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In the Woman's Store

Gloves
are always acceptable—and especially if Fownes.

English Cape, French Kid and Wash Kid in all the wanted shades and sizes.....\$1.00 to \$3.00
Mocha Gloves and Mitts with fur tops.....\$1.75 to \$2.00
Wool, Cashmere and Chamoisette Gloves.....50c, 75c and \$1.00

Christmas Linens

Fine Huck Towels.....50c, 75c, \$1.00
Table Linens at.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50
Centre pieces.....25c to \$5.00
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Sweater Coats for women and children.
Wool Mitts, Gloves or Toques
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Fur Scarf or Muff
Black or Fancy Silks
Plain or Fancy Ribbons
Hearth Rugs Bath Mats

In the Man's Store

Arrow and Regal Shirts
New Christmas styles, made from the fashionable Jap-Crepe, either in French or laundered cuffs.....\$1.25 to \$3.50

Sweaters, Sweater Coats

Pull-Over Sweaters for boys, in all the club colors.....\$1.75 to \$3.00
Boys' Fine Jerseys in grey, blue or red. Sizes 24 to 32.....\$1.35 to \$2.00
Boys' Sweater Coats.....\$1.25 to \$3.25
Men's All-Wool Pull-Overs at.....\$2.50, \$3.25 and \$5.00
Men's All-Wool Sweater Coats.....\$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.25 and \$9.00

Christmas Ties

in fancy boxes...60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Boxes Suspenders.....50c and 75c
Fancy Armbands.....25c and 35c
Neck Scarfs in fancy silk or knitted.....\$1.25 to \$2.75

Gloves and Mitts

For Men and Boys
For dress purposes or those heavy wool or fur lined for zero weather.
Gloves.....75c to \$3.00
Mitts.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
Motor Gauntlets.....\$2.50 to \$5.00

Will This Help You?

Hockey Gauntlets
Silk or Cashmere Hosiery
Initial or Plain Linen Handkerchiefs
Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$5
Khaki Socks or Ties
Stanfield's Underwear Eastern Caps
King or Borsalino Hats
20th Century Suit or Overcoat
Fur Coat Sleeveless Sweaters

A. Brown & Co.

"THE STORE THAT SATISFIES"
PHONE 24.

BROOKE COUNCIL.

Alvinston, Dec. 14, 1918.
Council met pursuant to adjournment. Minutes of former meeting read and adopted.

Report of Geo. A. McCubbin, O. L. S. & C. E., read on proposed repairs to Mouro drain in Ennisville Township being outlet to the Monro drain in the Township of Brooke, estimated cost \$791.

Oke-Sutton—that report be adopted and by-law be prepared authorizing the borrowing by debentures the proportion to be contributed by the Municipality of Brooke.—Carried.

Communications:—
From Fred Atchison account for \$8.00 for repairing Gilliland Award drain. Referred to Commissioner to settle.

Sutton-Oke—that Fred Braithwaite be paid \$30.00 for four lambs killed by dogs and Paul Kingston \$25.00 for one lamb killed and two worried by dogs.—Carried. Mr. Kingston said one lamb died after the valuation was made by Inspector Council advised Mr. Kingston notify the Inspector to that effect.

Mr. Annett, Chairman of the Local Board of Health handed in report of same.

Annett-Johnston—that report be received and order issued for \$49.50 in remuneration of members and payment of expenses.—Carried.

Johnston-Atkin—that John S. Elliott and Albert Mitchell each be paid \$2.00 for dogs erroneously assessed.—Carried.

Oke-Sutton—that Wm. Dolbear be paid \$2.00 per yd. for drawing sand to breakwater on Con. 12.—Carried.

Johnston-Atkin—that adjourned Court of Revision on 3-4 sideroad and 8-9 con. drain by-law be reopened.—Carried.

Johnston-Oke—that Court be further adjourned to open at two o'clock p. m. in Code's Hall, Alvinston, on Monday the 13th day of January 1919.—Carried.

