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## The Transcript.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

### NEWBURY.

Mr. Stearne Ball is relieving his grandfather, Mr. S. J. Ball, at the G. T. R. this week.

Mr. John Porter, harness-maker, who went to England a few months ago in search of health, died at the residence of his uncle there on Christmas Day. The deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F. and held a policy for \$1,000 in that body. He leaves a wife and four little children to whom the sympathy of their many friends is extended. Mrs. Porter, who was prostrated by the news, is recovering.

The residence of Irwin McCully, who lives just outside the corporation, was set on fire one night last week by the explosion of a lamp and totally destroyed with all its contents except a very little which Mr. McCully got out. The fire took place about 1 a. m. and was not seen by any of the neighbors. Insured for \$400, which will not nearly cover the loss. Mr. and Mrs. McCully have moved into the village.

Neil Black, of Glenora, expects to load a large quantity of timber here this winter.

John Brown, of London, who purchased the Upphart farm, has sold the timber, except cordwood, to Thos. Robinson, and has let a contract for putting a quantity of cordwood into the C. P. R. yards at North Newbury to John Armstrong, jr.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Methodist Sunday School was of the usual character, though the programme was larger and a great many think better than common. The house was crowded. The three dialogues were well given. The instrumental music by boys was very good. The readings and recitations were up to the usual order. Although no presents were put on the tree as a school, yet the tree was well enough filled to delight the juvenile hearts. Proceeds \$34.

The usual treat will be given to the pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday School on Thursday evening, and to the scholars of the English Church Sunday School on New Year's afternoon.

Mr. Alex. Graydon and Miss Graydon spent Christmas in Cincinnati, the guests of D. J. Bartzner.

Mrs. John Avery, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.

Dr. J. Carson has been confined to the house with a severe attack of grippe, but is recovering.

Miss Kate and Norman MacGinnis, of East Saginaw, are the guests of Miss K. Johnson.

Thomas Johnson has returned from Desoronto, where he has been visiting his sister.

On Thursday, Dec. 24th, the eldest daughter of J. B. Root was married to Alf Ambrose by the Rev. J. W. Baird, at her father's residence. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss E. Root, and Christy Ryan was best man. The bride received a number of useful presents. We wish the new couple every success.

### KILMARTIN.

The next meeting of No. 9 literary society will be held a week from Friday evening, when there will be a debate, "Resolved that the church has more influence on mankind for good than the hotel has for evil." The affirmative speakers are John Gillies and Arch. Munroe, and the negative D. F. McLachlan and A. A. Gillies.

Alex. McGregor, who left here some sixteen years ago, arrived on Christmas Day from Brandon, Man., to spend the winter at his old home. He is accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Duncan McGregor, who left here last spring to visit her sons in Manitoba.

Alex. Manson returned last week from Niagara, where he was attending the Collegiate Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McFarlane visited Detroit friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McGregor spent Christmas with Dutton friends.

Prof. Chisholm is visiting friends here.

Miss Jesse Gillies is visiting friends in Dawn.

John McLachlan is visiting friends at Omard Michigan.

### APPIN.

Appin cheese factory shipped the last of this season's make of cheese on Tuesday. The lot consisted of 518 boxes.

At a meeting of the ratemakers of School Section No. 13 the trustees were relieved of all liability for the loss of \$74.96 through the failure of Dobie's bank, not one ratemaker voting the opposite. L. L. McTaggart was elected trustee in the place of A. S. McDonald, retired. The trustees were authorized to pay a secretary-treasurer \$10 for his services in 1897.

Mrs. McAlpine and family intend to leave Appin and make their home in London.

A sleighload of people, young and old, went out to Springfield to hear the Caldwell Bros. evangelists, who are conducting special meetings there.

Miss Jessie Murray has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant, of Bryanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Hugh McMurphy are home for a brief holiday.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

### WOODGREEN.

Miss Mary Grover arrived from Detroit to spend the holidays at her home here.

