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We congratulate the Petrolia Topic-Advertiser on attaining its 46th year. It is a good paper—one of the best—and represents the interests of Petrolia and district in a fearless and straight-forward manner. We wish it every success.

There have been more than 100 unsolved murders in New York since the beginning of the year; and it has also come to light that at the time of the Wall Street explosion the new bomb squad was engaged in apprehending desperadoes discovered in the act of spitting on the sidewalk.

Much is to be done before scientific farming can be said to be the rule in Canada. One farmer thinks that the greatest need of our farmers is a leader of the J. P. Morgan type. "Who can whip them into line, overcome prejudice and ignorance, reconcile petty jealousies and suspicions, and put agriculture on an adequate business and financial basis."

Misleading names for the pelts of some of our fur bearers have been the cause of much confusion in the public mind. Processes have been developed by which varieties of furs are produced in imitation of others until only an expert can identify the original skin. This has led to the use of many fanciful names and to substitution and misrepresentation by unscrupulous dealers.

Improvement of highways under the scheme of Federal and Provincial co-operation has been handicapped very considerably this year because of the shortage of labor—so it is stated at Ottawa. Next season it is believed this difficulty will not be encountered and with the preliminary work done this year the operations in all the provinces will be in full swing. According to an estimate of the highways department over 10 million dollars will be spent next summer in the different provinces, Ontario and Quebec leading in the mileage.

What do the departmental stores in Toronto do towards supporting your church or your school? What do they do toward building or maintaining your streets or roads? How much do they contribute towards keeping up the Public Library? What do they give to help the needy poor of your town or township over a hard winter? In short, do they do anything, from a local point of view

but withdraw your money from circulation, lessen employment, and cripple home trade and industry? If people who, thoughtlessly or selfishly, send money to Toronto which they might better spend at home, lose their situations, who can they blame but themselves?

The Ontario legislative committee on proportional representation acted wisely in recommending that the plan be tried out on a limited scale before being applied to the whole province. It is proposed to make an experiment in the cities of Toronto and Ottawa. In Eastern and Western Ontario a number of ridings are to be grouped in order to give the scheme a trial in the rural districts. In Eastern Ontario, Carleton, North and South Lanark, Leeds, Grenville, and Brockville will together elect several members. In Western Ontario, North and South Brant, North and South Waterloo and North and South Oxford will also elect seven members.

This is the age of faddists. Every section of the community has a recipe for curing the ills of the whole world. One would regulate a man's habits, another his appetite, and a third his amusements. The thirst for fads is created in the schools where elementary education has been smothered beneath a mass of frills. It no longer matters whether a child can read, write or spell so long as he or she can sing, draw, or box. It appears to be about time to get back to fundamentals. Teach a boy or girl the three R's. If they have the artistic temperament, which is a doubtful blessing, they'll find an outlet for it. If they want to box, times and boys must have changed greatly if there is lack of material to practise on. This young country already has more singers, artists and boxers than it can support. One of its crying needs is more plowmen. Why spoil the raw material from which plowmen might be made.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF KERTCH FARMERS' CLUB**

The annual meeting of Kertch Farmers' Club was held on the evening of Dec. 3rd. The attendance was large considering the inclement state of the weather and the condition of the roads.

The auditor's report was given by Mr. A. G. Minielly and showed a total of \$106,545.15 for the year 1920. This was an increase of \$52,000 over the total for the preceding year.

Owing to difficulty in procuring a successor to the retiring secretary, Mr. Arch. Williamson, it was decided to defer the completion of the election of officers for the ensuing year till a later meeting.

**THE KRANK'S KOLUMN**

The liquor question in Scotland is still "What will you have?"

With skirts as high as they are, silk stockings are almost a necessity.—Kingston Whig.

You cannot claim that cold stormy weather caused you to postpone your Christmas shopping.

A dentist can fill a hollow tooth for you, but a cavity above the ears is a permanent affliction.

"Pure milk from contented cows," reads a sign. Maybe the consumer is not quite so philosophical as the bossies.

Ireland should be a heaven for nigger minstrels at the present time, as \$5,000,000 worth of burnt Cork is reported there.

It is claimed that airplanes are being used for booze smuggling in the West. No occasion for this. Drinking some of the booze would put a man up in the air anyway.

Noting that the Sinn Fein flag has three stripes—green, white and orange—the Chicago Post presumes that the white is used to keep the orange and green apart.

Auchtermuchty is among the places that voted "wet" at the recent prohibition election in Scotland. It must require a little lubrication to pronounce a name like that.

Any excuse goes these days for keeping up prices. In New York Christmas shoppers are told that Christmas trees cut in Canada in October are now buried under 15 feet of snow, hence the doubling of prices. Evidently the meteorological department of Canada has failed to report this heavy snow fall.

It may be an improvement toasting with snuff instead of Scotch "whuskey" as was done at a St. Andrew's dinner in Boston, but we doubt it. As the old Scotchman said when cautioning his son against the excessive use of snuff, "I've been drunker on sneezum than I ever was on whuskey."