Mr. Wm. Annett, commissioner on repairs to Dolbear-Gray drain, reported the work completed. Receipts \$1125, expenditures \$1480.80, deficit \$355.80.

Annett-Johnston

—that report be adopted and deficit be spread pro rata on lands and roads assessed under by-law No. 7 of 1918 being the by-law authorizing repairs, the amount to be placed on 1919 Collectors Roll for collection.—Carried.

Oke-Atkin—that Clerk write The Honourable Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario, re Provincial Highway, urging the adoption of the Longwood Road from London to Windsor, as the only road serving the southern part of the County of Lambton.—Carried.

Brooke Municipal Telephone System asked for \$1150 be advanced for Telephone purposes.—Granted on motion by Oke-Atkin.

By-law submitted and read to authorize the levy and collection pro rata the overpayment of \$204.51 from off lands and roads assessed in By-law No. 3 of 1914, authorizing repairs to the Brooke Ennisville and Dawn Townline, Brooke and Euphemia Townline and Martin Creek drains.

Johnston-Sutton—that By-law be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Atkin-Oke—that order be issued in favor of Cowan, Towers & Cowan for \$69 retaining fee and other expenses.—Carried.

Minutes of meeting read and adopted.

Oke-Sutton—that council adjourn sine die.—Carried.

W. J. WREED, Clerk.

Merchants Bank's "Extra"

The declaration of an extra dividend of 1 p. c. by the Merchants Bank of Canada obviously takes into consideration the prosperity enjoyed by the institution in recent years, and the rights of stockholders to share in it.

In April, 1914, the bank reported total assets of \$83,120,000; the statement for the half-year ending Oct. 31st showed a total of \$105,924,000. The bank had doubled in size in the four and a half years. Profits have not increased proportionately to the growth in resources, for one thing because war conditions made it advisable for the banks to keep large sums in idle cash. But the surplus earned for shareholders has been far in excess of dividend requirements, amounting, after war tax, in the last fiscal year to little less than 17 p. c. on paid-up capital, against the 10 p. c. dividend. Presumably this showing is being improved on during the current year.

Mail Clerk Dies From Influenza

Following a brief illness from influenza which developed pneumonia, Edward B. Palmer, of 14 Erie avenue, London, a well-known and popular railway mail clerk running from London to Toronto on the Stratford line succumbed on Thursday last at his late residence, where his wife lies critically ill with the same disease. Mr. Palmer, who was 28 years of age, came to London from Sarnia, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, reside.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Sarnia, also of Bridge-water Lodge, No. 204, Sons of England. Besides his parents, Mr. Palmer is survived by two brothers, James B. Palmer, deputy registrar at Sarnia; Hubert W. with the 18th Battalion, now in France; an adopted brother, Walter S., and two sisters, Louisa and Aileen, both at home.

Interment was made in Sarnia on Sunday, the funeral taking place from the residence of his parents, 300 Front Street north.

Mr. Palmer was a son-in-law of Mr. J. E. Fowler, of Watford.

SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Sterling Bank Has Opened Six New Branches in Last Two Weeks.

Despite the variance of opinions regarding the outlook for Canadian business substantial evidence is accumulating day by day that business men in general are confident that the immediate future is full of promise. This evidence takes the form of business extension and the launching of projects that have been in contemplation during the war. Typical of this tendency is the fact that within the last two weeks The Sterling Bank of Canada has opened six new branches. This well-calculated action constitutes an expression of faith on the part of the Sterling Bank executive in the solid prosperity that lies before Canada. Of these six branches four are located in Ontario—at Stawner, Peneloa Falls, Zephyr, and Kimmount, while the other two are in Manitoba—at Eden and Glenella. The location of these new branches suggests that the Sterling Bank management plans to extend its sphere of service in the direction in which it has always shown an especial interest—in the farming communities.

A Four Weeks' Short Course in Practical Agriculture

Unquestionably there are many young farmers who realize the need for a wider knowledge of the principles underlying successful Agriculture. The opportunity will be theirs if they will only attend the Four Weeks' Free Short Course to be conducted by the County Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Watford, beginning January 7th, 1919. The object of the course is not primarily to teach the young man how to farm—this must be learned by actual farming experience—but rather to make a study of the principles upon which our common every day farm operations are based.

