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WATFORD, DECEMBER 26, 1902.

**THE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS**

The festival of Christmas goes back to a very early date. We have notices of it as early as the third century. It was not however always kept on the same day. Clement of Alexandria says that some kept it on May 20th, others a month earlier. The Church of Constantinople (A. D. 381) fixed Dec. 25th as the day. Before the council of Ephesus (431), the Egyptians had also altered the time to Dec. 25. The churches of Antioch and Syria adopted the same date. Other churches followed, but the Armenian church still observes the festival along with the Epiphany, Jan. 6th. The Western church seems to have held the Feast of the Nativity on Dec. 25th as far back as can be traced, and the Manifestations as a second festival. This is seen to be so in the middle of the fourth century. The two festivals were known by the name of Theophania and Epiphania, also "prima et secunda Nativitas." The three Saint's days which immediately follow Christmas Day, namely St. Stephen's Day, St. John the Evangelist's day, and the Innocent's Day, are said by St. Bernard in the twelfth century to have formed one connected festival.

**Smallpox in Port Huron.**

Owing to the outbreak of smallpox in Pt. Huron, Mayor Logie, Dominion quarantine officer has taken stringent measures to curtail the traffic between Pt. Huron and Sarnia. Heretofore the medical officer has been stationed on the ferry boat but the traffic became so large that he was unable to properly examine every passenger. Commencing at noon Monday the regulations were changed. In future the medical officer will be stationed on the wharf and no person will be allowed to land unless they are vaccinated or satisfy the officer that they have been vaccinated during the past year. A policeman

is now stationed on the ferry boat, and all persons coming aboard the boat are notified that they must pass inspection before they will be allowed to land at Sarnia. From this time until the smallpox abates in Pt. Huron the quarantine will be of a most rigid nature.

**HOCKEY NOTES.**

Toronto, Dec. 21.—At the last meeting of the O. H. A. executive, clubs were grouped for the first time in the coming series. The following were the intermediate western group agreed upon:—

Group No. 10—7th Regiment (London), Watford, St. John's A. C., of London. Convenor, A. B. Cox. Meet at London.

Neither of the London teams are pleased with the grouping decided upon by the O. H. A. executive last week. It had been confidently expected all along that Stratford and Watford would be grouped with the local teams, such being the natural geographical division, and one that would have been mutually satisfactory to all. As it is the two London teams are put in the little three-club group, and with Watford at that—a team that will not prove much of a drawing card however great their playing abilities may be. The least that could have been done was to put one of either Stratford or Watford into the London group, for either one of those teams would have afforded the amount of competition and drawing power so necessary for the success of hockey in this city. It is not improbable that strong representations will be made to the O. H. A. authorities to induce them to amend the present grouping, but meanwhile there is no occasion for strong language on the part of the local officials.—London Free Press.

Mr. C. W. Smith, manager of the Seventh Regiment hockey team, when seen today by the News about the grouping of the London teams with Watford by the executive of the O. H. A. last evening, said that there was no doubt that the London teams would make a vigorous kick against the action of the executive.

"It is my opinion that it is a regular throw-down for the London teams," said Mr. Smith. The letter was very indignant, and said that the London teams would certainly not submit to the grouping, and as an outcome the London teams might withdraw from the association.

Mr. A. B. Cox, of St. John's Athletic team, says that it is the opinion of the club that it would have added interest to the grouping if other outside clubs—Woodstock, Stratford or Guelph, had been put in the series. Apart from that, however, they had no objections to the grouping.—London News.

**REARRANGEMENT.**

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Secretary W. A. Buchanan, of the O. H. A. said today in reference to the complaints regarding the grouping of the clubs in the western districts that a mistake had been made in putting the Ingersoll Colts in the junior instead of the intermediate series. The name confused the committee. A rearrangement will be necessary, therefore, in groups 10 and 12. Waterloo being transferred from the latter to the former and Ingersoll taking Waterloo's place in group 12, as follows:—

Group 10—7th Regiment (London), Watford, St. John's (London) and Waterloo. Convenor, A. B. Cox. Meet at London.

Group 12—Woodstock, Simcoe and Ingersoll. Convenor, G. W. Erice, Woodstock. Meet at Stratford.

**ST. JOHN'S A. C.'S DON'T KICK.**

At the grouping of the St. John's A. C. and the London team with the Watford club seems to be the point of interest in hockey circles, the St. John's would like to state that, although the present grouping is not a very favorable one from the financial standpoint, yet it will serve as a good training ground for the more difficult matches which are to follow. The St. John's are in the league to stop, and all outside teams will look alike, whether they come first on the schedule or last.

**PLYMPTON**

Mr. Neil McDonald, Kerch, will eat his Xmas dinner with his brothers and sisters in Stratford.

Miss Crone, of Sarnia Tp., a Modelite, is the successor to Miss Dewar, of Matlock school for 1903.

Misses Mary and Clara Grieve left on Monday to enjoy a couple of weeks with their grand parents in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Kerch, left on Tuesday to spend Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. John Dickson, of Arkona.

Mr. David McKay, and nephew, left on Monday for Saginaw to spend Xmas with his sisters, Mrs. Borrowman and Mrs. Burns.

