

ONE WAY OF ENCOURAGING GOOD ROADS.

The Massachusetts laws provide that the highway commissioners shall, upon the request of any municipality in the state, with a population not exceeding 12,000, furnish the municipality with steam rollers, portable stone crushers and other road machines. The machines are to be used in the construction and maintenance of good roads, and the cost of operating them is paid by the state. Under this system nearly every municipality in the state is encouraged to improve its highways. When Ontario has a similar law, there will be some hope of securing good roads in Kent.

A RAILROAD MAN'S GOOD POLICY.

One of the first things done by the General Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad after a recent accident at Patterson, N. J., was to give these orders to the chief clerk:—"Communicate at once by telephone with every newspaper in New York. Tell them we had a bad accident at Patterson, and that while it reflects seriously on us, we do not care to have it made worse by ignorant misrepresentation and guesswork. Ask them to send reporters, the more the better, to Patterson right away, and tell them that if it is not possible for their men to reach Hoboken in time for our last train at 8:30 o'clock, we will find some way to get them out there. In the meantime, give all enquirers all the information that comes into your possession." These instructions were carried out to the letter. Later, at the scene of the disaster, the officers of the railroad, devoted as much time as could properly be spared from the care of the injured in making clear all the details of the accident. The horse sense of the action is an outward indication of the working of the new western blood that was injected into this railroad a few months ago, says the New York Sun.

DIRECT TAXATION.

Whatever may be the truth about the Provincial finances, it is clear that the government finds difficulty in making both ends meet, says the Weekly Star. If the present surplus of income over expenditure, the treasury would not be driven to increase the number of direct taxes. Succession duties and taxes on banks and loan companies are now familiar with. The latest tax is announced by Mr. Stratton as an increase in the fees payable for the incorporation of limited liability companies. The lowest fee hereafter payable will be \$100, except in the case of cheese and butter companies. By resort to such special taxes as are not at once felt by the general public, the Government staves off the admission that we have at last reached the stage of direct taxation. Though it may bring in revenue, we are not sure that the tax on the formation of limited liability companies is a wise one. It will not be felt by the larger organizations of capital. It is pretty certain to check the formation of small companies. Partnerships and companies are the only methods known to the law by which men can join in commercial enterprise. A partner may lose all he has ventured and be liable at the same time for all the debts of the enterprise, while a shareholder's liability cannot exceed the amount of

EAT MOUNTER'S MEAT
1879—Established 29 years—1899
Twenty years experience selecting and buying my own stock direct from the farmers, we have always on hand the best meat can be had.
Choice Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Fresh Pork, Putney of all kinds.
We now manufacture all kinds of Sausages: Pure Pork Sausages (guaranteed) 15c lb. Fresh Frankfort (guaranteed) 15c lb. Liver Sausages (very nice) 10c lb. Bologna Sausages (guaranteed) 10c lb. Ribs of Porking (guaranteed) 10c lb. Canned Corned Beef 10c lb. Boudin and Rolled Toils.
Order your meat early and we will deliver promptly.
E. A. MOUNTER,
Phone 31, Cor. King and William.

Xmas is Coming
AT THE
RED STAR STORE
We are now ready for the Xmas trade, our goods, such as fruits, candies, nuts and conical peels are first class and prices right. Also in china dishes—cups, saucers and plates and fancy goods, suitable for presents, and a choice lot of dinner sets and toilet sets, second to none in the city. We ask you to inspect our styles and prices before you buy your wedding present.
J. W. DYER
RED STAR STORE, BALDOON
GOODS DELIVERED, PHONE 17.

You know

The Xmas presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our Xmas Fruits are in:

- 3 lb. Selected Raisins..... 25c
- 3 lb. New Currants..... 25c
- 1 lb. Mixed Peel..... 20c
- Pure Lard, per lb..... 9c
- Mixed Candy 7c lb., 4 lb. for..... 25c

—AT THE—

Golden Star, Park St., East
John McConnell
Goods Delivered

his stock. A partnership, unlike a company, requires the personal attention of the investor. Companies have, therefore, made possible the aggregation of small savings for industrial purposes. There are, probably, hundreds of successful companies with a few hundred dollars originally invested, which would not have been formed if their promoters had been obliged to pay a fee of \$100. In England the law is disposed to regard companies as most useful agencies of commerce, and their formation is reduced to the simplest formality.

Another large British force seems to have entered Pretoria without firing a shot.

