



### Is There a Santa Claus?

The following letter, now becoming a classic in our Christmas literature was written some years ago by the late Francis P. Church, Editorial writer on the New York Sun. It was in reply to a letter received by the Sun from one of its very young readers who wrote, "My little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Father says if the Sun says there is, it's true. Please tell me the truth."

"Dear Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be like a day without sun, like a year without love, like a life without a friend. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your mind to hire men to water all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? No one sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah! Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding! No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever; a thousand years from now Virginia—may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### Guide-Advocate

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1925

### "Squibographs"

Florida is charged with attempting to entice the moving picture industry away from California. If successful, it would mean "The End" of Hollywood.  
Scientists have discovered that crocodiles can hear. If they listen to what the real estate agents down in Florida are saying they will get an earful.  
Thriftily eastern housewives believe that the way to economize is to start at the root. Owing to the high cost of potatoes they are substituting turnips for the de luxe vegetable.  
Preparations for the opening of the season at Ottawa are being made. Preparations are also under way to end the season at the first available opportunity.  
The foreign aviators attached to the French air service in Morocco are returning to their homes. The result of their adventure produced more deuces than "aces."  
Collectors are said to be paying fancy prices for the wooden Indians that formerly decorated the entrance to hot-eco shops. Most of them went up in smoke years ago.  
Premier King was an interested visitor to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. The absence of worry displayed by the prize cows contentedly receiving their cuts would be a soothing sight.  
The modern small boy is from Missouri. Suspicious of the telegrams reporting to record the progress of Santa Claus from the Arctic on his Christmas trip, he is looking up the places mentioned to see if any telegraph offices are located there.

The Oriental magnate who purchased a hundred dogs during his recent trip to England, can consider that his trip has been a howling success.

Nine million persons from the United States visited Canada during the past summer and spent \$150,000,000 here. More than 2,000,000 automobiles crossed the line.  
If burglars have any of the sentiment that prevails during the holiday season they would not molest a safe bearing the seasonable sign: "Do not open until Christmas."  
Pullman porters are organizing to demand fair compensation for their services. They complain that tips are decreasing in number and value. Travellers are willing to "let George do it" without any visible token of appreciation. The proceeds of an ordinary "run" do not provide lunch money.

### To Mr. Santa Claus!

Oh goodly! He's coming—O ho! O ho! He said so over my radio. His pack is ready He's on his way! O Santa! Dear Santa! Hurray! Hurray!  
I'm going to get my pen and write a letter to Santa this very night. O daddy! Tell me, what should I say? How shall I start? I know. This way:  
Dear Santa: Please bring a mamma doll.  
A pair of skates and a big red ball. I don't know if I shall want much more.  
'Cause I have the toys that you left before!  
O Santa! I wish that you were here—I'm loving you more and more each year.  
I'm leaving some cents in my stocking toe.  
A little present for you, you know.  
I want to ask you, Santa Claus dear, if you have an extra dolly to spare? 'Cause Mary—a girl across the street—  
In awful sick, with crippled feet, And she hasn't any nice things at all, And I think she would love a mamma doll.  
But, if you haven't got one to spare, I wish—please Santa—you'd leave mine there.  
'Cause I can do with the skates, you know  
There's heaps of fun on the ice and snow.  
'N.I just laugh when I slip and fall. Please do leave Mary the big, red ball 'Cause she can play with that in bed, And 'sides she's extremely fond of red!  
I'm glad you're staying a while in town.  
Big hugs and kisses, from Betty Brown.  
CHEERFUL JANE.

Not If G... the ene ste per year... the seas has ber whe... On year feeling has J The own good... Now nice ho... the disposed of... of their (including varieties that slow sellers) at enormous... two parties to the cost of... ing of getting together for difference... The post office depart... commended that... post office have printed on station... This... in these days... weekly papers is... interesting to note... ary News has just in... of its pages in order... greater service to in... This speaks well... publishers of the New town of Tilsonburg... Why is it—that... a ball gown wh... does dance, a riding... when not even think... of a golf outfit wh... she do how to play and wouldn't... a swimming suit when the... of water makes her... at when she gets a wedding... she means business?

Governor "Ma" Ferguson... has discovered that her high... is not a bed of roses. Caetius thorns are replacing the quest of flowers. Members of the Legislative threaten to impeach the chief executive, and she may meet the fate of her husband who was ousted by the impeachment process.

