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THE necessity for early Christmas shopping is more urgent this year than ever before. Our range of early bought Christmas merchandise is now complete. Many, if not all, of these attractive lines, owing to unusual conditions, could not be duplicated.

<p>SILK BLOUSES Newest styles—large collars, in all the leading shades. Sizes 32 to 42.</p> <p>FOWNES' GLOVES We are fortunate in having such a range of these guaranteed gloves. For men, women and children in both kid and wool. All shades and sizes.....50c to \$3.50</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS Hundreds of dozens of the daintiest kind of Handkerchiefs now in stock. Very attractive lines at.....10c, 15c, 20c, 25c</p> <p>FURS REDUCED IN PRICE Rather than wait until after Christmas we have decided to give you a 25% Discount on all furs. Nothing makes a better gift and so much the better at January prices.</p>	<p>KNITTED SKIRTS In grey, white or black. Special at.....\$1.50</p> <p>SWEATER COATS AT OLD VALUES Who wouldn't appreciate one of those all-wool coats! So hard to get now. We have them for men, women and children—and at the old prices, too!</p> <p>BOYS' JERSEYS in blue, grey and red. All wool. Sizes 24 to 32...\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75</p> <p>GIFTS FOR MEN Boxed Neckwear.....25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 Boxed Braces.....35c, 50c, 75c Silk Hose.....40c, 50c, 75c, 85c Cashmere Hose.....35c, 50c, 60c, 75c Silk Mufflers.....\$1.00 to \$2.50 Umbrellas.....\$1.00 to \$5.00</p>
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Your patronage solicited.
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FOR SALE—A second-hand Cook stove in good condition.

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Isn't it better at the first sign of falling vision to have your eyes attended to, than to put it off until perhaps your Optician can not do for you as much and as well as he could have done on the start? Reason it out. Think about this and let us know. Our service is at your bidding.



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To Enlist Schools in Hog Campaign

Sir William Hearst is issuing a circular appeal to all the ministers and school teachers of the rural sections of the Province inviting their assistance in the educational campaign to increase hog production in Ontario. Through the churches and the schools it is hoped to stimulate interest in the campaign to a point where the local canvassers, working amongst the farmers, will meet with a ready response when they go to the farmers suggesting an increase in the number of brood sows. County conferences will be held in every county.

TEACHER WANTED

Wanted for S. S. No. 1 and 13, Brooke and Warwick, a fully qualified teacher. Duties to commence after the Christmas holidays. State salary. Apply to
ERNEST A. COWAN
Secretary-Treasurer,
R. R. No. 7, Watford

TEACHER WANTED

For School Section No. 12, Warwick. Fully qualified. Duties to commence after Christmas. State salary and experience. Apply to
ALEX. WESTGARTH,
Secretary-Treasurer,
R. R. No. 4, Watford.

TEACHER WANTED

For School Section No. 5, Warwick. Fully qualified. State experience. Duties to commence after Christmas holidays. Apply to
JOHN HALL,
Secretary-Treasurer,
R. R. No. 8, Watford

BROOKE COUNCIL,

Alvinston, Nov. 24th, 1917. Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of former meeting read and adopted.

Communications:— From Anghrim Red Cross Society asking for a grant to aid Red Cross work and giving a report of work done by the Society.

Johnston—Kennedy, that \$15.00 be granted Anghrim Red Cross Society.—Carried.

From Culloden Red Cross Circle submitted a report of Red Cross work done by the Circle and asked for a grant to aid in Red Cross work.

Gilliland—Sutton, that the sum of \$25 be granted Culloden Red Cross Circle in aid of Red Cross work.—Carried.

Kennedy—Sutton, that By-law No. 18 be read and finally passed appointing the municipal nominations for 1918, be held in Code's Hall, Alvinston, during the hour between one and two o'clock p.m. and naming the following parties as Deputy Returning Officers for the several polling sub-divisions:—No. 1, J. Y. McKeown; No. 2, John McAlpine; No. 3, Thos. Oake; No. 4, Robert Clark; No. 5, Geo. Lightfoot; No. 6, Archie Walker; No. 7, Lachlan Lindsay; No. 8, Samuel Johnston; No. 9, Wm. Brown; No. 10, Howard Shirley; No. 11, Wallace Watson; No. 12, Dan. McDonald.—Carried.

