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### THE PASSING OF THE YEAR.

The old year dies amid the rage of storms that herald the end. And carries on its finished page The pictures we have penned. Fair pictures, some, and others drear. Tales of love and woe— Could we but keep the bright ones near. And let the others go. O dying Year! Could we but guard And keep some pictures yet. And with your passing now discard The ones we would forget.

Farewell old Year, farewell again! We welcome in the new. And may the pages that we pen. Shine forth a brighter hue.  
—L. Glenn Earl

### Out for Mayorality.

Mr. J. A. Derbyshire is out for the mayorality of Brockville. He is a Liberal who has served eight years as councillor.

### The Gleaners.

Over 6,000 women are employed in combing the battlefields in France, where everything is being salvaged, even old boots are being picked up and made to do duty again.

### Xmas at the Front.

Ontario soldiers are now receiving Xmas presents from the Province of Ontario. The presents total 150,000, 70,000 for Ontario soldiers in France and 80,000 men in England and consist of boxes containing comforts, trench gloves, tobacco, cigarettes and a personal message from the Prime Minister. Nothing touches men more than this assurance that they are not forgotten in the homeland.

### Darkness.

Two "lightless" nights a week have been ordered by the fuel administration at Washington. Sunday night was the first, and thereafter Sunday and Thursday of every week will see the city white ways and advertising signs darkened, only necessary street lights used, and only such lights as the law requires in offices and stores not open for business.

### Coal Arriving.

Coal is arriving and many empty bins will be filled for the coming cold weather of January and February.

### Cheese Factory Burned.

Anvern cheese factory located on the old Hough farm near Fairfield East, the property of Samuel Walker, was burned to the ground last week. How the fire originated, is not known as no one had been in the building for some time. The season's output of cheese had been shipped. The building was well equipped and the loss is covered by insurance.

### Christmas Market.

There was a very large market Saturday morning in the county town with a keen demand for poultry apparent. Turkeys sold at 35-40c a pound; geese, 30-40c a pound; ducks, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50 each; chicken, \$1.25 each; potatoes, \$1.25 a bushel; butter and eggs, 50c; apples, 40-50c a peck; onions, \$1.00 a bushel and beef 14-18c a pound.

### The Draft.

Many young men are spending Christmas at their homes in the district before donning the khaki for service overseas. They expect to be called out on the 3rd of January to report at Kingston or Brockville.

### Skating Soon.

The Athens Rink will open soon under new management, and skating will commence, it is expected, within a few days.

### Christ's Church S. S. Treat.

The children of Christ's church S. S. will be entertained at a social evening held in the vestry on the evening of New Year's Day. The parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Next Sunday here will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. with morning prayer at 10.30.

### DEATH OF T. F. BIRCH

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McIntyre, of Brockville went to Detroit to attend the funeral last week of their brother in law, Mr. T. F. Birch, formerly of Delta. The deceased left this county three weeks ago and at that time was apparently in the best of health.

## Interesting Items

Fresh oysters, fruit and confectionery, at Miss Addison's.

Mrs. I. C. Algire is on the sick list.

Many of the rural school teachers are holidaying at their homes in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Percival, of Plum Hollow, were Christmas guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Percival.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scovill spent Christmas Day with Dr. W. D. and Mrs. Stevens, in Westport.

Miss Hattie Hawkins, of Brockville, is here on a visit to her father, Mr. E. Hawkins.

Mr. Glen Sherman has gone to Quebec province to take a circuit of the Baptist church.

Mrs. T. J. Vickery and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting the former's mother in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Wallace M. Johnson, Carleton Place, is a Christmas guest of his mother.

Mr. Mahlon Yates is home from Capreol where he has been employed during the past month.

Mrs. Knapp, of Kingston, who has been spending a week or so here with her sister, Mrs. A. Fisher, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Cross and little daughter, of Edmonton, Alta., are here to spend the winter visiting relatives, and are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cross.

Miss Blanche McLean, of Queen's and Miss Irene McLean, of Toronto, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stevens.

Mr. Wm. Yates arrived home last week from Ottawa, where he has been employed for the past few months, and has left for Perth where he will be employed for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gallagher and daughter, of Brockville, are guests of Mrs. John Wiltse. Mr. Gallagher is Registrar for the Counties.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parish, Brockville, and Dr. T. F. Chamberlain, of Morrisburg, were Yuletide guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parish.

Mr. Robert Blair, former C.N.R. agent here, who for some months has been at Strathcona, Ont., has gone to Edmonton on a trip after spending Christmas with friends in Athens and vicinity.

