

Where Will it End?

To the Editor of The Express—
After every great war, history has shown us that a period of depression follows. When Napoleon devastated Europe this condition of affairs lasted half a century. Within some of our own memories the hard times following the Civil War are still distinct. We cannot say following such precedents, that the period on which we are now only entering will be of short duration, and it seems reasonable that we should make every effort to meet the emergency in a manner that will enable us to weather the storm.

Instead of this our representatives in both municipal, county and Dominion-wide affairs seem to have taken the stand of good fellows, well met, ready to undertake any project and to hand out the kale with a lavish hand. It is always an easy matter to spend the other chap's money. There are two or three instances in which this is being done that are worthy of notice, and the first and foremost of these is the road system, both provincial and county.

If we were in a sound financial condition it would be a different matter, but those who know tell us we are nearly bankrupt, not only as a municipality, but provincially and Dominion wide as well. No one can deny that good roads in themselves are very desirable, but we are copying our road system after the road system of England, and it can be easily seen that there is a great difference between the conditions in England and our fair Dominion. There they have a thickly populated country with a comparatively few miles of road. Here we have a sparsely populated county with great stretches of roads. It can easily be seen that financially we cannot support the English system.

It is sometimes a hardship to trench in our matters on the farm. Any farmer in Malahide or in the county could easily spend a great amount of money in improvements, but badly as we need them, we know that we must wait for an opportune time. In the same manner it seems to be a disagreeable duty to lessen our support to our schools. Those of us who are reading this article can easily remember the manner in which we obtained our education. It was at a great deal less expenditure than the educational system of to-day and it produced as clever men and women as are being produced under the present system. The oak, you know, that weathers the gale in the open, is of better material, than its brother in the sheltered nook. We are told that the teachers of to-day will not stand for any reductions in salaries; that their union reigns supreme. But they must learn that there is something greater than any union ever organized and that is "Public Opinion." And if this bluff is not called sooner or later, such extremities might be reached whereby we may be utterly helpless to combat this situation.

We, who are farmers, find out that there has been a material reduction in the wages asked us for our help. Even the employees of the railroads and men in every walk of life have felt the pruning knife upon their salaries. We ourselves know that we are taking about fifty per cent. or less, for our produce than formerly. Then why should not this reduction extend to those who are in the employ of our township and county. We, as a body of men and women, should seek from those who are aspiring to office on Monday next, the assurance that if elected, they will do everything in their power to bring about a condition whereby we should not have \$8,000 of uncollected taxes at this time of year and the bank managers tell us that never before in the banks' history has so much money been loaned to assist in paying the taxes. Then, and only then, when these conditions are remedied our financial condition is such that we no longer fear the arrival of the sheriff.

Yours truly,
GORDON NEWELL.

ISABEL MILLS TURRILL OF SPARTA DEAD

Saturday, December 17, marked the passing of another of the aged residents of Sparta community and Yarmouth Township, in the decease of Isabel Mills, relict of Isaac Turrill, in her 85th year. The end came after a few weeks of intense suffering at her home a mile south of the village, where she resided with her daughter, Miss M. Turrill. She was born in Brantford, married there and early in married life came with her husband and settled on the Sparta side road, south of the village. Here she with her husband, who predeceased her some four years ago, raised their family and won the respect and esteem of their neighbors. Mrs. Turrill won for herself a special place in the hearts of her friends and neighbors. She was one of the oldest members of the Methodist church in this community and gave evidence while consciousness lasted of her Christian faith. The children that are left to mourn their mother are: Jos. Turrill, of the village; Miss Maggie Turrill, at home; Mrs. Geo. Dennis, of St. Thomas; and Isaac Turrill on the farm. The funeral service was held in the home on Monday afternoon, Rev. A. W. Brown, of the Methodist church, speaking on the passage, "A Mother in Israel." Quite a number of friends and acquaintances gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. The remains were interred in the Sparta cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: John Laidlaw, Wm. Swayze, Squire Smith, Fred Darrough, Eric Hoyle, W. F. Smith.

SPRINGFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grant are spending their Christmas holidays with her mother in Essex.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sitts and daughter, are spending their Xmas in Woodstock.
Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Lawson are spending their holidays in Windsor.
The school staff have gone to their homes for the holidays.
The pupils of the lower rooms of the Public School gave a very creditable program on Thursday before Xmas in the school room. The tree was well filled with presents.
Dr. McNeice is able to be out again. Mr. Joe Shaw is on the sick list.
Let one of your New Year resolutions be, that you are going to Purdy's for your bake goods this coming year.