The resistance that Gen. Methuen is meeting with will probably mean the advance of the Canadians to the firing-line.

Hospitable people those Boers. They seem very anxious to entertain Her Majesty's troops in large sections and for indefinite terms at their capital.

The Banner cries, "Ross is master of the situation." So is our old friend Paul Kruger, but the question is, how long can he hold the job?

The crooks slightly overdid their work in South Ontario. As Mr. Tarte is said to have remarked to the Montreal Star, what was the use of buying votes they did not need.

In Christmas advertising and Christmas buying the old adage holds good: The early bird catches the worm. —Hamilton Times.

And the enterprising reader who sees the ad and becomes the early shopper, gets the pick of the stock.

Hugh John's nose is not much uglier than Tom Greenway's chin whisker, and the nose cannot very well be cut off.—Hamilton Spectator.

The two Elgids delivered the blow that almost paralyzed the St. Thomas Journal. The Reformers of that county require a new up-to-date, independent Liberal paper before they can recover their lost prestige. Any newspaper that would try to excuse the machine gang, can only add its party in one way, and that is by going away and suiciding.

A POLICE ITEM.

The British at Ladysmith have captured a kop near the town. He had just got outside a laager when he was gathered in.

A VERY BAD MAN.

The man who mixes up those deleterious drugs and labels the result Scotch whiskey should be arrested for compounding a felony.

SOCIETY ITEM.

Hensall, Ont., Observer.
An enterprising Hurondale young man came into town on Saturday driving a cow. He was all covered with mud and wore his working clothes. After disposing of the cow he donned a new suit and went to the residence of one of our ministers with his best girl, and they were joined in wedlock. When asked if he were going for a trip he said that he was going home to dig post-holes.

A FRIEND OF WOMANKIND.

Detroit Tribune.
An old bachelor says that some women are born foolish, some achieve folly and the rest marry fools. And some matron may answer that the aforementioned bachelor has kept one woman out of the last-named class.

A POINTER TAKEN.

Toronto Telegram.
The German Emperor need not now rise to remark that it does not propose to be mixed up in England's wars. It indicated some such feeling when the flying squadron took the liberty of cutting off Emperor Bill's correspondence with Oom Paul Kruger.

THE CANADIAN TURKEY.

Toronto World.
Western Ontario will furnish 150,000 Christmas and New Year's turkeys for the British market this year. This is almost double the quantity shipped in 1898. But it is not one-fourth the quantity that might have been exported, if the birds were procurable.

WHEAT THE SOUTH ONTARIO RETURNS SHOW.

Toronto Mail.

The surprise of the series of elections was South Ontario. Yet it ought not to be a surprise, for it was well known that the old system would be pursued to save the Minister, whose continuance in office was dependent upon the result. Mr. Dryden had a vast outside army to elect him, and no expense was spared to accomplish that end. It would be idle to pretend that a riding which rejected Mr. Dryden in 1898, and elected him, owing to corrupt practices, by seventy or eighty at the last bye-election, freely returned him after all the revelations of the past few months by the three hundred odd. The three hundred majority does not indicate that the Minister has grown in favor; it does show, though, that the electioneering outfit has become, if that be possible, more daring than ever.

MOULDER AGAIN.

This Time William Bowen, of Brockville, is Cured of Backache by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Moulder Seems to be Fortunate Trade—Second Moulder Dodd's Kidney Pills Reported Recently to Have Cured.

Brockville, Dec. 13.—Last week the papers reported the case of George Berkeley, a Hamilton moulder, who was fortunate enough to find a cure for Rheumatism. This, it turned out, was Dodd's Kidney Pills, the most famous kidney medicine in the world. There is a moulder in Brockville who also has a word to say regarding Dodd's Kidney Pills.

William Bowen suffered with backache in a severe way. Backache is not a mere affection of the muscles or an ache in the backbone. Many people thinking this was the case have spent money and time rubbing liniments into the back. This is quite useless, as no amount of rubbing can reach the kidneys where the ache is actually located. Backache is kidney ache and should be treated as such. Otherwise it may develop into Bright's Disease or some other form of Kidney Disease in its fatal form.

Mr. Bowen says of his cure:

Dodd's Medicine Co.,
Gentlemen,—I have been troubled with pain in my back and in the region of my kidneys, and I was advised by Mr. Stegg, butcher, of this town, to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I was very bad, being hardly able to stand the pain. I am now completely cured, and can now go about my business. I give Dodd's Kidney Pills to anyone troubled with backache. The men in the shop will all vouch for my case.
I remain yours, etc.,
WM. BOWEN.