During the excitement caused by the war someone coined the phrase, "we'll win the war if it takes the last dollar and the last man." We won the war alright, 60,000 men lie in France and Flanders, and we're still paying through the nose, and are likely to continue doing so for many years to come. No wonder the nations are tired of war. It doesn't pay.

From all accounts there appears to be an organization of the Ku Klux Klan in Glencoe. Three weeks ago their cross was burned on the old McAlpine hotel site, and some citizens who were up and about town at a late hour on Wednesday night say there was a parade of the hooded knights, participated in by numbers variously estimated at thirty to fifty.

The 12th annual convention of City Managers was held last week in Grand Rapids. The mere fact that it was the twelfth annual convention is interesting. These managers are doing pioneer work that will sooner or later bear fruit in thousands of municipalities, where many consider the present mayor and council system obsolete. Towns like Petrolia, whose revenue, with the exception of a few thousand dollars, is all placed before it is collected, would get better value for its money under the manager system, and would be placed on a much firmer basis.—Petrolia Topic.

Has the Stock Salesman Called?  
A sure-fire test of unknown securities offered you for investment is to inquire at a bank whether the stock would be acceptable as collateral on a loan. If an investment ranks high, a bank will lend anywhere from 75 to 80 per cent. of its market value. If it is uncertain, then it has little or no value as collateral. The glowing accounts of a salesman do not establish the value of a stock on bond. The property and earning power of the company or corporation determine that. Ask the bank. If they don't want a security, it is dead sure you don't.

The law in England with regard to artificial aids to beauty and women's wiles are not so strict now as they were in the reign of Charles II. In the year 1670 this curious Act of Parliament was passed:—"That all women, of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall, from after the passing of this Act, impose upon and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's male subjects, by gents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron staves, hoops, high heeled shoes or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft, sorcery and such like misdemeanors, and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void.

While at work in Wm. Pickell's cooperage, Forest, early in the summer, Basil Dew, one of the barrel-makers, wrote his name and address on the inside of an apple barrel lid, with a request that the person who opened the barrel would send him a reply. On Saturday last he received a picture card from John McMahon, Redgate, Elmrick, Ireland, stating that he had opened the barrel and found it to contain some of the best apples he had ever seen. The apples were shipped ago.

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Things look black for a "white" Christmas at Ottawa.

For your scorched table top you might try hard rubbing with turpentine and sweet oil mixed.

The United States treasury department is said to contemplate issuing a new dollar coin containing a percentage of gold.

At a special meeting of the Tara Town Council the matter of regulating the sale of coal and wood in Tara came up for discussion.

The Bagot Bye-Election The returns from the bye-election in Bagot, Que., showed no reversal in party sentiment.

The Poets Corner

BE WHAT YOU AM!

De sunflower ain't de daisy, and de melon ain't de rose; Why is dey all crazy, to be sumfin else dat grows?

TO THE BOY AND GIRL READERS OF THE WATFORD "GUIDE" CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

God is ever good and kind, Health of body, sound in mind, Food, and clothing too,

County Favored

Proponents of the Library in the County have been successful in their efforts to have the County Library established.

Ontario's Finances

The year's balance sheet of the Province of Ontario, shows that Ontario's deficit for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1925, is \$4,905,293.

Quebec Not Keen on Navy Support

The French press of Quebec province does not take kindly to Lord Jellicoe's suggestion that Canada contribute \$36,000,000 a year to the maintenance of the British navy.

Former M. P. Arrested

The arrest of J. A. M. Armstrong former member of Parliament for North York, on two charges of theft, caused something of a furore in Toronto.

A Real Builder of Canada

John R. Booth, dean of Canadian lumbermen and pioneer of the industry in Canada, who died in Ottawa a few days ago, would have reached the age of 99 years on April 3rd next.

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G. N. HOWDEN, D.D.S., L.D.S., Graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, and the University of Toronto.

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Notice to Creditors... In the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM SUTTON, late of the Township of Brooke in the County of Lambton, Farmer, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 57 of the Trustee Act (R.S.O. 1914, Chapter 121, and Amending Acts) that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the said William Sutton, who died on or about the fifth day of October, A.D. 1925, are required to send by post, prepaid or delivered to Robert Sutton, the executor, Watford P.O., on or before the twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1925, their names and addresses and particulars of their claims.

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KERWOOD

The St. Paul's Sunday school held their annual Christmas concert on Friday evening, Dec. 18th, in the Anglican hall, with a good attendance. A good program was given and at the close Santa Claus distributed the gifts from the tree.

