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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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**\$2,000 MORE NEEDED FOR WATFORD'S NEW SKATING RINK. HAVE YOU GOT A SHARE YET?**

March came in exceedingly lamblike.

Miss Myrtle Hawn is spending the week end in London.

Our charge for "In Memoriam" notices is ten cents per line with a minimum charge of one dollar.

Snow fell to the depth of several inches on Saturday but drifted badly on roads going north and south.

Try Floglaze on your floors this spring. A hard enameled surface with great wear, \$1.50 a quart.—N. B. Howden Est.

Miss Howden and Mr. Norman Howden of London, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howden, Erie street.

The receipts at the skating rink on Monday night amounted to \$205.75, the crowd being the largest since Stratford played here seventeen years ago.

Service will be conducted in the Presbyterian church, Watford, on March 6, 1921, by the Rev. H. V. Workman, of Wolf Island, and in Knox church, Warwick, in the afternoon.

Every live stock auctioneer resident in the Province of Ontario will have to pay a license of \$50 per annum, and those who are not resident will have to pay \$100, according to a bill for which Hon. Manning Doherty secured a second reading.

Miss C. Pushelberry will open a high class Millinery Business in the Taylor Block on Saturday next, March 5th, when she will be prepared to show the latest New York and Paris Spring Models. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to call.

Special Easter Display Serge Dresses, two prices only, \$10.00, and \$20.00. Notice window.—Swift, Sons & Co.

Last summer farmers pleaded in vain to get men to go out and hoe potatoes and turnips, pick apples or stock grain. Now farmers are being asked to donate loads of vegetables to the hungry in the cities. The old saying "If a man will not work neither shall he eat," still holds true.

The report of the Postmaster General for the year ending March 30, 1920, shows the gross revenue of the Watford postoffice as \$6,416.52, Warwick \$279.47, Alvinston \$4,031.45, Arkona \$1,723.41, Forest \$6,136.03.

In looking over an old copy of the Watford Guide-Advocate of May 1883 we notice that the public school at that time had 328 pupils on the roll divided as follows: Principal's room 68, third class 89, second class 85, first class 47, primary 98. The average attendance, however, was only 236. The staff at that time was composed of Mr. T. White, principal, Miss Kate Shaw, Miss Fuller, Miss Scott and Miss Ross.

It will pay to get our prices on storage batteries when you need a new one. We have Prest-O-Lite, Willard and Exide, and carry new ones of the most common sizes in stock that you will have no delay.

We have a large number of rental batteries to fit any make of car in this vicinity, our repair equipment is complete and our prices are right.

—R. Merningstar.

Ontario is to have a new law governing the adoption of children. The measure was introduced in the House by Attorney General Raney on Monday, who pointed out that up to the present there has been no adoption law in the province. The bill, briefly will permit any mature person to adopt a child and make that child to all intents and purposes his own; with the same right of inheritance and all legal relationships.

New Gingham at Swift's, 35c. The freight rates on liquor shipments will be increased to double first class.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dodds, Yale, Mich., spent over Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Holmes, Petrolia, head milliner for A. Brown & Co., is here busily at work on the new Spring creations.

Sherwill Lac. The new varnish stain is a wonder. Buy a fifteen cent Brush and we give you a full 25c can free.—N. B. Howden Est.

The agricultural committee of the Ontario Legislature announces that a system of grading butter will be put into force in the province.

An Eastern Ontario weekly newspaper announces "Ladies' Underwear—Half Off." Must be pretty mild weather in that section.

New Models in Crompton Corsets Misses Athletic in Pink, very special \$2.50.—Swift's.

The regular meeting of Lambtons 149 chapter I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Miss Ella McLeay on Tuesday, March 8th, at 3 p.m.

There will be morning service in Trinity church next Sunday and communion of the Lord's Supper. The sermon will be for young people.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. McKay on Wednesday evening, March 9th. Roll call will be answered by a verse on St. Patrick.

Miss Tiffin, who has been spending the winter with her brother and Mrs. Tiffin, in the Methodist parsonage returned to her home in Goderich last week.

On Thursday evening, March 10th Rev. W. J. Doherty of London will be the special preacher at the Trinity church mid-week Lenten service. To-night (Thursday) the Rev. F. G. Newton of Sarnia will preach.

Revs. T. D. Rayner, A. C. Tiffin and Mr. S. Stapleford attended the Ontario Alliance Temperance Convention in Toronto last week. Great preparations are underway for a rousing and victorious campaign in the province between now and April 18th when the vote is to be taken.

The New Coats and Suits at Swift's.

The 6th Anniversary of the reopening of the Watford Methodist church will be duly observed on Sunday, March 13th, with unusually bright and attractive services. Further announcement next week. In the meantime keep this date and occasion in mind.

The Watford and Zion Methodist churches have already paid the sum of \$33805 on their subscriptions to the Methodist National Campaign of one year ago. The next and last subscription falls due on March 15 when it is expected the small balance will be paid in full making a wonderful record.

