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BROCKVILLE'S GREATEST STORE

## Christmas is Near

The time for Christmas shopping is limited, don't delay, each day the crowds of shoppers grow larger and the assortments are less. The big store is a regular fairyland of new goods. Come now while you have time. Come in the morning if possible. Toyland is at the rear of the cloak room.

HOUSEFURNISHING SALE CONTINUES ALL MONTH	<b>HANDKERCHIEFS IN FANCY BOXES</b> Children's lawn handkerchiefs, 3 in a pretty box for 15c.	Our Great Sale of Handkerchiefs continues all December. Extraordinary values at reduced prices. See window.
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	Ladies' fine lawn handkerchiefs, 6 in a pretty leatherette box 35c.	
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	Ladies' handkerchiefs, 6 in a prettily painted wooden box for 45c.	
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<b>75c Shopping for 39c</b> This is the greatest bargain in leather goods we've ever offered. The bag is correct shape, nice black pebble leather, 8 inch oxidized frame, leather handle, ten dozen of them, regular 75c line for <b>39c</b>	<b>Basement Beauties</b> Do not fail to visit the basement. The display here is marvelous. It's the greatest assortment of beautiful china, handsome silverware, rich cutlery, sparkling cut glass, magnificent lamps, etc., ever shown in this part of Canada. Come and see.
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**THE POULTRY FAIR**

Athens had a great poultry fair on Friday last. The date was set by a Canadian firm and shortly after a second Canadian firm advertised that they would be present. Then the American buyers, headed by such well known veterans as S. S. Rogers of Lisbon and L. K. Martin of Ogdensburg, decided to join in the game here, and they hung up bills announcing that they would attend and accept the goods dressed just about the same as the Canadian buyers had stipulated. This was a new departure, and it was plainly seen that the birds would bring all they were worth on Friday.

Among the buyers present, the Reporter noted the following:—

**AMERICAN**  
Will Gage, Madrid; S. Clements, S. S. Rogers, H. G. Clements, F. A. Lalone, H. G. Randle, Lisbon; L. K. Martin, P. Hand, W. J. Crawford, Ogdensburg.

**CANADIAN**  
R. Nevens, H. M. Nevens, C. S. Huff man, D. Lynch, Jasper; M. W. Everett, Smith's Falls; W. J. Rosedale, Merrickville; Messrs. Gatehouse and Hall man, Montreal; J. H. Mulvena and H. E. Johnston, Athens; two buyers from Brockville, one from Perth, Deb Landon of Lyndhurst, and Alex McDougall, Spring Valley.

The pace was set at first by the representatives of the Montreal Packing Co., who bid boldly for what was offered and had accumulated quite a large amount before the other buyers commenced to bid. The different groups of buyers then competed keenly for all that came in, and there was no cessation in the demand until the last bird had been weighed.

The average prices paid were about as follows:—Turkeys 17c, ducks 10c, geese 9c, chickens 7c. About 21 tons of poultry (219 boxes) were shipped here, and it is estimated that the cash receipts in Athens on Friday totalled fully \$7,000.

Messrs. Bennett and John Farrington had the largest offering of the day—an even hundred turkeys. The competition for these was keen, but the Americans finally captured the bunch, paying for them \$222.34.

Mr. Saxon Washburn brought in a lot of 50 nice turkeys near the close of the fair and about all the buyers on the street assembled at his sleigh. The price advanced slowly from 16c to 18c and at the latter figure he accepted an American buyer's ticket and was paid \$97.74.

Mr. Joel Parish hadn't the biggest load on the street, but while he was considering the first offer of 16c, Mr. S. S. Rogers happened along and placed the price at 20c. This bid took the birds and was the highest price paid that day.

