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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or drop item in **GUIDE-ADVOCATE** Letterbox.

Sheepined Coats \$10.00 to \$24.00 at Swift's big Men's Wear Dept.

Perhaps before long some of us can afford to broil ham and sausages again.

Copies of the Watford financial statement can be had from the town clerk or at this office.

The sensible gift for boys and girls—new Shoes and Rubbers. We have their sizes.—P. Dodds & Son.

One of our citizens was heard to remark that the unrest in Ireland might be due to "Mikerobes."

W. H. Roger celebrated his 80th birthday on Monday and received many congratulations.

In another week or so people will stop spelling it "Xmas". By the way does anyone even call it that?

NOTICE—All taxes not paid on or before December 31st cost will be added.—S. W. Louks, Collector.

Service will be held in the Watford Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 26th, at 11 a.m. No service in the evening.

Christmas tree specials on real Christmas trees at Swift's.

Holy Communion will be administered in Trinity church on Sunday evening next at 9.30 o'clock. There will be the usual evening service.

The new Home Rule bill seems to be satisfactory to everyone but the Irish. But you could not satisfy an Irishman.

The luxury tax was abolished on Monday last. Had this occurred a week or two earlier it would have helped the Christmas buying wonderfully.

The fire brigade had a run to John Fancy's Monday evening but their services were not needed, the fire being extinguished before they arrived.

The children of Trinity Church Sunday School had their Christmas treat on Monday evening in the school room. Over one hundred young people enjoyed the entertainment provided.

John Daiziel, county clerk for the past 26 years, died at his home in Sarnia on Monday, in his 88th year after a lingering illness. He was a well-known and highly respected resident of Lambton.

The services in the Methodist church next Sunday will be in keeping with the thought of Christmas both as to sermons by the pastor and special music. Everyone is welcome. Bring your visitor with you.

Somebody remarked that prices went up a step at a time and are coming down the same way, but failed to add that they went up with seven league boots on and are wearing a No. 5, men's size, coming down.

The first game in the O. H. schedule played at Watford will be on January 14th, when Sarnia will play Watford. The season in group 10 opens on the 4th between Glenrose and Sarnia at the latter place.

All the Waterworks mains are laid and the hydrants are being put in place. Work on the reservoir and stand pipe is progressing satisfactorily. The entire work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

It is generally anticipated that Reeve J. T. Sproule of Oil Springs will head the county council next year. Reeve Sproule, was chairman of the Printing Committee during the present year and also a member of the Roads, Bridges and Equalization Committees.

Soon be skating again. How about giving the boy new Hockey Boots? We have his size, priced reasonably.

P. Dodds & Son.

Commencing January 1st, there will be no Saturday night delivery, on account of the bad roads. See that your orders are placed before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Last delivery will be at 5.30.

Speaking of Christmas presents you could hardly select one that would please an absent relative or friend more than a year's subscription to the Guide-Advocate. It will remind them of your thoughtful kindness every week and keep them posted regarding what is taking place in their old home.

Don't forget that that storage battery of yours needs first class attention through the winter months. We have every thing necessary to give first class service on all makes of batteries. We use Canadian made material and so can give you the highest grade material at a saving of duty and exchange. Let us store your battery this winter.—Ray Morningstar.

Pure Linen Tabling and separate cloths at Swift's.

Since the hens require electric light to lay, eggs have gone up to 75 cents a dozen. When the fowl could be persuaded to lay in any old light 30 cents a dozen was considered a good price. You can't put on style for nothing.

With the war tax, stamp tax, luxury tax, sales tax, manufacturer's tax, business license and business tax, the business man of today has his share of burden to bear.

With stocks also depreciating in value his lot is certainly not an easy one.

Charles Jenkins, one of Petrolia's most prominent residents, died Wednesday of last week, aged 81 years. Mr. Jenkins was engaged in the oil business for years. He was for years prominent in the work of the Synod of Huron, being a member of the Executive Committee.

The Christmas services will be held in Trinity church on Sunday.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m. There will be special music by the choir. The Rev. Prof. Anderson M.A., of London, will conduct the services.

About time to think seriously of the approaching municipal elections Nomination Day falls on Monday, December 27. The general opinion around town is that the present council should be given another term so that they could finish up the work commenced this year. No one seems very anxious for the job.

Hon. R. G. Brett, lieutenant-governor of Alberta for the past five years, has been reappointed for a second term. His term expired in October, but he has been carrying on meanwhile, and now is formally reappointed. Dr. Brett is one of the pioneers of the West. He went there from here in 1880 and was successively one of the founders of Manitoba College, chief surgeon of the C. P. R., member of the executive council of the Northwest Territories and founder of the Banff Sanatorium.

The new act passed by the Ontario Government making the township grants, to the schools double that of years gone by, is making an increased burden upon all townships and the result is that in most instances, the township rate for 1921 will be higher. According to the old act, schools with one teacher were allowed a township grant of \$300, for each additional teacher, \$100. The new act doubles this grant, making it compulsory for the township to pay \$600 for one teacher and \$200 for each additional one.

The hockey club benefit dance was held in the Armetry on Thursday of last week. The most pleasing feature of the occasion was the initial appearance of the local orchestra.