Master Clayton Faulkerson is able to be out again.
Married at Alma College, St. Thomas, Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Faulkins, to Earl Haney, of Glencoln. Rev. Mr. Williams, of Springfield, officiated.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clunas spent Xmas holidays in Leamington with their son.

Miss Bertie Clunas is home for the holidays.
Mrs. L. O. Purdy and children, are spending the Xmas week in Aylmer.
Mrs. Ben McCallum and son, Carl, of Detroit, are visiting their many friends in Springfield.

The Methodist S. S. Christmas tree was a decided success in every way. The scholars all showed their training to a marked degree. The Tuxis Boys put on a few athletic stunts which was a decidedly new feature in this kind of entertainment. The Rosebud Quartette made a great hit.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, of Belmont, spent Christmas with the latter's parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thistle spent Xmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nesbitt.
Mrs. Matt Connor and Mr. Carl Connor are spending a few days in St. Thomas.

Mr. Carl Connor spent his Xmas holidays with his parents.
Nominations for Council for the village held on Monday night, the following were nominated for council: Berdan, Hodgson, Sinclair, Koyle, Newell, Lindsay, Woolley, Cathers.
For Reeve: Barons, Harris.
It is not known just how many will stay.

For School Trustees:—Leeson, Williams, Gillies.
We wish to take this opportunity of wishing all our customers and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—L. O. Purdy.

LAKEVIEW

Christmas was celebrated in some houses Saturday, on Sunday, and in others again on Monday. Mr. Thomas Bennett's celebrated the day Monday with Mr. Heiple's, Aylmer. The Weavers gathered with relatives at Mr. Hugh Weaver's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Empey had their daughter, Mrs. Bruce Brackenbury, and family, of Aylmer, for Sunday.
Rev. Marshall preached an eloquent sermon on Sunday a.m. A very large choir of fresh, young voices, and the Christmas hymns and anthems with much spirit, under the direction of Mrs. F. Brackenbury.

The various Christmas entertainments for the Schools were given most successfully. On Thursday afternoon last S. S. No. 3, gave a pleasant program of songs, recitations, etc. A prettily decorated tree with gifts for the pupils was given under the direction of Miss Vanciele. Mr. H. Cohoon was chairman. On Tuesday Miss Bate presented a very nice program to a packed house. All the children did well. The drills were very pretty and the tree was a special feature. Proceeds amounted to \$28.00. On Friday

evening a big crowd of Sunday School teachers, children and their parents helped dispose of a big supper of chicken, scalloped potatoes and other dainties. A tree with a robust Santa Claus gave great delight to the youngsters. Every child received a gift. On Friday evening of this week the Women's Institute expect to put on the best entertainment of the season, completing the program of songs, duets, piano music, readings, and dialogues with a dainty supper and community singing in the church.

Miss Grace McConnell is home from Toronto. Miss Ceno and Miss Edna are home from their respective schools in Brantford and Port Royal. Miss Margaret McDermid is home from Moulton College and Miss Lucy Bate is spending the holidays in Windsor. Miss Hazel Bennett is also holidaying at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dennis and small son, of Meadow Vale, are with Mr. and Mrs. H. Raymond for a time, while Mrs. Dennis is recovering from throat trouble.

Miss Edith Hollywood, of Windsor is spending the holidays with her mother here.

Ernest Chute has returned from a week's visit in Toronto. He got back in time to break the store's record for Christmas trade.

A poultry buyer visited this vicinity last week, buying every available bird, old and young. The prices were very low for some.

BEDTIME STORIES

A little clock grew weary,
As it sat upon the shelf,
'Twas tired of ticking all the time,
And murmured to itself:
'There isn't anybody else
That works so hard; I'm blest
If I don't think it's time that I
Should take a little rest.'

And so it stopped, and Mrs. Brown Took all the works apart
And oiled them with a feather,
But she couldn't make it start,
So, when she found her little clock
Had really stopped for good
She threw it out among the junk,
Behind a pile of wood.

And there it lay and pondered,
Doing nothing all the time
But thinking, thinking, thinking hard
Among the dust and grime,
Until it saw the folly
Of the thing that it had done,
And then it felt so sorry
That it started to run.

When Mrs. Brown came out next day
To get a load of wood
She heard the ticking of the clock
And gladly cried: "Oh! Good!
My little clock is running now."
And, with a beaming face,
She took it back into the house
And put it in its place.

And now the clock is happy
For this secret it has found:
'There's lots more fun in working
Than there in loafing around.'

