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GRAVES

OUR BEST WISHES ARE YOURS FOR—

A Happy New Year

Many thanks to those who have so liberally patronized the Diprose Stores, making this by far our biggest holiday business.

For the coming year—1910—our policy will be same as ever—popular goods at popular prices.

It will pay you to deal at the

THREE POPULAR STORES.

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To Fit All Sized Go-Carts at 50c a Pair.

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HAND SLEIGHS—We have the strongest sleigh made for \$1.00
SKATES—Hockey and Sliding, ranging in price from 10c to 50c
HOCKEY STICKS AND PUCKS—All prices
SLEIGH BELLS—Fine assortment from 10c to 50c
SNOW SHOVELS AND SCRAPERS—See the new Sidewalk Cleaner. It can be used by a child and will clean an 80-foot walk in three or four minutes.
LEATHER MITTS—Fine values at bargain prices.
WEATHER STRIP in all widths for doors and windows.
A shipment of Nickel-Plated Goods just arrived—too late for the Christmas trade. We are offering these at very low prices.

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Christmas Beef, per lb. 10c to 15c
Lean Roast Pork, 10c to 15c
Ox Tongues, each, 25c
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Open this evening until 10 o'clock.

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CLACHAN.

Clachan, Dec. 30.—Charles MacKay, who has spent the past summer in the west, is home for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McColl and children are home from the west.

Gordon Meyer, of St. Thomas, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meyer.

John Scott, of Chatham, is spending his holidays at his home here.

Roy MacKay, of Chatham, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Josiah MacKay.

Robert Johnston, who has been in the west for the past three years, is visiting friends here.

The remains of the late Harley A. Gibb, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibb, were laid to rest on Monday afternoon in Purcell Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his parents and three sisters, who have the sympathy of the community at large in their sad loss.

Leaf and twig diseases, difficult to combat, are gradually lessening India's annual production of coffee.

A machine has been invented to wrap with wire a telephone or telegraph pole to save it from gnawing horses.

D., L. & W. Pea Coal

\$6.00 Per Ton

Have you tried it? NICE and LARGE, for ranges and small baseburners.

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All the correct necessities. Our egg-shaped bosom shirt will not bulge, and gives the wearer every satisfaction.

A Happy New Year

It is our heartiest wish that our many friends may enjoy a year of greater happiness and prosperity than they have ever known.

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Mixed Nuts
Table Raisins
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Solid Meat. No Water. No Ice.
60c Per Quart

Store Open Till 11 p.m. Tonight.

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Morning Paper on Saturday

Saturday, New Year's Day, The Advertiser will publish an early morning edition only. It will be supplied to all subscribers.

LONDON AND DISTRICT

Canadian Club Greeting.

Mr. C. B. Edwards, the president of the Canadian Club, has received New Year's greetings from kindred clubs in Vancouver, Hamilton, New York and Boston.

\$27,000 For Hotel.
It is said that the Hodgins House, corner of King and Talbot streets, which recently changed hands, was sold to Mr. H. Bastia for \$27,000.

A Watchnight Service.
A watchnight service will be held tonight in the First Methodist Church at 11 p.m. The pastor will deliver "Old Year Meditations." The choir will be in attendance. Everyone is cordially invited.

Painfully Injured.
Mr. Joseph Johnson, of Nilestown, met with a painful injury recently, being thrown by a colt he was riding, and having two ribs broken. Dr. Banghart was called and set the fractures.

Mr. Carr's Promotion.
Mr. C. E. A. Carr, who formerly managed the street railway company of this city, was yesterday appointed general manager of the Quebec-Richmond Light and Power Company.

In succession to Mr. E. A. Evans, who resigned that position to become chief engineer of the system.

Lumber Contract Let.
At a minority meeting of the board of works held last evening, W. Howie was awarded the contract for lumber for bridges at \$40 per 1,000 feet. The usual accounts were passed. Those present were Ald. Geary and Ald. Cooper and Mr. Atholl Marshall, acting secretary.

