

## LATEST NEWS OF WESTERN CANADA



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## FORTY YEARS GRAVEDIGGER HAS BURIED WHOLE TOWN

Phil Kitt, of Harriston, Has Officiated at Sixteen Hundred Funerals—Has Seen Whole Families From Grandfather To Grandson Interred.

[Staff Correspondence.]  
Harriston, Feb. 14.—"Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him well." The remark of Hamlet on contemplating the remains of the court jester, might well be quoted by Mr. Phil Kitt, the ancient sexton of Harriston's public cemetery. Only Mr. Kitt could go to the Prince of Denmark and the philosopher gravedigger with whom he conversed, about 1,500 better. Of the 1,600 odd former citizens of Harriston whom he has laid away, he could say in nearly every case: "I knew him well."

Forty Years Ago.  
Mr. Kitt came to Harriston forty years ago, and for most of that time he has been employed as caretaker of the burying grounds. Harriston people say he is the oldest gravedigger in Ontario. Mr. Kitt does not know. He does know that he has seen the earth close over nearly all the men and women who inhabited the 27 houses which stood on the site of the present town when he came here, almost half a century ago. He knows that in his time he has dug the graves of a "city of the dead," almost equal to the living population of the town.

## WRITS WERE SERVED ON FIVE COUNCILLORS

Big Sensation at Owen Sound Over Action To Disqualify Reeve and Others.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Owen Sound, Feb. 14.—The biggest municipal sensation that has sprung in this town took place today when writs of prohibition were served on five members of the Owen Sound council, whose legality of tenure of office is questioned, are: Reeve J. H. Christie and Councillors A. McMillan, Richard Corbett, J. D. McDonald and Dr. R. Howes.

The protests are based on an alleged lack of necessary property qualifications. In addition, Councillor McDonald is said to be a naturalized citizen of the United States.

All the councillors who have been protested are local optometrists. The Association for Betterment of Consumptives will interview Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, for the purpose of presenting their views for the betterment of consumptives, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27. Delegates will assemble at Prince George Hotel at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to arrange for speakers.

PARIS LIBERALS  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Paris, Feb. 14.—At a rousing meeting of the local Liberals the following officers were elected: President, T. Scott Davidson; vice-president, Dr. Logie; secretary, James Simpson; convener of subdivisions, No. 1, J. W. Hilborn; No. 2, Mat. Dean; No. 3, P. G. Wilekson; No. 4, Charles McCausland; No. 5, J. A. McTavish; No. 6, Dr. T. A. Howell.

STOLE STRAW.  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Windsor, Feb. 14.—Magistrate Logan today sentenced Wm. Taylor to 60 days in Sandwich jail for stealing six tons of straw. Taylor worked for a farmer in Sandwich East. He took the straw to Detroit and sold it for \$65, but failed to return with the money.

## TOWN IN DARKNESS AS RESULT OF DISPUTE

Electric Lights Have Not Been Turned On In Harriston for Some Time.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Harriston, Feb. 14.—Harriston has some without street lights for more than a year, and citizens are beginning to demand that someone turn on the light.

Some time ago differences developed between the town council and the lighting company. The town refused to pay for certain lights, which, it was stated, did not burn well, and as a result the power was promptly cut off.

Now, after the stores are closed in the evening, the citizens must get about by the aid of lanterns, the little candles of which do not illuminate to any appreciable extent.

Neither the power company nor the citizens seem disposed to give in, and as a result the town is suffering.

Hydro Will Help.  
If the people secure hydro, as they hope to soon, the difficulty will be solved. But in the meantime the streets are dark and businesses are suffering.

As an alternative it is now proposed that the town erect a temporary plant, until such time as a hydro-electric installation can be secured.

"It is a bad knock for the town," said one businessman. "And what makes it worse is that this town was the first in this part of the country to install electric lights. Something will have to be done soon."

ESSEX PEACHES  
Great Damage Believed To Have Been Done By Cold.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Windsor, Feb. 14.—The extreme cold is thought by the fruit growers of South Essex to have swept away all hope of peaches for next season.

