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THE necessity for early Christmas shopping is more urgent this year than ever before. Our range of early bought Christmas merchandise is now complete. Many, if not all, of these attractive lines, owing to unusual conditions, could not be duplicated.

<p>SILK BLOUSES Newest styles—large collars, in all the leading shades. Sizes 32 to 42.</p> <p>FOWNE'S GLOVES We are fortunate in having such a range of these guaranteed gloves. For men, women and children in both kid and wool. All shades and sizes.....50c to \$3.50</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS Hundreds of dozens of the daintiest kind of Handkerchiefs now in stock. Very attractive lines at.....10c, 15c, 20c, 25c</p> <p>FURS REDUCED IN PRICE Rather than wait until after Christmas we have decided to give you a 25% Discount on all furs. Nothing makes a better gift and so much the better at January prices.</p>	<p>KNITTED SKIRTS In grey, white or black. Special at.....\$1.50</p> <p>SWEATER COATS AT OLD VALUES Who wouldn't appreciate one of those all-wool coats! So hard to get now. We have them for men, women and children—and at the old prices, too!</p> <p>BOYS' JERSEYS in blue, grey and red. All wool. Sizes 24 to 32...\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75</p> <p>GIFTS FOR MEN Boxed Neckwear...25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 Boxed Braces.....35c, 50c, 75c Silk Hose.....40c, 50c, 75c, 85c Cashmere Hose.....35c, 50c, 60c, 75c Silk Mufflers.....\$1.00 to \$2.50 Umbrellas.....\$1.00 to \$5.00</p>
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LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Times may change and work become less plentiful for you with advancing years and you will have no such help anywhere as your nice little few hundred dollars saved in some sound Canadian Bank.

Begin now with only one dollar. Make a hobby of it. See how far behind you can leave trouble and hard times. Above all things do not look backward in your run to the harbor of comfort.

WATFORD, ONT., BRANCH - F. A. MacLEAN, Manager.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MATTHEWS, late of the Village of Watford, in the County of Lambton, Gentleman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chapter 171, that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above named Thomas Matthews, who died on or about the 4th day of May A. D. 1917, at the Village of Watford in the County of Lambton, are required, on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1918, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for John Hazell and Lewis Hugh Parney, Executors of the last will and testament of the said Thomas Matthews, their names and addresses and full particulars, in writing of their claims and a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them duly verified upon oath. And take notice that after the said first day of January, 1918, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received at the time of such distribution.

VICTOR A. SINCLAIR,
Barrister, etc.,
Tiltsburg, Ont.
Solicitor for the said Executors.
Dated at Tiltsburg this 29th day of November, A. D. 1917. dt-4t

matrimony to Clifford Leigh, of the 64th Battery. The pastor, Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, officiated. The petti- bride looked very smart in a suit of brown cloth with brown hat to match and a corsage bouquet of roses. They were attended by Sergt.-Major Sullivan of the 64th Battery and Mrs. Sullivan. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon. The bride was a popular employee on the staff of J. D. McKee's drug store, and their host of friends in the city unite in wishing them many years of happiness.

Papers Amalgamate

The Topic and The Advertiser of Petrolia have amalgamated, the change taking place Dec. 1st. The proprietors of the new company are Mr. A. W. Ellis and Mr. G. G. Bramhill, the Dominion-Flax Expert. Since the war began five Lambton papers have gone out of business—two in Sarnia, one in Petrolia, one in Oil Springs and one in Courtright. Forest is now the only town in the county with two papers, and the sooner they get together the better for both the town and the owners. Running a local paper is a hazardous proposition these days, especially in a two paper town, and Union in papers as in Governments is the order of the day. The editor of the Topic in his valedictory very tritely says:—

"But here goes—for better or worse. The war is on—paper and ink are out of sight, labor follows suit, and we venture the opinion that ere many months have passed more concerns than the Borden Government and the Petrolia newspapers will be seeking Union in order to conserve sufficient spoolulix to enjoy Hanna's war menu, or raise a pig."

The Guide-Advocate wishes the new firm every success. The people of Petrolia will be better served with one non-partisan paper than two dyed-in-the-wool party organs.

