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## A CHRISTMAS GREETING

"At Christmastide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land."

Public attention will naturally be attracted on opening the pages of the magnificent Christmas number just issued by the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine, of London, Ont., with the article on "Electrical Development in Ontario," by Prof. W. H. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has given an exhaustive and illuminating study of this vital subject which concerns farmers as well as capitalists of industry in the towns. Besides this there are articles on the National Live Stock Records, by James B. Spencer, B. S. A., the English Dairy Shortcorn, by Prof. H. S. Arkell, B. S. A.; the course of trade in Canadian dairy products, by Geo. H. Barr; the re-views of Canadian live-stock and farm industries; Maritime types, by A. E. Burke; the beautification of rural homes and highways, by J. R. L. Forster; and the official report and awards in the split-log drag competition, for which (early in the year) two sets of cash prizes were offered by the Farmer's Advocate.

The supervision of this unique contest was assumed by the Public Works Department of Ontario. W. A. McLean, C. E., of the Highways Branch, writes a comprehensive report, including the awards of the competition, which will give the cause of road improvement a tremendous impetus. There are masterly articles on every branch of agriculture, from fast horses and fruit transportation to a "taking" poem, by "The Khan."

The illustrations of this issue are reproductions from actual photographs, the reality of which a discerning public will appreciate. To be thoroughly appreciated, we advise our readers to secure and carefully read this splendid number which goes complimentary to all its subscribers, or may be obtained at 25c. per copy.

Arm Crushed In Press.  
Warton, Dec. 23.—On Saturday, as Miss Jean Johnson was working at the printing press in the Canadian office, her arm got caught in the press. Miss Ebel Moon went to her help, but was too late to save the arm. The bone was badly fractured at the wrist. She is doing as well as possible.

Judge Champagne Dead.  
Montreal, Dec. 23.—Judge Champagne, who for a number of years represented the County of Two Mountains in the Quebec Legislature, died here yesterday after a long illness.

One day he saw something fluttering from the door jamb. He was puzzled. Then it flashed on him that it was a crane and that some one had died in the house.

Was it his mother, he wondered, or his wife or one of his brothers? He counted the children later in the day, and they were all right.

The wind blew, and the water raged. No boat could come near him, and he watched the crowd of sympathizing friends come and go. Then he saw the funeral.

He recognized the care at the head of the procession by his white surplice and the altar boys walking beside him. Then came the coffin, carried by six men.

As the mourners walked after it he strained and strained his eyes trying to identify each and thus determine the missing one. But in vain. All walked with bowed head. The women's faces were buried in their handkerchiefs; the men held their hats before theirs. He could make out nothing characteristic.

The men who eight days later risked their lives to row out to him and break the news of his wife's death found him a physical and mental wreck from sleepless anxiety. But he had kept the light burning faithfully all the time.

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## LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS

Weird Vigils of the Men in the French Service.

### TOIL THAT BREEDS MADNESS.

The Only Wonder Is That Any of These Lonely Workers Escape Insanity—Pitiful Plight of the Isolated Keeper at Four an Finistere.

A French writer, telling of the life of the lighthouse keepers along the coast of Brittany, thinks it strange that any of them escape insanity.

The system of relief that prevails in this country has no equivalent in the French service, and, with short intervals, months apart, a French lighthouse keeper may spend forty years of his life tending the lamps in one station, with a single companion, and that station may be on a rock out in the channel or the bay of Biscay, which boats can approach only in fine weather.

As a matter of fact, the men often do become insane or at least develop monomania. Sometimes it takes the form of hatred of each other.

In one case, at Terenec, one of two men was found by a party who came off from the shore in response to signals lying dead in his bed with a long keen blade knife through his heart.

His companion's story was that he had committed suicide after a long period of melancholia. There was no proof to the contrary, but after examining the wound the authorities doubted the truth of the story.

On another occasion, where father and son tended an isolated beacon together, the young man was seized with an attack of acute mania. When the time came to light up he planted himself in front of the stairway to the lantern and refused to allow his father to ascend.

The old man attacked his son and, finding he could subdue him in no other way, so that the lights on which so many lives depended might be kindled, strangled him to death. The next day he signalled to the shore for help and gave himself up to the police, telling what he had done.

