

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We will pay the fine of any fellow who will punch the editor of the Mail and Empire for placing Aylmer among the villages and townships, and Tilsonburg among the cities and towns, in its report of the municipal elections.

The St. Thomas Journal presents a very neat and clean appearance since putting in their new press. If they have as much trouble with the new press as they had with their new Monoline machines, they will have to go outside the English language to describe the combined result.

We have had an attack of the gout for the past two or three weeks, and lay claim to the honor of being the first and only editor ever known to suffer from this high toned disease, which is said to be caused by high living. The Lord knows that is not what brought it on us. The neck and wing of a chicken, and venison that was a little "high" is the nearest we ever came to high living.

A petition is being circulated among the business men, and is being signed by nearly all of them, asking for a by-law to compel the closing of stores at 6:30 each evening. We have been an advocate of early closing for many years. It has been tried time and again but has generally been broken up by some one man. If all close, no one will be a cent out of pocket, but scores will have much needed recreation. When a man gets so grasping for money that he does not want to take a few hours away from his business, except it be to eat and sleep, he had better sit down and ask himself the question "Where am I at?" and when he has decided that, then consider the question, "Where will I be at in ten or twenty years?" The prospect will not be very inviting. We hope there will not be a dissenting voice this year on the question, and when the by-law is passed, let it be rigidly enforced.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The very important question of who shall control the finances and destinies of the different municipalities throughout Ontario for the next year, was settled on Monday last, that being the one day in the year when the people are supreme. For the balance of the year the public will have little or nothing to say, but those whom they have chosen to represent them will have full command. In Aylmer Mr. W. S. Caron was elected mayor by acclamation, and will be surrounded at the board by the following gentlemen:—D. Marshall, I. N. Newell, W. R. Hare, Dr. Smith, Chas. Watson and J. B. Hambridge. The Council for 1903 have no snap ahead of them. It will be a year of hard, anxious and perplexing work, in which they should have the sympathy and loyal support of every citizen. The elector who expects them to go through the year without making any mistakes, will be doomed to disappointment. All we can ask or expect of them is to use their best judgment and give the necessary time and attention to the affairs of the town. This we believe, each one will do, and we have every confidence that they will give the town as good service as any council we have ever had. No higher compliment was ever paid to any citizen in Aylmer than the vote cast for Mr. D. Marshall, who polled 383 votes out of a total of 417, and no citizen is more deserving of the confidence expressed in such vote. The full result is given below:

	1	2	3	Total.
Cronk.....	23	28	27	78
Clarke.....	54	65	41	160
Hambridge..	99	85	61	245
Hare.....	86	97	73	256
Marshall...	130	150	103	383
McKenney...	45	50	43	138
Newell....	117	106	76	299
Smith.....	109	87	56	252
Watson.....	83	91	75	249

BAYHAM.

The result in Bayham, where there was also a sharp contest, was as follows:—Reeve, Wm. Grant. Councillors, S. Errett, B. Brian, A. Jackson, —Brown.

PORT BURWELL.

Port Burwell being a Police Village, elects three trustees, all the old members being re-elected, viz:—J. Poustie, 95; Fred Young, 91; D. T. Williams, 78.

MALAHIDE.

The fight in Malahide was a hot one, and the fact of it being a three cornered one for the reeveship, made it much more interesting and complicated. Two of the candidates, Messrs. Lindsay and Wonnacott, are old and tried men, while the third, Mr. Jas. Lane, appealed to the electors for the first time, and although beaten, made a most remarkable and creditable run. Mr. W. J. Lindsay was elected, and will undoubtedly make a good and efficient reeve. He will have associated with him

Messrs. John W. Mathews, Jabez Cohoon, O. L. Westover and W. T. Hare, all good men. The vote was as follows:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Total.
FOR REEVE.						
W. J. Lindsay.....	42	57	69	66	111	345
J. C. Lane.....	41	77	67	33	56	264
C. Wonnacott.....	71	59	38	21	20	209
FOR COUNCILLORS.						
J. W. Matthews.....	64	89	110	63	94	420
J. Cohoon.....	109	118	76	45	62	409
O. L. Westover.....	77	115	85	51	66	394
W. T. Hare.....	19	49	67	105	91	331
C. Timpany.....	51	52	72	63	39	277
J. H. Pressey.....	47	85	65	42	37	276
J. L. Brown.....	22	21	28	26	115	212
D. A. McConnell ..	63	38	43	22	22	188

YARMOUTH.