Wm. Annett, Esq., Commissioner on Rillet drain repairs, reported the work completed. Total expenditure \$765; overpaid above estimate \$90.

Annett—Sutton, that report be adopted and Brooke share of overpayment be pro rata on lands assessed for drain and debenture be issued covering the full amount.—Carried.

A by-law to raise by issue of Debenture the sum of \$10,657.50 to return to Township for money advanced for extension of lines of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System.

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

Kennedy—Gilliland, that Clerk prepare and advertise the following debentures for sale, viz: Thompson Drain, Rillet Drain, Carpenter Drain, Cameron and Benner-Duffy Drains and Telephone debentures.—Carried.

Gilliland—Kennedy, that Council do now adjourn to meet in Alvinston on Dec. 15th.—Carried.

W. J. WERD, Clerk.

Rev. Newton Williams, who for the past two years has been pastor of St. John's Anglican church, Alvinston, has been moved to Grey county. He was presented with a travelling bag by the congregation.

The Late Mrs. Henry Ormerod

(Alvinston Free Press)

On Friday, Nov. 16th, the death of Mrs. Henry Ormerod, of this village, occurred suddenly. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Ormerod, accompanied by Mrs. Owen McNally and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Morcom, was walking in the cemetery to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Tripp, of Oil Springs, when she was overcome by weakness and shortness of breath and was obliged to stop and rest. There was nothing about her condition to cause alarm.

After waiting a few minutes it was decided to return home, passing and kindly assisted in conveying the party up-town. It was while on the way from H. A. Gilroy's farm to the office of Dr. Axford that death took place. Nothing could be done by the time medical aid was reached.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from Hope Methodist Church. A large number from the community attended the service, the church being overcrowded. Rev. W. E. Donnelly preached a very impressive funeral sermon which deeply touched the audience.

The bereaved family have a large measure of sympathy from the whole community who sorrow with them.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Taylor, was born in the township of Ashfield, County of Huron, on April 6, 1864, being 53 years of age at the time of her death. In her youth she moved with her family to Bropp, township, near Sutorville, and it was there in 1881 that she married Henry Ormerod, who survives her. With her husband she enjoyed a happy and useful Christian life in this district, of which she has been a resident ever since her marriage.

For the past five years the family have resided in this village and during that time she had enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends. She was connected with the Methodist church and her life has been one of consistent Christian living which endeared her to all.

Ten children, two boys and eight girls, survive with the husband in her immediate family. The children are:—Robert, of Kelihier, Sask.; Harry, of Alvinston; Mrs. Robert Whiting, of Bridgen; Mrs. Robert Mills, of Bengough, Sask.; Mrs. Duncan Cann, Mrs. Alex. McLachlan, Mrs. James Bowie, Mrs. Arthur Morcom, Mrs. John Bowie, and Cora, who resides at home in Alvinston.

Military Medal for Corp. Blain

(Calgary News-Telegram)

Corp. P. A. Blain, who left Calgary with the 50th battalion, has been awarded the military medal for gallant service with the Fighting Tenth battalion, of which he is a member at the present time. He left Calgary two years ago.

His brother, Lance-Corp. R. W. Blain, was also in the unit, and both have been in the trenches since August 1916. Another brother, Pte. A. A. Blain, left Calgary with the 137th battalion and left with a draft to reinforce the 50th last February. Corp. P. A. Blain picked up a German bomb which fell among a group of five men, and threw it out of the trench, saving the men's lives, as the bomb burst before it reached the ground.

Corp. Blain is an old Brooke boy being the grandson of Mr. Robert Lucas, with whom he was raised. He left here for the west about eight years ago.

The hog cholera in Port Huron has been wiped out. 47 hogs were killed.

Help Victory Loan by Paying Your Bills

There are thousands of retail merchants throughout Canada, especially in the smaller towns and villages, who would subscribe, or subscribe more, for Victory Bonds, if it were not for the amount of money they are carrying on their books and the uncertainty as to when much of it will be paid. The farmers who deal with these local merchants are not the least blameable in this respect, for they are apt to let their account run until convenient to pay them, while the merchant, knowing that payment ultimately is certain, is unwilling to press them.

