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## SQUIBOGRAPHS.

The days are so short now it is hardly worth while getting up in the mornings.

This is the time of the year the Christmas gobbler feels a severing sensation in the vicinity of his jugular.

There is another advantage in doing your Christmas shopping early you know just how much you owe before the year is out.

Automobiles are right in line  
Rubber tired rigs are fine  
But a snug little cutter  
With nobbity but her  
Is good enough for mine.

The parliament buildings in New Zealand burnt down the other day. The fire is supposed to have originated from the hot air pipes in front of the speaker's chair.

It was the night before Christmas  
When all through the shanty  
The cry went up, why don't you ante?  
The end of the year  
Is almost in sight  
If you don't settle this bill  
There'll be no curfew to night.

The street cars are so crowded in Toronto that the passengers have to hang on with both hands and hold their tickets in their teeth. Manager Fleming contemplates employing dentists as conductors, they being expert at painless extractions.

Mary bought a little muff  
Little muff  
Little muff  
She thought that was not enough  
Not enough  
Not enough  
And as she had lots of stuff  
Lots of stuff  
She made up her mind moreover,  
To buy a nice throw over.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

THE holiday rush is on.  
RENEW your subscription.  
HOLLY and mistletoe.—SWIFT'S.  
TAYLOR'S for bibles and hymnals.  
SHOP early and give the clerks a chance to wait on you.

SIGNET rings, engraving free.—CARL A. CLASS, Jeweler.

FULLER & COOKE shipped two decks of lambs to Buffalo, Wednesday.

LADIES' fancy collars and belts, correct styles, popular prices.—A. BROWN & CO.

PETROLEA has made application for a Carnegie library, asking for a donation of \$10,000.

XMAS post cards and picture post card albums of McLaren's.

GENT'S fancy vests, fancy handled umbrellas.—SWIFT'S.

THE Dominion estimates contain an appropriation of \$5,000 for the public building in Sarnia.

WEDDING and engagement rings in great variety at Dowding's. Big stock to select from.

"Which travels the faster, heat or cold?" "Give it up." "Why, heat. You can catch cold."

A PAIR of skates make a nice Christmas present. T. Dodds sells all the leading makes.

CHRISTMAS service will be held in Trinity Church at 10.30 a.m. Christmas day. Holy communion.

PRESERVE your health by wearing our good warm footwear.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

MEETING of Court Lorne Monday evening next. Election of officers and other important business.

A DIVIDEND of three and a half cents on the dollar will probably be declared in the Lloyd-Thompson estate.

If its handkerchiefs we have them from the one cent rag to the fine Brussels or Irish point.—SWIFT'S.

THE Chesley Enterprise and Monrovia, (Cal.) Messenger have favored us with very creditable Christmas numbers.

HON. J. I. TARTE, the well-known French Canadian politician and editor, died at his home in Montreal Wednesday.

FOR Rodger's Bros. 1874, knives, forks, spoons, carving sets, etc.—CLASS, the Jeweler.

THE Royal Arch meeting of L.O.L. No. 505 will be held on Monday evening next. All members are required to attend.

TAYLOR'S for bargains in toys.

An investigation is being held at Petrolia this week to find out the cause of the recent explosion of nitro glycerine near that town.

TEACHER—What are the functions of the pores of our bodies, Harry? Small Harry.—They are the things we use to catch cold with.—Chicago Daily News.

A BARGAIN in men's fur coats, only 12 left, regular \$18.00 for \$14.75.—A. BROWN & CO.

WE congratulate our former townsman, Mr. J. W. Smith, on being re-elected mayor of the city of Regina by a handsome majority.

DOWDING the Jeweler has been in Watford for ten years, and has no intention of leaving. You can rely on any article he guarantees.

You are too hard on Mr. Skinflint, you should treat him with more of the milk of human kindness. "He'd churn it into butter and sell it if I did."

In children's fur sets our Xmas display will surprise you.—SWIFT BROS.

WE are indebted to F. P. McDonnell for copies of Edmonton and Calgary papers. Alberta appears to be all right and Edmonton is right in the swim.