Heretofore politics cut quite a figure in municipal matters in Yarmouth, but this year the electors wisely threw them aside. W. Chase defeated Arthur Tansley for the reeveship by 36 votes, and the following councillors were elected: W. F. Hepburn, C. E. Locke, George Gilbert and R. Shepherd.

OTHER PLACES.

St. Thomas—Mayor, C. F. Maxwell. His opponent, Robert McCully, was defeated for the first time in 23 years of municipal life. It was thought Bob was invincible.

London—Mayor, Adam Beck.  
Toronto—Mayor, Thos. Urquhart.  
Hamilton—Mayor, J. W. Morden.  
Tilsonburg—Mayor, Geo. Brasher.  
Ridgetown—Mayor, W. B. Willson.

Glencoln.

The anniversary tea at the church last night was a decided success. The lecture given by Mr. John H. Clarke on "Hit and Miss," was appreciated by all who were present. The proceeds amounted to \$42.

The Epworth League of Trinity will be held on Friday evening instead of Thursday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie and children, of Toronto, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. J. M. Staley.

The Misses R. and C. and Mr. E. Cambers are spending the holidays with Mrs. B. McKenney.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kipp and children, of Yale, Mich., are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Warren Lyons and grandchild, Miss Ina Lyons, of Chicago, are visiting the former's brother-in-law, Mr. I. B. Shanley.

Mr. John Wintermate and son George have gone to Oil Springs to hunt fox.

Mr. A. Rayme, of Wayne County, Mich., spent two or three days last week with Mrs. B. McKenney.

Miss Snale, of Port Bruce, and Miss Pineo, of Sparta, are the guests of Miss Alice Haney.

On Dec. 24th, at noon, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Robt. Willis, of Walsingham, when his youngest daughter, Sarah K., was united in marriage to Mr. John McKim of British Columbia. The house was nicely decorated with holly. The bride looked quite charming attired in white silk and supported by six bridesmaids, who were all nieces of the bride except one, who was Miss Harvey, of Wyoming who was her first bridesmaid and looked very pretty dressed in white satin. The groom's best man was Mr. Arthur Rayno, of Wayne county, Mich. The many beautiful and costly presents testified to the high esteem in which the couple were held. Mr. and Mrs. McKim will take up their residence in British Columbia.

Mr. E. and G. Willis, of Glenlyre, are spending the holidays with Mrs. B. McKenney.

Mr. S. Boyd, of Calton, is visiting Mr. A. W. Haney.

**THE Traders Bank OF CANADA.**

(Incorporated by Act of Parliament 1866.)

Head Office, Toronto.  
Capital paid up \$1,500,000.00  
Reserve \$350,000.00  
Assets over \$13,000,000.00

**Aylmer Branch**

Advances made to farmers on their own notes at lowest current rates.

Sale notes cashed and collected.

**Savings Bank**

\$1.00 Opens a savings bank account and every dollar deposited will earn 3 per cent. interest, compounded half yearly.

A general banking business transacted.

**NEWMAN BOOKER, Manager.**

**ROBERT O'BRIEN**

Painter and Paperhanger.  
Interior and Exterior Decorator, Aylmer, Ont.  
Sole agent for Elgin County for Wm. R. Blackboard Finish. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

Youth and Crabbed Age.

Our respect for age dwells in us side by side with enthusiasm for youth. Nothing gives one more of a glow than when a young man describes a familiar quotation of Pitt's famous retort to Walpole, that crusting sentence beginning, "The atrocious crime of being a young man."

