



Although in society circles the holiday season was a somewhat quiet one, still not a few delightful functions were held, and the presence of many visitors helped much to brighten up the holiday.

Mrs. George Bristol gave a small bridge party on Wednesday evening for Mr. Everett Bristol.

Miss Gordon, Kingston, is the guest of Mrs. P. D. Cramer.

Miss Alberta Greening gave a small dance in Toronto last night.

Mrs. George F. Glasco gave a buffet luncheon on Thursday, when the guests included Mrs. P. D. Cramer, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Storer, Mrs. Paul Myler, Mrs. John Eastwood, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Galt-shore, Mrs. F. W. Gates, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. Greening.

Hon. Adam and Mrs. Beck, London, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Cramer, "Dundee."

Miss Constance Turnbull is staying in New York with Miss Virginia Larkin.

Miss Kate Mills, who was in town for the holidays, has returned to Ottawa.

Mrs. G. C. Thomson, Herkimer street, gave a small tea on Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Murray, Edinburgh.

Mrs. John Nesbitt has returned from a visit to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Dewar, Ottawa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch-Staunton.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. Levy, of this city, to Miss Florence S. Myer, Philadelphia.

Mr. S. S. DuMoulin, who has been staying with the Bishop of Niagara and Mrs. DuMoulin at the See House, returned this week to Winnipeg.

Miss Kate Powis gave a bridge party of four tables last evening.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Gladys Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. Adam Zimmerman, ex-M. P., to Dr. Laidlaw.

The Bachelors of Hamilton gave a most enjoyable small dance at the Conservatory of Music on Monday evening.

Mrs. William Hendrie chaperoned, looking very handsome in a black sequin gown and corsage bouquet of scarlet flowers.

Mrs. Murray Glasgow, Scotland, wore smock-colored Messaline with sequin bands of grey and Greek design.

Miss Murray was in a pretty Empire frock of sage blue taffeta with white tucker.

Miss Phyllis Hendrie was charmingly gowned in mauve liberty satin, gold sequin ornament in the corsage.

Mrs. Mark Holton wore her wedding gown of ivory satin with fringed Directoire sash.

Miss Elsie Young, draped gown of pale blue liberty, with crystal trimmings.

Miss Violet Watson, shell pink Messaline with sash of a darker shade.

Mrs. R. L. Innes wore a silk gown of blue with touches of pink.

Miss Kate Macdonald was gowned in black.

Miss Alice Macdonald, becoming frock of old rose silk and black velvet band in the hair.

Miss Marjorie McPherson, Empire gown of strawberry colored liberty with gold embroidery.

Miss Margery Grant wore white satin with gold wreath in the hair.

Miss Geraldine Grantham, white lace gown.

Miss Grace Powis, canary yellow silk frock.

Miss Katie Powis, dainty white net frock.

Miss Reba Kittson, lovely gown of embroidered net in blue and cream, corsage bouquet of pink button roses.

Miss Greva (Dundas), Directoire gown of pale pink liberty with touches of gold.

Miss Meta Bankier was becomingly gowned in blue Messaline with white tucker and sleeves.

Miss Eleanor Lazier was in white satin.

Miss Enid Hendrie, cream brocade dancing frock, with her hair.

Miss Florence Harvey was in black.

Miss Jennie Grantham, blue liberty satin.

Miss Hattie Greening, black gown with touches of gold.

Miss Edna Greening, becoming Directoire frock of sage blue.

Miss Marjorie Stinson, polonaise red chiffon over white with jetted bands and grille of emerald green.

Miss Lily Bristol, dancing frock of pale blue with long sash ends.

Miss Marjorie Bristol, dainty gown of cream net, with narrow satin bands in Roman key design.

Miss Pauline Balfour, white fillet net, with yellow velvet strappings.

Miss Rosalind Osborne was in white.

Miss Ethel Calder, pink brocade silk and cream lace.

Miss Olga Howell, gown of white lace.

Miss Colbourne Simonds wore black and white.

Miss Charlotte Balfour, Directoire gown of pink liberty satin.

Miss Arvilla Gurney, white lace frock.

Miss Gladys Gates, pink silk and cream lace.

Miss Dorothy Gates, pale blue louisiane silk.

Miss Howell, oyster grey gown of sequin embroidered net.

Miss Besie Balfour wore black, with a hand of gold in the corsage.