MISS WILLIAMS would take it as a favor if all parties having accounts on her books would call and settle, as she requires the money at this time of the year.

ENGAGEMENT and wedding rings. CARL A. CLASS, Jeweler.

HON W. J. Hanua, who was laid up with an attack of grip for a few days last week, was able to be at his office in the Parliament Buildings again on Monday.

MEN'S ties and braces in fancy boxes for Christmas gifts.—A. BROWN & CO.

G. T. R. AGENT VAIL has rented the brick residence on Huron St. recently occupied by Mr. Musselman. Mr. Musselman and family have removed to Lindsay.

P. DODDS & SON have now on display a large and choice assortment of parlor and hanging lamps and fancy china suitable for wedding or Christmas presents.

THE prevalence of smallpox in a number of Western Ontario towns should be a warning to take every possible precaution against the spread of the dread disease.

HOLIDAY shoppers are invited to look through Dowding's Christmas lines. You will be sure to find just what you want, and the price will please you.

Now comes the season when the little youngster coming home from school gets its foot taken off, by getting it under the runner when "catching on" to a loaded sleigh.

TOYS, picture books and games for the children at McLaren's.  
"WELL, what is a skeleton?" asked the teacher. "A skeleton," said a small pupil, twisting her apron in her fingers, "is a man who has his insides outside and his outsides off."

PERSIAN LAMB CAPS, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.50, fine even curl.—SWIFT'S.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE extends cordial greetings to its large and intelligent circle of readers and trusts that the holiday season will be one of pleasure and enjoyment to one and all.

FINEST perfumes at Taylor's.

It is expected that the Liberal Convention for the East Riding of Lambton will be held in Watford on Friday, Jan. 10th, when candidates for the local and federal legislatures will be selected.

GENT'S GLOVES, neckwear, braces, handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes for Xmas.—SWIFT'S.

ONE of the finest rural schools in Lambton is the new union school, south of Wyoming. The building is two stories and basement and has all modern improvements. The cost was \$2200.

A MEETING of the Royal Arch will be held in L. O. L. No. 505 lodge room on Monday evening next, Dec. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend. Visiting brethren welcome.

CHILDREN'S grey lamb caps, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, special for Xmas.—SWIFT'S.

THERE was an old fellow named Green, Who grew so absurdly lean  
And flat and compressed,  
That his back touched his chest,  
And sideways he couldn't be seen.

HERE'S the way a Port Huron firm advertises in the Times of that city.—A Ferry Tale.—James Beard asked Grace Dormer to sing Hiawatha for Omar D. Conger, but she refused.—Don't worry.

How about a carving set for Christmas? T. Dodds can sell you a handsome set at an easy price.

A CHRISTMAS entertainment will be held in the Music Hall, on Xmas night, Dec. 25th, under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday School. A good program will be provided and a large turnout is expected. See bills for particulars.

REEVE PARKER, of Watford, had the honor of presiding at the County Council banquet held at the Hotel Northern, Sarnia, on Friday night. A number of prominent county and parliamentary representatives gave addresses.

SPECIAL, ladies' Xmas golfers.—SWIFT BROS.

ALTHOUGH many fat cattle were exhibited at the Winter Fair, it is agreed by experts that the cow would be happier would live longer, and would make more milk and better beef if she didn't worry so much over the price of hay.

ARE you going home for Christmas? Take advantage of the rates offered by the Grand Trunk Railway System. Single fare between all stations in Canada, good going Dec. 24th, and 25th, 1907. Valid for return until Jan. 31st, 1908. For further information and tickets apply to any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

A COUNTRYMAN was arrested on suspicion of having stolen chickens. When he was brought before the justices the next morning he was asked: "Are you the defendant in the case?" "No, your worship," replied he, "I'm the man what stole the chickens."

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.—SWIFT BROS.  
LORD GREY, like Sir Wilfrid, considers the winter the best asset which Canada possesses. It produces "a superiority in grain, fruit, stock, and men and women which the South can never take away."

That is the right kind of talk. We should all be proud of our winter.