The music furnished by this new organization was excellent. During the past year several orchestras have been imported for these informal dances and the music which they furnished was in few instances equal to that which was rendered by the local musicians on Thursday evening. Watford is to be congratulated on possessing such a talented orchestra. Miss Vivian McRitchie, of Petrolia, was the young lady holding the lucky ticket and was presented with a bunch of American Beauty roses.

There is nothing nicer for a gift than a choice piece of fine china or handpainted China. Come in and see our display.—P. Dodds & Son.

H. C. Sweet of Cayley, Albt, writes:—"As it is nearing Christmas time I am sending in my renewal subscription to help you secure your Christmas turkey." Thanks. "Help" is a good word to use in this case. Since turkeys get into the millionaire class they are not for common people like printers. At their present price it would take several \$2 subscriptions to purchase one. Not like the good old days when you could buy a good-sized bird for a couple of dollars or a young chick for a quarter.

The regular December meeting of Lambton's 149 I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14th, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Russell McCormick. There were 14 members present. Letters were read from Mrs. Burns, the National Treasurer, thanking the chapter for the \$100 donated to the War Memorial Fund; from Mrs. Campbell, Treasurer of the Sick Children's Hospital Fund, London, for the \$50 donated, and from Dr. B. Mitchell at Westminster Hospital for \$10 sent the soldiers there for records. Arrangements were completed for the dance to be held New Year's Eve in the Armory. Two groups reported taking in \$62.25 at the social affairs given last month. \$20 was donated towards buying Christmas presents. After the business part of the meeting was concluded Mrs. McCormick poured tea in the diningroom at a table tastefully decorated with narcissi and carnations. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Harper.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT on luxurious bath towels at Swift's.

The Guide-Advocate takes the opportunity of wishing all its readers a joyous Christmas.

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner is recovering from an attack of appendicitis and hopes to be able to conduct services on Sunday in town.

Out of town subscribers will please remember when renewing the subscription price of the Guide-Advocate is now \$2.00. When \$1.50 is sent only 9 months credit will be given.

Too late to shop early now. You will have to take what's left.

Twinkle, twinkle, little tree

What you going to bring to me?

Will you shed a smoking jacket,

Or some other smaller packet?

Will more carpet slippers stare

In my face while waiting there?

Who can tell me what'll be?

Twinkle, twinkle, little tree!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Lambton's 149 I.O.D.E. is holding a dance New Year's Eve in the Armetry to which everyone is cordially invited.

Fischer's Orchestra of Strathroy will supply the music.

\$1.50 a couple. Extra lady 50 cents.

Don't forget the date—December 31st.

PERSONAL

Miss Gladys Sharpnell, Ingersoll, is home for Christmas.

Dr. Vern L. Newell was here on Tuesday visiting his parents.

Miss Mamie Moir, London, is spending the holidays at her home.

Miss E. Winnifred Swift of University of Toronto is home for Christmas.

Mrs. Tanner and daughters returned from St. Thomas last week for Christmas.

Public School Inspector McDougall paid an official visit to the Watford schools this week.

Dr. C. McLeay and wife returned from the West on Monday and will spend Christmas and New Year's at his old home here.

Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Morrisburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brown. Her husband is expected to be here for Christmas.

Send in the names of your Christmas visitors or if you go away for the holiday let the Guide-Advocate know.

BROOKE

The Christmas service will be held in St. James' church on Sunday morning. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

The Rev. Prof. Anderson, M.A., of London, will preach. There will be

celebration of the Holy Communion at the Christmas service at Christ church, Suterville, on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Prof. Anderson, M.A., will preach.

WARRICK

The concert in S. S. 6 is to be held on Thursday evening instead of Friday.

Warwick Union L. O. L. No. 1029 has postponed their annual meeting till Wednesday, Dec. 29th.—R. A. Higgins, Rec. Sec.

A Public Ball will be held in the Foresters Hall, Warwick Village, on New Year's Eve. Admission 75¢ a couple. Everybody welcome.

Special Christmas services and Christmas music at the Zion Methodist church next Sunday afternoon. Come and enjoy these services.

Tenders are asked for by advt. in another column for the construction of culverts on the Provincial Highway, one of which is needed in Warwick township.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Grieve Sarnia road, were called to Petrolia last Wednesday, Dec. 15th, owing to the sudden death of Mrs. Grieve's father, Mr. Robert S. Stewart.

A special Christmas service consisting of "The Shepherd's Story with anthems and solos will be given in Warwick Methodist church, Sunday evening, Dec. 26th.

Remember the concert of comic dialogues, recitations and drills to be given in S. S. No. 6, Warwick, on Thursday evening, Dec. 30th. Come and have a good laugh. Admission adults 25¢.

The Sunday School anniversary services last Sunday in the Zion Methodist church was largely attended and much enjoyed. The music was splendid throughout, with special mention of the male quartet.

Nominations for Reeve, deputy reeve and councillors for the township will be held in the town hall on Monday next. There seems to be no great desire among the electors for an election. The present council seems to have given general satisfaction and no advantage would be gained by an election while considerable expense would be saved by re-electing them by acclamation.