The course will be divided into sections covering all branches of farming, such as fruit growing, vegetable growing, principles of breeding and feeding of livestock dairying, poultry, study of crops, insect and plant diseases, weeds and weed seeds, bee-keeping, farm underdrainage, farm buildings, planning of stables, bacteriology in relation to agriculture, business practices, banking and farm book-keeping, soils and fertilizers. All farm operations will be discussed in a practical way. The local staff of the County Department of Agriculture will be assisted by some of the best experienced and most practical men to be procured in the Province.

These Courses have been held for the past eight years at various points throughout the County. Judging from the past attendance and the reports from former students these Courses have been both beneficial and successful.

The Courses at Watford will be no exception. Show your enthusiasm by filling in an application and forwarding it to the Department of Agriculture, Petrolia.

A free course for young women in Domestic Science will be held simultaneously and will be in charge of a competent lady instructor. This course will be held under the auspices of the Women's Institute, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Secretary and Mrs. John Humphrey, President.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, Dec. 16, 1918.

Regular meeting of Council. Present: Reeve, Harper, Doan and Hollingsworth. Minutes of former meeting read. No objection Reeve confirmed same.

Doan-Hollingsworth—that we grant A. Cameron an extension until December 28th instant for collection of unpaid taxes and that five per cent be added on all taxes not paid by said date in pursuance to a by-law to that effect.—Carried.

Fitzgerald-Hollingsworth—that the business tax of \$3.85 charged to Sidney Routley in error be not demanded by collector, but allowed off.—Carried.

Fitzgerald-Harper—that all parties using ditches or drains in Watford are requested not to use same for any purpose other than for the drainage of surface water in pursuance of by-law to that effect.—Carried.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

Walter Scott.....\$5.00

J. F. Elliot, salary \$15.00, statutory allowance \$12.00.....27.00

McCormick, tile ac.....27.47

Wm. McLeay, rent of Hall for Court.....24.00

Guide-Advocate, printing ac.....24.50

Taylor & Son, fumigations.....6.75

H. Hollingsworth, draying ac.....2.15

N. B. Howden Est., ac.....46.00

Cowan, Towers & Cowan, legal ac.....7.00

W. G. Siddall, Salary Health Officer.....25.00

Robt. Fleming, gravel ac.....82.50

Alex. Cameron, collector.....39.00

Wm. McLeay, salary \$80, statutory allowance \$12.....76.50

ment \$3.00, stamps \$1.50.....9.08

Dr. G. N. Howden, Treas. war celebration.....25.00

Harper-Hollingsworth—that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Doan-Harper—that minutes as read be adopted.—Carried.

Hollingsworth-Doan—that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

Dr. T. L. Towers, of the C. A. M. C. has been promoted to the rank of major.

Bruce Dunlop, of Petrolia, has gone to Peru.

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For the Kiddies

Toys, Picture Books, Games, Dolls, Toy Dishes, Mechanical Toys and numerous other things with which to fill the kiddies' stockings.

For "Her"

Toilet and Manicure Cases.....\$1.50 to \$15.00
Xmas Stationery in Fancy Boxes.....25c to \$3.00
Odd Pieces of Fine China and Cut Glass.....25c to \$15.00
Hand Bags and Purses.....50c to \$8.00
Xmas Perfumes in packages.....from 25c to \$5.00
Ivory and Ebony Pieces.....25c to \$6.00
Ivory Manicure Cases in Leather Fold Up Rolls...\$2.50 to \$12.50
Kodaks.....from \$3.00 to \$22.50
Books.....from 25c to \$2.00 Leather bound Poets...\$2 to \$3.50
Bibles.....65c to \$5.00 Pictures.....25c to \$2.00
A Piece of Good Silverware.....\$1.00 to \$15.00
Xmas Chocolates.....55c to \$3.50 Perfumes.....25c to \$5.00
Toilet Waters and Fine Soaps.