Isaac Watterworth is spending the holidays at his home here. The Sunday School entertainment and Christmas Tree on Dec. 23rd was a credit to the teachers and officers who had the management of the affair. The proceeds amounted to about \$15.

Miss Ethel Watterworth entertained a few of her friends on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Watterworth spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reader, of Florence.

Messrs. Geo. and Isaac Simpson, of Morpeth, are visiting friends in Woodgreen and vicinity.

Any person, young or old, wishing to learn the art of dancing may do so by making application in this column as we have a professor who goes to the house and teaches free of charge.

Geo. Thomas has engaged with Jas. Gilbert at a salary of \$160 per year.

Daniel Hurley has purchased a thoroughbred Durham bull from John Treastin, which he will keep for service for 1897.

Dr. Ethridge Weekes, of London, paid a visit to Woodgreen friends last week.

### STRATHBURN.

Charles Treastin, who left some time ago to study dentistry at Detroit, is home for the holidays.

Miss Annie Annett returned to Port Huron this week after spending Christmas with her father and mother.

Walter Bavis, school teacher, is spending the holidays with D. C. McKenzie, Ekfrid.

Wedding bells will be ringing south of Strathburn Thursday.

Miss Agnes Ferguson, milliner, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Hugh McKee left this week to spend New Years with her sons at Niagara Falls.

Donald Dobie, merchant, Wallaceburg, is visiting his friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Neil McPhee is visiting friends in Port Huron this week.

Mrs. Quinn and family, of Chatham, are visiting at Alex. McBean's this week.

[Balance of Strathburn items will appear next week.—Ed.]

A disease, said to be hen cholera, is affecting poultry in the vicinity of Maidstone, and some farmers have lost nearly all their fowls.



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### MAYFAIR.

Mr. A. T. Jones is visiting friends in Michigan.

Mr. Harry McLean is home for his Christmas holidays.

Mr. C. J. Campbell is home from Detroit for his holidays.

Miss Elison, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Michigan.

Mr. A. D. Campbell is able to be out again after his late illness.

## Stock Taking Sale!

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### WARDSVILLE.

Entertainments have been the order of the day. The Methodist and High School have just come off. The latter was a complete success. A special feature was the presentation of certificates, by the chairman of the Board of Education, H. Henderson, to the successful pupils at the last departmental examination, and the announcement that the Board is in receipt of a diploma for merit in writing and drawing awarded the senior room of the Public School at the World's Fair.

After the entertainment, the High School staff, Messrs. Widenhammer and Morrow, as hosts, sat down with about 40 guests, around a most "sumptuous spread" catered by J. Wilson of the Commercial. "After ample justice, etc.," among the few who were called on, Mr. Thompson, of the Glenora High School staff, responded with a speech the gist of which was "I came, I saw and I am delighted."

The holidays have brought about many pleasant re-unions among families and friends here as well as elsewhere. Mr. Fred Sheppard and family, of St. Louis, and Messrs. Cecil and Carl Sheppard, of Detroit, are under the parental roof for a few days. Mr. Pack and wife are the guests of Mr. Jas. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Avey, of Strathroy, spent a few days with their mother, Mrs. Cady. Miss Boyd, of London, is the guest of Miss A. Minna. Miss Maggie McIntyre, teacher, is visiting friends in Buffalo.

### MELBOURNE.

Good sleighing, fine weather and fat turkeys all tended to make Christmas pass pleasantly in this neighborhood.

The pulpit of the Methodist Church was filled very ably last Sunday evening by Mr. T. Phillips, of Victoria University.

Mr. J. Bennett, of Toledo, is home for a visit.

Miss J. Griffith, Miss James and Mr. Harry Nelles, of Strathroy, are visiting friends in town.

Another boy will make happy the home of Mr. J. B. Griffith. He was born on Sunday evening, Dec. 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richards, sr., celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas night in the presence of their children, grandchildren and numerous friends.

Mr. Hickey has been elected mayor of Bothwell by acclamation.