A writer in a contemporary says as follows: "Staying at home is becoming a lost art—for it must be an art, otherwise it would not be so difficult for some people to do. The comforts and charms of home have been losing their attractions. Any place is better than home. The own-your-home movement has not lost its interest, but even after the home is owned, it has become in many cases a mere meals and lodging place; not

a place to live in, but to eat in and sleep in, and not always to eat in. Books accumulate dust on their tops because the movies are easier to read; the front porch, even in pleasant weather, cannot compete with the fivver. The streets are filled with people who are there because if they were not there they would have to be at home, and nothing could be worse than staying at home."

Ratepayers have a right to know the business transacted by such public bodies as the Board of Education, the Council, Library Board or any institution spending public money, and minutes of same should be published as soon as possible after the meeting. Nothing is gained by suppressing the publication of the business done, and often a wrong impression is formed by garbled reports that are sure to be circulated. It is also due to the members of such Boards that full information should be disseminated of their transactions and thus avoid the circulation of hearsay reports which invariably gain a coloring as they pass from mouth to mouth. If the furnishing of a copy of the minutes to the press makes unnecessary work for the secretary a second-hand typewriter can be purchased for a small amount and thus lighten the work.

Arthur Ludlaw, the well-known lumberman of Leamington, died last week. He was in his 70th year and entered the lumber business 27 years ago.

**What are Peps**

Peps provide a new treatment for coughs, colds and lung troubles. They are little tablets made up from fine extracts and medicinal essences. When put into the mouth these medicinal ingredients turn into healing vapors, which are breathed down direct to the lungs, throat and bronchial tubes. The Peps treatment is direct. Swallowing cough mixtures into the stomach, to cure ailments and disorders in throat and lungs, is indirect. Peps are revolutionizing the treatment of colds and their price is within the reach of all. All dealers, 5c. box. Send 1c. stamp for FREE TRIAL PACKAGE.

**WANT COLUMN**

FOR SALE—2 Registered Short-horn Heifers, 24 and 7 months old, extra milking strain. Apply to Arch. S. Wiley, R.R. 3, Watford 2

LOST—Pitchfork, between Watford and 2nd line north on December 7th. Finder please leave at Harper Bros.—Frank Campbell.

A few Alladin Lamps will be sold at reduced prices. Supplies for Alladin lamps also on hand. Apply to Charles M. Fitzgerald, Watford.

Ontario Government Bonds yielding 6 3/5 per cent. payable half yearly for sale. Also Victory Bonds yielding 6 to 7 1/2 per cent. may be obtained now. Apply to W. E. Fitzgerald, Barrister, Watford.

POULTRY WANTED—Highest prices paid. Phone James Bros., Warwick, Arkona line. Our truck is on the road every day—let us call for yours.

LIVE HORSES BOUGHT at the highest price, also injured horses.—LETT Bros., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 48-21. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense. Terms reasonable.—Phone 85J. jlf

WORK WANTED—All kinds of repairs done to Furniture, Cabinets, etc., or Upholstered. Bring your work to me or I will call for it and give estimate. Terms reasonable.—Phone 85J. jlf

PRINCIPAL WANTED for Watford, Ont., Public School. Duties to commence Jan. 2, 1921. State experience and salary required. Applications to be in the secretary's hands by the 15th of December.—D. Watt, Secretary.

NOTICE—As I have closed my business on Front street at present, owing to ill health, all accounts due me will be collected at Mr. J. H. Hume's office. Please call and attend to payment of same at your earliest convenience.—Angus Mitchell.

CORRUGATED IRON, Preston Safe-Lock Shingles, Metal Ceilings and all kinds of metal goods. Also Bradford Asphalt Shingles and Roofing. Anyone requiring any supplies in this line will find it to their advantage to get in touch with GEO. O. STEVENSON, Phone 74, Watford. n19tf

CARD OF THANKS—Mr. James Mains wishes to thank all the friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to him, during the illness and at the time of the death of his wife.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**

In about three weeks Christmas will be over for another year. Just a few days left to do that Christmas Shopping. Our stock is very complete. We try to make shopping a pleasure. Grouped below are a few numbers from our Big Holiday Store. We would suggest: "Do your Shopping Early."

**LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**  
FOR LADIES AND MEN—Fine sheer quality. The first we have been able to procure at proper prices for a long time.  
Ladies' 4 for \$1. Men's 50c each

White and Brown Linen Embroidery pieces—squares, end pieces, pillow slips, cushion covers and tops. Fine for Xmas

**XMAS TOWELS**  
Very choice, all new designs. Turkish & Linen specials—in separate boxes. An ideal Xmas gift.

**TABLE OF SILKS**  
ALL ONE PRICE  
\$1.98 per yard

**HOLEPROOF HOSIERY**

All shades, pure silk. One, two or three pairs in box

Christmas Special  
\$2.00 Per Pair

**NEW HOSIERY FOR MEN**

Silk, Cashmere and Lisle. Two or three pairs to box. Our Christmas Hosiery is splendid value and makes sensible Christmas gifts.

**MEN'S NECKWEAR** at special prices.  
**MUFFLERS** Big assortment in silk or wool. Smart styles.  
**UMBRELLAS** \$2.00 to \$7.50  
Variety of tops and handles. Big range.

**Salt's Plush Coats**  
FOR LADIES  
\$42.50

**Swift's Christmas Store**