Sickness and death are no strangers in the lighthouses. There is ninety-nine times out of a hundred no chance of medical aid, and the well man prescribes from the medicine chest for the sick one as best he can. He also does double duty until his partner recovers or relief comes.

There are not infrequent cases when the survivor has to sew up his dead comrade in a hammock and launch his weighted body from the rocks into the sea. Then come long nights of lonely watching.

In winter time the lamps must be tended and the clockwork kept going for fourteen to fifteen hours. The lantern is unattended except for the glow of the lamps up in its ceiling, and the government allows the watcher no chair lest he fall asleep.

It is no wonder that weird fancies come to the men. They hear voices calling from the sea and see drowned men and women looking up at them from the breakers. One of their horrors is of the birds that beat against the windows of the lantern at night, attracted by the glare.

Just as is the case with American lighthouse, the feathered armies that migrate at night beat against the walls and balconies of the beacons with their wings and dash against the panes of the lantern, sometimes breaking the glass with their beaks. As their eyes shine in the glare they seem to express anger or bloodthirstiness to the men within.

One of the most pitiful stories of lighthouse life is told of the keeper at Four an Finistere, who kept all alone a station on an isolated rock a couple of miles out from the shore, but so surf beaten that only once a month or so was a boat sent out to it with supplies.

The cabin in which the keeper made his home was on the shore opposite his lighthouse, and the recreation he most enjoyed was watching it through his telescope. He could see the people go in and out and the children playing in front of it.

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Messrs Taylor & McKay have just received a car load of Carling's famous October brews—Ale, Porter and Canada Club Lager for Christmas and New Year's trade.

## THE MARKET

Prices were sky-high on the local market this morning. For a Christmas market it was dull indeed. Those who waited till this morning to buy their Christmas turkey were stung good and hard. The birds were very scarce on the market today. Most of the turkeys were small and the vendors were asking \$2.50 and \$3 each for them. Geese also took a big jump in price since Saturday, and were selling at \$1.15 each. Butter and eggs went up to 30 cents.

The following is the price list:  
Butter, per lb., 30c.  
Eggs, per doz., 30c.  
Chickens, 25 to 30c.  
Ducks, 35c.  
Geese, \$1.15.  
Turkeys, \$2.50.  
Apples, per bag, \$1.  
Potatoes, per bag, \$1.  
Cabbages, each, 10c. to 20c.  
Cabbage, each, 5c. to 10c.  
Carrots, per peck, 15c.  
Turnips, per peck, 15c.  
Parsnips, per peck, 15c.  
Onions, per peck, 25c.  
Cauliflower, each, 5c. to 10c.  
Sage, two bunches for 5c.  
Thyme, per bunch, 5c.  
Savory, per bunch, 5c.  
Pork, per lb., 6c. to 9c.  
Savory, per bunch, 5c.  
Squash, each, 10c.  
Sage, two bunches for 5c.  
Turnips, per peck, 15c.  
Thyme, per bunch, 5c.  
Potatoes, per bag, 30c.  
Tobacco, 5c. per lb. to 10c.  
Honey, per box, 15c. to 20c.  
Lard, per pound, 15c.  
Mixed pickles, per bottle, 15c.

**FISH.**  
Bass, per pound, 10c.  
Perch, per pound, 10c.  
Pickering, per lb., 12-15c.  
Smoked herring, two for 25c.  
Smoked pickled, per lb., 12-15c.  
Trout, per pound, 12-15c.

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Why Hollow Trees Live.  
In forests and private parks one may often witness the remarkable sight of a very old tree, with a trunk consisting of nothing but a hollow shell, and yet bearing branches that are covered with foliage. It would seem to be impossible that the dry bark, in some cases only held together by an iron band, could go on producing leaves year after year in the manner in which it does. The explanation, however, is quite a simple one. In very young trees the sap carrying portion is in the center. It is a series of bundles of minute cellular tubes, scientifically known as "vascular bundles." As the tree gets older this series of bundles forms a ring which gets bigger and bigger as the circumference of the tree increases. In course of time the center withers and decays, since it is no longer needed to supply the branches with nourishment. —London Graphic.