ONTARIO HOCKEY SCHEDULE

NO. 10, INTERMEDIATE

Jan. 4—Glencoe at Sarnia.

Jan. 6—Watford at Strathroy.

Jan. 10—Watford at Glencoe.

Jan. 12—Sarnia at Strathroy.

Jan. 14—Strathroy at Glencoe.

Jan. 18—Strathroy at Sarnia.

Jan. 21—Sarnia at Glencoe.

Jan. 25—Watford at Sarnia.

Jan. 25—Glencoe at Strathroy.

WATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Honor Roll for Watford Public School, for November and December.

FOURTH CLASS

Senior—Honors—Ella Pearce, Burton Roberts, Josephine Carroll. Pass—Audrey Giddy, Carmen Harper, Harry Giddy.

Junior—Honors—Mary Connolly, Elenor McIntosh, Doris Kelly, Maxine Rogers, Marjory Prentiss, Sadie Harper. Pass—Reta Dodds, Reta Stephenson, Eloise Steadman, Frances Lovell, Roy Cook, Beverly Dodds, Gordon Kelly.

John A. McDonald, Principal.

CHOP STUFF

The new \$5,000 pipe organ installed in Glencoe Presbyterian Church was used for the first time last Sunday.

Sarnia War Veterans will receive \$104 each from the city. There were 613 applications, only 66 of which were rejected.

The death occurred in Bothwell on Dec. 10th, of John McRae, aged 69 years, the father of Mrs. W. J. Calvert of Toronto.

Dutton proposes to have a \$40,000 community hall, to include postoffice, library, council chamber, hall of honor, kitchenette, etc.

The death occurred in Detroit last week of W. A. Perkins for many years a resident and merchant of Petrolia. He was a native of Oil Springs.

Mrs. Henry F. Marx, of Port Huron, a sister of Rev. Father Guam, of Wyoming, was seriously hurt in a railway accident near Chicago recently.

The sudden passing of Robert Stewart of Petrolia on Wednesday morning of last week came as a great shock to his family and friends. Mr. Stewart was at work as usual when he suddenly collapsed and expired before assistance could be summoned. Deceased was a lifelong resident of the vicinity having been born on the Stewart homestead, 8th line, Enniskillen, his parents being the late John and Jane Stewart who came to Canada from the highlands of Scotland and settled on the 8th line in 1854, several years before Petrolia was founded.

WOOLVETT-ZANKEY

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zankey, Arkona, on December 3rd, when their daughter, Sadie, was united in marriage to Walter Maurice Woolvett, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. C. L. L. Couzens of Arkona. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Beaver Faulds, a sister of the bride. The bridesmaids was her cousin, Miss Mary Bell of Thedford, and the groom supported by his brother, Albert Woolvett. William Woolvett, brother of the groom, sang "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register. After the ceremony 35 guests sat down to the wedding dinner. The gift of the groom to the bride was a beautiful set of taupe furs. The bride's traveling suit was of navy blue serge. The young couple left on the evening train for Hamilton, and Toronto.

ARKONA

Rev. Couzens occupied the pulpit of the Uttoxeter Methodist church last Sunday.

Rev. A. B. Barnes of McMaster University is spending his holidays at his home here.

Messrs. Bert and Averill Baldwin, of Sarnia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm

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PRICES WENT UP A

STEP AT A TIME

THEY CAN'T COME DOWN
THE BANISTER

Do you realize what's happening? Canadians are on a "buying strike." A "buying strike" to a nation is what a "hunger strike" is to an individual. Business is languishing today; and why? Because demand has fallen off? No, sir! Because there is a lack of capital to carry on? Not at all. The demand is there, but you are stifling it. Canada has ample capital and plenty of labor eager to work.

Canada is like a moody, prosperous individual, hanging around the house with money in his pocket, wanting lots of things, needing lots of things, but harboring an obsession that he won't spend his money till prices come down to where they were six years ago. Prices didn't go up in a day. They can't come down in a day. Prices went up gradually from 1914 to 1919. Prices went up a step at a time. They can't come down by the banister. They must come down the same way they went up.

The reason we were able to finance the war so well was because business was good—people bought and sold. The only way we can PAY for the war is by buying and selling—trading. And, moreover, prices are down—for many commodities they are already down* to lower levels than they should be—things are selling for less than they cost to make. That is an impossible situation. If you won't buy the things the other fellow makes HE can't buy the things you make. That is reasonable, is it not? And if he doesn't buy the things you make—the shutters will soon be up on your place of business. Those who are insistently determined to wait until things "crash" before they buy are not doing humanity a service. For nobody can sell things long at a loss.

The prices of overcoats, shoes, furniture, tires, and so forth, are based on the cost of raw materials, labor, freight, etc., and profit to those who make, handle and sell them.

Your livelihood and prosperity are bound up in the livelihood and prosperity of other men—you can't deny that point. There is nothing fundamentally wrong with the country—we have bountiful crops, ample money, capable heads and hands. But we can't survive a "buying strike"; nevertheless, business is a gigantic organization, kept alive and active by trade coursing through its veins. When trade stops circulating—business dies. Your particular trade can't flourish in a splendid isolation. The articles you make can't sell to men "out of a job."

