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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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**MARBLERS.**  
**MILKINERY.**  
**MAPLE MOLASSES.**  
**CLEAN UP YOUR YARD.**  
CROMPTON new model corset, \$1.00 to \$2.50.—SWIFT'S.

WINDMILL agents will do a land office business this spring.

THE poor may be often tired, but they never have tire troubles.

BEFORE buying seeds, call at Haskett's and get prices, all government inspected.

TALK about equinoctial gales, but those last Friday made former ones look like gentle zephyrs.

GIRLS with skipping ropes, boys playing marbles, and maple trees budding are sure signs of spring.

LADIES' classy spring coats, \$7.00 to \$10.00. See ad.—SWIFT'S.

WITH the new Easter hat a man meeting a lady can tell whether he knows her without stooping down to look under it. Quite an improvement.

AT the cattle sale of J. W. Hawes, Brooke, on Monday, Auctioneer J. F. Elliot sold eighteen grade cows at an average of \$71.50 each.

REV. C. A. PARSON has resigned the pastorate of the Alvinston and Brooke Baptist churches on account of failing health. He will move to Brantford.

IF you need floor rugs in large or small size you should see our stock, we import direct.—SWIFT'S.

THERE will be a special meeting of Court Lorne C. O. F. on Tuesday next, April 1st, to finish inquiring the bunch candidates that are joining the Court. Members please attend.

YOU are invited to attend the church opening dinner in the school room of Trinity Church next Monday evening. Tickets 50 cents. Sacred concert in the church after the dinner.

WHEN you houseclean you will find some of the rooms need papering. Let us supply you. We have all the new designs and patterns. Let us show them to you.—P. DODDS & SON.

EXPECT everything in spring clothing for young men. We have the correct styles or can make or order them.—SWIFT'S clothing dept.

THE Cameron and Brown properties have been transferred to the Government. The titles of the Elliot and Lawrence properties are being searched. W. E. Fitzgerald is doing the work of the crown.

TWELVE young people from Watford attended the ball given by the gentlemen of Forest, Easter Monday. They got home some time Tuesday forenoon, well pleased with the night's entertainment.

MR. CHAMBERS informs us that electric light wires were found cut on the West side of the town. This is a criminal offence and also very dangerous. The penalty for interfering with electric wires is severe.

GOING out of business. Big sale of boots and shoes, going at cost, at R. Haskett's.

OUR black silks have few equals, our sales this season prove it. Ask for samples, a postcard will do it.—SWIFT'S silk dept.

WEATHER LORE says the kind of weather prevailing on March 21st will represent the kind of weather we may expect for the next two months. We hope not. We had enough wind on the 21st to last for two years.

THE Watford Board of Trade is now in good working order and would be pleased to welcome any new members who care to join in the good work of upbuilding the town. Men in any line, either mercantile or farming, will be welcomed as members.

HAVING heard that I am backing up Mr. Fitzgerald in the case of Fitzgerald vs. Stapleford now going on, I wish to state that I have nothing whatever to do with the case or have I been asked to do so.—(Signed) P. J. DODDS, Watford, March 27th, 1913.

TORNADO and flood have been responsible for the loss of several thousand lives in the central United States this week. In the city of Dayton, Ohio, alone it is estimated that 3000 lives were lost and that 50,000 people are homeless on account of the flood.

YES, young men, the glaciers of life are hard to climb, and you will never make the trip without a guide. The name of the guide is "Work." Tie yourself to him, young man, and he will pull you through all right. He is rough and rugged, as all mountaineers are, but don't despise him on that account. Don't despise his homely garments, he is a brave, true-hearted fellow who has led thousands safely through, and will do the same by you if you will trust him.

TWO and three button sack suits, 400 sample Art clothes.—SWIFT'S order dept.

HASKETT'S for Al bread flour, \$2.50 per hundred, Ogilvie's, McLeod's Special, Five Roses.

HAVE you had the measles? LET the streets be scraped in good time this year.

THERE was a good showing of Easter hats Sunday.

DID you see the eclipse of the moon Saturday morning?

INDIAN HEAD for white skirts and dresses, 15 to 20 cents.—SWIFT'S.

To cure insomnia try reading the speeches delivered in the House of Commons. Some of them would make anyone tired.

THERE will be no morning service in the Methodist church next Sunday on account of the opening of the new Trinity church.

R. C. McLEAY disposed of two cars of shingles in eight hours on Saturday, and could have sold twice the quantity if the goods were available.

THERE will be no evening service at the Presbyterian church on the evening of Sunday, March 30th on account of the opening of the new Anglican church on that date.

