

## Women's Felt Shoes.

T. Hockin will this month rush his Shoe Department. We are offering this week Women's Felt Shoes, foxed with leather, at 95c a pair, regular price, \$1.25. Women's all-felt Slippers, 25c. a pair. We have everything you want in Men's and Women's Rubbers and Overshoes.-- T. HOCKIN.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Write it 1896.

A happy New Year.

Don't forget that this is Leap Year. During the year 1896 there were registered in the village 16 births, 7 marriages and 7 deaths.

An annex is being erected to the flouring mills for a corn sheller with a capacity of 2,000 bushels a day.

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Dominion Reform Association will be held at Dutton on January 8.

Angus Campbell has been appointed secretary treasurer of S.S. No. 4, Dunwich, for the 34th consecutive year.

Wm. Wilson, who has been lying dangerously ill at the hospital, Cincinnati, was reported a little better yesterday.

Jas. Lunn, Alex. Watson and J. Brown have been elected trustees in S. S. No. 1, the latter being secretary-treasurer. Mr. Brown has been trustee of this section for twenty years.

Many of the residents of the village had to forego the luxury of a New Year's turkey on account of the scarcity of the said luxury on the local market. Although 8 cents a pound was the market price only a limited number were offered.

At the residence of Mr. Wm. Ford, west of Wallacetown, a pleasant event transpired on New Year's night, being the marriage of his only daughter, Miss Eliza, to Mr. Alexander McKillop, of Dunwich. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Kelso, only the immediate friends being present.

A farmer living south of the village had nearly a whole hog stolen from his cellar on Monday night. The thief gained admittance by the door, which was unlocked. This no doubt will be a warning to others who are in the habit of leaving their doors unlocked.

The final meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dunwich Insurance Co. was held Tuesday. Twenty-one applications for insurance were read and accepted. The claim of A. P. Graham for damage to his barn by lightning was settled, Mr. Graham being paid \$29.27. The annual meeting of the Company will be held on Saturday, January 25. The auditors are David McPherson and P. J. McCallum.

The following are the officers elected by acclamation by Dutton lodge A.O.U. W. W. Fletcher, W.M.; J. McCallum, Overseer; J. T. Sifton, Foreman; H. L. Sutton, Recorder; R. Jordan, Financier; J. Pool, Receiver; A. W. Beares, Guide; A. C. Sutton, J. W. A. S. Waite, O.W.; F. Millard, Grand Lodge, representative; A. W. Beares, proxy; L. J. Willson and T. Woodbridge, Trustees; W. A. Ostrander and Thos. Woodbridge, auditors.

## PERSONAL.

E. Hertel, of Norfolk, Va., is home on a visit.

Misses Conn are visiting friends in Detroit.

Mrs. A. J. Leitch is visiting friends at Vienna.

Mr. John Galbraith, of Dunwich, is visiting friends in Michigan.

Mrs. D. C. McArthur is on an extended visit to her relatives at Charlevoix, Mich.

J. T. Crawford, B.A., of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, is visiting his brother, J. B. Crawford.

D. J. McMillan, of Buffalo, spent a couple of days revisiting the scenes of his boyhood at Lalgie last week.

Mr. Thos. Caughlin, Clearwater, Man., is spending a week with his cousin, Thos. H. McColl, Wallacetown.

Thos. Bobier, of Moosomin, Manitoba, a former well-known resident of Dunwich, is spending a few days in the township calling on his friends.

## Death of Robert McKellar.

Mr. Robert McKellar died at his home east of Dutton on Sunday after a prolonged and terribly painful illness with internal cancer. He was in his 52nd year, being born on the farm on which he died. The deceased was well known in Dunwich and his quiet and unassuming disposition made him hosts of friends. He was unmarried and leaves, besides his aged mother, two brothers, Duncan and Peter, of Dunwich. The funeral was held on Tuesday to Black's cemetery and although the day was exceedingly cold the attendance was large, testifying to the high respect and esteem in which Mr. McKellar was held. The services were conducted by Rev. T. Wilson, the bearers, who were the choice of the deceased, being M. A. McNeil, James R. Patterson, John Hyman, Malcolm McNeil, Lachlan Currie and Arch. Mitchell.

