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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Misses Lulu and Elsie Edmondson spent the holidays in St. Mary's.

Mrs. Henry Kirby, of Dresden, was the guest of Mrs. Hugh Carr this week.

John S. Fraser, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

Miss Mand Capman spent New Year's day with friends and relatives in Windsor.

John McLaren, of Pontiac, Mich., spent the holidays in Chatham, and returned home to-day.

Miss Irwin has returned after spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Markdale.

Roland Webber, who has been in Independence, Ohio, for the past six months, is expected home next week.

Mrs. James Goodall, Princess St., returned last evening after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Banner, of Woodstock.

Will Boyer, of Windsor, and James Boyer, of Lansing, are spending a few days in the city visiting their sister, Mrs. John Poole, Selkirk St.

Dr. Thornton left for Toronto last evening. During the coming month the doctor will lecture in the Toronto Dental College on crowns and bridge work.

Mrs. Miller, of West Lorne, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lamperd, has returned home, accompanied by Miss Grace Egan, of Dresden.

Complaint has been made that a dead horse owned by a colored man named Simmons has been left for a number of days in a stable in an alleyway near the county jail. The matter should be investigated by the Health Inspector.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Waterman's Fountain Pens. Ink, large and small bottles, Sterling Silver Berry Spoons, Cream Ladles, Bon Bon Spoons and a beautiful line of Cut Glass at moderate prices.

E. J. MacINTYRE, Leading Jeweler and Optician

A PAST TO BE PROUD OF

Canada's Progress Has Been One of Wonderful Steadiness.

Report of the Deputy Minister of Finance—Public Deposits in Chartered Banks Average \$1,000,000 a Week—How Dominion Loans Are Maturing—Interest Charges 4 and 3-1-2 Per Cent.—National Debt is \$266,224,166.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—"The year 1904-05 has been characterized throughout the whole of the Dominion by a wonderful degree of prosperity." Such is the opinion which Mr. J. M. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, puts on record in the public accounts issued yesterday. He goes on to say:

"It will be seen from the accounts now published how the public revenues have increased. In all other particulars, such as the railway traffic, receipts, immigration, the bank clearings, and in the deposits in the chartered banks, a wonderfully steady progress has been made. The increase in the public deposits held in the chartered banks averages over \$1,000,000 a week, and over \$500,000,000 are now held on deposit."

Dominion Loans Maturing.
Mr. Courtney commented with satisfaction on the high position of Dominion loans in Great Britain, and the fact that since July, 1903, maturing Dominion loans to the amount of \$23,359,989 have been paid off. During the next seven years, however, loans to the amount of \$145,168,666 will have to be refunded, no less than \$134,935,331 during the first four years of this term. Against this large amount of sinking funds in Canadian securities to the amount of \$47,566,008 were held on Nov. 30 last. Provision will have to be made for the meeting of the large sums referred to, but after they have been refunded no further loans will mature until 1938. Of the loans in question all but \$24,333,333 are 4 per cent, the balance is 3-1-2 per cent.

Mr. Courtney is pleased that the termination of the fiscal year is to be changed from June 30 to March 31, a change which he has favored ever since he entered the public service over 36 years ago. The system has been in vogue in Great Britain ever since 1854, but the 30th June is still maintained in the United States.

The National Debt.
During the year receipts in consolidated fund amounted to \$71,162,772 and expenditure on the same account to \$63,319,622, giving a surplus of \$7,843,150. The capital expenditure totaled \$15,484,456, and deducting from this the surplus, \$2,261,618 of sinking funds and some smaller amounts, it leaves \$5,356,448 to be added to the national debt, which now amounts to \$266,224,166. The average rate of interest on gross debt for the year was 2.81, as compared with 3.08 in the previous year, and the net rate of interest fell from 2.48 to 2.26.

THE SOMALI.

They are habitually idle and always merry—Their Peculiar Head-dress.