True thrift is always wise, but a stubborn refusal on the part of the Canadian public to buy the things they need NOW is simply slowing down the wheels of commerce, that feeds and clothes us all.

If you are on a buying strike—"forget it." Go out and buy to-day the things you need, for the prices ARE down. If you are waiting for them to come down further tomorrow or next day or next month you may not then be in a position to buy.—With acknowledgements to Smith, Dene & Moore, General Advertising Agents, Toronto.

SANTA CLAUS

He comes in the night! He comes in the night!
He softly, silently comes!
While the little brown heads on the pillow so white
Are dreaming of bugles and drums,
He cuts through the snow like a ship through the foam,
While the flakes around him whirl:
Who tells him I know not, but he findeth the home
Of each good little boy and girl.
His sleigh is long, and deep, and wide!
It will carry a host of things,
While dozens of drums hang over the side,
With the sticks sticking under the strings;
And yet not the sound of a drum is heard,
Not a bugle blast is blown,
As he mounts the chimney top like a bird
And drops to the earth like a stone.
The little red stockings he silently fills,
Till the stockings will hold no more;
The bright little sleds for the bright snow hills
Are quietly set down on the floor.
Then Santa Claus mounts to the roof like a bird
And glides to the seat in the sleigh;
Not the sound of a bugle or drum is heard,
As he noiselessly gallops away.
He rides to the east and he rides to the west,
Of his goodies he touches not one;
He eateth the crumbs of the Christmas feast,
When the dear little folks are done,
Old Santa Claus doeth all that he can;
This beautiful mission is his;
Then, children, be good to the little old man,
When you find who the little man is.

WATFORD COUNCIL

Watford, Dec 15th, 1920.
Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Messrs. Johnston, Harper, Doan, Hollingsworth and Stapleford.

Doan—Harper, that we extend the time to Mr. Lusk for uncollected taxes until January 1st, 1921.—Carried.

Stapleford—Harper, that we authorize the Inspector to purchase the necessary tile to complete the drain south of Grand Trunk track over Waterworks main and also piece of piping six feet five inches long as recommended by Engineer.—Carried.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

Jacob Fowler, labor Staples-

ford Division \$ 1.25

J. F. Elliot, statutory all... 12.00

W. S. Fuller, to pay Railway Board fees 50.00

W. S. Fuller, to pay Globe Printing Co. 12.50

W. S. Fuller, tel. and ex. 1.00

W. Williamson, coal ac. 5.25

W. G. Siddall, sal. M.H.O. 25.00

Cowan, Towers & Cowan ac 94.00

Treas. Library Bd, request 50.00

S. W. Louks, sal., supplies 46.00

D. A. Maxwell, thread pipe 1.00

Wm. McLeay, sal. \$60, statement \$5, stat. all. \$12, hall rent for court \$24, stamps \$3.97 104.97

Thos. Kerr, gravel, Doan div 19.50

Joseph McCormick, labor 3.00

Harper—Hollingsworth, that ac-

counts are passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Harper—Doan, that the minutes

as read be adopted.—Carried.

Doan—Harper, that we now ad-

journ.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

BROOKE COUNCIL

Alvinston, Dec. 15th, 1920.
Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of former meeting read and on motion of Sutton-Zavitz were ad-

opted.

Report of Geo. A. McCubbin, O.

L. S. C. E., read on the proposed

construction of the Edgar-Kelly

drain, estimated cost \$2926.00.

Campbell—Loosemore, that re-

port be adopted and bylaw be pre-

pared authorizing work and loan.—Carried.

Campbell—Loosemore, that Arch.

McIntyre be paid \$11.00 for one

sheep killed by dogs and Jas. Gilroy

\$25.00 for two killed by dogs.—

Carried.

Mr. Lindsay, Chairman of the

Local Board of Health handed in

report of same.

Zavitz—Campbell, that bylaw be

received and order issued for \$412.

00 in remuneration of members and

payments of expenses.—Carried.

Mr. Robert H. Edgar made ap-

plication for a loan of \$400 under the

terms of "The Tile Drainage Act."

Inspector reported he had comple-

ted \$500 rods of tile drains.

Campbell—Loosemore, that appli-

cation be entertained and bylaw be

prepared to impose a special drain-

age rate on N.W. ¼ lot 10, con-

10, and Reeve authorized to issue

debentures to the amount asked for.

Carried.

Bylaw to impose a special drain-

age rate on N.W. ¼ lot 10, con-

10, be submitted and read.

Zavitz—Campbell, that bylaw be

read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

Mr. Robert Watt, Commissioner

in charge of repairs to the Wat-

ford drain reported the work completed.

Permits \$1790.70, exceeding the

estimate made by the engineer

\$555.70.

Zavitz—Sutton, that report be

adopted and as the debentures have

not been issued the amount exceed-

ing the Engineer's estimate be

spread pro rata over lands and

roads assessed under Bylaw No. 9

of 1920, and debentures issued for

full amount.—Carried.

Report of Kelvin Grove School,

Watford, for the month of Nov.

Brooke Municipal Telephone Sys-

tem asked that \$200 be advanced

for telephone purposes.—Granted.

Sutton—Campbell, that account of

John Cowan K.C., for \$58.00 re-

taining fee and advising Council re

Township matters be paid.—Carried.

