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SQUIBOGRAPHS.

You can tell the up-to-date kid by the number of calendars he has gathered.

The Cobalt stocks, are all hanging at half mast this Christmas.

The proposal to reduce railroad fares to two cents a mile sounds like tuppenny legislation.

The mornings will soon be bright enough to find the matches without the aid of a lantern.

"This is a bomb Christmas," remarked the czar, as a grenade crashed through his bed room window.

Santa Claus should be the patron saint of the firemen. He was the first to introduce plugging the hose.

A snowless winter has one advantage. There are no boisterous sleighing parties attempting to sing "Jingle Bells."

Any person caught in the act of putting an automobile in our stocking will be immersed in the gasoline tank.

A Tisbury oil magnate with an income of \$100 per day, dropped dead running to catch a train. A man with that much money could afford to wait for another train.

A figure stood under the mistletoe. The light was burning dim. He thought it was his sweetheart. But 'twas her brother Jim.

The Toronto street railway conductors object to the proposition to equip the cars with rubber steps. They are afraid they might get it in the neck.

Italians in Canada are sending home thousands of dollars to Sunny Italy for Christmas presents. There is no use chewing about it. Time enough for that when it comes back in macaroni.

We don't quite understand this intermediate tariff, but if it prevents smuggling below the belt, it may increase the revenue.

Old King Coal is a merry old soul who tries to do his best. But you've got to have a big fat roll if you want to keep warm out West.

The Christmas shopper, who is too delicate to carry home a spool of No. 40 thread at any other season of the year, now delights to be seen on the avenue laden with a dray load of holiday purchases.

One resolution the average small boy would be willing to make, after the Christmas trees are stripped of their fruit, would be to abstain from attending Sunday School for a period of eleven months.

HOCKEY.

Woodstock, Dec. 15—Junior group No. 6 met last night and fixed dates for the games in the district. The dates are:

Dec. 28—Ingersoll at Paris, Watford at Woodstock.

Dec. 31—Woodstock and Brantford.

Jan. 2—Watford at Ingersoll.

Jan. 4—Paris at Woodstock.

Jan. 7—Ingersoll at Brantford.

Jan. 8—Woodstock at Watford.

Jan. 11—Brantford at Paris.

Jan. 14—Watford at Brantford.

Jan. 18—Paris at Ingersoll, Brantford at Woodstock.

Jan. 21—Paris at Brantford, Ingersoll at Watford.

Jan. 25—Watford at Paris, Ingersoll at Woodstock.

Jan. 28—Brantford at Ingersoll.

Jan. 29—Paris at Watford.

Feb. 1—Brantford at Watford, Woodstock at Paris.

The following Board of Referees was appointed:—Paris, Pete Layden and Thos. Moore; Woodstock, T. Howell and Colin Farnsworth; Brantford, Duff Adams and W. Dowling; Ingersoll, G. H. Smith.

Owing to being located to the extreme west in the group Watford offered to accept a bye in the grouping, but it seems the schedule committee did not entertain the proposition. Watford certainly did not get any favors in the way of dates.

PIGEON SHOOT.

At the weekly shoot of the Watford Gun Club on Tuesday afternoon the following scores were made:

7 LIVE BIRDS.

Brown	6
Mathers	3
Rogers	3
Taylor	3
Auld	3
Cook	3

10 BLUE ROCKS.

Taylor	5
Rogers	3
Auld	4
McKercher	5
Cook	3
Anderson	5

Anderson won in the shoot off.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

POULTRY is slumping. WEBB'S Christmas bon bons from 10c to 2.00 at McLaren's.

The local rink opened for the season with a good sheet of ice on Wednesday evening. The Junior and Oriole hockey teams had their first practice.

The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate is a credit to Canada's leading agricultural journal. The illustrations are artistic and the literary matter seasonal and instructive.

The local municipal situation has not yet simmered down to a definite proposition. Several candidates are flirting behind their fans, but are likely to overcome their extreme modesty and come out in the open after nomination day.