Farmers are of the opinion that the recent snow fall will do thousands of dollars worth of good to the wheat crop in this vicinity. Snow has been needed for some time and it arrived in good time to save the crop from destruction. Alternate frost and thaw had destroyed some of the crop but the snow will save the balance.

A special sermon will be preached to the young people in the Methodist church next Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, will have charge. This service will be followed during the week with services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at which visiting ministers will preach. Every person welcome to these services.

Mrs. James Saunders, of Moose Jaw, Sask., in renewing her subscription writes: Your paper comes as a weekly letter and we could not get on without the old-home news. We have had a beautiful mild winter here. No sleighing. A heavy rain Feb. 11 which made us think of the January thaws in the East. An unusual thing seen in Moose Jaw is trees in bud in February, which occurred this year.

Pure Liner Toweling at Swift's.

## BIG MOVIE PROGRAM AT THE LYCEUM SATURDAY NIGHT

On page five will be found the big movie program billed for this Saturday evening at the Lyceum. The Blue Bird Amusement Co., presents that splendid story of Basil King's, "The Street Called Straight," Charlie Chaplin in "The Count," and "Men of the Mountains," a beautiful scenic picture. Admission, adults 50c, children 25c, including war tax.

The Company intends coming to Watford with the best new features every week or so, but wish it distinctly understood that peanuts and unnecessary noise will not be tolerated. 5mit

What about your Easter Suit. Call and see what Swift's are showing.

The Watford Hockey Club had a substantial offer to play the Stratford-Watford game on Sarnia ice but turned it down without a moment's hesitation. They could have made several hundred dollars by accepting the offer but would not consider it as they deemed that the local people who are so generously supporting the new rink proposition were entitled to see the game played on Watford ice.

April 1st, next will be looked forward to as more than "All Fool's Day" as it has been placed on the provincial legislative calendar as "All Dog Tax Day," when it is decreed that a canine any breed, sex or color must have a pendant on its neck in the form of a tag. This law will apply to towns, villages and townships alike and any canine found without a license after that date leaves itself a lawful target for gunshot and its owner open to a fine of not less than \$10 and not to exceed \$25. Tags will be procurable from the municipal clerk when paying license and must be renewed annually.

Tuesday was the first of March. We wonder how many of our local readers, or those who lived here at the time, remember the rejoicing in Watford and throughout Canada on the first day of March twenty-one years ago, when General Buller relieved Ladysmith after the long siege. It was a great day here as elsewhere. Notwithstanding the 12 or 15 inches of snow the school children paraded in the morning and a military parade was held in the afternoon, and the booming of anvils and the crackling of firecrackers was heard from 9:30 a.m. until dark. It was certainly a big time and long to be remembered.

Don't worry about your Corsets, buy Crompton's. Swift's carry full stock.

There is considerable talk about alleged unequal assessment of town property, people asserting that some valuable properties are not assessed high enough when compared with other premises of easily recognized inferiority, and some ratepayers are of the opinion that the council should appoint a commission to look into the matter. If the council desires to rectify these alleged inequalities the easiest and surest way to accomplish the matter would be that adopted by the township of Brooke a few years ago, namely, publish the assessment roll in pamphlet form and see that every ratepayer has a copy. Allow every ratepayer to see what his neighbors are assessed at and the inequalities if they are at all glaring will soon vanish. The cost of doing so would be small compared with the ultimate gain and both assessor and council would be relieved of much responsibility and annoyance. The Municipal Act (Sec. 231.) provides a municipality with power to appoint a commission to investigate and revise the assessment, but that mode might be a somewhat expensive one as an experienced valuator would have to be employed. If one-half that is asserted be true a revision is no doubt advisable. The taxes for the next few years will likely be heavy and those owning valuable property should pay their just share.

## WATFORD HOCKEY TEAM IN SEMI-FINALS!

SECURE THE GROUP FROM SARNIA BY ONE GOAL, AND TIE STRATFORD IN THE FIRST ROUND OF N. H. L.

### SEMI-FINALS.

About the biggest piece of advertising that has been put across to the people of Watford and vicinity for the advancement of the new rink idea has been the two big games in which the local boys have engaged in the past week. They have proved beyond a doubt what splendid material we have in the town for sport if given an opportunity in a decent spread of ice and comfortable quarters.

Of course everyone is well aware that we do need a new rink—and most everyone interested in the project is somewhat grateful to outside teams and press dubbing the present rink the "Pill-Box." It has been mighty good advertising and has helped the rink canvassers in no small way. The members of the hockey team have gone into the game with renewed vigor, quite confident of holding their own again, and of demonstrating to the public that they can all play even better hockey if a good rink is at hand. It's the only sport, practically, that we go in for in this town, so let's do it well, while we're at it! If you have not yet come across with your share (or shares) get on the list a tonce so as not to hold up the plans or building operations any longer than necessary.

