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CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas day comes but once a year, yet it is safe to say that it brings more joy and sunlight to millions than any day of the year. The snow may be on the ground a foot deep, there may be lowering clouds, cold, icy winds which even nip the noses of the rich and well-clothed, and send the poor to the nearest refuge where there is a shelter from the icy blast, but the spirit of Christmas hospitality is not only on hand but abroad, and there is no one who cannot have a Christmas dinner and a pleasant time under certain conditions.

It is the day of charity and happiness, and what a great blessing the millions of the rich would accomplish if the owners would only put into practice the saying of the Nazerene that "it is more blessed to give than receive," and that other saying that has come down through the ages: "There remaineth, these three, faith, hope, and charity." There are scores in every community who would be made happy by the gift of a little article.

In no other country in the world is the broad and generous intent of Christmas time so well observed as in Canada, and all ages enjoy it from the grey-haired patriarch to the tiny tot who has just learned to walk and talk but who believes that Santa Claus is a benevolent reality and and wants to see him steal into her room and fill the stocking, till the eyes close in sleep, waiting, and then wakes up in the early morn to find that Santa Claus has come and gone, but the stocking is filled with good things, everything she had desired and more than her most sanguine imagination had expected.

Christmas is eminently the children's day. From the gray of early dawn—it is the only day in winter when their eyes open at that hour—to the latest hour at night, let everything give way to the little autocrats whose tyranny is courted by every man and woman who has any of the essence of love in the breast. Romp and tumble and shout with them. When another Christmas comes some of them may not be here, and those that are will be one year further from "the royalty that doth so fittingly become them." Christmas is for the children—let everything bend to their enjoyment.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents].

Seeing Double.

EDITOR GUIDE-ADVOCATE :—

Dear Sir :—The letter of Tuesday Shopper in last week's paper is a libel on our fair town. There is no town of its size in Ontario where drunkeness is less prevalent than here and rowdyism is a thing almost unknown in our midst. Surely the hurry of Christmas shopping must have turned Tuesday Shopper temporarily "dippy," or he became intoxicated with the bargains he got and was "seeing double" before he got home.

BUSINESS MAN.

Watford, Dec. 19th, 1911.

Councillor Brown Replies.

EDITOR GUIDE-ADVOCATE :—

Dear Sir :—In last week's paper there appeared two communications, signed Tuesday Shopper and Tungsten. Tuesday Shopper says: "Is it not a disgrace the condition of our street crossings and rowdies and drunks all because we have no policeman and not one cent lower taxes." Such statements are misleading as our crossings are as well cleaned this year as any other year, under the circumstances, plenty of rain and snow, and there are no more rowdies and drunks on the street than any other year. There always has been plenty of law-breakers and always will be, policeman or not. The taxes are lower this year by one and 2/10 mills. The lowest application we had for policeman was $360 per year. Would that not raise the taxes? Tuesday Shopper says the only remedy is a change in council. Well, see this Friday evening that you are nominated and serve nine or ten years as I have done, and I think you will come to the conclusion that it is much easier to find fault than to help manage municipal affairs.

STEET LIGHTING.—Mr. Tungsten, the contract is not completed by any means. Mr. Chambers put up the lights on Main street here and there as a make shift to furnish light this dark time until the new poles arrive, which are ordered, and no doubt will be here soon. Then Main street will have a light every 90 ft., equal rights to all, special favors to no one. I have every confidence that Mr. Chambers will complete contract so as to be a credit to himself and this village. He has not received full pay this year. In 1909 he got $1,100, in 1910, $1,103, this year paid up to Dec. 31st, $678, a saving of over $400, and when the contract is completed he is to receive $810 per year for 55 tungsten lights and twelve o'clock service or $313.00 less than arc lights cost.

THE LONG BLOCKS.—When this village was laid out they did not think about electric light or they might have made the blocks square now the only remedy is a light half way which would take twenty more lights at a cost of $280. which I think is not necessary as we have the best lighted village in the west. Would it not be better to ask the council or some member for information than to resort to the columns of our much respected Guide-Advocate? Do not be a kicker. A word of encouragement would do more good as such communications as last week only keep good men from offering their time in council and drive others out. I will step aside and give Tuesday Shopper or Tungsten my place as I am tired of so much fault-finding. Thanking yon, Mr. Editor, for this space,

Yours truly,
COUNCILLOR J. D. BROWN.

Watford, Dec. 20th, 1911.

[Communications on Local Option either pro or con are not inserted in these columns except as advertising matter. This is the rule of the Lambton county papers.]—Ed.

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WARWICK COUNCIL

Warwick, Dec. 15th, 1911.