Minutes of meeting read and on

motion of Sutton—Campbell were

adopted.

The Reeve thanked the Board for

their able, efficient and courteous

services during the year.

Loosemore—Zavitz, that Council

do not adjourn sine die.—Carried.

W. J. WEED, Clerk.

MARRIED

At the home of the bride's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zankey, Arkona,
on Dec. 8th, by the Rev. C. L. L. Couzens, Miss Sadie Zankey
to Mr. Walter Maurice Woollett,
of the same place.

DIED

In Arkona, Friday, Dec. 10, Samuel
Neff, aged 88 years and 10 mos.
In Arkona, on Saturday, Dec. 11th,
Elizabeth Moore, aged 70 years.
In Wyoming, on Dec. 14th, 1920,
Wm. Patterson, in his 76th year.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear
mother, Mrs. Robert Moore, who
died one year ago December 15.
The depths of sorrow we cannot tell,
At the loss of one we loved so well,
And while she sleeps in peaceful
sleep,

Her memory we shall always keep,
Her smiling face for us so dear,
Her gentle foot-steps no more shall
hear,

Her willing hand and face so sweet,
In Heaven some day we hope to
meet.

—Mrs. J. T. Chambers and Family.

SCHOOL REPORTS

**BY-LAW No. 9
For 1920**

A BY-LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION TO MANAGE THE WATERWORKS AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC WORKS

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to provide for entrusting the construction and control and management of the Waterworks and Hydro-Electric Works of the Village of Watford to a Commission to be called "The Public Utilities Commission of the Village of Watford."

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Village of Watford enacts as follows:

1. That the construction, control and management of the Waterworks and Hydro-Electric Works of the Village of Watford be, and the same are hereby entrusted to a Commission to be called "The Public Utilities Commission of the Village of Watford."

2. That such Commission shall consist of three members to be elected as provided under the provisions of "The Public Utilities Act" and Amendments thereto, and the Commissioners shall have all the powers, rights and privileges as are conferred by the said Act or Amendments thereto upon Commissions established thereunder.

This By-law shall take effect and come into force immediately upon the passing thereof.

Passed Provisionally this sixth day of December, A.D. 1920.

Finally passed this—day of 1921.

Reeve.
Clerk.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Village of Watford, to be submitted to the votes of the Electors entitled to vote thereon, at the same time and at the same places as the annual election for the Municipal Council for 1921, and the Deputy Returning Officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

On the twenty-ninth day of December, A.D. 1920, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, the head of the Council of the said Corporation, or some member of the said Council appointed for that purpose by resolution, shall attend at the Council Chambers in the said municipality for the purpose of appointing and if requested so to do shall appoint by writing signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and promoting the proposed By-law, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and opposing the proposed By-law, and that if the assent of the Electors is obtained to the said proposed By-law it will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the said Corporation at a Meeting thereof held after the expiration of one month from the day of the first publication of this notice, and that such first publication was made on the tenth day of December A.D., 1920.

Dated at Watford, Ont., this sixth day of December A.D., 1920.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

**BY-LAW No. 11
For 1920**

A BY-LAW TO RAISE \$5000.00 TO LOAN TO TRENOUTH & COMPANY FOR EQUIPPING THE FLOUR MILL OPERATED BY THEM AT THE VILLAGE OF WATFORD, ON RECEIVING SECURITY THEREFOR ON THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS Trenouth & Company of the Village of Watford propose to equip and operate as a Flour Mill, the mill now situated upon the West one-half of Lot number Thirty-seven on the North side of Front Street in the Village of Watford, as shown and described on a plan of part of the said Village of Watford, made by Alexander Davidson, P.L.S., and registered in the Registry Office for the County of Lambton on the Twenty-third day of April, A.D. 1875, and will or may be further known as Mill Block surveyed by T. C. Brownjohn, P.L.S., registered in 1865, and lots numbers One and Two on the North side of Front Street in the said Village of Watford, as shown and delineated on a plan and survey of an addition to the said Village of Watford made by Alexander Davidson, P.L.S., for the Fowler family of record, upon receiving from the Corporation of the Village of Watford the sum of Five thousand dollars by way of loan, for such purpose.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to grant the said aid to the said Trenouth & Company on the Corporation of the Village of Watford receiving a first mortgage upon the said property as security for the repayment of the said loan and interest at six and one-half per cent. per annum, payable as the debentures issued for the said loan and interest thereon mature, such mortgage to cover the said lands and the plant and premises thereon.

AND WHEREAS for the raising of the said sum of \$5000.00 for the said purpose, the said Council intend by this By-law to create a

debt upon the Corporation of the said Village of Watford for that amount with interest thereon at the rate of six and one-half per cent. per annum, payable in ten equal annual instalments, by the issue of debentures to the amount of \$5000.00 with coupons attached for the payment of interest.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable, and the Municipal Council of the said Village of Watford have determined to issue the debentures at one time, and to make the principal and interest of the said debt repayable by yearly sums during the period of ten years, being the currency of the said debentures, said yearly sums being of such respective amounts that the aggregate amount payable in each year for principal and interest computed on the unpaid principal at the rate aforesaid, shall be as nearly as possible equal to the amount so payable in each of the other nine years of said period, as shown in the schedule hereinafter contained.

