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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896.

MELBOURNE.

The annual Christmas tree in connection with the Methodist Church was held on Monday evening, Dec. 21. The programme was furnished by the scholars and was well rendered. Immediately after the close of the programme Mr. and Mrs. Branton were presented with two handsome rocking chairs and a well worded address read by Mrs. Richards. The distribution of presents then followed, and to the delight of the children Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus honored them with their presence. The following students are home for their vacation: Miss Minnie Cooper, Mr. T. Phillips, Mr. C. G. Corneille and Mr. Emerson Cooper, from Toronto University. Mr. F. E. Corneille, from Collegiate Institute, London, and Miss Eva Cooper, from Listowel High School.

Mr. T. Cooper and family, of Detroit, are visiting their friends here.

A number of people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Poole at Glenora on Monday.

It is reported that a Baptist minister is to be settled in Melbourne in April.

The annual entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held on Christmas night, 25th inst. As this is the first Christmas entertainment held in the new Sunday School Hall people are looking forward to it with great interest. Several new features, including scarf drills, etc., will be presented. There will be the usual Christmas tree, dialogues, recitations, etc.

MIDDLEMISS.

Mr. J. C. Graham, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is spending his holidays at his father's near here.

Miss Fannie Sutton, of Southwold Station, spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. George Graham.

Mr. Thomas Cooper, of the Detroit Medical College, spent a few days with friends here last week.

Mrs. Decow, of Iona, is spending a few days with her son, Daniel Decow.

The members of the L. O. F. have elected the following officers for 1897: D. Small, C. R.; J. Murray, P. C. R.; J. A. Decow, V. C. R.; George Watson, Sec. Treas.; W. J. Richards, C. D.

APPIN.

Miss Martha Mullins has returned home after a few weeks spent with her sister, Mrs. John Prudham, Alvinston.

The Methodist Christmas tree to be held here Christmas evening promises to be a grand success.

Mr. Albert Mullins, of Grand Rapids, Mich., paid his parents here a flying visit this week.

There seems to be at present a general uprising of our young men in deserting the life of single blessedness and joining the great army of benedicts.

MOSA.

D. G. McIntyre has disposed of the north half of lot 6, in the 5th con.—100 acres, good buildings—to G. Yates. Price, \$3,500. Mr. McIntyre intends going west.

D. Robertson, while assisting at butchering on Saturday last, had the misfortune to inflict quite a cut in his leg by a slip of his knife.

A petition is being largely signed in the vicinity of Knapdale for presentation to the Postmaster-General, asking for a delivery of mail at that office twice a week, instead of once a week as at present.

D. F. McLaughlin and D. C. Munroe spent Saturday last in London on business.

It must be getting warm in municipal matters in this township, to judge by the number of candidates. In Ward No. 1 four prospective councillors are in the field canvassing, as follows:—D. Bristow, G. Fleming, T. Harrold and James Douglas. In Ward No. 2 quietness reigns so far. In Ward No. 3 J. Stinson and J. Mitchell are on the war-path; while H. Walker and A. B. McKellar are engaged hand-shaking the electors of No. 4 ward. But in every case the prospective office holders are like the grand jury that only hears one side—the other side will be decided by the final jury on the fourth of January next.

A. Harris has moved his family to Newbury to reside until spring, when it is said he intends moving to British Columbia. Geo. Harris has purchased the old homestead and is now living on it.

J. Forbes, a former resident, is visiting in this township at present.

WOODGREEN.

Miss Ida McCracken, of Glenora, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mabel Evans.

There are thirteen pupils writing for promotion in S. S. No. 3, Mosca.

The teachers and officers are sparing no pains to make the Sunday School entertainment a success. A pleasant evening is expected.

Miss Hattie Grover is spending a few days at her home here.

Miss Annie Toles, of Weidman, is visiting at Charles Grover's.

Arthur Smith, sr., has engaged with D. Hyndman for the winter.

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.

NAPIER.

The Napier Royal Templars added sixteen new members to their Council recently.

Mr. Wm. Bowie, who lives near Napier, on lot 26, con. 11, Brooke, met with a very painful accident one day last week. He was repairing the roof of his stable when he was unfortunately enough to fall by which his shoulder was dislocated.

The Clark farm, which was to be sold by public sale at the Argyle house here on Monday last, was withdrawn after a bid of some \$2,200 was made. It is understood the vendors want \$3,000.

Mrs. R. Dunlop, on behalf of the Band of Hope of the Epworth League, mailed this week to Dr. W. B. Geikie, of Toronto, treasurer of the Armenian Relief Fund, a purse of \$11. This speaks well for a small village like Napier.

