't mistake the evidence of growing crops.

The pioneers, I said, are pressing in; and more than pioneers. Wise men, not merely from the East, but also from the South and West, are moving around to pick up the "maple" and secure their stake in what will surely—given the subjoined conditions—be a rich country. At one hotel in Peace River, in one day, there were visitors registered from Brandon, Moose Jaw, Victoria, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and London. At Dunsmuir Crossing I met camping, with pack-horse, knife and gun, a picturesque stranger who was being his long evenings with Anasazi France's "Les Dieux ont Soit."

What was a man of such culture doing there? Prospecting and picking up good things, you bet your life.

And the people already settled are of the right stuff—downright, enterprising, seizable, "sports"; earnest in play as in work. Spirit River has just had a two days' sports meeting. The folk came in from as far afield as eighty miles—chiefly in autos. There wasn't a bed to be had. Men walked the street all night. Others slept in their cars or on the unwholesome floors of bars, offices and bedrooms. But nothing daunted their zeal. After a bonfire concert in the late evening, a dance followed until the small hours. The sports events were numerous and dashing. Better racing was not to be seen at Edmonton. The boys' half-mile horseback spoke wheel for the rising generation. And ten years ago, recollect, this country

was not surveyed, and a four-year world-war has intervened; yet to-day every well-to-do of one of our most advanced residents and upwards, with large contributory populations, one of them, at least, equipped with electric light plant and public water-works, are making history.

Nevertheless, as my friend the Cabinet Minister said, there is yet much to do. Roads need to be graded, trails improved, river transport increased. Most urgent of all an improved and progressive railway service is needed.

That, indeed, is vital; for otherwise many of the settlers will drift out again; the fight is too unfair. I hear that the Canadian Pacific Railway has at length taken over the operation of the line. This will prove the surest pledge of Peace River prosperity, for the unaltered promise of this great transportation company, challenged as it now is by powerful rivals, will not allow of inefficiency.

But what I have seen makes me believe, and to public utility companies and intending settlers alike, say—Make haste!—D. C.

BELLEVILLE THREE

St. John's Night Celebration so Good Fellows for Positions—Benning.

Belleville Freemasonry fete last night, the occasion of installation of officers of lodges and the St. John's Night. Local Masons and brethren were present in numbers at both functions.

R. W. Bro. Col. S. S. Leaded the installation at Hall and was assisted by R. John Newton as senior w.

W. C. J. Symons as Junior Deputy Grand Master R. W. Col. W. N. Ponton, R. W. O'Flynn, R. W. Bro. H. Cheson and W. Bro. D. B. Director of ceremonies.

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W. M.—W. Bro. F. W. Fr.

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Jr. Warden—Bro. A. J. J.

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Jr. Steward—Bro. R. B. C.

Inner Guard—Bro. F. C. C.

Outer Guard—Bro. C. F. C.

Auditors—Bro. R. B. Coop.

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