FOR the past three years rural regiments have been going to camp greatly reduced in numbers. Officials, already seeking recruits, say this year promises to be the worst yet.

MRS. D. S. CHILDS, Flint, Mich., writes that the St. Ceciliaian window in Trinity church was placed by the children of the late Clark and Sarah Vanauken, and not by Mrs. Childs alone.

BEAUTIFUL whipcord dress goods 44 in. 58c.—SWIFT'S.

AS the man who predicts the weather for Ontario has gone to Europe in search of improved appliances, the meteorological machinery is now in the hands of a deputy. This probably accounts for the kind of weather we had Good Friday. There was a novice on the job.

A RESIDENT complains that his boulevard, which he took great pains to put in shape last fall, has been utterly ruined by delivery wagons and other vehicles driving over it. His experience is common to other citizens who have been discouraged in their endeavor to beautify their premises.

ATTENTION is again directed to the practice of enclosing in newspapers and periodicals, letters and other articles of mail matter. To enclose in a newspaper any article liable to a higher rate of postage, renders the sender liable to a penalty punishable by a fine from \$10 to \$40 for each offence.

THIS is the time of year you want new shoes. We would ask you to call and see our spring and summer stock, which is now complete. We keep everything from the heaviest farm boot to a ball-room pump, and our prices are always a shade lower than elsewhere.—P. DODDS & SON.

THE Village of Watford has a \$4,450 sidewalk debenture for sale, bearing interest at 5 per cent., payable in 20 equal annual installments of principal and interest. This is an excellent investment for some local person who has money in the bank drawing only three per cent. W. S. Fuller, town clerk, will furnish full particulars.

THE case of Rex ex rel Fitzgerald vs. Stapleford was heard before Judge Taylor in the Council Chamber, Watford, on Wednesday last. A. Weir Sarnia, presented the case for Mr. Fitzgerald and J. Cowan, K.C., looked after the interests of Mr. Stapleford. A number of witnesses were examined. Case adjourned till Thursday of next week, at Sarnia.

MANY PEOPLE are anxious to have parcel post extended to the proportions now in use in the United States. Be it remembered that even parcel post has its disadvantages. A runaway boy (United States) wrote home for money the other day, telling that he was starving, and his kind old mother sent him a box of sandwiches by parcel post.

COMPLAINTS are to hand of petty thieving in and around Watford. Farmers complain of losing fence rails and people in town find their wood piles lessened during the night. An example will be made of someone if the practice is continued, as was done in Culp last week where a man was sent to central prison for stealing coal.

NEVER send a dollar away from home when the article that the dollar will purchase can be obtained at home. Money is our financial blood. Its circulation keeps the body alive. Bled that body by sending money away and business will soon put on a look of lethargy. Always trade at home. Watch the bargains offered by enterprising advertisers in this paper and you will learn the best place to spend those home dollars.

WATFORD, like other towns, should adopt an annual spring cleaning up day, when the garbage and accumulation of filth of the winter is removed. The towns which have tried out the plan are high in praise of the system. However, do not wait for some one to start with a movement, but start cleaning up at once. It is good for the health of the community as well as the appearance of the town.

EASTER millinery openings were held on Thursday and Saturday. The beauty and variety of the hats shown attracted considerable attention as evidenced by the crowds which constantly filled the stores during the afternoons and evenings. Simplicity is the keynote and charm of the headgear this season. Beautiful flowers, sprays, ribbons, silks and velvets are shown, and on the whole, the hats are more attractive this season than for some years past.



D. A. MAXWELL'S BUILDING AFTER FRIDAY'S BIG BLOW.

## FIERCE EQUINOCTIAL GALE RAGED AROUND WATFORD Doing Considerable Damage in Town and Country

A storm of tornado intensity raged over Ontario on Good Friday, many thousands of dollars loss resulting. The wind which wiped out so much property is reported to have attained a record velocity at some points. Wires fell in all directions before the storm and not in many years has there been such prostration of telegraph and telephone service. The wind blew gently in the morning but towards 10:45 it started to hustle along at about 50 miles an hour. The final spurt in the last lap touched 65 miles an hour. From about 11 o'clock the high wind continued until late in the evening, doing damage all the time.

