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## The Record Wishes Its Readers a Bright & Prosperous 1912

### BADEN REJOICES WHEN HON. ADAM BECK TURNS ON POWER IN HIS BIRTHPLACE

Power Minister in His  
Native Village After  
37 Years

VILLAGE GIVES  
FINE RECEPTION

Banquet Follows Cer-  
emony—Service in The  
Lutheran Church

Specialty Written By John Maxwell.

Baden, Dec. 29. To-day has been more than a red letter day for Baden; it has been a holiday for the entire surrounding community and no one seemed happier than the Honorable Adam Beck—her famous native son, who after an absence of thirty-seven years from Baden slipped quietly and unexpectedly into Baden at 3.40 o'clock from Toronto, whereas the committee in charge of the inauguration of Hydro-Electric power in Baden did not expect its guest until five o'clock and from Scotch London, thereby again proving the truth of the old Scotch adage: "The best laid plans of mice and men oft gang a-gley." The plans of the village committee were somewhat thrown out of kilter by the sudden appearance of the Honorable Minister of Power, but he walked into the committee headquarters, gaily laughed off his sudden appearance and like the happy schoolboy he was some forty years ago in Baden, he started out to see the village of his boyhood.

For just one day—after an absence of 37 years—Adam Beck dropped the high cases of his office and became once again for six busy hours a Badener. He walked up its main street and the first thing that brought a happy flush to his face was a banner 45 feet long and 12 feet deep across the street from Chris. Wittke's Central Hotel.

This banner bore the following greeting, and can be said to be the keynote of the welcome a thousand gave their native son to-day:

A man from our very rank,  
Keen and free and frank;  
A man of light and leading;  
A man of loyal breeding,  
Ontario's welfare speeding.

A man of faith and not of fiction,  
A man of lofty aim and action,  
A man—we say again, A MAN.

"Welcome Adam Beck  
Our Native Son."

A man whom highest hope inspires,  
Who amid his party purest honor fires,  
Who tramples self beneath him;  
Ontario delights to greet him,  
Baden greets its native son,  
Worthy of his German sire,  
A man who loves to honor mother,  
A man to whom each man is brother,  
A man—again we say, A MAN.

How quickly one can achieve fame. The honorable gentleman drew the attention of some dozen reporters to the banner, and then I, as the designer of the banner, was called up, introduced to the guest of the day, and received a few kindly words. And behind the happy smile was for the first time to-day, the glimmer of a tear. Twice later Adam Beck was introduced to town, as you shall read—for this has been a day of rejoicing and of memories sad, for after forty years, memories will come that bring tears to the eye. Accompanied by his Superintendent of Power, Chief Engineer Sothman, and the

#### PUT BAN ON KISSING.

Lenoxdale, Mass., Dec. 28.—Because there is diphtheria in this hamlet, all New Year's salutations must be vocal, as handshaking and kissing is strictly prohibited by the Board of Health. Even the custom of exchanging visits on the holiday is discouraged and orders are given that all cats and dogs at large shall be killed. This order is issued because a large number of Breton French, an affectionate and demonstrative people, live here. Their celebration of New Year's has been the gay holiday of the year amongst them, and state officers of the Board of Health have been in Lenoxdale and to-day the French people were notified to curtail their celebration, and that strict quarantine must be enforced in families where diphtheria prevails.



HON. ADAM BECK.

Who Received A Warm Reception In His Birthplace Last Night.

Three village trustees, Messrs. Fowler, Halls and Hahn, he went over the village, past the old Beck Foundry, round the moss-covered house in which he was born—and truly

"he remembered, he remembered the house where he was born. Where through the latticed window the sun peeped in at morn."

For the old homestead is virtually the same as when he left it. Past the old dam and over to the little Lutheran Church, he inspected the new Hydro-Electric Power House: dropped in at Stiefelmeier's Baden Hotel and reserved rooms for his wife, who was to arrive at 5 o'clock from London.