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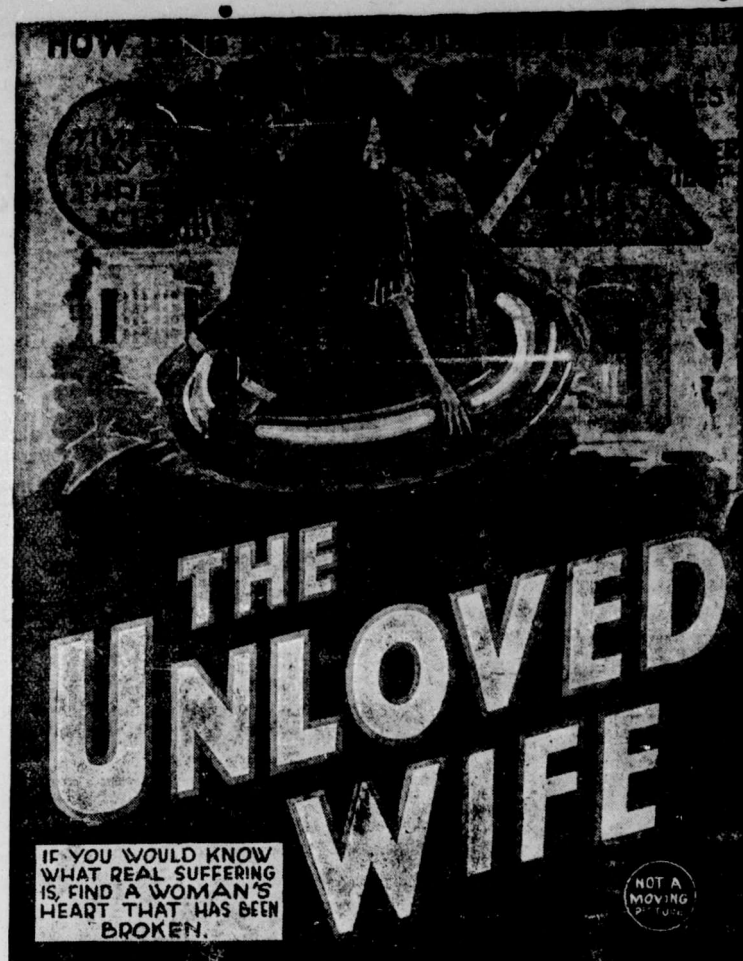
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Master Douglas Small, of St. Thomas, spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Robt. Elgie.

Mr. R. Wright is spending Yuletide with his daughter, Miss Irene and Mr. and Mrs. S. Elgie.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore White held Christmas at their home, entertaining about thirty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stafford spent Sunday with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stafford, of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearce and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts, of Copenhagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davidson and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Hawley, of Mt. Salem.

Miss Stella Pearce, of London, and Miss Neta Pearce, of Grovesend, are spending Yuletide with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearce.

Mr. Bruce Caldwell, of Windsor, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caldwell.

The Christmas entertainment at the Baptist church in aid of the Sabbath School was a decided success. Proceeds of the evening amounting to \$22.00.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Elgie and Mr. Samuel R. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole and family, spent Christmas with Mr. John and Miss Annie Elgie, of Yarmouth Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Elgie spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Small, of St. Thomas.

MT. SALEM DECEMBER SCHOOL REPORT

Sr. IV.—Gladys Stacey, Irene Soper, Harvey Lightfoot, equal, Stella Winter.

Jr. IV.—Edith West, Iola Fowler, Eva West, Beulah Lightfoot, Annie Spriggs, Millie Millard, absent.

Sr. III.—George Pearce.

Jr. III.—Myrl Hilliker, Charles Spriggs, Wilfred Winter, Evelyn Vail, Willie Irwin, Alva Barrett, absent.

Sr. II.—Evelene Lightfoot, Mary Spriggs, Hugh Buck.

Jr. II.—Clifton Winter, Iva Bates.

Sr. I.—Mabel Fowler, Audra Locker, Eddie Bates, Homer Hilliker.

Primer—Chauncey Ball, Glen Lightfoot, Lloyd Locker, Frank Bates, George Ball.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Benjamin M. Bentley, Yeoman, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Benjamin M. Bentley of the Township of Malahide, in the County of Elgin, who died on or about the fifth day of June, 1921, at Malahide, in the Province of Ontario, are required to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned J. Nairn Bradley, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of the said Benjamin M. Bentley, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing, of their claims and statements of their accounts and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 20th day of January, 1922, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. And that the said Administrator will not be liable for said assets, or any part thereof, to any person of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Aylmer, the 13th day of December, 1921.

J. NAIRN BRADLEY,
Administrator, Aylmer, Ont.

E. A. MILLER
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