P. DODDS & SON'S stock of sugars, raisins, currants, spices, peels, essences, candies, nuts, syrups, dates, figs, prunes, breakfast foods, etc., is complete, and they invite with pleasure the patronage of all their customers and friends.

McMANUS & McILMURRAY sold a car of select heavy horses to the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. last week for a good round sum. They are said to be the best load that has left Watford for years.

"JOHN, is it true that money talks?" "That's what they say, dear." "Well, I wish you'd leave a little here to talk to me during the day. I am getting mighty lonesome for some of that conversation."

A MAN'S black beaver cloth fur lined coat, its a fine garment, price \$25.00, same style, heavy cloth, lined \$20.00, astracan dog collar or German beaver.—SWIFT BROS.

WALKERTON Times:—Pay no attention to the Alderman who tells you he wants to retire, but his friends won't let him. The "friends" in the case can usually be found underneath one and the same hat.

HOLIDAY bargains in books at McLaren's. Beautiful assortment.

The Sarnia Post has it on good authority that the Sarnia Bay mill property has been sold to the C. P. R. The mill is to be moved and the bay filled in for tracks and dockage, the line to enter at the north of the town.

The Bissell Sweeper the handy, useful everyday labor-saving convenience of the home saves carpets, saves time, saves health and all the weariness of broom-sweeping, dusting, etc. Price \$2.50 to \$5.50.—Sold by T. DODDS, Watford.

A TEACHER in one of the schools in this vicinity asked a pupil the other day to describe the spinal column. The answer was: "It is a wibbly, wobbly, long bone in the back. The head sits on one end and you on the other."

The next regular meeting of our Watford I. O. P. will be held here on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th. Election of officers and other important business. Every member is kindly requested to be present. Visitors welcome.

A SPECIAL Xmas. bargain, 6 only, large Alaska sable scarf, 70 inches long, 6 tails, easily worth \$20.00, our price \$15.00.—SWIFT BROS.

L. D. CALDWELL has purchased S. B. Howden's brick store, corner Main and Erie streets, for \$2,200. Mr. Caldwell proposes refitting the building and will make it one of the most attractive and up-to-date music stores in the west.

THE Strathroy Dispatch is informed on authority which we consider thoroughly reliable, that Reeve Wallace of Adelaide, will be a candidate for re-election and that Ex-Reeve Sullivan will also stand for the position. The members of the present council will all go back for re-election.

THE Bishop of Huron has made the following appointments:—Rev. H. A. Thompkins, of Lucan, to be rector of Wardsville and Newbury, Rev. K. McGoun, of Wardsville, to be rector of Dutton and Bismarck, Rev. J. Hale of Paisley to be rector of Princeton.

DOWDING'S tables and shelves are loaded with holiday goods. A customer would be hard to please who could not find some article that would please his fancy. Everything from a diamond pin to a nickel toy. When making your holiday purchases do not neglect dropping in and seeing the display.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE extends with pleasure the season's greetings to its wide circle of readers, believing that they are the best looking, best dressed, best nourished and most intelligent bunch of subscribers patronizing a local journal in our great Dominion. Our rate for 1907 remains the same, \$1 per year.

LEAVE your order for cut flowers at McLaren's. Flowers on sale Saturday and Monday.

SOME people are making money others are losing it. The loss of over \$300 last week set the ball rolling. On Sunday M. Moore reported the loss of nearly fifty dollars taken from a vest hanging up in his room and on Tuesday evening, George Ritchie, a G. T. R. employee, who had just cashed his pay cheque lost \$37.

FUR collars \$4.75 to \$12.50 put on your coat while you wait.—SWIFT BROS.

PORT HURON HERALD: The fact that the Canadian Pacific has had an engineer in Sarnia studying the topography of the town with a view of reaching the St. Clair river is news of the first importance. That the Canadian Pacific will be extended from London westward seems certain, and Sarnia is undoubtedly the objective point on the St. Clair river. It is only a matter of a few years when the C. P. R. will be of as much importance in this section as the Grand Trunk is now.

IF YOU owe McDonnell & Son drop in and get a receipt. They need the money and must have it.