Local Option Sermons.
On Sunday next, under the Dominion Alliance, special services will be delivered in three of the Episcopal churches of London Township by Rev. Professor T. H. Cotton, of Wycliffe College, Toronto. Professor Cotton will preach on "Present Day Questions of Moral Reform" in the morning at St. John's Church, afternoon at Emmanuel Church, and evening at St.

Do You Wish a New Year's Gift

Jewelry makes an ideal present. Our stock contains innumerable suggestions of suitable gifts for persons of all ages. It will be a pleasure to us to tell you the prices of the different articles. They range from 15 cents to hundreds of dollars each. You are invited to call.

C. H. Ward & Co

374 RICHMOND ST.
PHONE 1084.

First Day, Second Day, Third Day, Every Day

Of the New Year, on which you desire to place before your family exquisite Cakes, Biscuits and other dainty morsels, begin right by using "Purity" Baking Powder. "Purity" never fails, never disappoints, and is always pure and wholesome.

Cairncross & Lawrence

Chemists and Druggists,
216 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON, ONT.

Spend Your Christmas-Box Money for New Furs at BELTZ PRACTICAL FURRIERS.

Mr. Larkin Recovering.
Yardman James Larkin, of the C. P. R., who was seriously injured some days ago by being crushed between a gate and a car at Hyman's tannery, is recovering rapidly.

Watchnight Services.
Special watchnight services will be held in the majority of the city churches tonight, and in many of them arrangements have been made for special programmes of music to sing the old year out and the new one in.

Many of the pastors will also give short addresses at the watchnight services.

Rev. Ernest H. Peatfield, B.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church, will commence on Sunday, Jan. 2, a series of addresses on the wonderful revelation of St. John.

The subject for the evening will be "The Vision of the Golden Candlestick." The addresses will be continued for 21 weeks.

Miss McVean Improves.
The condition of Miss Theresa McVean, night supervisor at the Bell Telephone office, shows slight improvement in St. Joseph's Hospital, and recovery, Miss McVean has been very dangerously ill with blood poisoning.

GOOD TEACHER GONE

Nilestown Trustees Pay Mr. Charles F. Walker a Well-Earned Compliment.

Nilestown, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Nilestown public school was held on Wednesday, A. E. Barnard was elected chairman, and C. P. Walker secretary. The auditors and trustees were adopted, J. Byrd, elected secretary and treasurer, and C. P. Walker was chosen as auditor.

The school was let to A. E. Barnard. The janitors duties will rest upon H. Greenfield. The necessity for a new well and the ceiling to the schoolroom was discussed, and they will be provided in the near future.

It was unanimously voted that a recommendation, voicing the testimony of trustees and section as to the high-class qualifications and efficiency of Mr. Charles F. Walker, whose duties here ended at Christmas.

Mrs. S. Rolph and her son Harry and daughters, formerly of this place, but recently of Michigan, are now located at London.

Mr. A. Barnard is visiting his brother Carlos, of Port Huron.

Mr. R. Elliott has been making his Canadian friends a visit.

R. C. ECKERT FOR 1910 ALDERMAN

The friends of R. C. Eckert prevailed on him to run as candidate for 1910. Since announcing his candidature for 1910, he has worked diligently to elect him.

Mr. Eckert's experience as a businessman and his connection with Gorman, Eckert & Co. fit him well for the office.

One of his friends met him yesterday and said: "Well, Dick, how's it going? Are you elected yet?" Mr. Eckert replied: "Not yet. I need more votes—but they're coming my way fast. I hope to get the few more needed. If I succeed I will give the city's business my best attention."

THAT'S THE G.O.P. OF MEN THE CITY NEEDS.
A good, clean, practical businessman, who will give the city's business close attention. VOTE FOR R. C. ECKERT FOR ALDERMAN. (Advertisement.)

According to the London Hospital, some English physicians are ordering patients to eat oysters that have been well soaked in sea water, as a cure for dyspepsia and tuberculosis.

