

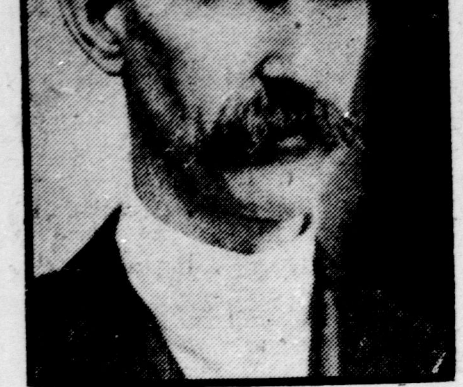
CANDIDATES FOR
HONORS ON JAN. 2SERVICES ARE
APPRECIATEDTwo Officers of Richmond Street
Receive Gifts From the
Pastor and People.

Photo by Frank Cooper.

Mr. Geo. N. Weekes

Mr. George N. Weekes, who is one of the new aspirants for school board honors, is a well-known Londoner. For years he has conducted a successful law business, and has the confidence and esteem of a very large acquaintance. He is just the class of man to ably represent the people on the board of education, and if elected may be depended upon to conscientiously fulfill the duties entrusted to him by the school supporters. He is prominent in church and temperance matters, and appears to be pretty sure of election.

HALF CENTURY HAS SEEN MANY
CHANGES IN THE IMPERIAL ARMYDevelopment in Land and Naval
Forces Significant—Value of
Cadets Recognized.

No development in the military history of the world has been more significant during the last century than the gradual change in the theory of the imperial army. It is only by correlating the various changes that have taken place in the organization of the empire's land forces that one can grasp the significance of this development. In the city of London has been seen during the course of the last half-century the withdrawal of the British garrison, the inauguration of a new regiment of Canadian regulars, of which No. 1 Company forms an important part, and the rise of a regiment of volunteers which has now eight companies and a magnificent status. In place of the old quarters of the imperial army in Victoria Park, are the new armories on Dundas street.

Such changes have been going on all over the empire, and as a culmination, which has attracted the attention of every military man in Canada, comes the resolution of the admiralty to close the Halifax and Esquimaux dockyards, and the rumored decision to remove imperial troops from those points. This is a still more decisive step than has yet been taken in the organization of the imperial army. Britain is reorganizing her army. She really needs the army to send abroad to fight for her on foreign shores. She is coming to the conclusion that she does not need her regular army to defend her from invasion. As long as her navy is unbeaten no invasion can occur. If her navy is subdued the militia and volunteers must be relied upon to guard against invasion. Although the army probably would prefer to starve her out by intercepting her food supplies. The hardest way to keep an army in the field is to keep it concentrated and in large masses, either at home or in some convenient place, ready to be put on shipboard and sent away to fight. The army's notice. Every man subtracted from the force so kept in readiness is wasted.

This is a modern view. Fifty years ago, for reasons which have passed away, British statesmen preferred to keep the bulk of the army out of England and scattered in small detachments through the colonies. That suited a small army of long service men. But in 1866 and 1870 Germany showed that the future of warfare lay with very large armies of short-service men so organized that they could be sent in small and cheap, and in war it is large. It became necessary to reorganize the British army, and to reorganize it in the manner in which England was necessary. That was the true reason for the withdrawal of the troops from Canada. As time went on circumstances after circumstances made concentration yet more necessary. It became evident that armies would fight as brigades and divisions rather than as single battalions, and, therefore, the training must be given in large bodies. A single battalion placed in a distant station like Jamaica or Halifax deteriorates, for it can not be trained to work with other battalions or with other arms. Moreover, the national mind has been clearing on the real purpose of a British regular army. It is not a police to keep scattered possessions fast to the imperial throne. It is the striking force of the Empire, the fist of the Titan.

Despite the partial concentration of 180,000 British army remains waste-fully scattered. Apart from the army of 70,000 men in India, the strong force quartered in South Africa, and some 20,000 men are kept in Britain, twenty or thirty thousand troops are locked up in scattered garrisons. Two of these, Gibraltar and Malta, are necessary. The others, Aden, Mauritius, Halifax, Jamaica, Sierra Leone, Ceylon, Singapore, Hong Kong, and several others, take about a battalion each, are little the safer for the presence of such a force and absorb in petty duties troops which should be available for the real business of the army.

The Victoria Cross has been bestowed upon Lieut. H. A. Carter, of the Indian Mounted Infantry, for conspicuous bravery in Somaliland.

During a recent battle near Jidda, on Dec. 19, 1903, when a small body of troops were retired before a force of 400 Arabs, outnumbering them by 20 to 1, Lieut. Carter rode back alone 400 yards to the assistance of Private Jai Singh, who had lost his horse, and was almost within the grasp of the Dervishes.

Lieut. Carter picked up the sepoy, placed him behind him on his horse, and carried him safely to the main force.

Very little has been doing in the military.

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One of the latest photographic wonders is a machine capable of receiving impressions at the rate of 2,000 a second—30 or 40 times as fast as the ordinary cinematograph. It is hoped that with it insects wings in motion may be photographed, and the problem of flight solved.