Miss Elsie Bell Forbes, white net gown.

Miss Albert Tandy wore black net, with jet embroidery.

Miss Mona Murray was in pale pink.

Miss Agnes Clime, white chiffon gown with touches of pink and white osprey.

Miss Marjory Hillman, a charming

MONDAY,
JANUARY 4, 1909

SHEA'S Bargain Day

Bargains In Bedding

White Blankets every thread pure Canadian fleece wool, thoroughly scoured and lofty finish, fast colors, pink or blue border; worth \$4.50; on sale for per pair ... \$3.19

BED COMFORTERS, made of splendid quality of pure cotton batting, covered with silkoline and chintz, in dark and light colors, 60 x 72 size; worth \$1.95, on sale for each \$1.25

Men's Wool Underwear

Men's All-wool Shirts and Drawers, in good, heavy quality, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality, sizes 34 and 40, 42 and 44 only, so they go on sale at, per garment ... 60c

Lace Curtains

Single pairs of Lace Curtains to be cleared, all good patterns, of our very best selling lines, that have sold down to a single pair, 3, 3½ and 4-yard lengths:

\$4.00, for \$3.00, \$3.50, for ... \$2.75
\$3.00, for \$2.25, \$2.50, for ... \$1.75
\$2.00, for \$1.25, \$1.35, for ... 95c
Travelers' samples of Lace Curtains, 1½ to 1¾ yards long, full width, on sale for, each ... 15, 19, 25 and 35c

Monday Fur Bargains

Ruffs and Stoles, made of Marmot and Black, Grey and White Hare, each ... \$1.95
Marmot Stoles, special at ... \$3.50
Black Astrakhan and Hare Storm Collars, special at \$5
Splendid Dark Colored Marmot Stoles, worth \$7.50, Bargain Day for ... \$5.95

Black Satteen Underskirts

Women's Underskirts, made of Black Satteen, both lined and unlined, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, on sale for, each 75c
Women's Waists, in cream and colors, worth \$1, for 69c
Cream Lustre Waists, 75c, for ... 29c

Women's Skirts---Samples

Made of Voiles, Panamas, Broadcloths, black and colored, made in the very latest styles, beautifully strapped with silk and button trimmed, on sale as follows: \$10 Skirts for \$7.50; \$9 Skirts for ... \$5.95

Women's Skirts at \$3.95

Black and colors, splendid styles, and all thoroughly well made, worth \$6, on sale for each ... \$3.95

Mantles on Sale for Monday

A splendid lot of them, made in the prevailing styles of long lengths, loose fitted, and semi-fitted, on sale Bargain Day at the following sharp reductions:

\$7.50 Coats for \$4.95; \$10 Coats for ... \$6.95
\$15 Coats \$9.50; \$20 Coats ... \$12.95

Bargains in Staples & Linens

White and Colored Flannelette, in useful ends, worth 15c, Bargain Day per yard ... 9c
Roller and Tea Toweling, pure flax, in mill ends, worth 11½ and 12½c, per yard ... 8½c
Ends of Factory Cotton, 1 to 8 yard lengths, 10 to 12½c, on sale for ... 8½c
Cream Table Damask, in beautiful patterns, full 40 value, per yard ... 25c
Cream Table Damask, 70 inches wide, pure linen, worth 95c, for ... 69c
Bleached Damask, 72 inches wide, worth 69c, per yard ... 45c
Huck Towels, part linen, worth 15c, on sale for per yard ... 10c

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING

I am fading from you, but one draweth near
Called the angel guardian of the coming year.

If my gifts and graces coldly you forget,
Let the New Year's Angel bless and crown them yet.

For we work together, he and I are one;
Let him end and perfect all I leave undone.

I brought Good Desires though as yet but seeds;
Let the New Year make them blossom into Deeds.

I brought joy to brighten many happy days;
Let the New Year's angel turn it into Praise.

If I gave you Sickness, if I brought you Care,
Let him make one Patient and the other Prayer.

Let me bring you Sorrow, through his care at length
It may rise triumphant into fullest strength.

If I brought you Plenty, all wealth's beauteous charms,
Let the Angel turn them into Alms.

I gave health and leisure, skill and dreams and plans;
Let time make them nobler--work for God and man.

If I broke your idols, showed you they were dust,
Let him turn the Knowledge into heavenly Trust.