THE snow storm on Saturday spoiled a big holiday trade for local merchants. However it has provided excellent sleighing and business is lively. Large quantities of wood and poultry are being marketed and the Christmas trade promises to be fully as good as other years.

THE reputation of Toronto as a moral city is getting something of a black eye through the applications to Parliament for divorce. There are thirteen applications for divorce from the whole Dominion, and nine of these are from the city of Toronto.

HIS Lordship, the Bishop of Huron chaired a class of adults at the Inman church on the Sarnia reserve on Sunday afternoon, 8th inst. There was a large congregation and the singing by the choir was very good. The church edifice is to be remodelled, painted and a brick foundation placed under it next spring. The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$500.

FINE manicure sets at Taylor's.  
In teas and coffees we lead. A trial order means that we have you for a regular customer.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

ON Christmas morning when the family was assembled at the breakfast room, Bobby came running into the room eager to tell how good Santa Claus had been to him. Grandma immediately asked: "Did you see Santa Claus, Bobby?" "No, grandma, but I heard him," said Bobby; "just as he was going out of the room, he stubbed his toe against my bed and he said—'Ah, that will do, son,' said papa."

GENT'S hem stitch Irish linen handkerchiefs, hundred dozen at \$1.75, worth \$2.50.—SWIFT BROS.

AT the Ontario Poultry Show at Guelph last week, the biggest show in the Province, Mr. A. E. Doan carried off all the honors in black leghorns, comprising six prizes and three in Orpingtons outside of ten valuable specials and a silver cup for the best collection of black leghorns. Watford poultrymen appear to be able to hold their own in the fastest company, there being nearly five thousand entries at Guelph.

GOLD lockets, cuff links, stick pins, Pearl pendants suitable for holiday presents.—CLASS, the Jeweler.

Now that the Farmers' Association and the Dominion Grange have united forces a strong central executive body has been formed that will be in a position to speak with authority for the farmers of Canada on public questions. Among the things that the new organization demands are: A tariff for revenue only, abolition of iron and steel duties and of railway subsidies, retrenchment in public expenditure, and an elective senate.

WE have the best \$1.00 ladies' kid gloves made! Every pair guaranteed.—A. BROWN & CO.

ATTENTION is called to the damage caused to sidewalks by the thoughtlessness of boys chiefly, in using axes or the sharp edge of shovels or spades, in cleaning snow and ice, particularly the latter from the walks. The finished surface of the walk is ruined by the practice referred to and the life of the walk materially shortened. A warning to those who are addicted to the practice as well as to the public generally is necessary at this time of the year.

SHOO-FLY rockers, rocking horses and doll carriages.—MCLAREN'S.

THE auxiliary from London had a ten hour's job at the C.T.R. crossing, Strathroy, Saturday. By some means a couple of heavy steel cars loaded with coal ran off at the east switch and it was some hours before things were righted. On Sunday, between here and Kerwood, a car broke and delayed a freight train for some time. The services of the auxiliary were again brought into use and in the course of a few hours everything was running as usual. In each case the damage was slight.

Buy your boy a watch for Christmas. Nothing will please him more. All prices at Dowding's.

KING EDWARD of England is 66, the emperor of Austria is 77, and the king of Roumania is 68. President Fallieres is 67. The prince of Montenegro is the same age as King Edward, the sultan of Turkey and the king of Denmark—Queen Alexandra's brother—are both 64, and the king of Greece, another of the queen's brothers, is 61. The emperor of Japan is 54. Oddly enough, the German emperor and President Roosevelt are both 48, an evidently strenuous age. Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is 46. The emperor of Russia is 39, the king of Italy is 37, and the king of Norway and the emperor of China are both 25. The king of Spain, the youngest reigning sovereign, is 21.—London Opinion.

SLIGH bells, cow chains, axes, cross cut saws and anything required for the bush, best and cheapest at T. Dodds'.

PLENTY of poultry for Christmas.

G. CHAMBERS is building a toboggan slide that will provide plenty of sport for the young people this winter.

PRELIMINARY arrangements for re-organization were made at a meeting of the Curling Club on Thursday evening.