A big majority of the citizens, both young and old, witnessed one of the games, at least, and we venture to say that there is not one who would not gladly have paid twice the money for decent accommodation. Then let the same spirit predominate for the new rink. We are going to have it—somehow! But it is up to everyone to subscribe their share. Get yours in now.

### SARNIA 7—WATFORD 7

WATFORD'S GROUP BY 1 GOAL

When Sarnia came down Friday evening for the return game in the N. H. L. group they had every confidence of overcoming Watford's one goal lead with ease and carrying home the bacon. But the first two periods showed them they would have to get better men to break through the local defence. At the end of the first period the score stood 1-1, each team scoring within the last few minutes of play. The second period belonged entirely to the "Pill-box" Brigade, the referee marking down the score as 6-3. This was the best period of all for real hockey, being very speedy and entirely clean playing. But in the last period the fast pace began to tell on the locals, and with Sarnia putting on a new spurt of vigor they brought the score up to the tie—7-7. It might be mentioned that this was the longest game ever witnessed here, the game starting at 8.15 and the last period ending at 11 o'clock. Ten minutes between periods and time off for all interruptions might account for considerable overtime, but it would almost appear that the Sarnia timekeeper, Manager Turnbull, was trying to get his washing on the line and cinch the game for Sarnia by overtime. Probably if proper time had been kept the locals would have held them at the former score 6-3, but as the last round lasted forty-five minutes most of the boys were fagged out.

### STRATFORD—WATFORD SEMI-FINALS

FIRST ROUND—3 ALL

It's a long time since Watford plucked up courage enough to send a team up into the Semi-Finals, but we're into it this year, up over the neck! The boys are doing their best to show the real clean brand of hockey they can play, quite confident that the citizens will back them up with that big new rink they need so badly for next winter.

Any small town that can send a team up into the semi-finals is deserving of one of the best rinks in

the province, and we're out to get it this year, as well as one of the top notches in the hockey circle. No sooner was word received Saturday morning that Watford would meet Stratford here Monday night in the first round, than an interesting proposition came along from Sarnia offering the boys the lion's share of the gate receipts if they would play the game in Sarnia. Wherein they continued to show the character of all little cities. Not being content to take their licking and be quiet, they must try to make a little money out of our game, to help make up that which they lost. Our team might be green—in fact we admit they are green—as far as the best hockey goes—but they haven't such an overdose that they can't see yellow! So they immediately turned down the smooth proposition and insisted on staging the last big game as a memorial to the "little old Pill-box." And it was some memorial! And such a game! Watford might well congratulate herself that most of the boys are not old enough yet to go forth into the wide, wide world, or some of the big cities would gobble them up, just as they have in the past. Fast and speedy was no name for this game—"cyclone" would be more appropriate. Watford led off with their usual good style and played all around the visitors in the first period, ending up 2-0. The packed house of fans began to hope that probably Watford would hold the Classic City stalwarts after all. Although fast skaters, they were no stick handlers, so that "Dunc" and "Curly" upset every move they made toward Watford goal. It would be practically an impossibility to single out any individual man on the local lineup for any special credit, as each and every one were into the game with the determination to hold up the old town as long as possible.

In the second period the Classic Redmen managed to shut the local boys out and shove in one for themselves. This was really the only good piece of hockey they displayed in entire game, as the most favorite pastime of the visitors defence was lifting the puck from their own end—anything to keep it out of their territory.

In the last period Stratford scored twice and Watford once, bringing it a tie of 3. Altogether the game was fairly clean, although a few penalties were meted out to the visitors, who certainly looked as if they could rough it up considerably if necessary, but on the whole, were willing to play, clean, real hockey with anyone.

The crowd was the largest the rink has held in seventeen years, the whole countryside turning out to show the boys they were behind them to support them in all their undertakings—even should it be necessary for them to go "On to Wiarton"!

The return game at Stratford was scheduled for Wednesday, but on account of the mild weather was postponed on Wednesday morning, until the ice is in proper condition. Watford boys are going to Stratford with the intention of giving the Classics a good run for their money.

It would really be too much to hope for a complete victory, but the group will not come any too easily for the Stratford sextette. A big bunch of fans are planning on accompanying the boys when they go to the northern city, chiefly to see how the boys conduct themselves when they land on Stratford's big arena.

The game will be played Friday night, if there is ice. As the weather probabilities are for colder weather Thursday.

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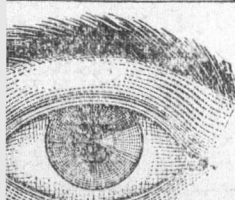
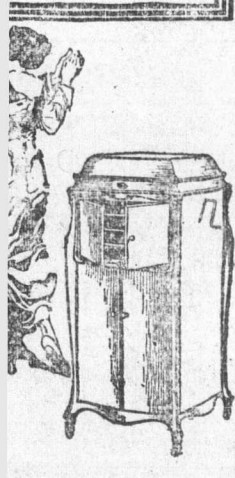
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