Defiance Fire Co. Officers

At the annual meeting of Defiance Fire Co. held last Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year:—

Chief—F. Restorick
Assistant Chief—J. Willoughby
Captain—Geo. Harper
1st Lieut.—D. Roberts
2nd Lieut.—W. Ward
Secretary—J. D. Brown
Treasurer—P. J. Dodds
1st Branch—Sid Smith
2nd Branch—A. Zimmerman
Caretaker—W. Scott
Foreman Hose—W. Phair
Assistant Foreman—W. Williamson
Suction hose—J. Shaw, D. Hamilton.
Auditors—C. Class and S. Mitchell
Flagmen—J. S. Williams, J. Lovell.

Leigh—Petty

(From the Guelph Herald)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Knox church Manse on Monday, Nov. 19th, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock, when Daisy Elena, daughter of Mr. Peter Petty, 52 Woolwich St., was united in bonds of

marriage to Clifford Leigh, of the 64th Battery. The pastor, Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, officiated. The petti- bride looked very smart in a suit of brown cloth with brown hat to match and a corsage bouquet of roses. They were attended by Sergt.-Major Sullivan of the 64th Battery and Mrs. Sullivan. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon. The bride was a popular employee on the staff of J. D. McKee's drug store, and their host of friends in the city unite in wishing them many years of happiness.

Arguing that fruit is a luxury and not a necessity, St. Catharines tribunals are said to be refusing exemption to fruit farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moore, of Caradoc, announce the marriage of their daughter, Esther Meleita, to Cecil D. Denning, of Metcalfe.

Union Government

is concentrating its efforts to win the War. It has gone about raising reinforcements in the only practical way; under the Military Service Act, 1917.

Laurier, Bourassa and their adherents admit their intention of holding up reinforcements so urgently needed in the trenches.

Where do YOU stand ?

To Back up the Boys—
To Hasten Victory—
To Win the War—

SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

To Women Voters: Every woman may vote who is a British subject 21 years of age, resident in Canada one year, and in the constituency 30 days, who is the mother, wife, widow, daughter, sister or half-sister of any person male or female living or dead who is serving or has served without Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain in the present war, or who has been honorably discharged from such services and the date of whose enlistment was prior to September 20th, 1917.

Unionist Party Publicity Committee.

TEACHER WANTED

Wanted for S. S. No. 1 and 13, Brooke and Warwick, a fully qualified teacher. Duties to commence after the Christmas holidays. State salary. Apply to ERNEST A. COWAN, Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. No. 7, Watford.

TEACHER WANTED

For Union Section 7 and 2, Warwick and Brooke. Fully qualified. State salary and experience. Duties to commence after the holidays. Apply to ALEX. BRYCE, Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. 3, Watford.

TEACHER WANTED

For School Section No. 5, Warwick. Fully qualified, State experience. Duties to commence after Christmas holidays. Apply to JOHN HALL, Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. No. 8, Watford.

Mason—Coughlin

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Watford, when Miss Anna Marie Coughlin, one of Warwick's most popular young ladies, became the bride of Ambrose J. Mason. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Quinlan, Strathroy. The bride was attended by Miss Johanna Mason,

Calgary, while Mr. John McGough supported the groom. Mrs. W. Cavanagh, sister of the bride, played the wedding march. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Mason left for an extensive trip to eastern points amid showers of confetti and best wishes and will be at home to their after Jan. 1st.

TEACHER WANTED

For School Section No. 12, Warwick. Fully qualified. Duties to commence after holidays. State salary and experience. Apply to ALEX. WISGATE, Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. No. 4, Watford.



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USE OUR EXCELLENT STATIONERY WHEN YOU WRITE YOUR LETTERS; IT WILL GIVE THEM "TONE." LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COME TO US FOR YOUR LEATHER GOODS AND STATIONERY; YOU CAN "RELY" ON WHAT YOU BUY.

J. W. McLAREN

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Undersigned by from Mrs. Andrew Beautiful Brick R McGregor and O NESDAY, DEC. Also the followi suits complete, 1 chairs, 2 large tat a number of pict chandeliers, 1 sof 3 small tables, 1 wood, 1 child's dishes, sealers, lat too numerous to is a beautiful lary stories, with new repair. Two lot and a fruit tree water, small chasers are inv property. Also Street, next to Highest lot in tow day of sale. J. F

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