Mr. Steve Stinson, Jr., an Athens boy who has been in Bassano, Alta., for several years, was a guest of friends here last week. He came east to visit his parents in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Judson and son Lyman spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Loverin at Greenbush. Mrs. Judson, Lyman, and Miss Myrtle Loverin left to-day on a trip to Syracuse and Rome, N.Y.

Mr. John Cobey, Jr., and bride, of Morewood, are guests of the former's parents here. Mr. Cobey has been making cheese at the above named place, and was married last week. The Reporter extends best wishes.

Mrs. H. B. Bright and two sons left on Monday for Toronto where they will reside with her father. Before leaving, an auction sale was held of a quantity of the household effects.

Mrs. J. Ferguson and little daughter, of Bassano, Alta., have arrived in Athens to spend a time here with her father, Mr. Ed. Hawkins. Mrs. Ferguson's husband was killed in France in the summer of 1916. He was at one time a student of the A. H.S.

In a recent letter received here from Lance Corp. Keith McLaughlin, from France, he states that he is getting his second leave to England on Dec. 17, and expects to spend Christmas with his brother, Roy, in the Postal Corps at Bramshott. He also expects to spend a few days sight-seeing in Scotland before returning to France.

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Mrs. A. Kendrick, Forfar, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kendrick.

Mr. Lloyd Willson, Kingston, was a Christmas visitor at his home here.

Miss Addie Knowlton, Vineland, Ont., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. R. Knowlton.

Miss Jennie Doolan, who holds a Government position at Ottawa, was home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Knowlton were Christmas visitors in Caintown.

Mrs. Ada Fisher is visiting her brother in Ottawa.

Mr. Roy E. Parish, Hamilton, is a Christmas visitor at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parish.

Mrs. A. Robinson went to Brockville to spend Christmas week with her daughter, Mrs. D. M. Spidal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Arnold were guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stevenson, Brockville.

Master Alvin Judson went to Phillipsville to spend a short time with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham and family are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brown.

Dr. Roy K. Lillie, of Coleman, Alta., was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Lillie over the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. John Barry, New Dublin, and Mr. Ed. Barry, of Toronto, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Glenn Earl.

Mr. Vernon Baker, of the Merchants' Bank, enjoyed Christmas at his home at Singleton.

Mrs. J. Morris and daughter, Rebecca, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Earl.

Miss Clare Lillie who has been attending Model School in Orillia is home for the holidays. She has been engaged to teach in school section No. 1, Rear of Yonge and Escott.

Miss Cora Gray has closed her millinery parlor and has gone to her home in Brockville to stay until the opening of the spring season.

The staff of the A.H.S. are spending the holidays at their homes: Miss Allen at Toronto; Miss Finch at Hagersville; and Mr. Halpenny at Kemptville.

Mr. Winford Gifford, of the staff of the "Gazette," Aylmer, Ont., is spending Christmas week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gifford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Aylesworth, of Newburg, Ont., are Christmas guests of Rev. Rural Dean and Mrs. Swayne.

Mr. Ward Leahy, of the Merchants Bank was a guest of Mr. William Fleming, Seeley's Bay, on Christmas Day.

Private "Len" Bates has returned home after a long period on the fighting line in France. He is undergoing medical treatment in Kingston prior to being discharged. His many friends in Athens are giving him a cordial welcome.

Misses Bertha Hollingsworth and Merrill Rahmer, and Mr. A. M. Lee, students at Normal School, Ottawa, are holidaying at their homes here. All three were successful in passing the December academic examinations which are set by the Department. Mr. Lee and daughters will accompany her husband on his return to the Capitol, and will take up residence there.

### CHARLESTON HONOR ROLL

IV—Elva Spence, George Godkin, Frances Stevens, Claude Botsford, Walter Wood, James Botsford, Hubert Heffernan.

III—Evelyn Latimer, Cora Stevens.

Sr. II—Kenneth Latimer, Charlie Webster, Raymond Heffernan.

Jr. II—Bernard Godkin.

I—Albertus Kelsey.

Sr. Pr.—Sammie Kelsey, Ida Belle Covey, Mabel Covey.

Jr. Pr.—Francis Crozier.

Total Enrolment—19. Average attendance—13.2. Mina Pritchard, teacher

### REQUEST TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Just about now, many subscriptions expire, and those that were not paid in advance, are in many cases still owing. Such small matters as subscription to a weekly paper are apt to be overlooked in the Christmas festivities. Like the ministers in the pulpit we dislike harping about money that is due, and we trust our subscribers will look at the label on their paper and remit while the matter is fresh in their minds. The day of the month is not often shown on the label, but two figures such as 17 or 18 stand for the year as 1917 or 1918. Subscriptions are payable in advance at the rate of \$1.50 a year. We thank you all for past favors and wish you content and prosperity amid the war's alarms of the coming year.

### NOTICE

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