### NORTH EKFRID.

Mrs. Wesley Morgan and son, of Clare, Mich., are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Albert Woods has the contract of drawing a large quantity of cordwood to Appin Junction for Mr. Wm. Pierce. The latter Day Saints were blessed with an excellent programme and a crowded house at their Christmas entertainment. Talent was procured from London, St. Thomas, Wardsville, Delaware and Strathroy. The proceeds amounted to \$10.50.

The entertainment in the Presbyterian Church was a decided success financially, and the programme was excellent in every particular. The presents consisted chiefly of books, and were of the sort to elevate the young mind of the school. Proceeds amounted to \$21.50.

Wm. Quartermass has control of the Alvin skating rink this season again.

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## LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Toronto, Dec. 29.

### PRODUCE.

Eggs—Trade is fairly active after the holidays, and prices are holding their own. Quotations in all lines are as follows: Lined, 14 to 14½c; cold stored, 16 to 16½c; gathered, 16 to 17c; and new-laid, 19 to 20c.

Potatoes—Demand light; car lots of choice potatoes, on track, are quoted at 25 to 28c per bag, and dealers sell small lots out of store at 35 to 37c.

Poultry—There is a lot of stuff left over to-day and values as a result are somewhat easier. Quotations were: Turkeys, 7 to 9c per pound; 6 to 7c per pound for geese; chickens at 40 to 45c per pair; and ducks, at 35 to 70c per pair.

Apples—Dull and easy; round lots of dried, outside, are quoted at 2 to 2½c, and evaporated at 3 to 4c, according to quality.

Honey—Following are the quotations: 7½c for 60-pound tins and 8½c for 10-pound tins; new clover honey, in combs, is quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen sections; ton lots of pure strained, f.o.b., outside, 6c.

Baled hay—Market was very dull to-day, and few sales were recorded. No. 2 is quoted at \$8.50 to \$9, on track here; No. 1 at \$10.50 and strictly fancy \$11. Dealers quote two-ton lots of No. 1 delivered, at \$11.50.

### BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Wheat—The firm tone in outside markets improved the feeling here. Manitoba wheat was strong, mainly on export demand. There was a bid in by cable at 31½ for No. 3 hard, c.l.f., London, on one quarter, 90½; track, North Bay, No. 1 hard was held at 97c, g.l.t., North Bay, and 97c, Toronto and west. Sales could have been made at 96c. Holders asked 80c, f.o.b., Fort William. Ontario wheat was in fair demand. Red and white wheat, west, sold at 81½.

Flour—Holders are asking more money, but demand is still light.

Peas—Steady, and in fair demand. Odd cars, north and west, sold to-day at 41½c, and some are quoted at 42c, middle freight, and 43c on track.

Oats—In moderate enquiry for export. Odd cars of No. 2 white, north and west freights, sold to-day at 10c. Several round lots have been shipped out in the past few days. One lot of 10,000 bushels, shipped on Saturday, was bought at 10½c, middle freight. Mixed are quoted at 1c under quotations for white.

Barley—Rather steadier. No. 1 is held at 35c, outside, and No. 2 at 31c. Feed barley is quoted at 31 to 32c.

### DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Supplies were heavy to-day, but as the demand is active stocks do not seem to be accumulating. Values hold steady for both choice dairy and creamery. Quotations are: Low grade, dairy, tubs, 7 to 8c; medium dairy, tubs, 9 to 11c; choice dairy, tubs, 12 to 13c; large dairy, rolls, 12 to 13c; small dairy, rolls, 14 to 15c; creamery, tubs, 18 to 19c; creamery, rolls, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Demand slow. Summer makes sell at 9½ to 10c, and September and October makes at 10 to 10½c.