Christmas services will be held in the United church on Sunday, Dec. 27th. Special Christmas messages will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Brook and special music by the choir under the leadership of Prof. Nielson.

Mr. M. Smith of British Columbia, is spending the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith. Miss Thelma Beunt of Windsor, and Rheta Matthews of Windsor are home for the holidays.

Mr. E. A. Brunt left yesterday for the Barbadoes Islands, where he will remain for the winter months having resigned his school in Windsor.

The Women's Institute held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Brunt, the rooms being prettily decorated with the Christmas emblems. There were over twenty present.

Friends and members of the Y.P.C. met in the Anglican hall on Wednesday evening to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matthews, on their return from their honeymoon. A very pleasant evening was spent in an interesting program.

JOHNSON-WRIGHT

The marriage was quietly solemnized on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, at the United church parsonage, Kerwood, of Eva Rae, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wright, to Wilfred Russell Johnson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, all of Kerwood. Rev. R. A. Brook officiated.

Auction Sale Farm Stock IMPLEMENTS and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

The undersigned has received instructions from W. D. MCKENZIE to offer for sale by public auction on the premises

Lot 14, Con. 2, S.E.R., Warwick, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1925. The following valuable property: STOCK—1 Gelding, 7 years old, G.P.; 1 mare, aged; 1 driver, aged; 1 registered Hereford cow due time of sale; yearling Hereford heifer, registered; purebred Hereford calf, 8 mos. old; new milch cow, calf, 2 mos. old; 3 Lincoln ewes; 9 Lincoln lambs, 75 tens.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—Dining room suite, 2 bedroom suites, bedsteads, toilet sets, cot, stands, couches, chairs, rockers, pictures, lamps, lanterns, pots, pans, sealers, dishes, Queen heater, coal oil stove, fire extinguisher, cream cans, 40 gal. oil can, lawn mower, lawn swing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gates and children have returned from the west to spend the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gates.

PLYMPTON COUNCIL

Plympton Township Council met as required by statute at the township hall on Dec. 15th. Members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The engineer's report on the Dennis Robertson drain was read but on motion was laid over until next meeting.

Mr. Cairns was heard regarding a drain on con. 12 and on motion of Reeve Burnley and Deputy Reeve Gammon were appointed to investigate with power to act.

The following accounts were passed: Thos. Jackson, for repairs to Montgomery drain \$ 12.00 J. Dobbin, for work on Sherk drain 145.00 Frank Sherk, collector, refund taxes for Mrs. M. McLachlan 6.62 Standard Printing Co., adv. for tenders Hill-Hubbard dr 2.55 Alex. Robinson, refunded dog tax wrongfully charged 2.00 Andrew Lunam, treas., postage and excise 3.45 Andrew Gray, overcharge of taxes 1924 2.80 Ernest Helps, distributing bylaws Park drain 6.00 W. Johnson, services as Sanitary and Weed Inspector and School Attendance Officer 34.65 A. J. Gammon and Orvil Irwin, for the work in 1924 12.50 Duncan Smith, and A. G. Minielly, each for preparing report of Twp. highway expenditure in 1924 for the Government 8.00 E. Helps, work in connection with Mandaamin drain 20.00 LeSueur, McKinlay, LeSueur & Dawson, retaining fee 25.00 Alma Burnley, ser. as janitor 20.00 A. G. Minielly, gr. clerk's sal. 75.00 Excise, postage, and special services 13.21 Thos. Burnley, salary and services as reeve 66.00 A. J. Gammon, salary and services as deputy reeve 59.00 S. Smale, salary and services as councillor 53.20 E. Helps, ditto 50.70 D. Watson, ditto 51.40 Tp. Supt. acct's Nos. 1127 to 1243, approved, amounting to 1913.86 Council adjourned sine die.

Note and Comment

All Eyes Turned Toward Ottawa

Never before in Canada has the opening of Parliament excited so much preliminary interest and speculation. While the whips have been busy allotting seats and office space to 119 new members, the public has been waiting for opening day, January 7th, with some impatience, eager to see what the test will be for the selection of a Speaker, but this is not expected to produce a division as Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux will be chosen unanimously. On Friday His Excellency will deliver the Address from the Throne, and if recess practice is followed Parliament will adjourn until Monday when the debate on the address will begin. There have been occasions—but not in recent years—when the debate began the same day as the address, but this is unlikely in the present instance.

