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## SQUIBOGRAPHS.

Now is the time to graft your Christmas trees. + + +  
The early candidate gets the most promises. + + +  
Thick heads and thin ice furnish material for numerous early winter funerals. + + +  
A roof garden concert will be one of the features of the Toronto cat show. + + +  
Owing to the demand for Santa Claus whiskers cotton batting has advanced ten cents a bale. + + +  
It is a wise husband who never lets on where the money for his Christmas present came from. + + +  
With another touch or two of December frost the ice harvesters can start plowing. + + +  
The days are so short now that if you get up too late for breakfast you are just in time for dinner. + + +  
The recent advance in diamonds will give a rhinestone glitter to many Christmas engagement rings. + + +  
It was forty below zero in Cobalt the other day, but Nipissing shareholders were so hot they went around in their shirt sleeves. + + +  
In anticipation of an early contact with the poll candidate for the mayoralty in Kingston takes a plunge in the icy waters of the lake every morning. + + +  
After twenty years' absence Mr. Ross may have some trouble recognizing the Rip Van Winkles in the Senate. + + +  
He hoarded his money for nearly a year Then blew it all in on Christmas cheer When the holidays were over he felt so sore He started right in to hoard some more. + + +  
The piano maker's strike in Toronto is over, and boarding house keepers are endeavoring to realize on several slow notes. + + +  
A new fire engine has been purchased for Cobalt. Instead of putting down tanks the hose will be connected with a number of the neighboring mines. + + +  
A U. S. Senator was shot by his third wife in Washington the other day. As the average number of wives for a Senator is 6, 7-8 he is receiving great sympathy from his colleagues. + + +  
A prominent London politician is reported to be so weak that he cannot raise a cup of water to his lips. With two breweries in the city this is not considered a very serious affliction in London. + + +  
It is amusing to watch the gingerly fashion in which the American diplomats are handling the Japanese school question. If it was the much enduring British instead of the fiery Japs the great Yankee eagle would now be hoarse with screeching. + + +  
To skate Or not to skate? That is the question Whether it is better to buy a season ticket Or drop a dime each night at the cashier's wicket. + + +  
President Roosevelt will not wear his new peace medal until he has added a few more Democratic scalps, and mountain wild cat skins to his collection of sporting trophies. + + +  
Around the rink they gaily glide Hands clasped together, side by side His feet shoot out, you hear a shriek They pass each other but never speak. + + +  
Women hack drivers have made their appearance in Paris. Patrons find only one objection to them. When they drive up in front of a store when a bargain sale is on they hop off the driver's seat and let the horses look after themselves. + + +  
Shop as early as possible. Remember the rush.—SWIFT BROS.

P. Dodds & Son are opening daily large purchases of choicest goods for their Xmas trade. They invite attention particularly to their stock of fancy china. No trouble to show goods.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

SEE Taylor's calendars. CHRISTMAS rugs at Swift's. NO 5 is keeping bad hours recently. LOVELY bon bons for Xmas at Pearce's. THERE is some talk of building a new skating rink up town. GRANT'S new Christmas shirts.—SWIFT BROS.