A judge named Robinson was noted for his peevish, sneering insinuer. Hoare, the Irish lawyer, was once arguing in a case before him. The judge was unusually stern, and finally roused the young barrister by accusing him of intending to bring the King's commission into contempt.

"No, my lord," said Hoare; "I have read in a book that when a peasant, during the troubles of Charles I., found the crown in a bush, he showed it all reverence. In like manner I shall respect the King's commission, though I find it on a bramble."

Robinson was reported to have risen to his rank by the publication of some slavish and scurrilous pamphlets. Once in the days when Curran was poor and unknown, struggling against great adversity, he appeared before Robinson. The judge tried to extinguish him. When Curran declared that he had consulted all his law-books, and could not find a case that did not support his position, Robinson answered:

"I suspect your law library is rather contracted."

This brutal and unnecessary remark stung Curran's pride and roused him at once.

"It is true, my lord," he said, after a moment's contemptuous silence. "That I am poor, and the circumstance has curtailed my library: My books are not numerous, but they are select, and I hope I have perused them well. I have prepared myself for this high profession rather by the study of a few good books than by the composition of a great many bad ones."

Chamberlain's Big Future.

John Redmond's ironical tribute to Joseph Chamberlain in a Parliamentary debate, "you ought to be made king," recalls the fact that this is not the first time the Colonial Secretary has been recommended for a higher post than he seems likely to reach. The first recommendation, however, was not made in irony, but in the good faith of perfect tipsiness. It was at the time Queen Victoria visited Birmingham, fifteen years ago. Chamberlain's carriage was blocked for some minutes, and he found himself the object of a flout and some what disordered harangue from a member of the crowd who had fortified himself extensively against the labors of the day. "Ye ain't in office now, Joe," ran the peroration. "But I'll tell ye what I see in the future. I see Hengland and Hammeria united into one republic—yus, and ye'll be the fust president."

Early Birds.

An English nobleman in ill health was out one morning early wearily taking a constitutional. Walking along his game preserves, he turned a sharp corner and came face to face with an Irishman who had the reputation of being an inveterate poacher.

Putting his hands and what they held behind him, he preserved a perfectly virtuous aspect, while the gentleman hailed him cordially with, "Good morning, Pat!"

"Good mornin', yer honor. Ah, phwat brings yer honor out so airly this mornin'?"

"I'm just walking around, Pat, to see if I can't get an appetite for my breakfast. And what brings you out so early, Pat?"

"Oh, be jabbers, Oi'm jest a-walkin' around to see if Oi can't get a breakfast for me appetite!"

Knitting as a Medicine.

Knitting is declared by specialists in the treatment of rheumatism to be a most helpful exercise for hands liable to become stiff from the complaint, and it is being prescribed by physicians because of its efficiency in limbering up the hands of such sufferers. For persons liable to cramps, paralysis or any other affection of the hands, the most beneficial exercise is regarded as that character knitting is regarded as the most beneficial exercise. Besides, the simple work is said to be an excellent diversion for the nerves and is recommended to women suffering from insomnia and depression. In certain sanitariums patients are encouraged to make use of the bright steels, and the work is so pleasant that it is much enjoyed by them.—Family Doctor.

The Sugar Beet Season.

The season for sugar beets has been rather too wet for best results in the middle states, but prospects are fine in the central west, while in the mountain and coast states the harvesting of a superb crop is now under way and Pacific coast factories are running full blast. Several new factories will be completed in time to work up the 1902 crop of beets in the United States, while in Ontario four sugar mills will be in operation.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Satisfactory Store... THE BUSY CORNER Economical Store...  
We Take Stock Feb. 1st

That is when the years' business is figured up. This has been a banner year for The Busy Corner and we expect to do a large trade this month by making great reductions on winter goods. Watch this space every week for January bargains.