By nature Somalis are alternately docile and savage, nearly always merry and habitually idle. Even in busy days they work as little as possible and then do no manual work for their inherent pride forbids that. Cab driving, boat manning and grooming are the general crafts of the Aden Somali. In the interior of his own country his principal occupations are plundering and cattle lifting, at which latter pursuit he is said to be unparalleled in skill. In religion they are all Mohammedans.

The great peculiarity of the Somali is, however, his hair, for, contrary to the custom of most races professing Islam, he does not shave his head, but allows his locks to run wild. Nor is his hair the wool of the negro, for instead of growing in one dense cluster all over his head, as is the case of the Galla, for instance, it tangles into long cords, not unlike those of a peacock's tail, which, parted over his forehead, hangs down on both cheeks, often projecting almost as far as his shoulders.

Not content with the show of hair that nature and neglect insure him, he plasters his head with a light clay, which has the effect of bleaching its blackness to a light red-dish hue, and a Somali in a new robe, as their winding sheet of a garment is called, and a freshly clayed head is the very acme of dandyism.

An English Mantrap.

A mantrap has been found in Alford, Lincolnshire, England, which shows the barbarity of a century or so ago. It is probably the largest mantrap in existence. It is seventy-six inches in length, and its jaws, with teeth protruding two inches, will open fully two feet two inches by eighteen inches. Old time landholders who chose to insist upon their rights in their entirety, as they often did, were at liberty to plant these barbarous engines about in the undergrowth of their inclosed land for the benefit of any trespasser or possible poacher who might chance to set foot near them. Their use was abolished by law in 1827.

Not a Lottery.

Deacon De Good—It won't do; it won't do. We must not have games of chance at our church fairs.

Mrs. De Good—But this is not a game of chance.

"You propose to sell tickets and give prizes."

"Oh, no; you are mistaken. We shall sell the tickets, of course, but we can't give any prizes, you know, because we haven't any to give. There is no chance about it."

The man who loses his temper easily is the most readily mortified.

The difference between two pretty girls is often a nice distinction.

ROJY'S VODKA DREAM.

Serious Charge of Russian Admiral Against British Fleet—An Explanation Is Demanded.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The remarkable allegation that the British fleet was held in readiness to destroy the Russian fleet if the battle of the Sea



ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY.

of Japan had gone in the Russians' favor is made by Admiral Rojestvensky in a letter published in the Novoye Vremya yesterday, with the permission of the Minister of Marine.

Referring to the absolute secrecy of Admiral Togo in regard to the disposition of his forces, Rojestvensky declares, "this was known even to the admiral of the British fleet allied with the Japanese, who concentrated his forces at Wei-Hai-Wei, in expectation of receiving an order to annihilate the Russian fleet if this, the final object of Great Britain, was beyond the power of the Japanese."

Should Have Won.
From what Admiral Rojestvensky says of his tactics in the battle of the Sea of Japan, published in the Novoye Vremya yesterday, the reader is almost convinced that the Russian commander outmaneuvered Admiral Togo at every point and was himself the real victor. He declares he knew Admiral Togo's exact whereabouts two days before the battle, made his dispositions accordingly and entered the fight with his eyes open.

The admiral only casually states in the course of his letter that the Minister of Marine is investigating the causes of the catastrophe in order to determine whether the commander shall be court-martialed for the loss of the fleet.

Subject of Representations.
The charge that the British admiral concentrated his ships at Wei-Hai-Wei, expecting to receive an order to destroy the Russians in the event of Admiral Togo proving unequal to the task, has aroused a considerable sensation in diplomatic circles all the more so as Admiral Rojestvensky's letter was published with the permission of the Minister of Marine, and no doubt is the subject of diplomatic representations to Great Britain.

Britain Asks Explanation.
Mr. Spring-Rice, the British charge d'affaires, was about waiting for instructions from his Government, demanded an explanation from Foreign Minister Lamond yesterday of the statement contained in the admiral's letter.

It was learned yesterday from an authoritative source that the Russian Government has been without communication with Gen. Linewitch for almost five weeks.