About seventy-five friends assembled recently at the residence of Mrs. M. Phillips and presented her with an address expressing sympathy in her sorrowful affliction in the loss of her three sons during the past summer, taking away her almost only support. The address was accompanied by a purse of money and was read by Mr. W. H. Sutherland. Mrs. Phillips leaves in the course of a few days to live with her daughter, Mrs. George Morgan, in the township of Dawn.

RIVERSIDE.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment in Riverside church on New Year's eve (Dec. 31st). Elaborate preparations are being made and a good programme may be expected. This is the first entertainment ever held in connection with Riverside Sunday School. Admission free. Collection at the close.

John A. Graham, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is home spending his Christmas holidays.

Miss Lucas and brother, of Wallace-town, are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Tuffin bought a thoroughbred Jersey from Daniel Decow.

Malcolm McGugan had a porker that tipped the beam at 580 lbs. It was of the Yorkshire breed.

Active preparations are being made to make the entertainment on New Year's eve a decided success. The talent will be local chiefly. Miss McLaughlin, of Cowal, has consented to give some vocal music.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

NOTICE!

Poultry wanted not
drawn, feathers off only,
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GOOD MARKET!

S. J. McCREERY.

A CALL TO ARMS.

(Supplied by W. C. T. U.)
At evening roll-call in the late war a captain said to his company:

"Soldiers, I am ordered to detail ten men for a very dangerous service, but of the greatest importance to the army in the coming battle. I have not the heart to pick the men, for the chances are against their ever coming back. But if there are ten men in the company who will volunteer for this service they may step two paces to the front." As the captain ceased speaking the whole line stepped two paces forward, and stood there with every man in his place, the ranks even as before. The captain's eyes were dim, and his voice faltered, as he said: "Soldiers, I thank you; I am proud to be captain of such a company." Fellow-workers, just such spirit should move the whole Prohibition line. We wage a war fiercer than that of bullet and bayonet, and far more vital to human good. It is a struggle whose echoes reach the stars and enlist the hosts in heaven. Step to the front and give yourself, your powers, and your means to stay the enemy of God and man.—Frances E. Willard.

SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

(Supplied by W. C. T. U.)
"Karl Marsh is sold into slavery!" said a man to me the other day.

"Sold into slavery!" I cried, "is there anything like that now-a-days?"

"Indeed there is," was the answer.

"Who bought him, pray?"

"Oh, it's a firm, and they own a good many slaves, and make shocking bad masters."

"They have agents everywhere, who tell a pretty good story, and so get hold of folks; but the names of the firm are Whiskey and Wine."

I had heard of them. It is a firm of bad reputation, and yet how extensive are their dealings! What town has not felt their influence? Once in their clutches, it is about the hardest thing in the world to break away from them. You are sold and that is the end of it, sold to ruin, sooner or later. I have seen people try to escape from them. Some, it is true, do make their escape; but the greater part are caught and go back to their chains.—From Chatterbox.

LOST.—On 25th November, while coming from Newbury to Glenora by train, a black fur collar. Finder will be suitably rewarded.—MRS. A. LINDSAY.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—At the Western cattle yards this morning we had a total of 51 loads on sale, including over 3,600 hogs, 700 sheep and lambs, a dozen calves, and a few milkers. As a Christmas market the market was the worst one for many years, if not the worst ever known here. There were no distinctive Christmas cattle worth speaking of, and the best price paid this morning was 3½¢ per pound for a few choice selections; in one case we believe an additional five cents per 100 pounds was given. The trade was brisk, however, and everything here was sold by 10 o'clock or a little after. For choice stuff quotations ranged from 3 to 3½¢, and 3½¢ for the top; medium sold at from 2½¢ to 3¢, and inferior at from 2 to 2½¢ per pound. There was a genuine demand for more cattle of better quality today, but as it was the local butchers had to put up with what was offered.

PRODUCE.

Eggs—Demand good. Quotations are: Lined eggs, 14 to 14½¢; cold stored, 16¢; fresh gathered, 16¢; and new laid, 20¢.

Potatoes—Demand is quiet, and supplies just now are rather larger than requirements.

Poultry—The market is in good shape at present. Good, bright turkeys were firm at 7½¢ to 8¢ to-day, and sold well at these figures. The market is well cleared up this afternoon. Following are the quotations: Turkeys, 7½¢ to 8¢ per pound; geese, 5 to 5½¢ per pound; chickens, 25 to 30¢ per pair; ducks, 35 to 50¢ per pair.

Field Produce—Dealers sell small lots of turnips, out of store, at 25¢ per bag; onions at 60 to 70¢ per bag; parsnips at 40¢ per bag.

Apples—Quiet; round lots of dried, outside, are quoted at 9 to 2½¢, and evaporated at 3 to 4¢, according to quality.