Warwick Council

The Council met today as per adjournment. Members all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The following orders were granted: D. Brodie, dog wrongfully assessed \$ 8.00 Watford Agr. Soc., grant 25.00 Forest Agr. Society, grant 25.00 W. S. Fuller, half cost of rent of hall for Div. Court 12.00 J. F. Smith, services as school attendance officer 25.00 C. E. Jones, sal. as Treasurer 150.00 B. F. Muma, sal. as Reeve 65.00 S. B. Chambers, salary as councillor 55.00

NOMINATIONS

TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

The Municipal Electors of the Township of Warwick are hereby notified that their presence is required at the

WARWICK VILLAGE TOWN HALL, WARWICK VILLAGE, ON Monday, Dec. 28th, 1925

at the hour of one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to fill the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Three Councillors for the said Township of Warwick for the coming year, 1926.

AND TAKE NOTICE in case a poll should be demanded, such Poll will be opened in each of the following places on

MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1926 at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m., and remain open until 5 o'clock p.m., on the same day.

Polling Sub-division No. 1—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in con. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, S.E.R., Polling place No. 12 Schoolhouse.

Polling Sub-division No. 2—Comprising lots 2 to 18, inclusive, in cons. 4, 5 and 6, S.E.R., Polling Place, Vacant House on east half lot 12, con. 5, S.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 3—Comprising lots 2 to 18, inclusive in cons. 1, N.E.R., 1, 2 and 3, S.E.R. Polling Place, Town Hall, Warwick Village.

Polling Sub-division No. 4—Comprising lots 2 to 10, inclusive, in cons. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, N.E.R. Polling Place, No. 19 School House.

Polling Sub-division No. 5—Comprising lots 11 to 18, inclusive, in cons. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, N.E.R. Polling Place, House in West quarter lot 16, con. 5, N.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 6—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in con. 4, 5, 6 and 7, N.E.R. Polling Place, House on lot 25, con. 4, N.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 7—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 1, S.E.R., and 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 1, 2, and 3, N.E.R. Polling Place, House on lot 25, con. 2, N.E.R.

N. Herbert, Clerk.

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Table listing names and amounts: J. McClelland, ditto 55.00; M. J. Kelly, ditto 55.00; E. A. Sessions, ditto 55.00; Miss Long, sal. as janitor 25.00; N. Herbert, part. sal. as clerk 100.00; N. Herbert, postage and stationery 22.64; Elmer Moffatt cutting brush on 6 con. S.E.R. 3.75; J. B. Moffatt, ditto 7.25; F. Curdick, services as weed inspector 1.00; A. Bryce, ser. as fence viewer 2.00; W. E. Parker, ditto 2.00; R. McGillicuddy, ditto 2.00; Corp. of Arkona, refund of statute labor 4.00; Chas. Zankey, ditto 2.00; W. Colebeck, gravel furnished 1.00; J. McCormick, plank furnished 6.25; Geo. Brodie, inspecting Wm. Jones' sheep 1.00; Robt. Capes, half cost of rep. bridge, T.L.S. 1.50; Wm. James, 2 sheep killed and 3 lambs worried 33.00; Wm. Morgan, services on the Cameron drain 1.50; R. Prout & Son, plank & posts 37.50; Alex. Edwards, allow. les. dr. 20.00; Jho. Spalding, ditto 19.00; W. J. Howden, ditto 95.00; George Iles, ditto 35.00; A. Iles, ditto 105.00; Eugene Williams, ditto 41.00; Rich. Williams, ditto 35.00; A. Bryson, ditto 55.00; W. Bryson, ditto 95.00; J. A. Minielly, ditto 85.00; R. Adams, ditto 30.00; R. McGillicuddy, ditto 105.00; Geo. Young, ditto 4.00; A. Tanner, ditto 75.00; J. Cowan, legal services for 1924-25 20.00; Geo. Hawken, 1/2 cost graveling on T.L.E. 4.50; E. McKay, services as weed inspector 5.00; Russell Rivers, statute labor returned undone 12.00; S.B. Chambers, holding grader in Div. 2 7.50; Roy Miller, gravel furnished 30.37; John Bryson, ditto 5.25; Wm. Williamson, lumber 1.05; R. McCormick, sign on 4 con. 1.50; Rich. Williamson, ditto 2.00; T. W. Govlock, gravel furn. 17.00; Jas. Thompson, bolster broken on 6 sidewalk 3.50; George Iles, work on les. dr. 32.70; R. Williams, ditto 39.00; E. Williams, ditto 48.00; W. J. Howden, ditto 64.00; A. McAlpine, half cost of work on T.L. W. 4.00; R. Jarriott, half cost work on T. L. E. 6.70; W. F. Tanner, J. Willis' statute labor 6.00; Jas. Gavigan, dog wrongfully assessed 2.00; Sessions—Kelly, that we accept the petition of George Iles and the Co. of Lambton for a local drain and instruct the clerk to notify C. A. Jones to examine the same and report—Carried; Chambers—Kelly, that we accept the petition—Jones to have part of the Campbell drain cleaned out and instruct the clerk to notify C. A. Jones to examine the same and report—Carried; By-law No. 11 appointing deputy returning officers was read the first second and third times and finally passed; Muma—Kelly, that the minutes be taken as read and that we adjourn sine die.