Alvro Keillor was elected trustee of the Wallacetown school; B. Crane of the Tyronnesh school; John Patton of the Cove's Corners, and Neil Carachah of S.S. No. 15, Dunwich.

## THE NOMINATIONS.

A wave of depression has evidently come over municipal politics, judging by the lack of enthusiasm and the small attendance at the nominations on Monday. In fact it was the most spiritless nomination ever held in Dutton. The nominations of former years were a great drawing card and every ratepayer made it a point to be present, either in the interest of his favorite candidate or for the purpose of enjoying the fun that was in store on that day. The latter element was this year conspicuous by its absence, and the meeting held after the close of the nominations resembled an ecclesiastical gathering more than the old-time nominations for Dunwich.

## The Nominations.

The Dunwich nomination for reeve was held in the opera house at 10 o'clock, when the following were proposed:

Edward McKellar, by D. D. McArthur and Alex. McWilliam.

Alex. McWilliam, by H. Garbutt and Geo. Braddon. (Withdrawn.)

John D. McDiarmid, by Judson Milligan and Angus J. McArthur.

## COUNCILLORS.

Ward 1—H. Garbutt.

Ward 2—D. C. McPherson.

Ward 3—Judson Milligan, Duncan C. Turner, John Patterson. The latter has withdrawn.

Ward 4—W. W. Gow.

## THE MEETING.

One o'clock is the usual hour for commencing the meetings at which the aspirants give an account of their stewardship, but the attendance of electors this year was small and it was an hour later when the chair was taken by A. A. McKillop, ex-reeve.

Mr. McKellar was the first speaker, who read the financial standing of the township, showing the receipts to be \$18021.17, and the expenditure, \$19312, and the excess of liabilities over assets being \$2194.14. He contended that if the question of the Government drain was settled the financial standing of Dunwich would compare favorably with that of any other township in the Province. The council must exercise patience in making a settlement with the government in order to effect as good a bargain as possible. Mr. McKellar referred to the work done during the year, particularly to the cleaning and construction of drains. He thought that statute labor should not be commuted, as the roads are in a good condition by the present system. He was a candidate for the reeveship for 1896 and asked the support of the electors, as he desired that the Government drain difficulty should be settled under his regime.

The chairman said that he was not in favor of commuting statute labor and thought that the assertion of members of the Good Roads Association that half of the pathmasters were incompetent was an insult to the electors. Were the plans of the Good Roads Association adopted the first thing would be to appoint an overseer who would take half the money.

An elector—And the engineer the other half.

A. McWilliam defended the council of 1895 from the accusation that they lacked ability.

J. D. McDiarmid followed and stated that he differed with the other speakers as to the county being free from debt and having a surplus of about \$3,000, for at the present time the county is paying interest on \$15,000. Mr. McKellar said that the township would be in a good financial condition if the Government drain was settled. So would every elector if his debts were paid.

Mr. McDiarmid next criticised the council's general policy, such as the construction of drains and the payment for accidents. He referred particularly to the Harris Drain, where the cost of construction was \$71, and the engineer's fees \$63. He read from the statutes the duties of the reeve and contended that Mr. McKellar had not done his duty in watching closely the interests of the township. He was a candidate for the reeveship, which office he desired for the sake of righting the wrongs. If the people thought that he could look after their interests better than Mr. McKellar their duty was plain.

Mr. McKellar explained that the \$63 referred to included the clerk's fee, the cost of a culvert and the engineer's fees. H. Garbutt made a short but felicitous speech, thanking the electors of Ward No. 1 for returning him for the sixth time by acclamation. He was getting tired of the councillor business and hinted that his aspirations were higher in the future. He referred to the engineer's fees on the Harris Drain which were excessive, and he (the engineer) had included a culvert, which was not required, in order to lessen the exorbitant amount.