During his tramp over his boyhood's realm, the Baden Band of twenty pieces had been hurriedly got together, and upon his return to the hotel, serenaded him. Mr. Beck's party now numbered a score, including his brother, Mr. Jacob Beck. The honorable gentleman and his wife, in an automobile, escorted by quite a thousand, headed by the band, went slowly to the Opera House, and, after many introductions, Mr. Adam Beck stepped onto the balcony over The Dominion Bank, and addressed those who had gathered to honor him. He spoke for seven minutes. It gave him, (he said) the greatest pleasure in the world to visit the village of his birth: in a few minutes he would touch a switch which would undoubtedly open a new era for Baden, the scene of his happy childhood. He was in a community of farmers and Hydro-Electric means a better life, and a more profitable era for those on the farm: it would lighten labor and lengthen the day. He realized that in Ontario owing to scarcity of labor the farmers' problem was an increasing one, and if Hydro-Electric helped the farmer to a better existence, it would also help him to get and retain help.

Thirty-three municipalities were now receiving Hydro-Electric Power as the result of one year's work of the Commission, and on Monday next, thirty-six more towns were to vote on the lighting of their arcas. As rapidly as engineers can build, so rapidly is Hydro-Electric being adopted. His aim was to make Niagara Power universal in Ontario: it was the dream of his days, and what measure of success had come to him was in itself a great reward for the labor he had given to this province. Baden was deep in his heart, and his work to-day was a labor of love. (Prolonged applause.)

The honorable gentleman then read out and turned the switch, and Baden was illuminated at 6.11 p. m.: just as a month before he had promised it should be, and he would be there to do it.

The Minister of Power, with some hundred and twenty guests, of Baden, sat down to a banquet, which lasted until 7.45.

Trustee Fowler was in the Chair, and on his left was the Honorable Adam Beck and on his right was Mrs. Beck. Among the guests were Mr. Chav, M. P., Mr. Pattison, M. P., Mr. Weich, M. P., Dr. Butler and Mrs. Butler, Dr. Lackner, M. P., Mayor Schmalz, Mr. C. H. Mills, Mr. P. Holwell, S. F., Mr. Liersch, of Montreal, Rev. Voss, Mr. Fred Schumm, Mr. Wunders, Mr. Harry Holwell, Mr. C. Fox, of Hamburg, and representatives of over a dozen other towns and cities. An interesting guest was Mr. Chris. Miller, 82 years of age, Berlin's oldest native

son, who, was throughout the day and evening, the recipient of considerable attention, and specially referred to by the guest of the evening.

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### WARD SYSTEM FOR 1913 ?

Mayor Thinks Council of  
1913 Will Be Composed  
of Ten Members

Will the Berlin city council of 1913 be elected by the ward system? It may be rather premature to speak of next year's election with the pending election to be held only two days hence. However with the advent of cityhood and Berlin's consequent separation from the county, the four Reeves will no longer be elected to the local council. What will become of them when city incorporation takes place? The mayor states that they will automatically become aldermen for the remainder of the year.

He also gave it as his opinion that the council of 1913 would be composed of but ten members elected by the ward system—two members for each of the five wards.

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### Two New Text Books for Schools To Be Issued

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Within the next few days two new text books for the schools of Ontario will be issued by the Department of Education. A new High School History of England, compiled by Prof. George M. Wrong, of Toronto University and modeled after the style of his "English Nation" it is hoped, will be ready for use in the schools before the holidays are closed.

A reader geography of an improved type for the third form of the Public Schools also will be ready before the scholars return to school. In addition to these texts the Education Department is preparing a system of manuals for the assistance of teachers.

MOTOR TRUCK IS HERE.  
The fire motor truck, which will be purchased for the fire department in the event of the \$10,000 by-law carrying, arrived in town this morning. The fire committee, the mayor and chief were given an exhibition of its capabilities this afternoon and were favorably impressed.

Anglo-west was held at Hackney on the body of Henry Dunn Sayer, 51, a turntable-dealer. Sayer was a good swimmer, and for over 30 years had lived near the canal, where it was said he had saved 113 lives. He had six Royal Humane society medals, the Victoria medal and the St. John ambulance medal for saving life. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

Your risk of fire loss is not sure & obviated unless you are in a sound, strong company. Carl Kraus, represents a number of such.