THE light coating of snow has about gone, but the wheeling is fine. CHRISTMAS tree supplies and decoration lines. Get our prices, S. E. THOMPSON. AND soon the joyous chorus of "soop'er up" will resound over the land. OUR annual china sale is now on. See advertisement in this issue.—N. B. HOWDEN. A HORSE'S strength is equal on an average to that of seven and a half men. "A LITTLE sand and an hour per day In the I.C.S. will increase your pay." TAYLOR'S store is the best place to do your Xmas shopping. THERE was a light attendance at the weekly gun club shoot Tuesday afternoon. F. P. McDONNELL and A. E. Doan are exhibitors at the Ontario poultry show in Guelph this week. ORDER your oysters for Christmas. Pearce Bros. can supply you with any quantity. A LARGE contingent of Manitoba and Western old boys are expected home next week for the Christmas holidays. A GREAT variety of toys and fancy articles that will please old and young.—E. DOWDING. THE latest rumor regarding the reeve-ship is that the two candidates at the last election will again try conclusions. HANDEKERCHIEFS from the one cent rag to the finest rose point at \$3.50.—SWIFT BROS. TIM—"Why do you wear your stockings wrong side outward?" Pat—"Because there's a hole on the other side!" We sell the best oysters on the market. Pleased to fill your holiday order.—S. E. THOMPSON. OUR citizens are reminded that the Lord's Day Act does not prohibit people shovelling the snow off their walks on Sunday before church time. We have first class salt in 100 lb. sacks at 50c per sack. Discount on larger quantities.—N. B. HOWDEN. DON'T throw your table scraps in the stove. Put them outside where the birds can get them. They have to hustle these days for something to eat. WE are right in it for Xmas presents what better than a choice dinner tea or toilet set special importation, inspection invited.—P. DODDS & SON. THE Brandon Sun states that Organizer Barnes and Mallett, of the C.O.C.F. are working in that city, and will add 100 members to the local court. A BOX of cigars make an appropriate present for a gentleman friend. Pearce Bros. carry the finest stock in town. J. COOK shipped a carload of butcher's cattle to Toronto from Kerwood Tuesday, and W. Thompson and R. Manders each a car from Watford. CHRISTMAS novelties in fancy goods. Big assortment. Small prices.—E. DOWDING. REGULAR meeting of the Woodmen of the World on Tuesday evening next. Election of officers and other important business. XMAS and Birthday Post Cards at McLaren's. THE representatives of the I. C. Schools will be pleased to give information regarding any of the 208 courses taught by the schools. CHRISTMAS cakes, pies, biscuits, mince, fruits, etc. Get your supply from S. E. Thompson, everything fresh and choice. A C. P. R. ENGINEER is in Sarnia this week obtaining information as to the best means of obtaining access to the town for the proposed London and Sarnia branch. BUY your fruits, peels, oranges, nuts, etc. at N. B. Howden's. Oranges 25 cents to 60 cents per dozen. COME and see the cavalry troop give the sword drill with piano accompaniment. Presbyterian Christmas entertainment, Music Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 19th. WHAT nicer or more useful for a Xmas present than a hanging or parlor lamp. P. Dodds & Son have them in large variety, call early to secure first choice. PRESBYTERIAN Christmas tree and S. S. entertainment, Music Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 19th. A good program con- sisting of music, recitations, dialogues, marches, and sword drill. Everybody come. Admission 10 and 15 cents. YES, Christmas is drawing near. Let us with one hand tenderly cling to the old year while we stretch forth the other to greet the new. To some it has been a year of prosperity, to others, one of adversity and sorrow. As we look back over past events we cannot fail to note the absence of many that were with us a year ago. But now they are gone, been called home to return no more. This time last year they were planning a surprise for some one near and dear to them in the way of a Christmas present that would cause them to be remembered as the years roll on bringing the joyous Christmas time.