Come in tonight and get a box of our fun-making crackers for your New Year's gathering

At both our stores we have a big assortment from 25c to 50c a box.

We have the best of good things to eat.

Choice Layer Figs, a pound 15c to 20c
Fard Dates, 2 pounds for 25c
Stuffed Dates, a box 30c
Best Mixed Nuts, a pound 20c
Pink-Tinted Malaga Grapes, a pound 25c
Crystallized Fruits, a box 50c
Genuine Turkish Delight, box 20c
Choice Table Raisins, a pound 35c
Select Figs, in bottle 35c
California Navel Oranges, a dozen 30c, 40c and 50c
Cranberries, Celery and Lettuce.

THREE PHONES:
Dundas Street, 3051 and 3052.
South London, 969.

T. A. ROWAT & CO.

FORMER LONDON WOMAN DIED W. I. E. IN FIT

Said to Have Left Here for Hamilton a Few Months Ago.

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—Lying full length on the floor of her bedroom at 138 Mary street, where she roomed, Hannah Leeman was found dead Wednesday night by Mrs. Smith, the lady of the house. The dead woman's face was covered with blood, and she looked a ghastly sight when Dr. Baugh and Constable Yaxley arrived. She had been dead about three days. The last time she was seen alive was on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Smith's children were in the habit of watching for Miss Leeman as she returned from her work at the Canadian colored cotton mill. Last night, when Mr. Smith returned home, the children, thinking it was Miss Leeman, shouted, "No mail," as they were in the habit of letting deceased know if there was any mail for her. Then Mr. and Mrs. Smith remembered that they had not seen deceased since Sunday, and, becoming suspicious, they went upstairs to her room and beheld the gruesome spectacle.

The police were at once notified, and P. C. Yaxley hurried to the house. When he arrived he found the gas stove burning, which he quickly turned off and opened the windows.

No Foul Play.
The doctor on his arrival examined the body and contents of the room, and satisfied himself there had been no foul play. He then asked the two young girls, who had been about three days, for face, breast and hands and swollen and were discolored, besides being covered with blood. She was fully dressed, and had spiced up from all appearances she had had a fit, followed by a hemorrhage. Nothing in the room in the way of tablets or drugs could be found. However, an inquiry was made of the colored people in the neighborhood, and a visitor was moved to the city hospital morgue. The police took charge of her belongings.

The jury met and viewed the body this morning and adjourned until Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at No. 3 police station.

Worked in London.
Hannah Leeman came to this city about three months ago from London, Ont., where she had worked in a clothing factory for two years. She was between 40 and 45 years of age and belonged to Milltown, New Brunswick, where her relatives are living. She was a sister of Mrs. Murchie, of St. Croix.

N. B. Mr. Woodside, foreman in the weaving department in the Canadian Colored Cotton mill, knew the deceased and had seen her several times since she came to London.

He says she was the most reticent woman he ever met. She would not mix with any of her workmates, and had been somewhat despondent, owing to her inability to acquire the speed that other girls could. She made fairly good money. Her pay that she in the cotton mills office now amounts to \$10 a week, but she had not been paid for some time. The last time she was seen alive at the factory was on Friday night, and she was expected back on Monday morning.

Relatives in Milltown.
There is nothing strange in the fact that Mrs. Smith did not discover the woman before, for those in the habit of rooming or taking roomers know it is possible to go days without seeing another member of the household.

Miss Leeman, Mrs. Smith said, was a very reserved girl, and did not mingle with the other people in the house. She had lived with Mrs. Smith only three weeks; prior to that she had lived next door, with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, who left for the old country three weeks ago.

Miss Leeman boarded herself, and in the room were eatables of all kinds, besides cooking utensils and a gas stove. Her hat and gloves were on the table, apparently laid there when she returned from church.

Chief Smith today sent word of Miss Leeman's death to her relatives in Milltown.

FREE!
New Year's Day only. We will give absolutely free one large photo, size 16x20 with every order of a dozen or our best cabinets. Come early and avoid the rush. Sanders Studio, corner Dundas and Richmond.