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT.  
ANDREW KING.

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LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ.

I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT.  
Q. S. BILLING.

Markham, Ont.

## TO THE RATEPAYERS

I am a Candidate for the office of Mayor for the year 1908, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. My record as an Alderman for the past three years is before you and if my endeavors to serve the City's interests have been approved of by you I will be pleased to have your support.

I have never hesitated as an Alderman in letting you know where I stood with regard to any public question.

If elected Mayor I shall advocate the most rigid economy in public expenditures the coming year. The construction of pavements, however desirable, should practically cease until part of the present large Debenture Debt is paid off, in order that our tax rate may be reduced to a more reasonable figure.

I am in favor of encouraging New Industries that give promise of permanence and stability.

I will ask you to accept this public intimation as intended for you personally, as at this busy season of the year the demands of business are such that I cannot take the time to have personal interviews with all of you.

Any assistance you may render in the way of favorably influencing your neighbor, to whom I may not be personally known, will be much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,  
**CHAS. AUSTIN**

## For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I am a candidate for the position of Alderman for the coming year, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

If elected I will do my utmost to keep down the expenses of the city. I appreciate the vote you gave me last year, and hope I may hold the confidence of your support this year.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

Respectfully yours,  
**FRANK E. JAXTER.**

## TO THE ELECTORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of our city for 1908, and respectfully ask for your support. If you elect me I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office without fear or favor, and to the utmost of my ability.

Yours faithfully,  
**THOMAS SCULLARD.**

What is the Sargasso Sea?

Columbus did not use the name Sargasso sea. Ovid, whose "Historia" contained the first general account of the discoveries in America, was the first to apply the Portuguese word sargasso (seaweed) to that part of the ocean in which gulf weed is prevalent. The use of the noun sargasso or sargassum is now practically confined to this species of a large genus of seaweeds characterized by little air bladders, each on its own stalk. The name Sargasso sea is applied only to that part of the Atlantic in which the weed is found in greatest abundance. The sea is roughly elliptical in shape, its great axis almost coinciding with the Tropic of Cancer, while the two foci are near longitude 45 degrees to 70 degrees west. The only land masses in the sea are the Bermuda Islands, near which large collections of weed are often seen. The weed drift is thickest between 25 degrees and 32 degrees north latitude and west of 40 degrees west longitude. The Sargasso sea is about one-third as large as the continental United States, but outside this central ellipse are others, larger in size, where the thinly scattered weed moves in the gulf stream or is driven by the prevailing winds.—Cyrus C. Adams in Harper's.

Christmas Gift Worth while.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Crane Co., iron manufacturers, Saturday distributed \$350,000 by way of a Christmas gift to its 5,000 employees in Chicago. The distribution was in accordance with a profit-sharing arrangement started eight years ago.

The evil is lessened when it is seen beforehand.

## To the Ratepayers and Electors of the City of Chatham:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I desire to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor for the year 1908, and if elected will guard your interests with zealous care. I have been a member of the City Council for five years, three years of which I have been Chairman of the property committee, one of the most important committees in the City Council, and I have endeavored to carry out in every particular the duties of the office. If elected Mayor, I can assure you that I will endeavor to keep down the expenses of every department where it can possibly be done, without impairing the progress of our city.

In conclusion, my record as an Alderman for five years is before you, if that record meets with your approval I will be thankful to have your support in the coming election.

Yours respectfully,  
**WM. POTTER.**

## TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of many good citizens, I am again in the field for Alderman for 1908. I have already served two terms in the City Council to the entire satisfaction of my supporters, as I fully believe. As the funny man said, "Money is life," and large numbers of our worthy workmen and laborers are thrown out of employment just when they need it most. If elected, I shall advocate the city pushing through all possible works during the winter to aid the unemployed workmen and laborers. I shall advocate bringing to the city all desirable industries and factories, so long as the city is amply secured as to any advances.

The city assessments require some modifications, which will resolve my attention.

The good ladies will support me, of course, as they instinctively know a good thing when they see it.

GEO. G. MARTIN.

Chatham, 8th December, 1907.

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