His Worship, Mayor Folinbee, of Strathroy, recently intimated that in case the C. P. R. officials do not see their way clear to make the proposed extension of their line from Komoka or thereabouts to the St. Clair river, that he is one of a syndicate which is prepared to construct the line independently and lease it to the company until it is ready to take it off their hands.

SPECIAL Xmas. price in men's and women's fur coats.—SWIFT BROS.

FIVE hotels keepers of Moore township were tried in Sarnia on Saturday before Justice Fleck and Jarvis with infraction of the local option bylaw. Four of them were fined \$50.00 and costs, and the other was enlarged until further hearing. The trial of the three Bridgen hotelmen was also enlarged at the request of the defendants.

THE fire brigade was called out about eight o'clock Wednesday evening by a blaze at W. E. Fitzgerald's residence, on Ontario St. The roof caught fire from the chimney, but the fire was checked before any serious damage was done. The contents were damaged by smoke and water. The loss will be probably in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars. Building insured in the Alliance, contents in the London and Liverpool.

LADIES—Visit our mantle department Saturday morning if you want a bargain in coats.—SWIFT BROS.

THE first of the season's S. S. entertainments was held in the Music Hall on Monday evening when the scholars of Trinity Church S. S. were given their annual Christmas treat. Dr. Gibson, Superintendent, presided and the scholars furnished a pleasing program of drills, dialogues, etc., assisted by the orchestra.

THE "fruit" from the Christmas tree was distributed and all went away well supplied with holiday sweets. The proceeds amounted to about twenty-five dollars.

A SAD accident happened on Thursday last, at the pumping rig on Mr. Waddell's lease, on the 2nd line of Plympton, when a workman named Dodd was instantly killed. The unfortunate victim was carrying a plank through the rig, when the end touched the belt connected with the fly wheel. The contact threw the man and the plank both into the big wheel, Dodd being instantly killed. The plank broke every spoke in the fly wheel so we are informed, but Dodd's body was disfigured, his head only being badly bruised.

BUY your boy or girl a pair of skates for Christmas. We have the best kinds, easy prices.—T. DODDS.

THE Methodist S. S. entertainment was held in the church on Tuesday evening. Instead of the usual program by the scholars, Prof. Carnegie was engaged to present illustrated views of Sheldon's great novel, "In his Steps." The views were remarkably good, and were followed by moving pictures that interested and amused the large audience. Arthur Myers sang "The Holy City," and Miss A. Williams, "Daddy," illustrated by scenes. A well laden Christmas tree provided the young people with seasonal presents.

THE proceeds amounted to thirty-five dollars.

REUNION NOTES.

J. J. Cox, London, promises that the Forest City Old Boy's will come to the Reunion 100 strong.

The invitations will be issued after the holidays, and it is requested that all address lists be handed in early, everybody is welcome to send in a list of their relatives or friends whether a member or not.

LIST NO. 2.

W. Witty, Wyoming.

W. Alexander, Saskatoon.

W. McLennan, Toronto.

J. H. Shaw, Watford.

W. H. Shrapnell, "

M. J. Roche, Forest.

Geo. Kelly, London.

G. Carpenter, Warwick.

P. E. Fuller, Watford.

M. Moore, "

C. Candick, Warwick.

MISS MCCORMICK'S THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN THE MONARCH WRECK.

Miss Ray McCormick, of Watford, was stewardess on the ill-fated Monarch, and on her arrival at Sarnia gave a reporter the following description of her experience:

"I talked freely of the accident, and paid a high tribute to the officers of the boat. 'The best man in the crowd was the girl,' said one of the crew, and others echoed the sentiment with enthusiasm. The girl referred to was Miss Rachel McCormick, the Watford young lady who was stewardess on the boat. 'She is a refined and pretty young woman, and seems to have won the regard of all by her cheerfulness and good sense during the dreary period of cold, hunger and sleeplessness on the island.'

Miss McCormick was interviewed on the following day at the home of Mr. George Mara, Point Edward, and gave an interesting account of the wreck.