Pianos to Rent.
Pianos to rent from \$2 per month upwards, six months' rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams Piano Company, Limited, 561 Dundas street.

Closed, heated carriages for all occasions. Huxford's Livery.



Big Reduction Sale of Ladies' Coats

What does this mean to the woman who needs a new Coat these cold winter days to have these high-grade Coats reduced now, instead of the end of the season?

When we say we believe our stock of Coats to be unequalled in this city in style, in quality and in tailoring, we are saying what we believe to be the truth.

These Coats are of the high standard that we aim to carry in all our Ready-to-Wear Clothing, with the prices greatly reduced.

\$18 Coats Now \$7.95

This lot of Coats are of earlier styles than the rest of our Coats All are of the best all-wool melton, in blue and black and mixed tweeds, well tailored and neatly trimmed with braid and jet buttons, velvet or moire colors. These coats are well worth more than twice the sale price, but to clear, only \$7.95

\$14 Coats Now \$9.75

Coats of good style, well tailored in semi-fitting designs, in blue and black all-wool meltons and fancy tweeds; lined to waist with extra quality satin, all seams finished, trimmings are braid and jet buttons; some coats have military collars, others plain notched collars. Any of these coats for \$9.75

\$16.50 Coats now \$12.75

Women's Winter Coats, in correct styles, as skirt or panel coats, tailored in meltons and kersey cloth, in black, green and blue; military or shawl collars. All are neatly trimmed with large buttons, and well worth \$16.50. To clear, only \$12.75

\$19.00 Coats now \$14.75

Beautiful Coats in blue, grey, green and black, in kerseys, meltons and best styles, styles as coats with side skirt pleatings or diagonal front fastenings; military or shawl collars, trimmings as jet buttons. Coats are lined to waist with black or colored satin. To clear, only \$14.75

\$30.00 Coats now \$19.75

High-grade Coats of "Wooltex" brand in broadcloth, kersey and meltons. In popular colors and fancy covers. These coats are advanced in style and will be good style for next year, but we clear everything each season. So reduced these to \$19.75

Open Evenings Raphael & Co. Dundas St. 236

A SPLENDID CANTATA IN BROUGHDALE CHURCH

An Entertainment of Unusual Interest in St. Luke's Church.

An entertainment of unusual interest was given last night at St. Luke's Church, Broughdale. It took the nature of a cantata, "The Crowning of Christ," under the direction of Mr. Ed. Gardner, assisted by members of the choir and Sunday school. The basement of the church was crowded, and the audience was enthusiastic.

The program was given by Miss Mina Crockett, followed by the children's chorus, "Come Holiday's All." Following this, there were representations of the New Year, and the last season. The former was represented by Miss Edna Nagel, Winter, Miss Irene Gardner, Spring, Miss Emma Hole, Summer, Miss Anna Belle Blackall, Autumn, Miss Gertrude Ward.

St. Valentine's Day.
St. Valentine's Day was represented by a song from Miss Nina Crittle. Following this twelve young ladies from the choir went through a very pretty recitation in honor of Queen Alexandra, who was represented in a very attractive manner by Miss Irene Stockwell. The drill closed with the singing of "God Save our Queen," in which the audience joined heartily.

Children's Day was represented by a cantata, "The Children's Sabbath," and a recitation by Miss Edna Nagel. Dominion Day was represented by a recitation by George Allison, and the chorus "Hail the First of July."

Thanksgiving Day.
Thanksgiving Day was amusingly characterized by Miss Alice Broadrick and Mr. W. A. Young engaged in preparing the Thanksgiving dinner.

The last representation was that of Christmas Day, which was represented by a chorus of little tots. The chorus, "O, Bring the Crown," was then sung, during which Santa was crowned by Miss Bertha Allison. The cantata was brought to a close by the singing of the chorus, "O, Come, Now All Ye Holidays," followed by a Christmas hymn.