For "Him"

Brushes of all kinds in Ebony and Ivory.
Purses and Wallets.
Fountain Pens.....\$2.50 to \$6.00
Smoking Sets, Cigars, Pipes, Match Safes and Tobacco Jars.
Gillette and Auto-Stop Razors.....\$5.00
Razor Strops.....50c to \$2.00 Shaving Brushes...35c to \$1.75

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LOCAL HAPPENING

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes a items of interest for this column. Call phone 11, send by mail or direct items in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box.

RENEW.

DOAN & Co. had a grand display Christmas beef and poultry this year.

The Christmas trade done by the food merchants on Monday far surpassed their most sanguine expectations.

A SNEAK-THIEF stole about \$15 the till in the Alvinston Free Press one day last week.

The open winter may not be so good some lines of business but it is just what for those who are short of fuel.

An eastern clergyman says kissing girls of the dark ages. However that be, much of it is still done in the day.

The people of Port Huron voted to come to use Eastern time. The new will come into effect on Sunday.

The entertainment given by Methodist Sunday School last evening was a success and greatly enjoyed by all, especially by the children.

Mrs. Wm. H. WARD received word Dec. 17th, that her sister, Mrs. W. Fuller, had died in Saskatoon of 1 month.

PEOPLE should get into the habit of taking some of their change in 1 Stamps. If this is done, a lot of money will thus be saved.

LONDON'S mayor, C. R. Somer has been elected by acclamation for other term. There are 42 aspirant the office of councillor.

CHRISTMAS DAY was spent quietly in Watford, mostly around the fire. The day was somewhat raw and disagreeable turning colder at night. I were few visitors in town.

THE SOLDIERS who returned overseas in time for Christmas most lately have enjoyed that day after long an absence from the family circle but a number of our boys from this district had to eat their Christmas dinner somewhere in Germany.

The inauguration was announced Sarnia by Hon. W. J. Hanna, President of the Imperial Oil Co. Limited, plan of co-operative partnership between the company and its six thousand employees in a sort of industrial republic.

THE regular monthly meeting of C Watford, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held in the usual place Thursday evening, December 26th 8 o'clock. Election of officers and general business. Every member is requested to be present.

WE'VE often heard it said what would do to give the returned soldier rousing welcome home from the Well, the boys are coming. Some already dropped in, and apparently nothing as yet has been done to arrange for the civic welcome. Isn't it about action were taken?

WITH the object of helping to serve Canada's supply of wheat, an act in council has been passed providing no person shall sell or purchase wheat fit for milling purposes for use of poultry. The only exception is wheat grown together with other grain, which cannot be separated for milling purposes.

HONOR and distinction has been conferred upon Dr. W. H. Woods, of Brydges, who was appointed by executive of the order, on Friday last the position of grand medical examiner for the Canadian Order of Chosen Friars succeeding Dr. J. H. Bell, of Hami who has resigned.

INDIGNANT Mother—"Why did she strike little Elsie, you naughty boy Dick?"—What did she want to cheat them?" Mother—"How did she cheat Dick?"—Why, we were playing at and Eve, and she had the apple to me with, and she never tempted me to eat and ate it herself."

ONE of our citizens who occasionally wipes the dishes for his wife, becomes tired of the job and refused, saying "It is not a man's work." Not feeling poss to leave his help she brought the Bible to convince him of his duty and read as follows from II Kings, 2 "And will wipe Jerusalem as a wretch a dish, wiping it and turning upside down." It is needless to say he is still doing his occasional stunt.

MANY PARENTS seem to think that children are prompt in their attendance at school or not. They think that minutes off the end of a half day and then will be little hindrance to a child's progress. Well, the pupil will lose much real information by being occasionally a few minutes late, but will lose that which is more important he will lose his interest in school.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS will be on Monday evening, Dec. 30th from 8.30 o'clock. Electors will meet in Music Hall, not in the Lyceum as has been fore. As has occurred in town for years past very little interest is shown in the matter. The town's affairs and see that able, reasonable men are placed in the field for positions.