**Men's Frieze Reefers, Storm Collars, Trimmed and Made to Wear Well, Sizes From 36 to 44.**  
\$3.75 for ... .. \$2.82 | 1-4 Off  
\$5.00 for ... .. \$3.75

**Men's Blue Nap Reefers, Storm Collars, all Sizes From 36 to 44.**  
\$4.00 for ... .. \$3.00 | 1-4 Off  
\$5.00 for ... .. \$3.75

**Boys' Frieze and Nap Reefers, Sizes 22 to 33.**  
\$1.50 for ... .. \$1.13  
\$2.00 for ... .. \$1.50 | 1-4 Off  
\$2.75 for ... .. \$2.07  
\$3.00 for ... .. \$2.25

**Mens' Tweed Suits, Best on the Market for Fit, Style and Durability, Sizes 34 to 44.**  
\$5.00 for ... .. \$3.75  
\$6.00 for ... .. \$4.50 | 1-4 Off  
\$7.00 for ... .. \$5.25  
\$8.00 for ... .. \$6.00  
\$10.00 for ... .. \$7.50

**Youths' Three-Piece Knicker Tweed Suits, all Sizes From 28 to 36.**  
\$3.00 for ... .. \$2.75  
\$4.00 for ... .. \$3.00 | 1-4 Off  
\$5.00 for ... .. \$3.75  
\$6.00 for ... .. \$4.50

**Boys' Two-Piece Tweed Suits, all Sizes From 22 to 26.**  
\$2.00 for ... .. \$1.50  
\$2.50 for ... .. \$1.88  
\$2.75 for ... .. \$2.07 | 1-4 Off  
\$3.00 for ... .. \$2.25  
\$3.50 for ... .. \$2.63

**About 25 Winter Shawls Left.**  
\$1.00 for ... .. \$ .75  
\$1.50 for ... .. \$1.13  
\$2.00 for ... .. \$1.50 | 1-4 Off  
\$2.50 for ... .. \$1.88  
\$3.00 for ... .. \$2.25  
\$3.50 for ... .. \$2.53  
\$4.00 for ... .. \$3.00  
\$4.50 for ... .. \$3.38

**Men's Beaver Overcoats.**  
\$6.00 for ... .. \$4.50  
\$7.00 for ... .. \$5.25 | 1-4 Off  
\$8.50 for ... .. \$6.38  
\$10.00 for ... .. \$7.50

**Men's and Youths' Ulsters.**  
\$5.00 for ... .. \$3.75 | 1-4 Off  
\$8.00 for ... .. \$6.00

**W. S. CASE**

CASH AND ONE PRICE. THE BUSY CORNER. Agents for the New Idea patterns. 12c each.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolol.

LYONS.

Mr. Fred Edmunds, of Stratford, spent Xmas at the parsonage.  
Dr. and Mrs. Price, of Ridgeway, spent their honeymoon the guests of T. Winder's.

R. Steele and wife, of London, spent a few days at J. C. Blake's.

Thos. Hawes and wife, of St. Thomas, visited P. Dennis this week.

Miss Ivah Martin has returned from visiting friends at Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Learn, of Mount Salem, spent Christmas Day at C. W. Appleford.

Chas Patnam, of Detroit, is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

The Sunday School entertainment given in the Methodist church Xmas night was a decided success. The programme was well rendered, music being furnished by the Lyons string orchestra.

Found.—A heavy lap rug. Owner may have same by calling at Winder Bros.' store and paying for this advertisement.

A Capital Cure for Sore Throat

Is to use as a gargle a few drops of Polson's Nerville in sweetened water, and before retiring rub the throat and chest vigorously with Nerville. By morning the soreness and inflammation will have disappeared entirely. Nerville drives away the pain and cures sore throat and hoarseness quickly, simply because that is what it's made for. Buy a 25¢ bottle from your druggist to-day.

SOLD BY J. E. RICHARDS.  
Dr. Hamilton's Pills Stimulate the Liver.