AND WHEREAS the whole ratable property for the Village of Watford, according to the last revised Assessment Roll for said Village is the sum of \$370,169.00.

AND WHEREAS the present existing debt of the said Village of Watford, secured by debentures is the sum of \$15,582.80 and no part of the said sum or interest thereon is in arrear.

AND WHEREAS for paying off the said principal sum of \$5000.00 and interest it will be necessary to raise in the several years hereinbefore mentioned the following sums:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1921	\$370.52	\$325.00	\$695.52
1922	394.61	300.91	695.52
1923	420.26	275.26	695.52
1924	447.57	247.35	695.52
1925	476.66	218.86	695.52
1926	507.65	187.87	695.52
1927	540.65	154.87	695.52
1928	575.79	119.73	695.52
1929	613.21	82.31	695.52
1930	653.08	42.44	695.52

\$5000.00 \$1955.20 \$6955.20 being the aggregate amount for principal and interest to be paid in each and every year according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

AND WHEREAS the said amount when raised shall be transferred to the said Trenouth & Company only upon the said Corporation receiving a first mortgage upon the said lands and plant and premises, to secure the payment of the said sum to the said Corporation and interest.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Village of Watford enacts as follows:

1. That the said sum of \$5000.00 be loaned to Trenouth & Company, and be paid over to them upon the said Corporation receiving a first mortgage upon the said lands hereinbefore mentioned, to secure the repayment of the said sum of \$5000.00 and interest, payable in yearly sums of \$695.52 as the said debentures fall due; the said Trenouth & Company to provide Insurance upon the plant to the extent of the said loan and to have it assigned to the said Corporation, and the loss made payable to the Corporation, and the said mortgage to contain a clause that in default of the premiums of insurance being paid, the same may be made by the said Corporation and added to the mortgage money and bear interest at the rate aforesaid.

2. It shall be lawful for the Reeve of the said Municipality for the purpose aforesaid to borrow the said sum of \$5000.00 and to issue debentures of the said Municipality therefor, and the said debentures shall have coupons attached for payment of interest at the rate aforesaid, payable annually.

3. The said debentures shall be payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Village of Watford.

4. It shall be lawful for the Reeve of the said Municipality, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to sign and issue the debentures hereby authorized to be issued and to cause the same to be signed by the Treasurer of the said Municipality, and the Clerk of the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to attach the seal of the said Municipality to the said debentures.

5. The said debentures shall be payable on the thirty-first day of December in each of the ten years hereinbefore mentioned.

6. There shall be raised and levied in each year by special rate on the ratable property in the said Municipality a sum sufficient to discharge the several instalments of principal and interest accruing due on the said debentures as the same become respectively payable according to the provisions of this By-law.

7. The said sum of \$5000.00 shall be expended, when raised, for the purpose set forth in the recitals hereto.

This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately after the final passing thereof.

Provisionally passed this sixth day of December, A.D., 1920.

Finally passed this—day of 1921.

Reeve.
Clerk.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Village of Watford, to be submitted to the votes of the Electors entitled to vote thereon, at the same time, and at the same places as the Annual Election

for the Municipal Council for 1921, and the Deputy Returning Officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

On the twenty-ninth day of December, A.D. 1920, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, the head of the Council of the said Corporation, or some member of said Council appointed for that purpose by resolution, shall attend at the Council Chambers in the said Municipality for the purpose of appointing, and if requested so to do shall appoint by writing signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing

up of the votes by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and promoting the proposed By-law, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and opposing the proposed By-law, and that if the assent of the Electors is obtained to the said proposed By-law it will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the said Corporation at a meeting thereof held after the expiration of one month from the day of the first publication of this notice, and that such first publication was made on the tenth day of December 1920.

AND that any tenant entitled to vote on such By-law, and who desires to so vote must deliver to the Clerk of the Municipality not later than the tenth day before the day appointed for the taking of the vote, a declaration under the Canada Evidence Act, stating the facts required by sub-section Three of Section 265 of the Municipal Act to be stated in such declaration.

Dated at Watford, Ont., this sixth day of December, A.D., 1920.

W. S. FULLER, Village Clerk.

Music Is Necessary

Music for everybody

IN the cottage and the mansion; on the farm and in the town—everywhere—the language of Music is inwardly understood by all.

Not the written notes of music; some people understand them and others don't.

But every normal human being understands those pleasant harmonies that fall upon the ear, penetrate the soul and interpret all the emotions of sorrow or of joy.

Then, why stint yourself in Music?

Winter's coming! Long, cold evenings will soon be here. Snow and Sleet and Jack Frost's icy breath will keep you in the house.

But—with plenty of music you'll want to stay indoors—and every hour will be enjoyable.

Prepare now!

Go to your nearest Music Dealer and let him show you what modern science has done to make Music easy to have in plenty.

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It is a full Kilowatt plant, which means it is rated to carry 1000 Watts or fifty 20 Watt lamps with the engine running without drawing energy from the batteries.

It has an overload capacity of 20 per cent. which gives you in reality 1200 Watts or Sixty 20-watt lamps without drawing on the batteries.