In Watford the storm seemed at its worst about 11:45, and never in the history of the town has so much damage been done by wind on a rampage. The upper front of D. A. Maxwell's machine shop fell into the street with a crash just before noon; roofs were torn off, trees and poles uprooted, fences laid low, windows blown out, chimneys crumbled and fell, and boards and shingles were flying about like carbide. Shortly after noon the roof of the old Dominion House, owned by R. Auld, was lifted off and hurled into the street in front of the Guide-Advocate office, causing a shower of mud that splattered the nearby buildings. Mr. Ed. Thompson, Brooke, was driving past at the time and had a miraculous escape from death. A piece of roof, probably 20 by 30 feet, was hurled over his head and dropped in front of the rig. In its descent flying pieces broke a number of windows. Part of the front of Cameron's carriage house was blown off and the metal roof of his horse stable was carried over the barn and deposited in the vacant lot beyond. The roof of C. B. Matthews' storehouse was badly damaged and the smoke stack blown over. S. Saunders & Son's smoke stack also collapsed. A corner of the Merchants Bank building was blown off. The plate glass front of Matthews' feed store came out with a crash, and many other windows followed suite. The brick cornice of W. E. Fitzgerald's office was in a moment a heap of brick on the sidewalk. Part of the coping was ripped off the old Trinity church, and parts of three windows blown in. Part of roof of the Grand Trunk freight shed was blown off. The coping on front of the Guide-Advocate office was torn off and thrown on the roof of J. D. Brown's barber shop, demolishing the rear chimney and badly damaging the roof. A number of house chimneys fell and caving in was reported on many buildings.

In the country the damage was very great, hardly a farm that did not share in the disaster. Sides of barns were blown off, roofs carried away, or the shingles ripped off. In many instances buildings were saved by prompt action in anchoring them with chains, etc. There is hardly a windmill left in the district. Some of the farmers lost heavily, among them being Alex. Laird, 18 sideroad. He and his son John had a narrow escape from death. While working in the barn the new part was ripped away from the main part, carried off its foundation and completely demolished, and the rest of the building badly damaged. Andrew Thompson, 2nd line north, lost the roof off his fine barn. John Lowry, 8th line, had about 40 feet of barn roof blown off. James McManus, 12 sideroad, lost his silo and had his barns damaged. And Auld's barn was swept clean of shingles, 25,000 being required to repair it. George Penner's barn was lifted up over the cattle and deposited some distance, and not a head of the stock therein hurt. Damages similar to those mentioned occurred on nearly every farm in the district, and it will take many dollars and much hard work to place the buildings in the condition they were in before the storm, to say nothing of the silos and windmills that were demolished and the small stuff that was swept away.

ZEPHYRS.  
Most of us felt a little nervous for a

time. Good Friday, 1913, will be remembered for many a day.

The telephone men made good all broken connections on Monday.

The masons, carpenters and glaziers will not be short of odd jobs for a little while.

The town was in darkness Friday night, but the lights were all in working order again Saturday.

Our "main drag" was a tough looking place Saturday morning, but the debris was pretty well cleared away by noon.

When the Maxwell front fell Dave walked out of the building as calmly as if he was going to fix a disabled motor car.

There was quite a procession of teams engaged hauling shingles into the country on Saturday. The dealers here luckily had a large stock on hand.

The sidewalk wasn't wide enough for some pedestrians, and they hadn't been drinking either, and staid citizens could be seen holding on to trees about the noon hour.

The wardens of Trinity church made temporary repairs to the windows, and a service was held in the church Good Friday. Only 33 people were present, however.

There was no telegraph connection on the Grand Trunk, and trains ran wild. One came in unexpectedly during the afternoon and stopped at the station before the officials expected it, and the passengers had to get their tickets on the train.

## Easter Church Services

### TRINITY CHURCH

Considerable interest was centred in Easter at this church last Sunday on account of the services being the last held in the old church. There were two celebrations of the holy communion in the morning, with 83 communicants. In the evening the service was a bright and impressive one. The choir gave some inspiring Easter music, the anthem "His Name in Excellent" being exceedingly well rendered. At the close of the sermon the pastor spoke very feelingly of the spiritual progress made and the associations connected with the building during the forty-five years it had been used for public worship. At the close of the service the doxology was sung and the wardens removed the holy table from its place to show that the building would not be used any more for divine worship.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sermon in the morning at the Presbyterian Church was on the "Life of David Livingstone." In the evening an Easter sermon. Anthem in the morning, "The Light of Easter Morning," and in the evening "Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates." Miss Lotta Cameron also sang a solo, "Close to Thee."