EMPLOYEES ARE REMEMBERED BY
LONDON FIRMS AT CHRISTMASTIDEReceive Turkeys and Other
Suitable Gifts—Christmas
in the Charities.

In this year of prosperity and peace in Canada, Christmas time is fraught with more than the usual holiday pleasures, and nowhere in Canada does this time of all times carry more pleasures with it than in London. There are not many poor in London, and not very many orphans, but the aged and the helpless young, as well as the sick and infirm, are taken care of and well remembered at Christmas time. In every public institution of London—in the homes and the hospitals—special efforts will be made to make as pleasant as possible the occasion for those to whom fate has been unkind, or who are feeble and unable to look after themselves.

In London there are also very many large-hearted firms, who never fail to remember their employees at Christmas, and always cultivate a spirit of good will in those who labor for them, by handing them generous Christmas boxes at this time of the year.

The McClary Manufacturing Company is one of these firms. As has been its custom for many years, on the day preceding Christmas, it today presented each married employee and each employee who lives at home, with a pair of stockings, 25 cents for each child, and a turkey. In all, 25 turkeys were handed out, the total weight of them being almost 8,000 pounds.

The McCormick Manufacturing Company also took good care of its employees. This firm presented 100 turkeys to its married employees, as well as 200 gifts of a dollar each, to

others, and gave every employee, married and single, a box of candy, and a box of confectionery. In addition to this, the firm sent candy and confectionery to every public institution in London.

The D. S. Perrin Manufacturing Company presented each employee with a box of candies, and otherwise treated them in a handsome manner.

Mr. Robert W. Bennett, of the Bennett Company, in the East End, today presented each of his men with a full day's pay. "With Compliments of the Season," being stamped on the envelopes. Mr. Bennett's generous Christmas gifts from year to year show the friendly feeling that he has for his workmen.

Nearly all the wholesale houses of London also gave Christmas boxes to their employees. The manufacturing firms mentioned above are but a few of those who remembered their staffs. Christmas Day in all the public institutions of London will be spent in happy manner. In the Aged People's Home a splendid dinner will be served, and a Christmas entertainment held.

In the Protestant Orphans' Home, there will be a Christmas tree for the children, and a gramophone entertainment in the afternoon. Needless to say, there will be any quantity of oranges and candy for the little ones. At the Home for Incurables there will be nothing of a special character. Christmas, but on Tuesday an entertainment will be given for the benefit of the inmates.

At the Mount Hope and Mount St. Joseph Orphanages the children will be royally treated to candies and fruits, and they will also receive presents. In the public wards of both hospitals every care will be taken of the patients, whose Christmas will be made as happy as it is possible to make it.

CHRISTMAS EVE
ON THE MARKETSale of Turkeys Shows a Falling
Off—Farmers Handicapped
by the Bad Roads.

When a Saturday market happens to come on the day before Christmas there is sure to be a scene of extra interest on the old Covent Garden Square. And this it was today. All those housekeepers, who had left their turkey-buying until the last moment, were collecting good things for the holiday.

But Christmas marketing was done earlier on the whole this year than usual, and, as far as buying and selling are concerned, the markets of Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday, were fully as lively as today's. But the latter was enlivened by that spirit peculiar to Christmas time when hearty greetings are heard on every side and many a handshake and good wishes were interchanged between friends and acquaintances. Huge bundles of Christmas trees were to be seen in front of the market house, and there was a good demand for them.

There were selling ranging between 25 and 50 cents for turkeys and 25 cents to \$1.50 for spruce, according to the size. There were several reasons why the number of turkeys that changed hands was not so large as at this time last year. There are always a large number of farmers who only come to market on one day in the year, and that is the market day immediately preceding Christmas. The occasion serves for the purchase of Christmas gifts when the market is over. But today, unfortunately, the roads were so bad, both for sleighs and for farmers did not turn out as well as usual. For another thing, several of the large firms of the city who always buy a huge number of turkeys for their employees got their birds direct from the country this year, and so these did not pass through the market. The price of turkeys were, if anything, a little firmer than they have been. Some of the birds went for 13 cents per pound, but the prevailing price was 14, and some farmers got 15 for theirs.

Meat, of course, was the feature of the market today, and, in addition to the turkeys, large quantities of other meats were sold. Ducks were scarce and prices ranged from \$1 to \$1.25. Chickens were comparatively plentiful and sold between 60 and 80 cents. The interior of the old market house devoted to the sale of meat, was a scene of activity. The stalls were covered with red, white and blue festoons. Never has such a fine showing been made before in the market house.

Eggs went wholesale at prices ranging between 25 and 28 cents, and retail at 30 to 31 cents. The price of butter was from 16 to 18 cents for the crock article and 17 to 22 cents for the very best creamery.

PREPARED A SLATE

Dorchester Conservatives Select Candidates
for Municipal Elections.