N. Herbert, clerk

THE MIRACLE

By Melville Davison Post A Christmas Tale On page 6 and 7 of this issue

There do You Value... SAF... Double... SHOI... Work... Men's B... Half-Sol... Heels 3... smaller... portions... \$11-34... FOR... \$48... HOUSE... \$48... THREE... March... 10 lbs... \$4... THREE... Skates... handle... of the... of the... who kn... skating... prices fr... See them... Who wo... next year... any man... say "I ne... are over... tario, bes... of Gas en... question... gas engine... Our Free... will assist... you finish... plan wh... learning... teach the... light snit... you full i... experience... a percent... take in... inside tra... there is a... Do not h... mechanical... our labor... a mpete... to the gra... have inst... Plastering... learn these... Jobs are w... per day... day, nam... like... Schools, 16... NAPIER... Mr. and... from atten... Nevins' mot... Mrs. Huc... spending... daughter, J... Mr. Will... tune to fra... the regu... tute was he... day. A gre... eused and... was interest... Denni... Farm" was... the commit... the Rest B... \$21.75 colle... made for a... the hall... An enjoy... the half... Institut... euehre... with play... Mrs. Gu...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS is our wish to you dear reader and the prayer of our heart is that God will save the souls of the unsaved by the preaching of the Gospel, and draw the Christians nearer to Himself that we may live nearer to each other.

"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY" Luke 2: 10, 11; Romans 10: 9, 10.

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The anthracite strike has developed into a state of seige John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, claims. In a statement at Philadelphia he said that the operators and "the financial interest behind them" were prepared to pay a billion dollars to crush the Mine Workers Union, and that the miners had no alternative than to accept the challenge to a finish fight.

of us nationally? And yet, the farmer tries to get his own fights and tries to show where we are going wrong, nationally, men of every calling in the industrial centers are out and decry the farmer's movement and his voice in public affairs. That is only stimulating us to fight for our rights, and what we believe to be in the best interests of the country."

Proponents of the injury would be the more people in the fight for that for the well-being of this Dominion. make the prediction public opinion will be that sooner or later. they will have seen it. Ke this on to the north of purchasing products cannot be sold. We have every 13 years since in building there, and every township, in the whole province losing in population—5,000 in this riding alone. What is going to

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NAPIER Mr. and Mrs. Nevin have returned from attending the funeral of Mrs. Nevin's mother, in Essex.

Mrs. Hueston returned home after spending the past month with her daughter, Mrs. Lovell, in Windsor.

Mr. Will Winter had the misfortune to fracture his wrist. The regular meeting of the Institute was held in the hall on Wednesday. A great deal of business was discussed and a paper by Mrs. Brady-Gus Denning "Stubbles from the Farm" was enjoyed. A report from the committee in charge to collect for the Rest Room in Strathroy showed \$1.75 collected. Arrangements were made for a social evening to be held in the hall.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the hall on Friday evening when the Institute entertained by progressive euchre. Nineteen tables were filled with players. The prizes were won by Mrs. Gus Denning and Mr. Wm.

Mr. Oke and the O. T. A. Mr. Oke, in accepting the nomination, criticized the Ferguson Government in regard to redistribution and the O.T.A. amendments, and also charged extravagant administration.

"The candidate running an election in East Lambton," he said, "is going to have no easy task and if we are going to elect that candidate we have to be wideawake and up and doing."