Baled Hay—There is no change in the situation. Supplies are ample, and demand rather quiet just now. Car lot prices remain about the same. 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—Outside markets were rather dull and easier to-day, and toward the close Chicago declined ½¢ on the Cuban resolutions. Flour is easy. Red and white wheat, f. o. b., outside, can be bought for 80¢, and at 82 to 83¢ delivered. Manitoba are easy. No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, can be bought at 93¢, and 57¢ is asked, track, Midland. Old cars of No. 2 hard, Toronto and west, sold today at 91¢.

Flour—There is practically no export demand. Local demand is also quiet. Straight rollers, middle freight west, are quoted nominally at \$4.

Peas—Rather firmer. Car lots sold at 40½¢, north and west, and 41½¢ middle freight, to-day.

Oats—Continue dull. Car lots of white, G. T. R. west, were bought to-day at 18¢; and mixed were quoted at 17½¢.

Barley—The barley market is slack again, and sales are difficult to make. There is some pressure on the part of sellers.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—There is a fair demand, and supplies are also fair. Prices keep about steady. Sales are being made at quotations. Present quotations: Low grade dairy, tubs, 7 to 8¢; medium dairy, tubs, 9 to 11¢; large dairy, rolls, 13 to 15¢; small dairy, rolls, 15 to 16¢; creamery tubs, 18 to 19¢; creamery, pounds, 19 to 20¢.

Cheese—Prices here are steady. Summer makes sell at 9½¢ to 10¢, and September and October makes at 10 to 10½¢.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Dressed hogs keep firm. Demand is good, and receipts are not over large. Car lots of choice light weights on track here sold at \$5, and heavy hogs at \$4.50. Provisions are in moderate enquiry at steady prices. Following are the quotations: Barbelled pork, shoulder mess, 60¢; heavy mess, \$11.50; short cut, \$11.50 to \$12.

Dry salted meats—Long clear bacon, car lots, 5½¢; ton lots, 5½¢; case lots, 6¢; backs, 7¢.

Smoked meats—Ham, heavy, 9¢; medium, 10½¢; light, 11¢; breakfast bacon, 9½¢ to 10½¢; rolls, 7¢; backs, 9¢ to 10¢; corned, 11¢; ham, 12¢. All meats out of pickle, 1¢ less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tleresa, 7¢; tubs, 7½¢; and pails, 7½¢ compound, 5½¢ to 6¢.

Wheat, white, new, 88 80
Wheat, red, per bush, 82 87
Wheat, gone, per bush, 65 68
Peas, common, per bush, 44 45
Oats, per bush, 23 24
Rye, per bush, 60 62
Barley, per bush, 27 33
Ducks, spring, per pair, 40 65
Chickens, per pair, 30 40
Geese, per pair, 35 45
Butter, in 1-lb. rolls, 15 16
Eggs, new laid, 20 22
Potatoes, new, per bag, 40 45
Beans, per bush, 75 85
Beets, per doz., 69 10
Parsnips, per doz., 9 10
Apples, per bush, 13 10 150
Hay, Timothy, 14 100
Straw, sheaf, 9 00 9 50
Beef, hinds, 05 06
Beef, fore, 05 06
Spring lambs, carcasses, 5 00 6 00
Veal, per lb., 05 7
Mutton, per lb., 04 05
Dressed hogs, 4 50 5 25

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

East Buffalo, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts very light, only three cars of fresh stock; fair demand for butcher's stock; both cows and bulls had to be offered at fully 15 to 20¢ lower to be sold. Veals and calves—In light supply and fairly steady; choice to fancy, \$6 to \$6.25; fat to good, \$4.75 to \$5.75. Hogs—Receipts heavy, 75 cars of fresh stock and 10 holding over from yesterday; market very slow and draggy. In some cases \$5 to 10¢ lower; good to choice yorkers \$3.45; mixed packers' grades, \$3.40; heavy hogs, \$3.40. Sheep and lambs—The receipts were fair, about 30 cars up to noon, and three loads held over, while several more loads of Canadas were reported to arrive, only six cars being in the early arrivals. The market opened quiet and full easy for native lambs, but all the early transactions were at about steady former prices, for good lots at least. Sheep were scarce, and in good demand, and generally brought fully 15 to 20 cents advance. The 16½ cars of Canadas that arrived late Saturday were sold before the close at \$5 to \$5.10, mostly at \$5.10; one load of extra fancy selected at \$5.55, heavy 110 to 112-pound lots bringing \$4.60 to \$5; bulky lots of Canadian, \$4.60 to \$4.65; native lambs, choice to prime, \$5.20 to \$5.35; culls and common lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; fat to choice mixed sheep, \$3.40 to \$3.85; culls and common sheep, \$3 to \$3.25.

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