If I brought Temptation, let Sin die away,
Into boundless pity for all hearts that stray.

If your list of Errors, dark and long appears,
Let this new-born Monarch melt them into Tears.

May you hold the Angel dearer than the last,
So I bless his Future, while he crowns my Past.

—ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR.

Miss Enid Hendrie, Miss Charlotte Balfour.

Miss Edna Greening gave a personal shower for Miss Fuller on Wednesday afternoon.

The members of the Dickens Fellowship held a delightful social evening at the Conservatory of Music on Tuesday evening.

His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara was in the chair and an informal programme of recitations and songs was enjoyed.

Mr. Stanley Lucas, Prince Rupert, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lucas, Duke street.

Mrs. Clark, Main street west, was hostess of a tea for young people on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Collinson gave a small bridge party at Highfield on Wednesday evening.

The holidays have been very gay for the "not out" portion of society. During the week parties have been given for them by Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mrs. Powis and Mrs. William Holton, the "young bachelors" finishing the week by giving a dance at the Jockey Club.

Mrs. Robinson, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Greening, returns shortly to her home in New York.

Mrs. Parsons (Toronto), is staying with Mr. R. S. Toronto.

The party which Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Greening chaperoned on New Year's Eve on its visit to the Village Inn, Crimby, was one of the most delightful ever. It numbered forty young people. The whole party went by H. G. & B. special and spent the first part of the evening at a banquet, the tables being arranged in the form of a T. After that an hour was spent quietly. This was followed by a dance, for which Mrs. Hackett supplied charming music, and which was kept up till midnight. A light supper was followed by a short dance. On the New Year's Day breakfast was taken at 10 o'clock and a special on the H. G. & B. brought the happy party home at 11.40. All were delighted with the splendid service given by the Village Inn. The party was composed of:

Miss Marjorie Stinson, Miss Phyllis

Hendrie, Miss Hattie Greening, Miss Edna Greening, Miss Violet Cramer, Miss Nora Gordon (Kingston), Miss Elsie Young, Miss Cabourn Simonds, Miss Mona Murray, Miss Marjorie McPherson, Miss Dorothy Henderson, Miss Enid Hendrie, Miss Kathleen Draper (Montreal), Miss Gladys Gates, Miss Dorothy Gates, Miss Gertrude Carey, Miss Bessie Balfour.

Messrs. Leo Sey, Thompson, H. Griffith, Harold Lazier, Grassett Gates, Muirhead, Price, Paacy (Montreal), Charles Bull, Gordon Powis, Russell Kennedy, Ian Hendrie, Wm. Watson, Frank McPherson, Wilfrid Carey, Harry Cramer, Dr. McLaren, Footner, Strang (Winnipeg), and Dr. McGreger.

Mrs. Mark B. Holton, formerly Vera Jean Shamirak, will receive for the first time since her marriage on Monday and Tuesday afternoons of next week at 168 Main street west, and afterwards on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Mrs. Henning announces the engagement of her daughter, Emma Henrietta Louise, to Mr. James Noxon, of Toronto.

Mrs. R. A. Lucas gave a New Year dinner last evening, when covers were laid for twelve.

Mrs. Dwight, of Picton: Miss Edith Dwight, librarian for the Agricultural College, Guelph; Mr. Herbert Dwight, of McGill College, and Mr. Theodore Dwight, of Toronto University, are spending their Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell Way, Asylum Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, of Montreal, are the guests of Mrs. James Morris, Sherman avenue south.

Miss Habel Montague, this city, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gunmer, Guelph.

Mr. Stanley Lucas, of the engineering staff of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Prince Rupert, is home for the holidays. Before leaving Prince Rupert he was the guest at a banquet, and was presented with some handsome silver.

J. M. Webber, jun., and wife, of Galt, Weston, Ont., the former an old Hamilton boy, are visiting their father, Mr. J. M. Webber, James street south.

The marriage of Major Casimir Van Straubenzee, Royal Field Artillery, son

of the late Colonel Bowen Van Straubenzee, Kirkcubright, Kingston, Ont., and Ethel Purcell, daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Van Koughnet, and widow of Mr. William MacCullough, Toronto, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9.