The councillors for the remaining wards were called on but failed to respond and the meeting adjourned.

## Dutton.

The nomination for reeve and councillors was held in the evening when the following persons were nominated:

## FOR REEVE.

A. J. Leitch, moved by A. McRae, seconded by P. Duncan.

H. Hollingshead, moved by Dr. Willson, seconded by D. McEachren.

## COUNCILLORS.

W. H. Backus, moved by C. McGregor, seconded by A. Galbraith.

John Wilkie, by R. S. McMillan and G. W. Eaton.

John A. Kerr, by A. Galbraith and W. H. Backus.

H. G. Gusterson, by A. McRae and W. A. Ostrander.

# GREAT Stock-Taking Sale.

As we take our annual Stock Inventory this month we are anxious to reduce our stock to the lowest possible notch, and to do so

We Have Reduced the Prices of the Whole Stock

—OF—

Dry Goods, Millinery, Jackets, Boots and Shoes, Crockery, Glassware & Groceries

In most lines to Cost, and in some cases Less than Cost.

Ladies' Jackets and Cloaks, this season's goods, that were \$12, for \$6, and the \$6 line for \$3

As they must be turned into Cash before February 1. All of our Winter Stock of Boots and Shoes at a Big Discount. Come early and get the Best Bargains.

All kinds of produce taken as cash. Agents for Windsor Salt, also for the Standard Patterns. January sheets now ready.

T. HOCKIN.

## AT KIRKLAND'S.

"BESIDE THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH" is now being read in nearly every home in the civilized world. "In the Days of Auld Lang Syne" is read by everyone who wishes to keep up with the times. No more enduring Christmas Gift could be given.

All the Leading Poets in Fine Bindings. A Grand Assortment of Bibles and Hymn Books. Crockinole and Bagatelle Boards.

No evening party can be a complete success without them.

The Finest Perfumes for Handkerchiefs or Hands.

Helioprop, Wood Violet, Lily of the Valley, White Hyacinth, besides sixty other Varieties. DOLLS, Big, DOLLS, Little and DOLLS Wee.

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PARLOR GAMES for the Big Folks as well as the Little Ones.

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All Kinds of Building Material kept on hand

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime, Plaster and Cement

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A Full Line of STOVES on Hand.

Agent for the Toronto Windmill Co. A full line of Pumps, both Iron and Wood, kept in stock.

THE NOBBIEST AND MOST DURABLE CUTTERS

At Most Reasonable Prices.

W. H. BACKUS.

## CRINAN.

A number of invited guests met at the residence of Duncan Campbell on Christmas eve, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Jessie, to John D. McIntyre, of this place. The young couple received many valuable and handsome presents. Rev. Mr. Milloy officiated.

Dr. C. McPherson, of St. Thomas, spent Christmas here.

Duncan Campbell, of Austin, Man., is visiting in this vicinity.

James Stalker, the youngest child of D. Hyndman, died Christmas after an illness of three weeks. He was buried in the Simpson cemetery, the bearers being Dan. Munro, James McPherson, Willie Stalker and Walter Smith.

## BORN.

McMILLAN.—In Dunwich, on the 31st ult., the wife of John P. McMillan of a daughter.

## NOTICE.

All accounts due the firm of Urrlin Bros. must be paid by Jan. 10, 1896. Accounts outstanding after that date will be placed in the hands of Mr. C. Macdougall, Q.C., St. Thomas, for collection, and unnecessary costs thereby added.

URLIN BROS.

Mr. Urrlin has accounts outstanding due by his customers to him. Mr. Macdougall, Q.C., instructs us to say that Mr. Urrlin has a perfect right to collect the same.—ED. ADVANCE.

## LIVE TURKEYS WANTED.

The undersigned wants a limited number of live turkeys next week. Particulars can be had from different buyers or C. Campbell, Dutton, or W. McLANDRESS, Iona.

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