Dorchester, Dec. 22. — A caucus of prominent Conservatives of the town held here a few evenings ago, for the purpose of selecting the candidates for the approaching municipal elections. As a result of the caucus there will be some changes in next year's council. It was arranged that the present reeve, Mr. R. Banks, should take Mr. Neely's place in the county council. Mr. R. Banks, a councillor, stepping up to the reeve's chair, and Mr. George Chittick taking Mr. Johnson's place in the council. This arrangement was satisfactory to the majority in attendance, although a small following seemed disposed to secure a place for Ex-Reeve Jackson. It was pointed out, however, by the advocates that it would be better to advocate the election of a man of more up-to-date experience in the township. Since the nominations for county council, which resulted in Messrs. Fitzgerald and McCallum being elected by acclamation, the arrangements have of necessity been changed, and it is expected that Mr. Banks will again accept the reeve'ship for another year.

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A circular from the agricultural department at Toronto says: After consulting with a number of institute speakers as well as local officers in different parts of the Province, the superintendent has decided not to hold any institute meetings until Jan. 21. It was the unanimous opinion of both delegates and officers (and a great many were consulted) that a political campaign would interfere very much with the attendance at and the success of institute meetings. No announcements of meetings had been made for January, although all lists had been about completed. A rearrangement of the lists has been made, and the subject referred to the secretaries of the various ridings. The revised dates will be announced in plenty of time to allow local secretaries to do the necessary advertising before the date of the first meetings. The regular number of meetings for each riding will be held in all the older sections of the Province, but in the northern districts (St. Joseph's Island, East and West Manitoulin, Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Muskoka) arrangements will be made to hold meetings in June or July or the fall months.

At the sale of the estate of the late Whitaker Wright, at Tokenhouse Yard, someone offered £20,000. "The wall around the estate was £20,000," said the auctioneer.

Get your Christmas Candles at the Olympia. The most perfect breakfast cereal sold. P. McIntosh & Son, Millers, Toronto.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. The first "bomb outrage" was committed on Christmas Eve, 1903, by Saint-Nolant, who wished to remove Napoleon, then First Consul, in the interest of the royalists. Napoleon escaped, but among his escort and the bystanders there were about 120 casualties.

One discovery made by an exploring party in Abyssinia is that the River Gelo skirts the southernmost extremity of Lake Tana instead of flowing into the lake, as was hitherto believed.

CANDIDATES FOR
HONORS ON JAN. 2

Dr. George Hodge

One of the most popular physicians in London is Dr. George Hodge, who at the solicitation of a large number of citizens, has consented to run for school trustees. He is particularly fitted in many ways for the important honor, and takes a deep interest in all educational matters. In the past the people have chosen many physicians to represent them on the school board, and it is likely they will do the same when Dr. Hodge places his name before them in January. Certainly he will make a useful member of the board.

IRISH BENEVOLENT
GIVES OUT CHEER

A scene of good cheer was presented by the interior of an old store at 22 King street today, where the headquarters for the Irish Benevolent Society's Christmas distribution were situated. Big barrels of crackers stood about the floor, the tables were heaped high with meats of all kinds, and attractive-looking parcels were to be seen on every hand. Large paper floor bags were ranged about the floor with their mouths open to receive the good things which willing hands were piling into them. Two hundred families received one of these bags, each containing meat, sugar, tea, rice, raisins, currants, oatmeal, etc., and varying in size according to the number in the family for which it was intended. The society obtained lists of poor from the various churches, the Aid Society, and other charitable institutions, and every deserving family, no matter what their creed or race, received a bag of good things from the generous organization. The following were to be seen at work packing the bags and directing their distribution: Dr. Claude Brown, Harry Merritt, Jerry Collins, P. Muthall, Dr. Wilson, P. Welch, M. O. Finch, S. Grant, P. Pocock and J. Stevely, the president.

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LITERARY NOTES.

A Canadian edition of the Windsor Magazine (London, England), is now being published by Ward, Lock & Co., and placed on the Canadian market by the Toronto News Company. The English edition is sold at 1 shilling, but the Canadian edition will be sold to the public for 15 cents. The literary and artistic merit of the Windsor Magazine is too well known for us to dwell upon it here, and a wonderful increase in the sale has taken place during the few months that the Canadian edition has been on the market.

MADE IN CANADA.

A "Made in Canada" Christmas number is that of Canadian Good Housekeeping, which in neatness of appearance and variety of contents yields to none of the imported publications. Besides the usual attractive features, the December number has a striking Christmas story, a timely article on "The Canadian Girl at Christmas-Time," "A Christmas Message to Canadian Women," an article on "What Winter Means in the Country," freely illustrated; a talk with the "Maries," an interesting paper in "The Servant Problem in India."

Montreal Police Inquiry.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14. — After having instituted an inquiry into the administration of the police department before Judge Taschereau and having called the keepers of several disorderly resorts to give evidence, the city attorney has suggested the witnesses in question should pay the cost of investigation.

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Another year is fast drawing to a close with its sunlight and shadows, its withered leaves and fragrant flowers. Joyous time. Happy hearts. Cheerful homes made brighter by the glorious anticipation of expected pleasures.

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