Miss Margaret Isabella Ross, daughter of the late Alexander Ross, was quietly married on Monday, Dec. 28, at her mother's residence, "Rosedale," East Williams, to Mr. Thomas Carlisle Forrester, of Boulder, Montana, U. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Rennie. Owing to the recent death of the bride's father only the immediate relatives were present. The bride and groom left on the evening train for their home in the west. The bride is a niece of Hon. G. W. Ross.

GOOD GOVERNMENT FOR YEAR BEGUN.

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goal. First class railway connections and conveniences, proper street accesses, fair taxation, property and police protection, adequate water facilities and the furnishing or arranging for motor power and light on the lines, most advantageous terms, and well, comfortably housed workers, employed on a fair and equitable wage basis, are all necessary elements to the success of the industries and those working in them. These are the things that the City Council of 1909 can aid and assist in procuring or encouraging on behalf of all concerned. A well paid, energetic and diplomatic publicity commissioner, devoting his entire time to induce industries to establish here and working out and adjusting between the council and the concerns all the necessary details, would serve the city well in this direction.

The executive heads of the city's various departments which have to do with its general welfare, advancement and protection on the whole is good, but in some few particulars the council might improve them. The incoming council, while retaining control of the general policy of government for the city, might well consider during their term the advisability of handing over its executive functions to a board of skilled, expert city officials. The growth of the city is fast demanding such a departure. Above all, let the council experiment for a year with the policy of non-political and non-partisan interference, control and influence with the city's public affairs. If it is good for large private corporations in this matter it is surely good for large public corporations.

The Canadian Club is a non-political organization of intelligent, independent and public-spirited men, interested among many other things in good civic government and in this city's well being, and peculiarly constituted to give this matter an honest and impartial discussion and consideration, and I shall early in the new year seek to get a public expression of opinion from its members and friends who desire to come at a public meeting to be held, and of which due notice will be given. Hoping that you will get a useful expression of opinion on this important question. I remain, yours truly,

W. M. McClelland.

GEORGE C. COPPLEY.

The Evening Times, Dear Sirs,—In reply to request for a suggestion or two as to the policy of the City Council for 1909, I would say:

1. A Finance Committee with a policy and a chairman, and with a common sense, judgment and tact, who will avoid the mistakes of the previous committee who seem to have antagonized everybody and to have been carried away by every passing breeze of public opinion. A committee who will deal fairly with existing industries and be liberal with new ones. One who will consult with an industrial committee composed of representative citizens and be big enough to accept advice when given in the right spirit.

2. Strong Industrial Committee who will have the backing of every citizen who has the progress and interest of the city at heart, men who have time and ability to serve, who can plan and achieve, who will have new lines of Railroad communication, electrical or otherwise, as feeders to Hamilton, who will find it necessary to advertise and can spend some money in accomplishing their ends, but the result of their work will show if they have been well chosen.

3. Better civic administration generally, a change from the narrow parochial spirit which has hitherto pervaded all business matters. A Board of Works who will provide and build for the future up well considered permanent lines. Good roads well maintained.

4. With an expenditure of upwards of \$100,000 there are many opportunities for leakage under the present system. The purchasing department is not worked to accomplish the best results economically; there are doubtless many opportunities for retrenchment without losing efficiency, but this is a subject too lengthy for the scope of the present letter.

Thanking you for the opportunity of expressing my opinion, I am, yours truly, George C. Coppley.

CAPT. R. A. ROBERTSON.

Dear Times: Your request for an opinion as to what should be the chief aim of the Council for 1909 is a rather large order to fill offhand.

The high plane reached in the various admanic cards would almost make one believe that the millennium had arrived and that the new Council would be able to settle the affairs of the city without advice from you—or me.

If the members of the new Council would cultivate a habit of temperate speech and cut their temperate speeches short it would help some. If they would remember always that there are two sides to every question, and that the other fellow may be right, it would help some. If they would forget the deputations and back-benchers and confine themselves strictly to business as they see it, it would help most of all. Yours, Robert A. Robertson.

MR. J. H. COLLINSON.

Hamilton Times: Dear Times:—Let each member of the Council forget the party machinery which has brought about his election and work solely for the welfare of the city. Let each member pay proper respect to the honest convictions of others who differ from him, and let all unite to uphold the dignity of the Council's proceedings.

I should be glad if the new Council were able to undertake, during the winter months, construction works necessary to the city's development or beautification, so as to give employment to some of the honest laborers who inevitably lose their regular work when winter sets in.