There is little hope for the fruit, as the buds are said to be injured. Plums and the early English cherries will also share the fate of the peaches.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA  
D. Newcombe Was One of Thamesville's Best-Known Residents.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Thamesville, Feb. 14.—After an illness of only a few days with pneumonia, Daniel W. Newcombe died at his home here yesterday.

He was 55 years old. Deceased had conducted a blacksmith, harness, shoemaking and implement shop here for many years.

Mr. Newcombe was a member of the Methodist Church. The funeral service will be conducted at his late residence on London street by Rev. W. J. Ashton, on Thursday. The remains will be interred in the Mayhew Cemetery.

ASK RURAL MAIL.  
Woodstock, Feb. 14.—The board of trade will bring pressure to bear on the Government with a view to securing free mail delivery in Woodstock. A direct demand will be made on the Government for the delivery.

CALLED TO DORCHESTER.  
Dorchester, Feb. 14.—Rev. John Smith, of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, London, has been called to the local church. The matter will be further dealt with at the next meeting of the presbytery.

RIPLEY.  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ripley, Feb. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hodder, of Adams, New York, are visiting at Mrs. E. Poulton's.

Miss Mayne McInnes is visiting friends in Kincardine.

The Ripley hockey boys succeeded in defeating the Lucknow team here on Monday night. The score was 19 to 10.

Mr. J. W. Fowler, of Toronto, was attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. William Irwin, who was buried yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Nelles is visiting in Sprucedale.

Miss Mae McMorran, of Lucknow, was the guest of Mrs. McKay recently.

Mrs. A. J. Eller, of Guelph, is visiting at the Commercial.

WINNIPEG, PRODUCES.  
Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—The local wheat market opened strong and a general improvement all round was noted. Prices were 4c to 5c higher at the opening, and continued firm until nearing the close, when the market became quiet.

On the close prices again advanced. There was more activity in the market and prices tended upwards. The cash demand was much better and a keener inquiry for export.

The market is firm, with supplies small. Receipts are heavy, there being 525 cars in sight for inspection. Cash grain: No. 1, 34 1/2c; No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 33 1/2c; No. 4, 33c; No. 5, 32 1/2c; No. 6, 32c; No. 7, 31 1/2c; No. 8, 31c; No. 9, 30 1/2c; No. 10, 30c; No. 11, 29 1/2c; No. 12, 29c; No. 13, 28 1/2c; No. 14, 28c; No. 15, 27 1/2c; No. 16, 27c; No. 17, 26 1/2c; No. 18, 26c; No. 19, 25 1/2c; No. 20, 25c; No. 21, 24 1/2c; No. 22, 24c; No. 23, 23 1/2c; No. 24, 23c; No. 25, 22 1/2c; No. 26, 22c; No. 27, 21 1/2c; No. 28, 21c; No. 29, 20 1/2c; No. 30, 20c; No. 31, 19 1/2c; No. 32, 19c; No. 33, 18 1/2c; No. 34, 18c; No. 35, 17 1/2c; No. 36, 17c; No. 37, 16 1/2c; No. 38, 16c; No. 39, 15 1/2c; No. 40, 15c; No. 41, 14 1/2c; No. 42, 14c; No. 43, 13 1/2c; No. 44, 13c; No. 45, 12 1/2c; No. 46, 12c; No. 47, 11 1/2c; No. 48, 11c; No. 49, 10 1/2c; No. 50, 10c; No. 51, 9 1/2c; No. 52, 9c; No. 53, 8 1/2c; No. 54, 8c; No. 55, 7 1/2c; No. 56, 7c; No. 57, 6 1/2c; No. 58, 6c; No. 59, 5 1/2c; No. 60, 5c; No. 61, 4 1/2c; No. 62, 4c; No. 63, 3 1/2c; No. 64, 3c; No. 65, 2 1/2c; No. 66, 2c; No. 67, 1 1/2c; No. 68, 1c; 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