THE AYLMER MARKETS

Flour, per 100 lbs.....	\$1.75	to	\$2.00
Wheat, Standard.....	68	to	70
Oats, per bushel.....	30	to	33
Barley, per bushel.....	43	to	45
Peas, per bushel.....	55	to	60
Beans, per bushel.....	70	to	80
Corn, per bushel.....	60	to	63
Rye, per bushel.....	48	to	50
Brass, per ton.....	17	to	18
Shorts, per ton.....	20	to	22
Chops, per ton.....	22	to	23
Eggs, per dozen.....	18	to	20
Butter, per lb.....	15	to	16
Potatoes per bushel.....	6	to	7
Hay per ton.....	7	to	8
Chickens, per lb.....	10	to	11
Turkeys, per lb.....	8	to	9
Geese, per lb.....	6	to	7
Live Hens, per lb.....	5	to	6
Dressed Hogs.....	5	to	7
Dressed Apples, per lb.....	4	to	5

**Farm for Sale.**

100 acres of choice land, 18 acres timber (beech and maple), good two-story brick house, cellar, stone wall foundation. Large frame barn, stable, granary, shed and cow stable, and pig pen. Three miles from St. Thomas, on Edgeware road, Yarmouth. This is an excellent farm, will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply to G. Roche, 215 Talbot street, St. Thomas, Ont.

**FOR SALE AT Heiter's Grocery...**

**Kent Mills Gold Medal Flour** in barrels.  
In 98 lb. Cotton Sacks  
In 48 lb. Cotton Sacks  
In 24 lb. Cotton Sacks  
In 12 lb. Paper Sacks  
Stevens' Breakfast Food

**WANT COLUMN.**

**FOR SALE**—Registered Short Horn Bulls and Cows. E. A. Gurnham, Stratford, Ontario.

**FARM FOR SALE**—Apply to F. H. Orris Springfield, Ont.

**FIRST-CLASS farm** for sale in Dorchester 165 acres, brick house and good outbuildings. Possession any time. J. C. Dano.

**THOROUGH-BRED Berkshire** boar for sale in good repair. F. H. Orris, Springfield.

**FARM FOR SALE**—43 acres, 2 1/2 miles north-east of Aylmer. Apply to auction Hiepliel, Aylmer.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the East Elgin District Agricultural Society will be held at the town hall, Aylmer, on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21st, 1903, at 2 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers and arranging plans for the 1903 fair. There are several important questions to be settled at this meeting, including dates of holding fair, and number of days. All interested in the success of the fair are urged to be present.

A. A. LESLIE, Pres. D. H. PRICE, Sec.-Treas.

**Teacher Wanted**

Female Teacher for School Section No. 23, Malahide. Apply to S. YOUNG, Secretary, Port Bruce, Ont.

The Annual Winter Meeting of the East Elgin Farmers' Institute.

Will be held in the Town Hall, Aylmer, on Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 12, 13

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Mr. D. C. Anderson, of Rugby, will discuss the following subjects: Soil Cultivation; The Bacon Hog; Care of Grass Land; Cattle Raising and Green Crops as Fertilizers.

Mr. Erland Lee, of Stoney Creek, will discuss Lessening the Effect of Drought on Crops; Breeding and Feeding the Dairy Herd; Corn and the Silo; Care of Milk for Factory or Creamery; Cream Separator and Butter Making on the Farm.

Mr. T. Hammond, of Aylmer, will also give an address on The Orchard and its Care.

The subjects to be discussed are of great interest to every farmer, and valuable information will be missed by all who fail to attend.

B. MARLATT, Pres. F. LEESON, Sec.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Malahide Agricultural Society will be held at the town hall on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th, 1903, at 2 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

F. LEESON, Pres. D. H. PRICE, Sec.-Treas.

**Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Lakeview Cheese and Butter Co., Limited, will be held at the factory at Lakeview, on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1903, at 1 o'clock p.m., for receiving the annual report, election of officers, etc. Patrons as well as stockholders are requested to attend.

A. SAXTON, Pres. J. A. SAXTON, Secretary.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Aylmer Horticultural Society will be held at town hall, Aylmer, on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th, 1903, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

M. HARRIS, Pres. D. H. PRICE, Sec.-Treas.