### Mayor Schmalz Will Have a Birth- day To-morrow

Mayor W. H. Schmalz will to-morrow celebrate the 49th anniversary of his birth. For forty-nine years has his Worship made Berlin his home. He was born in Berlin on December 30th, 1862. In 1878 after leaving the High School he entered the store owned by the late Hugo Kraus, where he spent five years. He then entered the office of the Economical Fire Insurance Co., as a junior, where he rose to the position of manager. Incidentally his election to the mayoralty chair for a second term, he considers a birthday gift from the ratepayers.

EVERYTHING  
In office supplies and rubber stamps at J. C. Jamiet and Co.

SHOULD WOMEN VOTE?

Well if they could.  
They'd vote for what is pure and good.  
"Lockhart's Coal" because it's best.  
Would simply overwhelm the rest.

In loving memory of Philip Kraft, who died Dec. 29, 1905.

Every day we miss you more  
Oh how we miss thee Father Dear,  
But we know you're safe with Jesus,  
And when our mission here is finished  
And we must the call obey,  
Again we'll see thee Father dear,  
When the mist has rolled away.  
Children.

### Looking Forward



On the threshold of the New Year, His Worship, W. H. Schmalz, makes the following forecast to the Record of Berlin in 1912—ten years hence.

Berlin, Dec. 29, 1911.

"What are the prospects for Berlin's population in 1912? At a conservative estimate I will put it at 25,000, with the chances of exceeding that number."

"With the widest diversity of manufacturing in the Dominion, the magnificent agricultural district surrounding the Town, the happy and contented inhabitants mostly living in their own homes healthy climate and geographical location as a 'centre' I feel that my prediction will be more than realized."

"A Town which has reached the 15,000 mark through healthy growth, cannot be kept back but will attract outsiders, it will create business within itself and Railway Companies instead of asking for large sums of money be anxious to compete for some of the Town's business and extend its lines to Berlin."

"It is pleasing to note that Berlin from small beginnings, and an ever increasing output of the many soundly established factories with new ones constantly added to the long list, must necessarily result in an increased population. This will continue steadily as long as we are blessed with prosperity in our fair Dominion and provided the City of Berlin is always governed by level-headed men."

"I predict, (and I would like to live to see the day) that Berlin will become the 'Hub' of the Inland Counties of Western Ontario extending from Toronto to Georgian Bay and from the Niagara Peninsula and Lake Erie to the Georgian Bay."

Yours sincerely,  
W. H. Schmalz,  
Mayor.

### Respectfully Submitted

Baden is on the power map.

'Tis the rustle of new leaves being turned.

With an auto fire truck, how'd you like to be a fireman?

It is well to have a good mayor. But it is also important to have a good council.

Adopt the Slogan: "25,000 in 1912."

May the New Comer 1912 bring you Health, Prosperity and Happiness.

OUR EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT.

Every student of the Berlin Business College commands the services of the employment department of the college. Applications for office help come in at all times, and students are continually going from the school to positions in business offices. Success is certain to students of good ability and character. New students enter next Tuesday, W. D. Euler, Principal.

TYPEWRITER CLEARANCE SALE

The Monarch Typewriter Company are clearing out, at surprisingly low figures (\$12.50 and upwards) a quantity of second hand machines of all makes, solid, reliable at their expense, after a week's test, if not satisfactory, Call at H. L. Staebler and Co's. office, 11 Queen south, for Typewriters and Typewriting Supplies.

#### NEW POSTAGE STAMP.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Early in the new year the first instalment of the King George V. postage stamps will be on sale. The new stamps which in colors and denominations will be the same as those of the current series, have for their central and dominant feature a faithful portrait of His Majesty in the uniform of an admiral. At the top end above the head of the King are found the crowns, one at each side, emblematic of the Empire. Just below the portrait, and forming a base for the oval frame containing the King's head, are two supporting branches of maple leaves. It is possible that only the more commonly used denominations (the 1c and 2c) will be ready for issue by the first of January.

#### YOUR WORRIES.

Would be all over if you ordered D. L. and W. coal (which is all coal) from R. Boehmer and Co.