"To earn more you must learn more." The opportunity to profit by this advice will be knocking at your doors next week. See that you are prepared for its coming. JOHN LUNDY, a pioneer resident of Forest, dropped dead Saturday morning while at work. Cause, heart failure. He was 76 years of age, and leaves a grown up family of five sons. IF you enjoy a good smoke you will appreciate Thompson's fine cigars. Try a box. THE International Correspondence Schools extend a cordial invitation to the citizens of Watford to call at the store of Mr. L. D. Caldwell where a window exhibit of students' work is being held Dec. 17-22. SKATING is on and we have goods from 50 cents to \$3.00. Try a pair of our made to order straps at 15 cents.—N. B. HOWDEN. ANOTHER hotel was burned down at Regina. It seems that commercial travelers get hot at the meals served in that part of the country, go to bed in an inflamed condition, and in the morning there is no hotel. THE Doctor, Ralph Connor, Taylor's. THE members of the junior hockey team will get down to training next week, ice permitting. The subscription committee will wait on the citizens Monday and hope to receive the same financial encouragement heretofore given. JOAN MCGARVEY, one of Strathroy's oldest citizens, has been notified through his solicitors, Folsbee & Mc Call, that for the balance of his natural days he is to receive a pension from his nephew, W. H. McGarvey, the oil king of Wein, Austria, to the amount of \$400 annually. LADIES' NECKWEAR.—Regular dreams. New goods Saturday, 15th, Thursday 20th, and Saturday 22nd.—SWIFT BROS. The Illustrated Story, "In His Steps," and Moving Picture Entertainment, given by Mr. J. B. Carnegie at McLeod St. Methodist Church, was greeted by a large audience and greatly enjoyed.—Ottawa Citizen, Nov. 20. Methodist Church, Watford, Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Admission 25c and 10c. WE have the celebrated Grand Rapids "Rapid Carpet Sweeper" and will guarantee it will please your wife. Price \$2.75, cheaper grades \$2.00.—N. B. HOWDEN. MANAGER MCLEAY, of the electric light plant, is having his own troubles securing a supply of water. He is at present obliged to use what he can obtain from a ditch, and, unless he is able to secure a further supply may be obliged to cut off the service for a time. GENTS neckwear the Cobalt bloom is the Christmas scarf.—SWIFT BROS. TRANSMISSION of express packages through the post office will be among the government measures to be introduced this session. The postmaster-general announced the fact in the House and said the bill would be brought in as soon as the details were arranged. AN Indian named "Jim," from Muncey, got too much firewater under his belt one night last week and proceeded to give a war dance. Chief Shaw placed him in the cooler to take the rest cure, and it cost him about four dollars, square things. "Jim" has a poor opinion of Watford hospitality, and will stick to the reserve in future. CANDIES by the pound or barrel. Beautiful bon bons from the best makers. Everything in confectionery that you can desire. We will supply your Christmas needs to your satisfaction.—S. E. THOMPSON. AN advertisement of the British Columbia Amalgamated Coal Co. appears in this issue. F. H. Trowbridge, of Winnipeg, who is well and favorably known to many of our readers, is behind the proposition, and gives assurance that the investment is safe and reliable. All necessary information can be had on application to Mr. Trowbridge, 46 Albert St., Winnipeg. TUESDAY was "Holiday Opening Night" at McLaren's, and the store was thronged with interested sight-seers. The commodious shops were brilliantly illuminated, and the decorations artistic. It would be hard to surpass the splendid display of holiday novelties, and Mr. McLaren received many congratulations on his handsome display. IN fancy silk vests we have the correct styles for Xmas, but must have your orders before Thursday.—SWIFT BROS. Sheldon's fascinating story, "In His Steps," illustrated by a large number of beautiful colored slides, together with 2000 ft. of excellent animated moving pictures, making the largest moving picture and illustrated concert in Canada. The scenes and illustrated songs are clean, bright, instructive and amusing. Don't miss the entertainment, Methodist Church Watford, Tuesday Dec. 19th. Admission 20 and 10c. YES, Christmas is drawing near. Let us with one hand tenderly cling to the old year while we stretch forth the other to greet the new. To some it has been a year of prosperity, to others, one of adversity and sorrow. As we look back over past events we cannot fail to note the absence of many that were with us a year ago. But now they are gone, been called home to return no more. This time last year they were planning a surprise for some one near and dear to them in the way of a Christmas present that would cause them to be remembered as the years roll on bringing the joyous Christmas time.

