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This year, when the spirit of giving useful presents is abroad in the land, you will find that this store is better prepared than ever to supply the Christmas needs of each and every member of the family.

Mother Would Appreciate Any of These

- Fownes' guaranteed Kid Gloves, in black or tan... \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Monarch Knitted Underskirts, in black, grey or blue, at \$1.50.

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- The new Lily and Tango Collars, fancy boxed, at \$2.50, 50 and 75c. Fownes' English Cape Walking Gloves... \$1.00.

Men and Young Men appreciate Useful Gifts

- Wool or Fur-lined Driving Mitts... 50c to \$3. Silk or Wool lined or unlined Fownes Gloves, at \$1 to \$2.

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- Pure Linen Table Napkins, \$1 to \$4 per doz.; Hearth Rugs, \$1 to \$6; Down Comforters, \$1 to \$5.

Your Boy will take Kindly to a Useful Gift, too

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AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK

CHAS. WALKER and MRS. LOUISA WALKER, Lot 29, Concession 6, Plympton, Ont., Dec. 22nd, 1914

At 12 o'clock sharp, the following: Horses—1 brood mare 8 years old supposed to be in foal; 1 horse 9 years general purpose; 1 mare 4 years old supposed to be in foal; 1 good work horse 14 years old; 1 sucking colt extra fine of Dr. R.

Notice to Creditors and Others

In the estate of William Ward, late of Warwick Township, Ont., Farmer, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of said deceased who died on the 12th day of August, 1914, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned solicitor for Richard John Franklin Ward and Charles Russell Ward, the executors of the said estate, on or before January 4th, 1915, their names, addresses and full particulars of their claims in writing duly verified and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, and after the said 4th day of January, 1915, said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they then shall have had notice, and they will not be liable for the said assets on any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims they shall not have had notice.

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TEACHER WANTED

FOR SCHOOL SECTION 1 AND 13, BROOKFIELD and Warwick. Fully qualified. State experience and salary expected. Applications to be in by Monday, Dec. 21st. ALEX. CRAN, Secretary, R. E. No. 7, Watford.

Lieut. Stapleford Writes From Bustard Camp

Salisbury Plains, Eng., Nov. 26th, 1914. Dear Sir,—As the boys are busy and have not much time to write their friends, I take the privilege of asking you to let the privilege of asking through the paper, that they are all well. The weather has been very wet, it rains nearly every day. This is a large camp, over 150,000 troops at this spot in training. The boys are under canvas yet. We have had some very cold weather, just similar to our Canadian weather. Our battalion has been inspected by the King and Queen, also by Lord Kitchener and Lord Roberts. We have a fine body of men and the 27th received great praise for their fine conduct on their passage over. We expect to leave for the front at an early date. We also expect to go into Italy shortly. We train hard now our training is a duplicate of what is going on at the front. The boys had a few days' leave and spent their time seeing England. The Canadians received a warm welcome in England and wherever they go are treated with great respect. There is very little sickness in camp. I must say that the County of Lambton should be proud of their representatives on the Canadian force, as the conduct and discipline of the men is the best. The boys wish all their friends good luck and will say good-bye for now. Yours, etc. Lt. R. H. Stapleford.

Letter From the Firing Line

The following extracts from a letter received by Mr. James Tomlin, of Watford, from his son, Corp. James Tomlin, British Expeditionary Force, now in France, will be found of interest at this time: "I have been out here since Aug. 9th and up to the present it has not been too bad but we have had some rotten weather and we got no chance to go anywhere. We are not allowed to say where we are by the censor. Of course being in the R. E.'s you will understand. We do very well as regards food, tobacco and rum now and again, and I can tell you

it is wanted this weather as it is fairly cold. We have just had an extra blanket issued. I will close hoping to hear from you soon, with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. France, Nov. 26th, 1914.