THE skating season opened at the local rink Wednesday evening. Manager Fowler had a good sheet of ice for the skaters.

METHUENIST S. S. entertainment and Christmas tree at the church this (Thursday) evening. Good program. All welcome.

MEN'S FUR COATS, from \$40.00 to \$65.00, fur lined \$32.00 to \$60.00, calf \$18.50 to \$24.00, Chinese dog \$25.00, Galloway \$30.00.—SWIFT BROS.

THE Presbyterian S. S. Entertainment was held in the School Room on Wednesday evening. An excellent program was given, after a substantial luncheon had been served. Everybody present enjoyed a good time.

MRS. CASEY—"I don't know what we'll put in little Patsey's stockin', Mike. He writes a letter 'Santy Claus axin' for a rale automobile, no liss." Mr. Casey—"Shure, we'll drop a few drops iv gassy-line in it an' I'll bet he'll be thankful he didn't git the rist iv the machine."

THAT the post office department of Ottawa recognizes the need of attention to the matter of the annual Christmas letters is shown by the existence of a rule that all letters addressed to Santa Claus shall be sent to the dead letter office at Toronto for examination, whether there is a stamp affixed or not.

6½ LBS. best Embro rolled oats for 25c; 3 lbs. best re-cleaned currants 25c; 3 lbs. best select raisins 25c. All goods guaranteed to be first class or your money refunded.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

THE special County Council committee on Patterson bridge, Euphemia and Brooke, reported that the county should assume at least one-half the cost of building a new bridge; that the old bridges are in a very unsafe condition. We therefore recommend that an up-to-date bridge be constructed as soon as possible in the next year and that this county assume one-half the cost of building the superstructure. Brooke to maintain the bridge, to erect approaches and assume all responsibility in construction and after erection of same.

PROBABLY the most important matter before the December session of the Lambton County Council was the appointment of Public School Inspectors for East and West Lambton. Mr. C. A. Barnes, who has been a faithful and efficient inspector in East Lambton for a score of years, tendered his resignation, and is succeeded by Neil McDougall, B. A., late principal of the Parkhill H. S., but who has been an assistant to Mr. Barnes for several months. There was some friction over the appointment in the West, the Warden having made a selection without consulting the Education Committee. However, the Warden's Nominee, Mr. Jno. Voaden, was confirmed in the position.

A MAN'S life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two is exceedingly rocky. The rules of centuries is one of the important features of the trip. He is little, the big girls kiss him; but when he is grown, the little girls kiss him. If he raises a large family he is a chump; but if he raises a small check he is a thief. If he is poor he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is dishonest. If he's in politics it's for pie; if he's out of politics you can't place him, and he's no good for his country. If he does not give to charity he is a stingy cuss; if he does it is for show. If he dies young, there was a great future ahead of him; if he lives to an old age, he has missed his calling. The road is rocky; but man loves to travel it.

## PERSONAL.

S. D. Barnes is expected home from the Canadian West for Christmas.

Dr. Auld returned from the East Saturday and has resumed practice.

Mrs. F. Kenward visited her niece, Mrs. Phillips, Pt. Huron, last week.

O. Baker, Sarnia, spent a couple of days with Watford relatives this week.

Miss Sara Mavity, Ypsilanti, Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl A. Class.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wentworth Stewart Moosejaw, are expected home for Christmas.

Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A., attended a meeting of the Synod Committee in London, Wednesday.

R. B. Hume, barrister, Toronto, was here Wednesday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. D. O'Neil and children go to Wardville on Saturday to give the musical part in a cantata on Christmas night.

Mr. Isaac Keller, Clyde, Ohio, is visiting his brother, J. Keller, 6th line, also Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Welver, of the same town.

Dr. McGillicuddy, V. S., was called to Springbank Wednesday in consultation with Dr. McCall, V. S., of Parkhill, on a critical case.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Wolsley, Sask., are the guests of Mr. A. Mitchell, Front St. Mr. Mitchell has disposed of his drug business in Wolsley and will probably locate in Moosomin.