WEBBS' Xmas Bon Bons at McLaren's. Eggs 25c a dozen is the only change in the local market this week. MR. AND Mrs. John Coy, of Delaware, were suffocated by gas from a coal stove Wednesday night of last week. GET your Christmas groceries at McDonnell & Son's, peels, fruits, shelled almonds and all your cookery requirements. DR. KELLY requests the immediate settlement of all past due accounts. If interested kindly give this notice your attention. SPEAKING of Christmas a subscription to the GUIDE-ADVOCATE would give as much pleasure and satisfaction to a relative or friend at a distance as anything you could think of. No harm to try it. THOS. OAKES, hostler at the Roche House, met with a serious loss one day last week. A pocket book containing \$315 was taken from a trunk in his room. No trace of the missing money has been found. THE spring assizes for the county of Lambton will open in Sarnia before Chief Justice Sir Wm. Meredith on Monday, March 25th, 1907, and the non-jury sittings of the High Court before Judge Britton, on Monday, June 3rd. AT the London Assizes in Sarnia on Monday the Grand Jury brought in a true bill in the case of the King vs. Harris. Harris is charged with the unlawful killing of a horse a few months ago. The case is set to come up for trial at London this week. ACCORDING to Forecaster Hicks Christmas this year will be right in the centre of a storm period, destructive rain and snow storms being followed by the coldest snap of the present winter, Canada and the New England states coming in for the "lion's share" of the perturbation. The storm period ends on Dec. 27. DR. C. W. MCLEAY, of London, son of W. McLeay, of Watford, has received an appointment from the Colonial Department of the British Government for a position in the medical service in South Africa. Dr. McLeay will report in London, Eng., Jan. 15th, and after a special three months course on African diseases will leave to take up his duties in Africa. A GOOD technical education is the greatest need of the age. The I. C. Schools bring such an education within the reach of every man and woman. To prove the above statement call at the Schools' exhibit and learn where some of your neighbors secured their knowledge to fit them for higher positions. THE holiday hum is in the air, and local stores are daily thronged with shoppers. Stores will be kept open every night until Christmas. Merchants are looking forward to a banner season and everything indicates that their hopes will be realized. Do your trading early. AFTER many years of wedded life, Mr. and Mrs. Booth, two residents of Bridgen, have come to the sad pass of playing a leading part in an alimony action, which was last week tried before the Judge of Assize at Sarnia. Now they are to live by their lonesome and equally divide the income from the old man's modest property. XMAS Perfume in bulk and in fancy packages, perfume atomizers and ebony goods at McLaren's. THE news of the wreck of the Steamer Monarch last week at Isle Royal, forty miles from Pt. Arthur, caused considerable anxiety here. Miss Ray McCormick, daughter of Mrs. McCormick, of this place, was stewardess on the ill-fated boat, but her many friends will be glad to hear that she escaped safely, although suffering great hardships from exposure. One member of the crew, named Jacques, from Pt. Edward, was the only life lost. The boat is a total wreck. PUBLIC School Inspector Park, in his report to the Tilbury School Board, published in the Times, speaks in very complimentary terms of the work of the Principal C. S. Wynne, formerly of Watford, and congratulates the Board on having made an excellent selection of a principal. A continuation of progress has been started since he took charge, and the Inspector says that it is making better progress than any class he ever had. This speaks well for Mr. Wynne's ability as a teacher. BIG shoe sale still going on. Stock must be cleared out, and low prices will move it. Come in and let us outfit you for the winter. We can save you dollars.—MCDONNELL & SON. You can hardly think of a present that will give more satisfaction and substantial value than a watch. It is the first thing the average young man or girl is ambitious to own. Dowding has made a special effort to meet this demand, and is showing a variety of handsome time pieces from which every choice can be satisfied. Nickle, gold and silver, all styles of cases and movements and the price won't scare you. Drop in and see the goods. AFTER a month's illness with a complication of heart trouble and pneumonia Grenville George, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brown passed away on Monday evening. Deceased was a bright, manly little fellow and a general favorite with everybody. Mr. Brown and family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon to the Watford cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. P. Irwin. The pall-bearers were W. H. Shrapnell, T. A. Adams, Dr. Hicks, and Fred Taylor.