List of Family Serving in the British Army and Navy

James Tomlin, pensioner, Sergeant Imperial Royal Engineers, Medals, long service, South African, Queen's and King's, six clasps. Matebele 1896, twice mentioned in despatches, once by the late Earl Roberts and once by Earl Kitchener, now a member of the Watford Home Guard. 2nd Cor. Jas. Tomlin, son, 14 years Imperial Royal Engineers Signal Corps, now at the front since Aug. 9th, 1914. Quite well on the 25th Nov., 1914, when letter was written. Mr. Tomlin, son, Private 3rd Royal Canadian contingent. S. B. Tomlin, son, Royal Naval Reserve. Walter Harmer, nephew, gunner, Royal Navy. William Harmer, nephew, Col.-Serg. Royal Navy. Maurice Harmer, nephew, Imperial Infantry. Bert Harmer, nephew, Private 2nd Contingent Royal Canadians. Harry Tomlin, nephew, went down with the H.M.S. Good Hope in action. George Tomlin, cousin's son, Private Royal Sussex Regt. killed in action at Vandrese, Sept. 14, 1914.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Watford Board of Education called for general business, held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1914, in the Library Board Room at 7 p.m. Present—P. J. Dodds, Chairman; E. D. Swift, Col. Kenward, Dr. Hicks, Dr. Newell, Wm. Harper, S. W. Louks, John White, J. W. McLaren, and Principals Potter and Shrapnell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Miss L. Smith, Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Leitch, a deputation from the Literary Society of the High School, were introduced to the Board. Mr. Ramsay, on behalf of the deputation, addressed the Board and urged the necessity of procuring further supplies and furnishings for the School with promise of their financial assistance in procuring the necessary requirements and decorations. After further explanations by Miss Smith, Mr. Leitch and Mr. Potter the Board, after a discussion of the matters referred to, referred them to the repairs and supply committee for final action. The November reports of the High and Public Schools were read. Kenward, Newell, and carried, that the reports be received and filed. Kenward—Hicks, and carried, that the following accounts be received and paid.

HIGH SCHOOL

- T. B. Taylor & Son, supplies, \$13 25 Ret. Secretary, postage, etc., 1 48 J. W. McLaren, supplies, 17 60 Walter Scott, extra work, 2 00 Thos. Dodds & Son, supplies, 6 85

PUBLIC SCHOOL

- R. C. McLeay, posts, 5 15 Ret. Secretary, postage, etc., 5 15 J. W. McLaren, supplies, 2 00 Walter Scott, extra work, 1 80 Thos. Dodds & Son, supplies, 1 90

A Warning to the Public

We are informed that a man collected money at the last rugby match in town under the pretence that it was for the benefit of Mrs. Geo. Richardson, of Plympton, the wife of a Navy Reservist who was called to duty upon the opening of the war. But none of the money reached Mrs. Richardson and the effort looks like a fake on the part of some stranger short on cash. Another attempt at collecting money for the same purpose was made on the 12th line recently. Mrs. Richardson, under date of Dec. 2nd, writes that she has heard of above fake collections, and that nothing has come to her from them; also, that no one, so far as she knows, was authorized to make collections in this way. The police are on the look-out for this would-be benevolent faker, and if he is caught the law will be meted out to him as he deserves. If any further efforts of this kind are made by strangers the persons approached should report the same without delay to the proper authorities.—Petrolia Advertiser.

Dies of Starvation

Hamilton, Dec. 15.—One of the most distressing cases of poverty discovered by charity workers came to light to-day, when a woman, lying ill on a bundle of straw, was found clasping her dead babe to her breast. The child had died of starvation. The woman had nothing to eat for days, and there was no fuel in the house, from which the furniture had been moved.

Shock Killed a Mother

Sarna, Dec. 13.—That two of his brothers had met death in the recent fighting in France and that his mother died from shock on hearing of this was the sad news in a letter received to-day by Harry Doughty, one of the military guards who is now protecting the Government wireless station at Point Edward. The Doughty some time ago received a letter stating that his brothers had joined their regiments and gone to France.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report of S. S. No. 1, Brooke. Average percentage given. Class IV.—R. Cran 87, J. Stillwell 92, H. Lang 72, M. Ruth 67, V. Stillwell 63, F. Gilliland 60, N. Woods 57, C. Davidson 55, H. Green 54. Class III.—J. Cran 75, G. Cran 65, G. McKenzie 62, J. Ruth 58, E. Stillwell 55, D. Cameron 52, E. Davidson 51, R. V. Davidson 50. Class II.—V. Davidson 100, A. McKenzie 100, F. Gilliland 60. Class I.—B. Stillwell 96, C. Ruth 78. Primer—C. Cran, P. McNeil, E. Gilliland, M. Gilliland.—A. E. HOME, Teacher.