Creates Astonishment.
London, Jan. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says he has had a conversation with Count Witte, in which the Premier stated that the Emperor and his Ministers were astonished at Admiral Rojestvensky's allegation.

Count Witte said he was taking measures to clear up the matter, but he added it was self-evident that no Russian admiral would attach importance to the allegation which the Minister of Marine, he said, had not noticed until it appeared in print.

Shot While He Slept.
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Charles A. Edwards of New York, formerly president of the Passaic Chemical Co. of New Jersey, and more recently an officer of the General Chemical Co., with an office in New York City, was mysteriously given a death wound from a pistol ball while lying in bed during Tuesday night, the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles A. Hiller, at his home here. Hours of searching failed to find the weapon.

Lady Parker's Jewels Stolen.

London, Jan. 4.—(C. A. P.)—Lady Parker, while staying at the Carlton Hotel during the alterations to her town residence, Carlton House Terrace, was robbed of a quantity of jewelry. She was writing in her private room at the hotel when a man appeared, and, apologizing for entering the wrong room, withdrew. Lady Parker discovered the robbery on going to her bedroom a short time later.

Asylum Revenues Increase.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The revenues from paying patients in the various asylums in Ontario for the months of September, October, November and December, 1905, amounted to \$87,112.15, as compared with \$56,786.08 in 1904, an increase of \$30,326.07. The arrears received for the period as a whole of notices sent out amount to \$29,338.87.

Almost 100, She Voted.

Kington, Jan. 4.—Among the voters on Monday was Mrs. Mary Wilson, almost a centenarian, and probably the oldest voter on that day in Canada.

Big Smelter Strike.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—A big smelter strike is reported from the Dewdney and Phoenix camps. Five hundred men are involved.

District Doings

LEAMINGTON.

Married, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McKenzie, parents of the bride, Mr. Robt. Morse, Selkirk, to Miss Mary Ann McKenzie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Hamilton, assisted by Rev. C. E. Kenney, of Toronto. The groom was attended by Mr. Geo. D. Misener, Miss Maggie McKenzie was bridesmaid and little Master W. F. McKenzie, Jr., carried the ring. The bride was attired in a very pretty dress of cream silk and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid wore a dress of pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The wedding march was played by Miss Frankie Phillips. A number of relatives and friends were present. The gifts were beautiful and numerous. On Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McEl. Selkirk, parents of the groom, a reception was given. A very pleasant social gathering. On Monday evening, Jan. 1st, the Misses McKenzie entertained the bridal party and a number of other young people.

Mr. C. G. Atwell, a former resident of this town, has bought Oswald Russell's farm on the third concession, McRess, and will take possession about the first of March.

Miss Nina Chamberlain has been visiting in Wexford.

Mr. Max Wilson spent New Year's day with friends in Ridgeway.

Mr. Anderson, stationer, has bought Mr. Z. Russell's house on the corner of Clark and Wellington Sts.

Mr. McCormick, High School teacher, has been spending a few days in Detroit.

The following persons have been in town during the Christmas vacation:—

Misses Ethel Lambie and Ethel Craig, of Ridgeway, with the family of Rev. Jasper Wilson.

Mrs. Trimble and daughters, of Norwich, with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Derbyshire.

Miss Wright, of Blenheim, with the Misses McKenzie.

Miss Vra Wright, of Barnesville, Ont., with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronk and daughters, of Windsor, with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford.

Mrs. Fair and daughter, of Grand Rapids, with Mrs. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley and daughter, of Windsor, with relatives.

Messrs. Joe and Earl Shepley, college students, of Toronto, with friends.

Stuart Ludlam, of Sarnia, with his parents.

Miss Ethel Anderson, of Chatham, and Miss Beatrice Anderson, Comber, with friends.

Miss Belle Ellerbeck, Wilkesport, Miss Lulu Russell, Walkerville, and Miss Nina McIntyre, Walkerville, with relatives.