Mrs. M. G. Muxlow, who was on an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hart, left for her home in Petrolia last week.

Misses Helen and Florence Dewar, of Windsor, came with their aunt, Miss Nesbitt, to spend Xmas with their grand parents at Kerch.

Below is a list of the teachers who have arrived home to enjoy the Xmas vacation under their parental roofs:—The Misses McPhedran, 2nd line; Miss Nesbitt, Kerch; the Misses Dewar, Kerch; Miss Cowan, Watford.

A very successful entertainment took place at Wanstead school last Friday night, consisting of readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music and drills by the pupils, directed by the teacher, Miss Campbell. Mr. Johnston, of Mandamun, ably filled the chair. Proceeds about \$12.

The concert and entertainment held last Wednesday night at Matlock school, was highly successful, financially, socially and musically, realizing about \$30.

Mr. Mosier, I. P. S., was chairman, Mr. Meldrum, of Theford, being the principal star of the entertainment. Miss Dewar, teacher, was presented with a handsome lady's gold chain and charm.

The present County Councillors, McMahon and Bailey, were unopposed at the nomination on Monday, and it is expected that next Monday there will be no opposition to the present township council. We anticipate no change. Save the expense of an election and everyone will

# MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## SWIFT BROS.

Largest year's business on record. We wish you one and all a Very Happy Christmas.

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be satisfied, except the D. R. O's., who no doubt would like opposition.

**MARRIED.**

In the Baptist Church, Theford, on the 17th Dec., by Brigadier McMillan, of the Salvation Army, ex-Capt. Brooks, to Margery Allen, both of that place.

On Dec. 16th, by the Rev. H. G. Cairns, Wm. Doerr, of Manor, formerly of 12th line Enniskillen, to Miss Clara McMurray of Manor.

**DIED.**

In Rosanquet, on the 13th inst., David Sheppard, aged 70 years, 11 months and 9 days.

In Alvinston, on Sunday, December 14th, 1902, James M. Hamilton, aged 56 years, 4 months and 30 days.

**The Christmas Farmer's Advocate.**

"The Golden Fields are waving,  
The sun sets golden red,  
A sleeping Empire's waking,  
An Empire's day is breaking,  
A maiden Empire's making  
A mother Empire's bread."

The above lines were written by Cy. Warman, the clever American author who makes his home in Canada, for the beautiful colored frontispiece of the Christmas Farmer's Advocate, of London, Ont., to which the readers of this ever popular periodical have been treated. Some idea of the magnitude of the issue may be seen from the fact that it actually required over 191 tons of paper to print it! Some 30 to 40 specially-written articles on every phase of agriculture and kindred themes, by the most eminent writers on this continent and in Great Britain, appear in its 80 pages, which are embellished with over 100 photographs and reproductions of many of the best paintings. It is a unique production, every page disclosing something of interest and value. We congratulate the Farmer's Advocate on its success and the farming interests of this country on having such a splendid exponent. With a large and competent staff, thoroughly understanding the practical needs of all departments of agriculture, the Advocate has laid plans for 1903 that make it indispensable to the man who wants a reliable and high class farm paper at a very modest outlay.

**SWINDLED AN ARKONA MAN.**

Another charge has been laid against C. L. Papst, the South Londoner who is in trouble on account of his alleged unauthorized collection of money for the Birkbeck Loan Co. Papst was taken from his cell at the county jail yesterday, and arraigned in the interim session room before Squires Lacey and McTuffin.

The charge against him was that on or about October 22nd last he obtained the sum of \$12 from one Herbert C. Benedict, of Arkona village, in the county of Lambton, under false pretences. Deputy Crown Attorney McKillop prosecuted, and Mr. J. F. Paule appeared for the prisoner.

Benedict told the court that he was a machine agent in Arkona. On or about October 22nd last he met Papst in Smith's drug store in that village, being introduced to him by Mr. Smith. Papst asked him to take stock in the Birkbeck, and promised him a position with the company as local valuator at \$35 50 a month. Papst said that in order to get the job Benedict would have to take at least ten shares in the company at 60c. a share. He also told Benedict that he had hired Smith as collector at \$45 a month. Benedict took the ten shares and paid over \$12, being two monthly payments.

At the conclusion of the evidence the prisoner was committed for trial.

John Davidson, an employee on the Grand Trunk at London, dropped dead while out walking.

David Conroy, Ottawa, has been awarded the contract to build a wharf at Burk's Falls.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

**Tenders For Bridge Timber.**

TENDERS will be received up to Monday, Dec. 22nd for the supplying of timber for Bridge at Warwick Village. Bill of stuff required can be seen at the Town Office or by applying to the undersigned. Material to be on the ground by March 1st 1903. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. McFARLANE,  
Reeve of Warwick, Forest P. O.

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**Tenders for Wood.**

TENDERS will be received by the Watford Public School Board up to January 1st, 1903, for 15 cords of green wood, beech and maple, 2 feet long and split square, to be piled in school yard and subject to inspection by Committee of Supplies. For further particulars apply to Colonel Kenward, chairman of the board.

JOHN REID,  
Secretary.

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**Teacher Wanted.**

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Dated November 26th, A. D. 1902.

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# Christmas Groceries.

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