A Generous Donation to the Belgians

Anyone harboring a doubt as to the generosity and big heartedness of the citizens of Watford and the surrounding country might have had such doubt dispelled by stepping into the Armory last week when the members of Teumseh Chapter I. O. O. E. were packing the eight bales of clothing which were sent to the Belgian Consul at Montreal, for shipment to his country. A very low estimate places the value of the goods sent at \$400.00. A very large percentage of the clothing was quite new and the second hand clothing contributed was in excellent condition. The merchants of the town gave generously from their stocks. Many new articles of clothing were made by the members of the Chapter and their friends in town. Among the new articles sent for men and boys were suits, mittens, caps, socks, underwear, flannel shirts, mufflers &c.; for women and girls, skirts, waists, nightgowns, underwear, stockings, mittens, hoods, warm coats, toques, mufflers &c. One item of the invoice was 35 new warm coats for women. New comforters and blankets were contributed also. The children of the town brought books and toys which were distributed through the bales. The ladies wish to thank all those who contributed so generously and entered so fully into the spirit which prompted the sending of these comforts to those so kindly in need of them and also to thank the friends who helped with the making of the garments. The appeal was not in vain—"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Christmas Suggestions

Kodaks. What better gift could you give your boy or girl? They can start right on Christmas day by taking pictures of the family gathering. \$2.00 and upwards. Parisian Ivory and Ebony. From the smaller and very useful pieces at 35c to the large sets up to \$15.00. Elite Limoge and Haviland China. Odd pieces, from 25c to \$4.00. 1847 Roger Bros.' Silverware. Books. For children, boys and girls and grown-ups. Bibles, Hymnals and Prayer Books. Writing Paper and Envelopes. In fancy Christmas packages, from 25c to \$3.50. Brass Goods, Hand Bags and Purses. Calendars and Cards. Candlesticks with Fancy Shades. And so on to No End. Come in and see. J. W. McLAREN. Drugs Stationery. The Royal Store.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or direct item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter Box. LAST minute shopping. SEND in the names of your Christmas lists. THE days have started to grow just a minute or two. ALVINSTON young men will dance on New Year's Eve. A DRAMATIC performance will be given by Inwood young people for the Fund. OLD KING CHRISTMAS and OLIVE COAL are commanding consideration just now. TRENTON & Co.'s chopping a big bill will be in operation next week. AT Peace River Crossing, potatoes are worth \$3 a bushel hard to get at that price. COUNTY LORNE, C.O.F., will have a Christmas party on Tuesday evening next instead of Election of officers and other business. How would you like to be at this Christmas? "Perseus on earth" "Merry Christmas" would sound flat coming from his lips. ALL horses for the Militia Depot will in future be purchased direct from the farmers, thus doing away with middlemen's commissions. OUR local puck-chasers are into shape and will give a good account of themselves before the season. There'll be no whitewash this year. REMEMBER the concert for the girls on Christmas afternoon. The girls of the High School are in charge. The A.M.O.C. is a good president. The Christmas music, including anthems, "Let us go into Bethlehem" and "Sing and Rejoice" will be given in Trinity Church on Sunday. MR. E. D. SWIFT received a letter from Dublin on Wednesday last, from Capt. T. L. Swain, who was spending Christmas with his family in Ireland. A DAIRY or comfortable parlour slippers would make a very nice Christmas gift for wife, or children. A beautiful array of slippers is being made by F. DODDS & SON'S. There will be no war news this year. The censors are taking 15 hours to keep Christmas news will be forwarded from Thursday until 9 o'clock Christmas day. THE Industrial Mortgages Company, of Toronto, Ont., has a large amount of funds for investment in Farm Land Mortgages. Write any for particulars. THANK GOODNESS. A Christmas dinner this year, imagine that each mouthful tastes of silver. First time poultry could be had at price. THE past week has been with the Watford merchants a splendid Christmas trade. The large and attractive trade here are big attraction to the public. THE Junior Home Guard have sent out invitations for a Christmas party to be held in the Armory on Friday, Jan. 1st, 1915. Shook's of Detroit, has been engaged to furnish the village of Thamesville free from debt, the last year. The village of Thamesville has been wiped out by the war. The village of Thamesville is in that place. Acclamations council would be the proper one. THE Women's Institute have engaged the Mackenzie vocalist, interpretive recitation for a concert on Monday, Jan. 11th. Proceeds for Royal Particulars later. THERE will be service in Church on Christmas Day and 10 a.m. The choir will sing at 10 o'clock service. There will be sung. Celebration of the Holy Ghost each service. CAPT. C. S. TAMLIN of Aden Beck, will purchase riding horses must be age 15 to 15.3 hands, 1150 lbs. For artillery work, 15.1 to 15.3 hands. No light greys or. A NEW publication, "The War", is out, was placed before the week. It is called "The War" contains 32 pages and 160 illustrations, and sells at five cents. It is a very interesting and bare cost. All profits to the war funds. This paper is to discuss aspects of the war, and patriotic on Thursday means of explaining the conflict now and to the number is devoted to Future issues will discuss Patriotic Fund of Canada's share of