"I was engaged with some work that evening," she said, "when there was an awful crash and we were almost thrown off our feet. The boat began to sink at the stern, and everyone rushed forward. The men got a boat lowered, but the

waves were so high that nothing could be done with it. One of the men saw a rock near the boat and a ladder was swung down and he got into the boat, and they got the ladder across to the rock and he carried a line up the bank and made it fast. The rope was away up above the rocks and water, and everybody had to climb across on it. I don't know how I ever did it. The boat slid down a little under our feet while we were on it and it seemed as if it might go under water altogether any minute. The rope was a big towline and sloped down at first, but the rest of the way was a climb straight across, with the water and rocks quite a space below. The men gathered branches and made a big fire, and we sat on life preservers, and some tried to sleep. It was very cold, and one of the second class passengers gave me a blanket. It was hard for everyone to get close to the fire, and some had their shoes and clothes scorched by getting too close, and others were nearly freezing. Next day the men all gathered wood and made more fire, and divided into three camps. When we went down to look at the wreck the next morning the rope was still there, all covered with ice, and the water was dashing up as much as ever. No one could get on board. The captain was still on the boat, and passed down some food he had found on the forward table which had been set for the officers. There was a little piece of meat and some bread, all frozen, and it disappeared at once. He sent an axe and a dish down also, but the men were anxious about getting him off, and he came across the rope, all ice as it was. At noon some canned salmon and flour drifted ashore, and that was all we had to eat on Friday and Saturday. The chef made some sort of pancakes out of the flour and water, but his baking was not a success. There are lots of wolves on the island and they could be heard howling every night, sometimes only a short distance away from the fires. It was a dreary sound and made things appear even more desolate than they would otherwise have been."

PERSONAL.

W. D. Brock was here from Windsor Tuesday.

Howard Daunt has returned from Michigan.

D. Thom, Sarnia, spent Sunday at his old home here.

E. D. Swift and Miss Vera Swift spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Clara James returned Wednesday from Spokane to recuperate from a recent illness.

John Rogers, Tecumseh, Mich., is spending a few days with Watford relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cook, Toronto, are spending the holidays with Watford relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thom, Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Miss Margaret Willoughby has secured a position as clerk in Becker & Bryan's departmental store, Chicago.

Miss Margaret Thompson left Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother at Gravenhurst.

J. S. McLeay, Indianapolis, has purchased the drug business of his cousin, Walter McLeay, at Grandy, Nebraska.

Mr. Levi Lambert, Canadian Soo, is visiting his brother, Mr. John Lambert, Huron St., who is in a very critical condition at present with little prospect of recovery.

Mr. T. M. Morrow, teller in the Merchants Bank, has been advised of his promotion to the New York branch and expects to leave for that city the beginning of the year.

O. W. Harris, who has been in Manitoba and Saskatchewan for the past two years, returned home this week. Orrie has taken up a homestead near Curzon, Sask., and thinks the country is all right.

Mr. Fred J. Roche, teller in the Merchants Bank, Souris, Man., and Bro. John F. Roche, of St. Viateur's Institute, Bourbonnais, Ill., arrived Thursday morning to spend the Christmas holidays at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Englehart returned to Petrolia from Detroit Tuesday, where Mr. E. went to bring back his wife, who has been in a hospital in that city for the past four months. Mrs. Englehart's friends will be pleased to hear that she is much improved in health.

W. Alexander, who has been in Saskatoon for the summer, returned home Saturday night. Mr. Alexander thinks well of the west, but for a winter resort prefers a climate where coal is not quite so scarce. You never feel the cold the same as they do in the east, but there are days when a small fire is not uncomfortable.

Increase Provincial Police.

Toronto Dec. 12th.—It is reported on good authority that the Ontario Government have about decided to reorganize the Provincial police force by stationing at least one permanent constable in each county in the province, to be under the immediate orders of the county crown attorney.

This will involve a large increase in the permanent constables, but will probably altogether do away with the system at present in vogue of having special constables acting temporarily, which has been found to be decidedly ineffective.