J. J. Cox, proprietor of the Dominion

House, London, was in town Thursday. Mr. Cox has just returned from an extended visit to the coast, where he met many old friends from Western Ontario. Jno. Graves, "The Diamond King," called on Watford friends Saturday. John was gaily bedecked in gems of rank water, and has recently added several quarts of Pittsburg brilliants to his extensive collection.

## DEATH OF MRS. ROBERTSON.

The death took place at her home on Ontario street, on Monday afternoon of Elizabeth, relict of the late Robert Robertson, Esq., of Warwick, aged 79 years. Deceased never rallied from the paralytic stroke she received a few days before her death. The funeral took place on Wednesday to the family burying ground at Wisbeach. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Horne, M. A. The pall bearers were James and Robert Watson, John Wallace, Albert and Robert Spalding. Deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Margaret, at home. Mr. James Spalding, Wisbeach, is a brother, and Miss I. Spalding, Watford, is a sister. Mrs. Robertson was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends her kindly disposition and hospitable manner endearing her to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

## TRINITY S. S. ENTERTAINMENT.

Preparations are complete for the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with Trinity Church S. S. to be held in the Music Hall this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. An entertaining program of choruses, duets, solos, etc., will be presented, also a special Christmas musical novelty. A well laden Christmas tree will be provided for the young people. Everybody invited. Admission 15 and 10c.

## L.O.L. 505.

At the last regular meetings of L.O.L. No. 505, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
W. M.—Bro. Jno. Mitchell.  
D. M.—" Jno. Stanger.  
Chaplain—Bro. Jno. Lett.  
Rec. Sec.—" Alex. Westgate.  
Fin. Sec.—" Geo. Dodds.  
Treas.—" Geo. Rivers.  
D. of C.—" Benj. Pyke.  
Lecturer—" Wm. Simpson.  
First Committeeman—Bro. A. Newell.  
2nd "—" Jos. Harris.  
3rd "—" L. Pyke.  
4th "—" Isaac Newell.  
5th "—" Jno. Brisson.

## PIGEON SHOOT.

The Watford Gun Club held a shoot on their grounds on Tuesday afternoon and some very creditable scores were made. A. Auld making a perfect score in the 15 bird event.

A. Auld..... 15  
W. Mitchell..... 14  
F. Rogers..... 12  
L. H. Cook..... 11  
S. Birchall..... 9  
A. Mathers..... 9

## HOCKEY.

The swift and exciting game of hockey has not attracted general local interest since the local intermediate team figured largely in the championship series, but a well attended meeting of the local enthusiasts on Monday evening indicated a revived interest in this popular winter sport. An effort is being made to organize a district league and the following letter, which appeared in the Advertiser on Wednesday explains the situation:—

The following letter should prove of interest to local hockey players. Any team desiring to take advantage of this proposition will kindly correspond with either the sporting editor of The Advertiser or the writer of the communication. Watford, Dec. 17.

Sporting Editor, Advertiser:—  
Dear Sir—We are trying to form a hockey league, including Sarnia, Petrolia, Strathroy, London and Watford. As we do not know of any particular team in London which would be willing to come in, we are desirous that you put us next to a good one. If possible we would like you to see an officer of the team, tell him of our proposition, and impress upon him the necessity of acting at once as the time is short. We wish to have a fast and also a square bunch.

In order to keep up the interest we propose that each team put up six or seven dollars towards a tankard for the winning team. Trusting this will not inconvenience you too much. I remain, yours truly,  
D. W. FERGUSON, Sec.

## Forest Minstrels.

Forest, Dec. 18th.—The Forest minstrels, under the auspices of the curling club, played to one of the biggest houses here last night that has attended a concert in years in Forest. Several days before the date of the show the reserved plan was completely served out. The first remark was made in several cases that for a local company it is very, very seldom so many good soloists can be picked up. Every number, both in end songs and solos from the circle, were new and catchy.

Mr. R. F. Stupart, of the Dominion Meteorological service, before the Ottawa Canadian Club, said Ontario's climate was good for agriculture back to James Bay.