"Poor thing," exclaimed one young woman at the theatre. "That girl is beautiful, but she is very deaf."
"How do you know?"
"She has sat all through this French farce without blushing once."

BLISTERED BY DOCTORS.

For Heart Disease without Help—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Relieves in Fifteen Minutes.
Mrs. O. Ward, of Magog, Que., was a great sufferer for years from heart disease. Physicians blistered her and gave her other treatments without relief. She read in the papers of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the heart. She procured a bottle of it. Fifteen minutes after the first dose she had relief. Before taking this remedy, she had constant spells of suffocation and fluttering, and severe pains about the heart, and was so weak that the act of sweeping the floor caused her to faint. She continued using the remedy until she had taken six bottles, and to-day she is as well as ever she was.

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

TO CURE A COLOURED DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Groves, signature in each box.

God gives luxuriance of life; every man has more than his necessities. It is nobler to give thanks for faith than for fitness.

Don't Surfeit them with trifles—

but select for your

Christmas Gifts

something that will be of practical utility to the recipient, handsome in design and of the sort that will be sure of genuine appreciation. We have especially for this season's trade, an excellent variety of Leather Upholstered Easy Chairs, Couches and Rockers, deep-seated and comfortable, trimmed in the latest style, with the best of springs and material used in their construction. Our show rooms are filled with the things that have that little touch of originality about them, so much to be desired in choosing a Christmas gift. Purchases made now can be set aside and delivered at any time when ordered.

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Are the latest and neatest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot be without a Tweed Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU WILL BUY THEM.

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The T. H. Taylor Company, Limited

CHURCH OPENING.

Dedication of the New House of Worship

On the Creek Road, Harwich—A Description of the Building—Opening Services.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10th and 11th have become historic with the people of this neighborhood, being the opening and dedication of the new Zion Methodist church. The building in itself is solid and substantial in character, having a stone basement and red brick superstructure, supported by buttresses. In form it is square, with the main entrance at the corner, and a side entrance in the annex. Two large windows running up into gables adorn the two principal sides.

Within, a pleasing effect is given by the circular arrangements of the seats with the pulpit platform and choir gallery in the corner opposite the door. The walls are finished in grey roughcast, the windows are of colored glass of modest but pretty design; ceiling and woodwork are polished ash. The building will seat 200 persons. Fine arrangement and good workmanship are to be found everywhere. Powell & Corwell, Chatham, were architects; John Patterson, of Harwich, and John McKay, Botany, builders. Total cost, thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars.

On Sunday there were three services. At 10:30 a. m. Hannon, of Park St. Methodist church, Chatham, preached on the Drawing Power of Christ. The Huffman choir had charge of the music and the Rev. Geo. Philip, B.D., of Petrolia, made an appeal on behalf of the trustee board with good success.

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WANTED—Good strong girl to do kitchen work. Apply to Hotel Morrill.

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BLACKSMITH SHOP—Doing good business, and tools for sale. Lot 6, 4th Con., Chatham, 5 miles from any town. For terms, etc., apply to W. L. ROSS.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Harvey and Lacey Sts., the parties adjoining, each city water. About eight minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to LOUIS STANISLAWICZ, Planet Office.

FOUR SALE—Two shares in St. Luke's Club Lake St. Clair. Apply to A. C. McKAY, Planet Office.

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Avenue, and six lots on Maple Street. Apply to MRS. TISSIMAN.

FARM FOR SALE—Let 14, 8 Con. 7, Raleigh 100 acres, all under cultivation. 30 acres Fall wheat in the ground. Good water. Good buildings. For further particulars apply to J. T. LONGMORE, Chatham.

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SQUARE PIANO FOR SALE. American make, in good repair, very little used. Address G. O. Planet Office.

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Store and dwelling with general stock and fixtures, and two acres of land more or less, together with out-buildings thereon, stable, drive shed, storehouse with brick cellar, smoke house with brick foundation, oil house, etc., horses, harness, light and heavy wagons, sleighs, etc., this is a good business stand with a Post Office, and is well and conveniently situated in a good farming and fruit growing section and about 150 yards from Jeanettes Creek Station, G. T. Ry., where recently a large warehouse has been built. This rare chance will be offered for sale up to Dec. 15th, unless sooner sold. Reason for selling going to California. For further particulars apply to F. C. PECK, Jeanettes Creek P. O., Ont.

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