### METHODIST CHURCH

The usual Easter services held in the Watford Methodist Church were well attended both morning and evening. The floral committee had by their artistic arrangement of hyacinths, carnations, and Easter lilies transformed the pulpit and platform into a bower of beauty. Rev. H. E. Currie preached at both services, the subject for the morning being, "The Resurrection" and in the evening, "The Relation existing between the Resurrected Christ and His Followers." Special music given by the choir at both services. The anthems sung in the morning were "Christ Arose" and "Forth from Gloom to Glory." In the evening Miss Agnes Williams sang a solo, "Where the Golden Bells are ringing" very acceptably. Some former members of the choir who were Easter visitors assisted in the singing.

### Saunders-Louks

The marriage took place on Monday afternoon of Miss Kate A. Louks, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Louks, Ontario street, to Mr. Robert Sterling Saunders. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of the Talbot street Baptist church, London, and was performed by the Rev. H. H. Bingham, B.A., pastor of said church. The happy couple, return-

ed on the evening train and went to their new home on John street where a reception was held. The Guide-Advocate joins with their many friends in wishing them much happiness.

## OPENING DINNER

In connection with the opening of Trinity church, the Church Women's Guild purpose holding a dinner in the school room under the new church on Monday evening next, March 31st. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock. At the close of the dinner a sacred concert and organ recital will be held in the church, when a program of select sacred music will be given. Tickets to dinner and concert 50c.; children 25c. Proceeds towards the building fund. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## PERSONAL.

J. A. Ramsay, Ottawa, was home for Easter.

J. Murray Mitchell, Toronto, was home for Easter.

Mrs. Nelson Hawn is visiting relatives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Dalton Potter, Fergus, spent Easter at his home here.

John Bambridge, Dutton, spent Easter at his home here.

Miss Coke returned Thursday from Beausejour, Man.

Miss Mary Glenn, Brantford, spent the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. Hicks, Talbotville, spent Easter with her son, Dr. G. Hicks.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. B. Cutpland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Taylor.

Douglas T. Hume was the guest of Mr. H. Hume for the Easter holidays.

Miss Mamie Kinder, Mount Brydges, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Vail.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley spent several days with London friends this week.

Mrs. Cundick, London, was in Watford this week, a visitor at J. Sharp's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Jacklin and Mrs. Lewis spent Easter with Bothwell relatives.

Mrs. Wm McLeay is spending a few days with Mrs. Joshua Thomas, Inwood.

Miss Laura Doan, of Alma College, St. Thomas, is home for the Easter vacation.

Miss Annie Tanner, Toronto University, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Mr. Geo. H. Cowan, K. C., Vancouver, B. C., called on Watford friends this week.

Mrs. Fred Everett, Woodstock, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kells.

Mrs. B. Parker spent Easter Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. Galloway, Sarnia.

Miss Reta and Master Clare Ogilvie Wyoming, are visiting at Mr. Nelson Hawn's.

Miss Mary Calhoun, Alvinston, spent a few days this week with Miss Gladys Shrapnell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron and daughter Maude spent Easter with friends in Detroit.

Miss Humphries, Faculty of Education, Toronto, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Miss Saunders, St. Clair street, has returned from a six-weeks' visit with Chicago relatives.

Wilfred Johnston and Ernest Darvel, of Ingersoll, spent Good Friday at W. E. Fitzgerald's.

Miss Ethyle Squire, of Glencoe, spent the Easter holidays a guest of the Misses Waugh, John St.

Mr. Sherman Coats, of Au Gres, Mich., spent the Easter vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Frank Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Falloon and Master Ira Falloon spent Good Friday with H. Waugh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor spent their Easter holidays with friends in Hamilton and Toronto.

Miss Eva M. Crummer, of Waterdown High School staff, is Easter holidaying with Miss Gertrude E. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fuller and children, of Sarnia, visited during Easter holiday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thom, Toronto, were here for a few hours on Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Watt.

Mr. R. J. Fuller, who is in the engineering department of Steel Structural Building of the city of Toronto, was home for Easter.

Mrs. Wm. Wamsley, of Toronto, has returned home after spending the Easter week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Woods, St. Clair street.

Mrs. Charles H. Thorne, of Pt. Huron, has returned home, having spent the last three weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Woods, who has been ill.

Mr. Donald M. Telford, of Winnipeg, visited his cousin, Mrs. W. S. Fuller, on Easter Sunday. It is over thirty years since their last visit together. Mr. Telford is a pioneer of the western city, he having located there before the Canada Pacific Railway was constructed.

Mrs. F. Brown and son, Petrolea; Mrs. G. Burch and daughter, Tillsonburg; H. C. Collins, Stratroy; Fred Collins, Kingscourt, visited their father, Mr. John Collins, who has been confined to his bed for the past eight weeks at the home of his son, Thos. Collins, John street.