The Council met to-day as per adjournment. Members all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed,

The following accounts were passed :—

D. Hobson, gravel furnished	$ 6 30
L. Griffith " "	16 10
A. Iles " "	2 50
Tp. W. Williams "	6 20
Alex. Bryce, gravel "	5 50
S. B. Chambers, " "	2 00
Thos. " " "	5 50
John Leggate, " "	3 20
D. Cameron, statute labor retd undone	8 00
Jacob Cline " "	8 00
John O'Neil " "	6 00
Treas. of Adelaide, to bal. accounts T.L.E.	35 00
Jos. McCormick, part salary as collector	50 00
N. Herbert, ½ year's salary as clerk	45 00
" exp. Hume dr., postage, supplies	13 26
Rev. W. M. Shore, refund taxes on rectory	4 24
Miss E. Long, services as janitor	20 00
E. Karr, services as councillor	55 00
C. Joynt " "	55 00
T. Leach " "	55 00
W. G. Hall " "	55 00
W. Janes " reeve	65 00
E. McGillicuddy, services as treas, 15 mos.	150 00
D. Ross, wire fence on 15 sideroad	4 00
Geo. Brent, services as sheep inspector	2 00
S. Morris, " " "	2 00
Cowan & Towers, services as solicitors	13 25
E. W. Thomas, lumber furnished con. 4, 15 sideroad	1 15
K. W. Janes, load wood furnished A. Aemes	2 00
Guide-Advocate, 4th qrs. printing	18 75
Municipal World, supplies	14 95
D. Duncan, tile furnished on 15 sr., S.E.R.	5 00
J. Shields Tp. share award drain, 2nd con, N. E. R.	15 00
Geo. Graham, dog wrongfully assessed	1 00
W. Janes, com. on bridges and telephoning	41 25
John McCormick, tile Skillen local drain	89 50
T. Leach, com. on " "	6 00
H. Williamson, work " "	80 40

By-law No. 8, appointing Jos. Wynue, W. A. Smith, Wm. Morris, Wm. Ellerker, Jos. Crone, Truman Eastman and Geo. Richardson, Deputy Returning Officers, was passed in the usual way.

By-law No. 9, to appoint Chas. E. Janes, Treasurer, was passed.

By-law No. 10, imposing a special rate for tile drainage purposes on the west half of Lot 3, Con. 1, N.E.R., was passed in the usual way.

Kerr—Leach, that the names of Ed. White, E. McGillieuddy, R. McGillicuddy and Wm. Janes be accepted as sureties for Chas. E. Janes.—Carried.

Hall—Joynt, that the minutes be taken as read.—Carried.

Karr—Hall, that we tender a hearty vote of thanks to our retiring Reeve for his kind and courteous manners towards the members of this Board.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned, sine die.

N. HERBERT, Clerk.

The death occurred at Newbury early Monday morning of Mrs. Dan Mitchell, of Glencoe, aged 44 years. Her death came as a shock to her family and friends. Mrs. Mitchell had not been well for some time and on Friday morning she she went to Newbury to consult Dr. Gordon, intending to come home on the afternoon train. While at the doctor's office she took suddenly worse and was carried to the home of her cousin, Mrs Hillman, where she passed away.

Forest Council will submit a by-law to the ratepayers on Jan. 1st to take over the electric light system and run it as a municipal system.

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New Goods almost every day.
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WE would be pleased to have your business, and we will try to please you with our's.—R. C. MCLEAY, Lumber and Coal Dealer. d22-tf

LOST.—On Thursday, Dec. 7th, a two-inch rope about 65 feet long and swivel belonging to a well drilling rig, between Peter Kingston's, 4th line, and James Acton's, Brooke, lot 15, con. 14. Would finder please leave word at this office.

THE IMPROVED I. J. HASTINGS' SLEIGHS, made by himself at his shop in Chambers' Factory, are superior to anything of the kind now on the market. If in need of a sleigh see him before buying. Examine one of his make and you will buy no other. d22 4t

S. SAUNDERS & SON, are prepared to do custom sawing and will pay the following prices for logs delivered in yard at north end. Hard maple $22.00 per M; soft elm $14.00; basswood $18.00; soft maple $14.00. d15-2t

Dr. Warner Cornell, the well-known eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Port Huron, will resume his visits to Watford, and will be at the Roche Hotel on Friday, January 26th, when he can be consulted on all diseases of those organs. Glasses properly fitted. s29-tf

The Canada Land Company which stands to lose thousands of dollars in damages to farmers in Kent County under the decision by the appeal court that gas is not a mineral has decided to fight the case to supreme court of Canada and to the privy council, if necessary to prove their case.

P. Dodds & Son

Thank all their Customers for their Patronage during the Year, and wish one and all

A Merry Christmas

Wm. Hill, late of the Middle Road, Rochester, took charge of the King George Hotel, Comber, last week.

Mr. John Cowle, who has been principal of Ailsa Craig school for a number of years, has resigned and gone to Preston.

Petrolea Assemblies will give a ball on Dec. 29th.

A Moore Township farmer sold 16 tons of hay the other day for $292. At the rate of $18.25 per ton. Where is the hay that used to sell $10 to press?