On Friday evening, Dec. 29th, Mrs. B. W. Cox and Mrs. L. J. Wright gave a fitch party at the home of the latter.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, the Misses McDonald entertained at their home on Talbot street.

On last Friday evening the young ladies of the S. I. S. Society entertained a number of young people at the home of their president, Miss Nettie Hurst.

Mr. Eli Hurst left last Saturday to take a business course at the Ferris Institute in Michigan.

Married—Noble—Cook.—On the 3rd concession, at the home of Mr. Wm. Cook, father of the bride, by Rev. Jasper Wilson, Dec. 27th, Mr. Andrew Noble to Miss Mabel Cook.

At the home of Mr. Kenneth Weston, father of the bride, on Dec. 26, Mr. Morley Cook to Miss Lauretta Weston.

On Dec. 25th, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. Jasper Wilson, Mr. Ed. Henderson to Miss Mabel Wilkinson.

The following municipal officers have been elected: Dr. Hughes, mayor; Messrs. Preston, Cross, Vank, Ecker, Swatman and Craig, councillors.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL.

In connection with the cheap excursion to New York on Dec. 15th, the Lackawanna will run a special extra train, leaving Buffalo at 9:00 a. m., making principal stops only on Buffalo division, arriving in New York at 6:55 p. m., in time for dinner and the theatre. Choice of six other fast trains. One fare plus one dollar for the round trip, on the good ten days. For full particulars of this and all other trains, see nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.

NEW YORK HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

On Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a popular priced excursion from all stations in New York to New York City. The week before Christmas is the best week in the metropolitan area; it is the climax of the season's glory; everything is at perfection. For rates, time of special and regular trains, reservations, etc., call on nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Good assortment of colors, sizes from 32 to 44 bust measure. Entire stock grouped to sell at

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At 75c.

There's just a dozen in this lot. Regular \$1.00 values, fitted waist lining, made with yoke and belted.

At \$1.25

A broad variety of patterns and colorings to select from, made with yoke or full from the collar. Fitted backs, all nicely trimmed with narrow braids.

At 98c.

Wrappers that were formerly \$1.25 and \$1.39. Navy and white, cardinal and white or black and white, assorted patterns.

At \$1.48

All styles that sold for \$1.75 and \$2.00 light and dark colors, trimmed with ruffles and braid or velvet ribbon.

Millinery Special

Now For a New Hat.

Pattern Hats of Silk, Silk Velvets or Chenille, worth from \$8.00 to \$10.00, now\$4.50

Any Ready-to-Wear Hat in the House.....\$2.00

Girl's and Children's Felt School Hats, neatly trimmed, were \$2.50, now\$1.00

Baby's White Bear Bonnets, regular \$1.00, now 60c

\$6.98

Special Clearing Price

25 JACKETS, of This Season's Most Popular Styles, Tweeds and plain black, from 40 to 45 inches long, many of them are Empire Model, pleated with yoke. Others are loose or semi-fitting, trimmed with stitching and strapping. Double breasted or fly front. None sold formerly under \$10.

Clearing Price, \$6.98

BEDROOM SUITE SALE

6 only Bedroom Suites, hardwood, golden finish. Bed is 6 ft. high and 4 ft. 4 in. wide. Dresser, top 19x34, 2 deep drawers with locks, has 16x20 in. mirror. Stand has shaped splashier back, one drawer and one cupboard under, special January Sale Price, \$9.75

6 only Bedroom Suites, Hardwood, surface Quarter Cut Oak finish. Bed is 6 ft. 2 in. high and 4x4 in. wide. Dresser is 20x36 in. top, 3 drawers with locks, shaped toilet. Mirror, German bevel, 16x20 in. Stand has one drawer and two cupboards under, good value at \$17, special January Sale Price \$14.25

Genuine Quarter Cut Bedroom Suite, golden finish, highly polished, neatly hand carved, solid brass pulls, large British bevelled mirror, reg. price \$45, Special January Sale Price \$38.50

\$5.00 Odd Dressers—Special line of Odd Dressers, while they last only \$5.00

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