Wheat, white, new..... 87 88  
Wheat, red, per bush..... 80½ 87  
Wheat, goose, per bush..... 80 86  
Peas, common, per bush..... 44 45  
Oats, per bush..... 19 22  
Rye, per bush..... 00 04  
Barley, per bush..... 27 32  
Ducks, spring, per pair..... 40 05  
Chickens, per pair..... 30 40  
Geese, per lb..... 15 16  
Butter, in 1 lb. rolls..... 06 07  
Eggs, new laid..... 20 22  
Potatoes, per bag..... 40 45  
Beans, per bush..... 7 00  
Beets, per doz..... 09 10  
Parsnips, per doz..... 4 10  
Apples, per bbl..... 11 00 14 00  
Fig, Elmholz..... 8 09 10 00  
Straw, sheaf..... 05 06  
Beef, hinds..... 02 08  
Beef, fores..... 05 00 00 00  
Spring lambs, carcasses..... 04 05  
Veal, per lb..... 05 07  
Mutton, per lb..... 04 05  
Dressed hogs..... 4 75 5 30

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The grain market is duller than ever on account of the holidays, but shippers say that things are bound to brighten up before long. Wheat, No. 1 hard, Fort William, 66c to 67c; wheat, No. 2 hard, nominal; peas, per 60 pounds, in stock, 48 to 49c; oats, No. 2 white in store, 25c; rye, No. 2, 40 to 41c; barley feed, 33 to 34c; buckwheat, per bush, 14 to 15c.

Flour—There has been a good export demand for flour recently, but locally business is at a standstill. Straight rollers, \$4.40 to \$4.70; do, bags, \$2.10 to \$2.25; strong bakers', Manitoba, best brands, \$4.85 to \$5.1; spring patents, Manitoba, \$5.10 to \$5.30; winter patents, Ontario, \$4.75 to \$5.

Meal—There is little improvement in the demand. Rolled, per bag, \$1.70 to \$1.75; do per barrel, \$3.50 to \$3.65; standard, per barrel, \$3.50 to \$3.70; granulated, per barrel, \$3.50 to \$3.65; do per bag, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

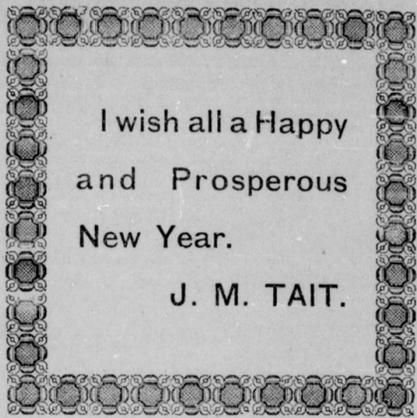
Butter—The market is fairly firm, although there is not much business. Finest creamery sells at 18 to 18½c and rolls at 13 to 14c.

Eggs—The market is firm. Strictly fresh in small lots bring 23 to 24c, while good fall held bring 16 to 19c.

Provisions—The tone of the market does not show much change and prices remain about the same. Canada short cut mess, per barrel, 10.50 to \$11; Canada short cut clear, \$10 to \$10.50; hams, city cured, per pound, 9c to 10c; lard, pure Canadian, per pound, 6 to 7c; lard, common refined, per pound, 5 to 5½c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

East Buffalo, Dec. 29.—There was no market to-day, only a few odd head were on sale. Calves—Only fifty head on sale; market, demand was fairly good for anything of good quality at full strong prices, the best veals selling at \$6 to \$6.25. Hogs—Receipts, 25 cars. Market went off for light hogs 20 to 25c, while for the medium and heavy grades the market ruled steady to strong. Good to choice Yearlings, \$3.55 to \$3.70; mixed packers' grades, \$3.55 to \$3.60; medium weights, \$3.55 to \$3.60; heavy hogs, \$3.50; roughs, common to good, \$2.85 to \$3.10. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 13 cars, including one car of Canada lambs, and four cars carried over from yesterday. The lambs were of generally good quality, and included some strictly fancy stock. With an improved turn the reports from the Eastern markets, and good order demand, the market was active from the start, and lambs sold at full strong prices to a shade stronger, with sheep steady for anything of fair to good quality. Native lambs, choice to prime, \$5.50 to \$5.60; culls and common lambs, \$3.75 to \$4.50; Canada lambs, good to choice, \$5.25 to \$5.40; fair to choice mixed sheep, \$3 to \$3.40; culls and common sheep, \$3 to \$3.75.



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