With respect to the O.T.A. amendments the member said the Government had displeased both "wets" and temperance people with the 4.4 beer. "I don't know what that is going to mean in an election," he said. "I have reasons as a public man to judge with a lot of salt what the temperance people as a body will do. I have reason to believe that the wet forces are not satisfied and are going to bring all possible pressure to bear on the Government in power to make their liquor a little more stronger. I think there is going to be something happen this session, and I want to say this in all earnestness: I have never as a citizen nor a public man had the privilege of voting for the Ontario Temperance Act or local option or any matter, but what I have voted in favor of the temperance question. In the House I have voted for the temperance interests and intend to do so in the future. I believe in following the dictates of the people, as expressed particularly at the polls and claim the present Government did not. I do not know what this is going to mean to the temperance people; it should mean something.

"We have a big majority Conservative Government at Toronto. It looks to me as if they were in a position to do very nearly what they like. What they will do I cannot just tell. But what should be done, I say that every temperance person in East Lambton and Ontario should sacrifice political and partisan feeling and vote according to their conscience on the temperance question, because it is the most moral question we have ever been confronted with as electors."

Third Party Threatened

Mr. Fansher said the cry had gone out to get rid of the third party and back to the two-party system.

"The politicians who deny the farmers' movement," he said, "are simply trying to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, and if they tax agriculture to death, as they have been doing, and decreasing the purchasing power of their customers and destroying their own home market. "The Western Ontario United Boards of Trade met the other day and have written to the clerks of township, and have tabulated vacant farms and abandoned lands and want to do something to bring back settlers to those lands. It is a good idea and all very well, but you have got to do it on good, sound, economic principles. If farming is made to pay people will go and live on the farms

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all night at the gate of the grounds  
 with his weapon for the two persons  
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 at daylight, and found his wife asleep  
 on the divan before the fire."  
 "But the mountain woman," said  
 the Doctor; "the man with the mule,  
 the child, what had become of them?  
 Did not the man watching at the gate  
 see them when they came out? Did he  
 not see them when they entered?  
 What became of them?"  
 The voice of the dying man became  
 stronger; it took on almost the firm-  
 ness and the vigor of health.  
 "It's the Gospel according to St.  
 Luke," he said, "that I wished you to  
 remember. I mean the story of the  
 Nativity according to that Gospel."  
 "Jesus of Nazareth was born in  
 Bethlehem of Judea when Joseph and  
 Mary journey into that village to be  
 taxed. You see, Doctor."  
 The voice ceased as the fingers had  
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 heart. He looked up at the cross of  
 stars hanging in the sky. And sudden-  
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 cathedral began to sound in the still,  
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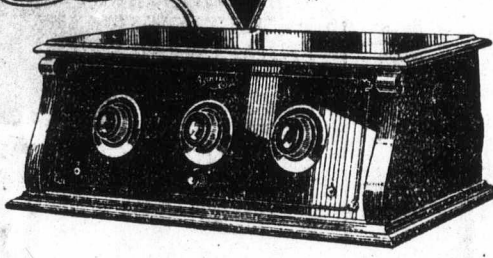
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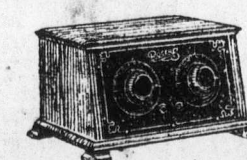
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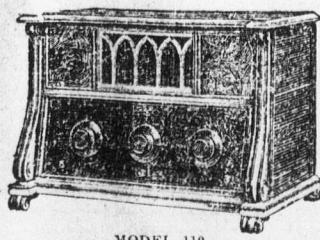
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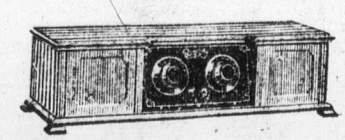
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we  
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This is the season of the year  
For friendly greetings and good cheer.  
**A. E. JOHNSTON**  
North End Barber

The same old wish—the same old cheer  
That greets you each returning year.  
**TRENOUTH & CO.**  
Flour and Feed

May Christmas be the merriest  
And Happiest of Days,  
So you'll be very richly blest  
In many happy ways.  
**DOMINION STORES, Ltd.**  
W. Townsend, Manager Watford Branch

Of every Christmas you recall  
May this be the Happiest of all.  
**J. B. COWAN**  
Bread, Pastry, Ice Cream, Etc.

Good Wishes for the Future,  
Kind Memories of the Past  
Remembrance in the Present  
And Friendship to the last.  
**GEORGE HICKS, Dentist**

Happy Memories combine  
The Friends of To-day  
And Auld Lang Syne.  
**A. RUMFORD**  
First Class Shoe Repairing

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