#### COLLEGE OFFICE OPEN TO-NIGHT

The principal's office at the Berlin Business College will be open this evening until 9. The winter term, both day and evening school, opens next Tuesday.

#### MONEY TO LOAN.

On town and farm property, Henry Knell, Real Estate Agent.

#### NIGHT SCHOOL.

Night school re-opens at the Business College next Tuesday evening when new students will be admitted. L. F.

#### Where Are You Going To-night ?

Theatatorium—Moving pictures.

Star Theatre—What Happens to Jones.

Grand Theatre—Nevadaville and moving pictures.

#### OLD PROBS

Strong easterly with snow or sleet to-night and part of Sunday northly, winds and considerable colder Sunday night.



Increased Success to Berlin  
1912

### To-day's News To-day

(Canadian Press.)

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Alhambra Co., manufacturers of machinery will default in the interest on the first mortgage bonds, payable January 1st.

The additional capital and reduction of interest charges is required if the business is to be profitably continued. It is said that the directors report the company suffering from a trade depression.

(Canadian Press.)

Calcutta, India, Dec. 30.—King George has returned from his shooting trip in Nepal and Queen Mary from her long tour through India's historic spots this morning. The royal procession passed through the gaily decorated streets, amid cheering throngs. The king in reply to a municipal address, prophesied, "Calcutta will always remain the Premier City of India."

There majesties remain here till January eighth, sailing from Bombay on the steamer Medina on January ninth. Most elaborate preparations have been taken for the protection of their majesties during their stay in the hotbed of agitation.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—Addressing a Church meeting in Wales yesterday, Lord George talked on his favorite subject, "the relief of poverty of masses." He said that those who take ground that the church is concerned solely with spiritual things, reflect on the master, they repudiate precepts and doctrine of the greatest disciples, whose first act on the founding of the church was to establish a fund for the care of poor, and thus the first poor law. Guardians were established, "and remember" said chancellor trouble which befell him who did not fill his farms properly, and who did not give a correct account of his property to the chancellor of "exchequer."

The Jubilee Singers at St. Jerome's Hall, Tuesday, January 2nd, Plan at Clarke's.

St. Valerian, Que. 30.—Mrs. Francois Roy while attempting to light a fire with kerosene set the house on fire, and three of the six young children were burned to death, despite desperate efforts to save them, by the mother.

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E. P. Cornell's Dental office at 23 Queen St. North, will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of the week until further notice.

### FIRE LADDIES HAD BIG NIGHT

Annual Ball Was Attended  
By Over 200—A Big  
Success

Another fireman's ball in Berlin has passed off successfully. The annual event, held in the Concordia Hall last evening, attracted over 200 people of the Twin-City and many outside points, and until early hours in the morning did the dance, hold forth and the participants make merry.

Chief Cook and his men ably managed the affair and they are elated with the success of the sale of tickets and the success of the event.

The Victoria Orchestra furnished a very bright program of music, excellently well rendered. The numbers were frequently repeated. Mr. S. Stauder admirably conducted the duties of floor manager and in fact the arrangement of the entire program was of a nature to elicit nothing but expressions of pleasure and appreciation.

#### A COLD SNAP.

Means a snap for the coal man that handles the best coal. Lockhart snatched up quite a number of orders to-day, there's a reason.

### FIRST HOCKEY ON NEW YEAR

London Seven Will Be  
Here for Exhibition  
Game With Locals

First hockey of the season in Berlin on New Year's night. It was something unusual for local hockey fans to be without a game on Christmas night, but the weather was entirely responsible for this. However the Berlin Intermediate Hockey management has seen to it that New Year's night will not go by without a game. President H. E. Wetlaufer of the O. H. A., and secretary Rhodes of the local club have arranged with the London club to be here on Monday evening for an exhibition game at the auditorium.

The Berlin Club had a good workout last night and by their showing give promise of winning games this season. Ken Casselman of London, has a bunch of fast "uns and as a curtain raiser for the hockey season, in Berlin it should be well worth witnessing.

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Hett Optical Co., uses no drops in examining the eyes, the vision, fitting you with glasses if you need them and building up the muscles of the eyes to give you relief from eye strain and headaches. Open evenings until 9 p. m., at 115 King East.

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