It was a big fair, but business was done so smoothly and expeditiously that there was at no time any crush or confusion on the street. The buyers were well satisfied with their treatment here. At the Gamble House they were entertained in a highly pleasing way and by the business men of the village they were welcomed and given every possible accommodation. The shipping facilities afforded by the B. W. & N. W. Ry. here were also quite satisfactory, and the success that marked every feature of this fair will certainly pave the way for something even better a year hence. Up the line, where the competition was limited, the price for turkeys ruled from 18c to 16c, and it should not be hard to convince poultrymen over a very large area that their best interests would be served by coming to the Athens fair of 1907.

with plants, evergreens, chrysanthe mums, and wedding bells. A dainty wedding supper had been prepared by the hostess, and it was a very cheerful company that gathered about the tables. At the close of the generous repast, Rev. Mr. Beckstedt made a speech in which he compared golden weddings with other weddings, and showed how the bride and groom of fifty years ago deserved the present honor. The speaker reviewed the great changes that had taken place in the past fifty years, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Thompson very warmly on having fought so creditably the battle of life. They had thrown their united influence into the scale of right, having set to the communities in which they had lived the example of honesty, industry and sobriety. For many years they had been consistent members of the Church of Christ, thereby bringing honor to themselves and advancement to the cause of God. Not the least of the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson to the community was their gift of a family of sons and daughters through whose activities in business, society and religion their own life and influence were enlarged and multiplied. The speaker expressed the hope that all would live to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. On behalf of the family, he then presented to the bride and groom a handsome purse of gold. Mr. Thompson replied in a few feeling words for himself and Mrs. Thompson. The sons of the family, Messrs. Joseph, James and T. D. Thompson, then spoke reminiscently of the days before they left the parental home.

The remainder of the evening was spent most enjoyably in the drawing room, where conversation and bright music held the company for several hours.

The following is a brief sketch of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Mr. David Thompson and Miss Mary Hewitt were married at Ahoghill, Ireland, by the Rev. Rowan, Dec. 6, 1856. The following March they left Ireland for Canada. They travelled from Ahoghill to Belfast by train and thence to Liverpool by steamboat. Here they embarked for New York on a sailing ship called "The Morning Light." The vessel had been built for the Australian trade, but after returning from its first trip was sent to the New World. There were 1200 passengers on board, with a crew of 75 men.

The passage from Liverpool to New York lasted a full month, though this was very good time for a sailing vessel. The trip on the whole was very pleasant, with just enough of rough weather to give the passengers a taste of ocean voyaging.

After landing at New York, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson took the train for Toronto and thence to Brockville. Here they found no one to welcome them to their new Canadian home, but nothing daunted, they set out for Toledo on foot. About four miles and a half from Brockville they stopped at a hotel, where Mr. Lang's house now stands. At this point a wagon overtook them and Mrs. Thompson was given a ride as far as Frankville. By the time they reached Toledo it was almost dark, so they remained for the night, staying at a hotel kept by Paddy Ward. Next morning they resumed their pedestrian journey and finally arrived at the home of Mrs. Thompson's grandfather, Mr. Wm. Hewitt.

From the time of their arrival in Canada, with the exception of one year, 1880-81, which they spent in Bruce county, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have lived within fifteen miles of Athens. It was not until last March that they took up their residence in Athens, when they rented their farm at Spring Valley, where they had lived for the preceding eighteen years.

## Christmas Time

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**A GOLDEN WEDDING**

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson, Athens, was celebrated by a festive company on Thursday evening last at the home of their son, Mr. Joseph Thompson. The event was of special interest to the family, as it was the first time in several years that so many of them were brought together.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson and son, Master Harold, Athens; Mrs. S. Mooney and Miss Berta Mooney, Paisley; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Irwin, Soperton; Mr. Jas. Thompson, Havelock; Mr. and Mrs. Horton Rowson, Lyn; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrison, Brockville; Mr. T. D. Thompson, Winnipeg; Mr. Gordon S. Thompson, Athens. Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Beckstedt and Miss Kelly of Athens were the only guests present outside the immediate circle of the family.

The house was artistically decorated

**House of Industry**

Died—At the House of Industry, Dec. 1st, Alford Lee, of general debility, aged 78 years. Committed from Merrickville July 7th, 1906. Also Margaret Day, on Dec. 2nd. Committed from Kitley, Nov. 4th, 1903—making eight deaths in the Home this year.

There are at present 67 inmates and the average age of 39 of them is four over 90 years, nine over 85 years, and twenty six over 75 years.

The Rev. R. B. Patterson of Christ Church Athens conducted the funeral service.

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