If anyone during the last week of the campaign would make an effort to pay his bill to the local merchant, the latter would be glad to increase his Victory Loan subscription. Thousands of farmers have received substantial sums of money for their crops and are able to pay their accounts before December 1st just as well as afterward. If you are one of them, see that you pay up during the last week in November and thus give your merchant the opportunity he no doubt desires to subscribe for all the Victory Bonds he possibly can, and do not forget to subscribe yourself to the utmost of your power. Patriotism demands it and so does self-interest, for only by a heavy over-subscription of the Victory Bond issue can the prosperity of the farmers, the retailers and all other classes of Canada's population be assured.

THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE

Every muscle in the body needs constantly a supply of rich, red blood in proportion to the work it does. The muscles of the back are under a heavy strain and have but little rest. When the blood is thin they lack nourishment, and the result is a sensation of pain in those muscles. Some people think pain in the back means kidney trouble, but the best medical authorities agree that backache seldom or never has anything to do with the kidneys. Organic kidney disease may have progressed to a critical point without developing a pain in the back. This being the case pain in the back should always lead the sufferer to look to the condition of his blood. It will be found in most cases that the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to build up the blood will stop the sensation of pain in the ill-nourished muscles of the back. How much better is it to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the blood than to give way to unreasonable alarm about your kidneys. If you suspect your kidneys any doctor can make tests in ten minutes that will set your fears at rest, or tell you the worst. But in any event to be perfectly healthy you must keep the blood in good condition, and for this purpose no other medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

War Service Badges

The Medical Boards sitting at the following places have been instructed to examine applicants for Class "D" War Service Badges:—
London, Windsor, Stratford, Sarnia, Guelph, Harriston, Warton, Chatham, Woodstock, Goderich, St.

Thomas, Kitchener.

Those who have been rejected as medically unfit or had enlisted prior to August 10th, 1917, and had been discharged under Paragraph 392 (3) K. R. & O. for the Army, or under Paragraph 322 (3) K. R. & O. for the Canadian Militia, are entitled to Class "D" Badge, provided they are at present medically unfit. They will bring proof by a medical certificate of rejection if such has been given them, or by a statutory declaration or otherwise, that they have been rejected.

If discharged they will bring their Discharge Certificate.

Application forms may be had at the Medical Boards or on application to Assistant Adjutant-General, M. D. No. 1, (War Service Badge), London, Ontario, WALTER JAMES BROWN, Lt.-Col. a/ A. A. G., M. D. No. 1.

Must Use Christian Name

(contributed)

Through thoughtlessness many enumerators have neglected to tell married women and widows that they cannot vote unless they go on the voters' list designated by their Christian name, as say:

"Mrs. Anna Jones."
If they are enrolled as "Mrs. John Jones" they will be disqualified.

Several lists have been discovered in which as many as six out of twenty women had been wrongly enrolled and would have lost their vote at the election had the error not been caught.

High School Notes

On Monday afternoon the Rev. Mr. Irwin stirred both staff and students by a very solid and unforgettable address on "The Choice of a Calling," in which he presented the Christian Ministry from the outlook of an Anglican clergyman. In the most sympathetic and telling manner Mr. Irwin presented (1) the great need of young men to fill the places of clergyman who have already paid the uttermost in life in the supreme sacrifice on the field of honor. (2) the need of youths to prepare to take the place of students for the ministry who too have given their lives on the field of battle. (3) the importance of the minister's work as a vast factor in national life in that ministers of Christ alive to their calling blaze the way in education and national greatness. The missionary is essentially a nation builder. His closing thought was the high privilege, wealth of joy and high nobility of the minister's work following in the footsteps of the prophets and priests and of Christ as prophet, Priest and King.

The session closed with the singing of the National Anthem and benediction. The students evidenced the keenest interest.

On Tuesday of this week the school flag was flown at half mast in memory of the late Roy Acton son of Mr. James Acton, who was killed in action in a recent battle.

On Friday of this week Dr. Siddall will present the life work of a physician. Both staff and students are glad to welcome citizens who may desire to listen to the splendid addresses now given weekly at the High School, Friday afternoons at 3.30.

Keno games have been wiped out in Port Huron, together with all other gambling games.

Family Dr. says:
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USE OUR EXCELLENT STATIONERY WHEN YOU WRITE YOUR LETTERS; IT WILL GIVE THEM "TONE."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COME TO US FOR YOUR LEATHER GOODS AND STATIONERY; YOU CAN "RELY" ON WHAT YOU BUY.

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