I hope the new Council will see its way to the establishment of a municipal lodging house, where the homeless visitor can secure a bed and breakfast in

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25% DISCOUNT

Stock must be trimmed down before stocktaking begins. Meet this object everything goes at 25 per cent. reduction. It is how it works to your great advantage—but you must be early to get the choice.

Ser Berry Spoons, \$2.00, sale price ... \$1.50
Ser Teaspoons, \$3.75, sale price ... \$2.79
Ser Knives, \$4.50, sale price ... \$3.38
Ser Sugar Spoons, 75c, sale price ... 57c
Ser Tea Set and Tray, \$9.50, sale price ... \$14.63
Ser Fern Dishes, \$4.00, sale price ... \$3.00
Ser Butter Dishes, \$2.50, sale price ... \$1.88
Ser Pudding Dishes, \$5.00, sale price ... \$3.75
Ser Glass Berry Dishes, \$4.00, sale price ... \$3.00
Ser Glass Bon Bons, \$2.50, sale price ... \$1.88
Cut Glass Knife Rests, \$3.00, sale price ... \$2.25
Gold-filled, 20 years, guarantee Watches, \$10.00, sale price ... \$7.50
Gold-filled Gents' Chains, \$6.00, sale price ... \$4.50
Fine Diamond Rings, special value \$25.00, sale price ... \$18.75
Fine Diamond Rings, special value \$50.00, sale price ... \$37.50
Fine Pearl Rings, \$15.00, sale price ... \$11.25
Solid Gold Cuff Links, \$5.00, sale price ... \$3.75
Handsome Mantel Clocks, \$7.50, sale price ... \$5.63
Gold mounted Umbrellas, \$10.00, sale price ... \$7.50

Everything in the Store at 25% Discount

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NOTICE

HAMILTON, GRIMSBY & BEAMSVILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.
General annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company will be held on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon at the company's office in Hamilton, for the purpose of receiving and considering the annual statement and accounts and balance sheet, and of electing directors and auditors; and of transacting the ordinary business of the company.

By order,
GEORGE E. WALKER,
Secretary.

Done at Hamilton this 22nd day of December, 1908.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Lawrence Kennedy, of the City of Hamilton, Ontario, deceased, who died on or about the 10th day of July, 1908, at the City of Hamilton, are required to send or deliver to the undersigned solicitor full particulars in writing of their claims. The executor will attend the 30th day of January, 1909, proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate and the persons entitled thereto from which he has had notice of claims and will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person whose claim he has not received notice of.

Done at Hamilton this 15th day of December, 1908.

W. M. McCLELLAND,
Solicitor for Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to R. S. O., 1897, chapter 129, all creditors of George Mark Binkley, late of the County of Hamilton, in the County of West-ern, deceased, who died on or about the 28th day of September, 1908, are required to send or deliver to the undersigned solicitor full particulars in writing of their claims. The executor will attend the 30th day of January, 1909, proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate and the persons entitled thereto from which he has had notice of claims and will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person whose claim he has not received notice of.

Done at Hamilton this 15th day of December, 1908.

Kerr & Thompson,
Solicitors for Executor.

SALE OF CITY LOTS BY TENDER

Tenders will be received by the undersigned solicitors for the executor of the will of Edward Henderson, deceased, until the 10th day of January, 1909, for the purchase of the following lots, to-wit: Lot 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, containing on Madison street, in the block known as Madison, Little Wellington, Wentworth and Cannon streets, Hamilton, according to the plan of a survey laid out for the lots numbers 7, 8 and 9 in Michael Aikman's survey of part of lot 10, in the Second Division of Hamilton.

The highest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Done this 17th day of December, 1908.

Kerr & Thompson,
Solicitors for Executor.

return for certain manual labor assigned to him.

Public play-grounds for the children must come sooner or later, and they have been deferred far too long. Wherever a city has provided a natural outlet for the superfluous energy of its youth, juvenile crime has perceptibly increased.

MR. GEO. E. BRISTOL.

Times:—

You ask me what I think should be the chief aim for the Council for 1909 in order to promote Hamilton's prosperity.

In my opinion, one of the most valuable things the City Council of 1909 should do would be to appoint a permanent official, who should be paid a good salary, and who should be a first class man, too, whose business would be to bring new industries to the city. He should be, in other words, a "publicity" officer. If there was