A very pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was the distribution of gifts to the Sunday school children, and the presentation of the accompanist of the evening was Miss Beatrice Richardson, while in the Grand March and on several other occasions she was assisted by Miss Minnie Raymond.

The cantata was such a decided success, that many requests have already been received to have it repeated in the near future.

FEWER PRISONERS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Statistics Show That Place Is Growing Unpopular With Certain Classes.

The jail statistics and those of the county constabulary will not be ready for publication until some time early in the new year. But unless there is a very pronounced change in conditions in the jail during the year, the conditions to be reported will be very much improved over last year. There have been considerably fewer prisoners incarcerated in the jail during this year than in the year preceding.

Big Falling Off.
Especially is this noticeable in the last quarter, which has hardly had one-half of the number of prisoners who were entered for the corresponding quarter of 1908. The highest number in the jail during the past three months had been 25, while last year the number went as high as 50. There has been an average population in the jail during October, November and December of about eighteen, while the year before hardly dropped below 40.

The Indian Listers.
One of the reasons suggested for this state of affairs is the rigid enforcement of the Indian list idea, which has prevented many of the head-quarters from making the jail their headquarters.

J. C. College

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As they were accustomed to do in the past. Whether the enforcement of the system has resulted in a permanent reform, or has only meant that the listers have been driven from the locality, it is of course difficult to tell, but in any event the result is eminently satisfactory.

MR. AND MRS. TRIGGER WERE HIGHLY HONORED
Southwestern Traction Company Employees Make Presentation to Both.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 23, the employees of the Southwestern Traction Company met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Trigger, St. Thomas, and after a neatly worded address by Conductor George McCreagh, Motorman John Campbell, presented Mr. Trigger with an elegant secretary, and Motorman E. Cole handed Mrs. Trigger a beautiful clock. Although completely taken by surprise, Mr. Trigger made a suitable reply, thanking them most heartily for their kindly wishes and splendid gifts, and expressing regret at having to sever his connection with them.

Mr. Trigger has been a valued and trusted employee of the Southwestern Traction Company for the past four years, and has recently resigned. He intends conducting a general store at Glenworth, which he has recently purchased from Mr. K. Turnbull.

After a very pleasant evening spent in social intercourse, the company dispersed after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Trigger every success in their new home.

SUCCESS
The police magistrate of Ontario states that during six months prior to local option the crown attorney appeared sixteen times in court; for the six months after he appeared only once. The work of the court has fallen off three-fourths. Before local option there was an average of one drunk in the cells every night. Now they are so rare that they scarcely have any.

In West Toronto builders state men do more work, earn more money, and take better care of their families. In Mount Brydgemore men do less work, earn less money, and take better care of their families. The temperance hotels are prosperous, and the taxes of the township of Canada are coming in better than in previous years.

Westminster Local Option Committee. (Advertisement.)

HOPING FOR NEW INDUSTRY

St. Marys May Have a Customer for the Smallwares Building. (Special to The Advertiser.)

St. Marys, Dec. 30.—Mr. Hayward, teller of the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to Walla-Walla.

Mrs. McLaren, of London, is a holiday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. J. Jackson, Water street.

The town council held a special meeting today to consider routine business was transacted.

Very little interest is apparently being taken in the nearby municipal elections.

Miss McDonald, of New Ontario, a niece of Mr. John Gray, is a holiday visitor with Mrs. George P. Sutherland, North Ward.

An option has been taken on the Canadian Smallwares building on Water street north by W. E. Eggleton, of Waterbury, Conn., an expert artisan and inventor, and who has a financial syndicate at the back of an important industrial proposition.

Queries Answered.
Women Voters.
Vancouver, Dec. 28, 1909.
"Please let us know in your first issue after you receive this, if spinners and widows who have votes in all municipal matters, can vote in the local option vote next Monday. Many

are not clear in that matter. Publish in both editions, and online.

Answer: A person qualified to vote at a municipal election can vote on local option. They are qualified to sign a petition to submit a local option bylaw, and they can vote on that bylaw when it is submitted.