No more poultry taken after Tuesday, Dec. 18th.—S. STAPLETON. MORE lovely handkerchiefs, nicer than ever, that is the talk at Swift's. ALREADY our people have commenced their Christmas shopping and daily the stores are crowded with busy buyers. Merchants, particularly the dry goods men, have entered upon their busiest season and the predictions point towards the high water mark. The stores have been garbed in their Christmas dress and styles and fashions of the latest designs are displayed in the show windows. The goods displayed equal in style and quality anything shown in the stores of the large cities. Be loyal and do your trading with your home merchants. A FUR for Christmas. We have what you want.—SWIFT BROS. MISS K. R. THOMPSON, B. A., of Watford, who is at present canvassing the Strathroy district Epworth Leagues in the interest of the forward movement of missions, spoke Monday evening in the Strathroy Methodist church to a large audience. Miss Thompson presented the claims of this department of the church work in a very forcible and convincing manner. Miss Thompson spoke last Sunday at Cairngorm to a large and enthusiastic audience and showed the necessity of the very important work which she has under her supervision in this district. Good results will be looked for from this missionary campaign. NOW is the time to make your Xmas purchase, our stock is complete and we can give you letter service now than a week later.—J. W. MCLEAREN. THE Hamilton Times, Ottawa correspondent states that Hon. G. W. Ross will enter the Dominion senate filling the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Kerr, of Cobourg. In that case the vacant seat of the late Senator Vidal should be filled by the appointment of a local member. Three names have been mentioned in connection with the vacancy—Messrs. John Cowan, of Sarnia; Chas. Jenkins and John Fraser, of Petrolia, all of whom have strong claims from a party standpoint. To our mind Sarnia is entitled to the senatorship from its position as the most populous community to which the representation belongs.—Sarnia Observer. THE postoffice authorities are drawing the attention of the general public to the fact that insufficient postage is paid on a large proportion of the letters which are being sent from this country to England. The number of letters mailed to the old country is stated to be larger than ever before, because apparently of the many people who have come here as immigrants during the past year. The regular postage stamp will only carry a letter to the old country which does not exceed half an ounce, though an ounce is allowed for letters addressed to Canadian and United States points. Those who receive the letters not sufficiently stamped will have to pay the extra postage. LAST December Mr. J. F. Stapleton shipped to Buffalo a car of sheep from Bridgen and Sprout Bros. of Oil Springs, also on the same date. The car numbers got mixed with the result that the former got the returns for 131 sheep belonging to Sprout Bros. and Sprouts got returns for 150 sheep belonging to Stapleton. The first named shipper sued the railway for the difference, some \$200, and damages for negligence. The case was to have been tried at the County Court Sittings this week, but a settlement cleared the air, and the plaintiff is once again in possession of his cash, and Sprout Bros. have realized that they had more than their share from the said shipments.—Moncrieff & Wilson for plaintiff, Kingsmill, Hellmuth & Saunders for the Co., and Cowan & Towers for Sprout Bros. THE O.H.A. Executive Committee met in Toronto Friday arranged the grouping of the different clubs in the various districts. Thirty-nine teams were grouped in the intermediate series in 13 districts, and 34 in the junior in nine districts, making a grand total of 83 teams. The conveners of the different groups must call their meetings to arrange the schedule before Thur day night. The senior series, having only two districts, has until Feb. 16 to complete the first round, but all intermediate and junior groups must return a winner by the 2nd of February. The groups: Group No. 6—Woodstock, Watford, Ingersoll, Brantford, Paris. Convener—W. J. Wilson, Woodstock. Meet at Woodstock. THE annual meeting of the Watford Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening last, the President, Rev. T. B. Coupland, presiding. The program comprised: Opening hymn, "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name"; prayer, Rev. H. Watson; anthem, "The Lord is My Light," Methodist Choir; scripture lesson, Rev. E. B. Horne; duet, "Through the Gates of Gold," Miss Bella Doar and Mrs. J. Jack; address, "Our Duty to the Gospel," Rev. S. P. Irwin; solo, "King David's Lament," Mr. T. A. Morrow; address, "A Message to All Mankind," Rev. M. Kelly; solo, Mr. A. Myers; officers' reports; solo, "The Celestial City," Miss Jessie Saunders; Doxology and benediction. There was a good attendance and increased interest was manifested in Mission Work. The collection amounted to \$9.64. Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A., was elected President, Dr. Hicks, Sec'y, and W. P. McLaren, Depository-Treas. The Committees remain the same as last year. Boats are laying up for the winter. The Dominion Coopers Co., of Bridgen, has installed a new electric light dynamo.