Dominion Light will carry for a period of from seven to eight hours continuously using from both battery and engine from 70 to 80 20 Watt lamps.

Does this mean anything to you? Think it over. Can you get another plant for the same money which will give you the same results as Dominion Light?

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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR WATFORD

Phone 28

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We send good will to those we serve and to those who serve us; and to all we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases and a bounteous portion of the good things that the New Year has in store.

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LIVE HORSES BOUGHT at the highest price, also injured horses.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 48-21. Watford, P. O. Phone messages at our expense.

WORK WANTED—All kinds of repairs done to Furniture, Cabinets, etc., or Upholstered. Bring your work to me or I will call for it and give estimate. Terms reasonable. Phone 8-51. J. TOMLIN, Erie St.

CORRUGATED IRON, Preston Safe-Lock Shingles, Metal Ceilings and all kinds of metal goods. Also Brantford Asphalt Shingles and Roofing. Anyone requiring any supplies in this line will find it to their advantage to get in touch with GEO. O. STEVENSON, Phone 74, Watford. n19tf

10 Little Pigs for Sale, 6 weeks old, \$5 each.—Apply to Roy Miller, phone 49-1-3, Watford.

FOR SALE—A Gillette Safety Razor, never been used. Quickest buyer will get it. Apply to Thos. Prangle.

FOUND—On McGregor street, a Child's ring. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

THE HURON & ERIE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, London, pay 5 1/2% interest on Debentures of \$100 up, running from 1 to 5 years. Debentures renewed without cost.—S. Davidson, agent, Watford. 17-2

There's a Photographer
in Petrolia
ROBSON

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Pursuant to the requirements of the Canada Highways Act, separate sealed tenders marked Tender for Contract No. "—" will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, January 10th, 1921, for the construction of concrete structures on the Provincial Highway as follows:—
Contract No. 246, Township of Warwick, Section B.
Contract No. 247, Township of London and Biddulph.
Contract No. 248, Township of London.
Contract No. 306, Township of East Williams.
Contract No. 307, Township of West Williams.

The above culverts are on roads on which tenders for pavement were called in advertisement of December 9th, 1920.

Plans and specifications may be seen on and after Monday, December 20th, 1920, at the office undersigned, and at the office of J. M. Empey, Resident Engineer, St. Mary's.

A marked cheque for \$500.00 or an approved Guaranty Company's bid bond must accompany each tender. A Guaranty Company's bond for 25 per cent. of the amount of the contract will be required when the contract is signed.

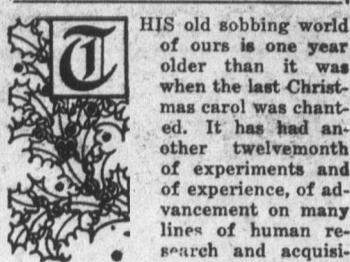
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Department of Public Highways,
Ontario, December 18th, 1920.
W. A. MCLEAN,
Deputy Minister of Highways.

Guide-Advocate

Member of Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1920

Bethlehem Star



HIS old sobbing world of ours is one year older than it was when the last Christmas carol was chanted. It has had another twelve months of experiments and of experience, of advancement on many lines of human research and acquisition. But it has not outgrown Jesus Christ. For Him it has discovered no substitute. The star of Bethlehem is the only star that never sets. Jesus Christ alone can satisfy all human necessities and the loftiest of human inspirations. Christianity is the only universal religion, the only one adapted to all ages of life, to all human conditions, to all races and all nationalities. Other lights have arisen, waned and vanished forever. The Greek mythology is as utterly shaken to ruin as its own splendid Parthenon. The chief religions of Asia—Brahmanical, Buddhist and Moslem—are all limited and local; they are all moribund. While they make no inroads on Christianity, the religion of Bethlehem and Calvary makes constant inroads upon them. The systems of error which Paul and Peter fought have vanished out of sight, and the whole East is catching glimpses of the star that first dawned over Judea's sky. In spiritual dynamics blood tells, and God has trusted His gospel of salvation to the most powerful races on the globe.

A Gay Holiday Design



The living-room mirror, lamp, and table are included in the composition of this decoration.

Differ on Christ's Birthday

THE early Christians differed as to the date on which the nativity of Christ should be celebrated. Some of these celebrated it on the first or sixth of January, other groups observed September 29 and still another March 29. As early as the fourth century, however, the period of the new year had been generally accepted as the time for celebrating Christ's birth. The Western branch of the church observed December 25 and the Eastern church January 6. Finally it was decided that all should celebrate December 25. Pope Julius I, who presided in the first half of the fourth century, is credited with having set the date.

Roses at Christmas.

The fact that we can get flowers out of doors at Christmas time is in itself a sufficient justification for growing the Christmas rose, but besides that it is worth growing for itself, says Country Life in America. Its large white flowers, fully two inches across, resembling those of a giant single rose, although as a matter of fact it belongs to the same family as the buttercups, never fail to excite enthusiasm in the season of snow and ice. The plant itself grows only six to eight inches high, and the large, greenish-white flowers are borne in clusters and nestle closely among the dark green leaves.

Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas uses—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremost of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might not tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

Our Commercialized Christmas. Christmas is the decoration day of a commercial age. Then, as on no other day, we face with compassion those who have fallen in our battles for wealth. For a moment we think of the thousands of children who have no share in that easy life we give our children, and must find the season's joy in the charity dinner. Along with the bazaar to which we have debased our giving within our circle of acquaintances, we play at extending the spirit of the day to those who are the pawns of our industrial game. The Salvation army lass, standing cold and numb on the street corner, collecting funds for Christmas baskets for the poor, reminds us of the wreckage left in the wake of our prosperity. We give a trifle to help the poor temper the bitterness of the year with a couple of hours' good eating.



Coffin-Shaped Pie Crusts. Selden, the antiquary, tells us that Christmas pies were formerly baked in a coffin-shaped crust to represent the cratch or manger in which our Saviour was laid.

Christmas Greetings!

THE Season prompts us to extend our thanks to our many friends for their steady and increasing patronage.

During the year 1921 we shall endeavor to show our appreciation by giving you the best service within our power.

The People's Store

W. A. WILLIAMS

ARKONA

Christmas Dances

The Armory, Watford

Dancing Christmas Afternoon and Evening

GRAND YULE-TIDE SEASON INFORMAL DANCE

Monday Evening, December 27th

AT 8.30 P. M.

MUSIC BY WATFORD DANCE AND CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Added Feature for Monday Evening—Five Pound Box Chocolates for the lady holding the lucky coupon.

TICKETS—Christmas Afternoon 50c each
Christmas Evening 50c each
Monday Evening \$1.00 couple

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

We are now equipped and in a position to give first-class service on all makes of Batteries, as we can repair or rebuild any make. We specialize on the "EXIDE."

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We have an Oxy-Acetylene Welding outfit and are now prepared to weld any kind of metal. WE GUARANTEE OUR WORK ON CRACKED WATER JACKETS AND CYLINDER CASTINGS.

CARBON REMOVED while you wait by oxygen process.

Thanking you for past patronage and Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

WILLIAMS BROS.' GARAGE

TWO DAYS MORE

AT SWIFT, SONS & CO.

TWO DAYS MORE of snappy Christmas merchandising and the good old Yule-tide will be with us again—bringing with it all the Christmas spirit possible. We want this week to be a real Holiday Season at our store. We have arranged displays in the various departments and will try to create the real Christmas atmosphere.

Handkerchiefs

LADIES' PURE LINEN HDKS, boxed in half dozens, nicely embroidered. 50 cents each--Half dozen \$2.70

MEN'S PURE LINEN, boxed in half dozens, nicely hemstitched. 75c each--Half Dozen boxed \$4.20

Another line in Men's Pure Linen 50c each--Half Dozen boxed \$2.70

In Our Lingerie Department
We have some beautiful CAMISOLES boxed separately. Ranging from \$1.25 to \$3.75

SIX SPECIAL LINES OF HEAVY BATH TOWEL

Beautiful quality, each boxed separate if you wish. Prices ranging from 80 cents to \$2.75 each

Silk and Georgette Waists

Such a range and prices are right. Each nicely boxed.

PLEATED SKIRTS

--a Big Special
\$7.50

Smoking Jackets for Men

Nice patterns and comfortable woolly cloths. Nicely tailored.

\$8.00 to \$9.50

50 dozen MEN'S SHIRTS

Good patterns and well tailored
\$2.00 to \$4.00

TIES in separate boxes

\$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50

GLOVES—Lined, Unlined and Silk lined—in separate boxes

Swift's Christmas Store



The Rexall Store

XMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Below we offer just a few suggestions. It would be impossible for us to list all our lines in this space so we invite you to come and visit our big store. See the displays in every department--both upstairs and down--and you will find hundreds of appropriate Gift Suggestions that are not listed here.

Greeting Cards

A GOOD VARIETY
from 5c to 35c.

XMAS POST CARDS

2 for 5c. and 5c each

PERFUMES-TOILET WATERS

IN GIFT BOXES
35 cents to \$6.00

Safety Razors

AUTO STROP
GILLETTE
EVER READY

SHAVING STROPS AND BRUSHES

Xmas Chocolates

Freshly made stock just arriving
CHERRIES, NUTS AND FRUIT
CENTRES

Gift Boxes \$1.00 to \$5.00
Smaller boxes from 40c up

SNAPSHOT ALBUMS

BIRTHDAY BOOKS
Picture Books and Story Books
for the children in great variety

Gift STATIONERY

IN HANDSOME BOXES
A gift that is always appreciated
35c to \$8.50

HAND BAGS

IN LEATHER OR PLUSH
Vanity Cases, Hand Purses
50c to \$8.50

Walking Sticks

A GOOD EBONY CANE FOR DAD
\$1.50--others up to \$3.50

FINE CHINA

EVERY WOMAN
APPRECIATES
FINE CHINA

CUT GLASS

BERRY BOWLS
WATER SETS
CREAM AND SUGARS
BON BON DISHES, ETC.

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS and ENVELOPES

EITHER GILT EDGE OR PLAIN
in dainty boxes

FRENCH IVORY

A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF
USEFUL PIECES
commencing at 50 cents up to
the Toilets Cases at \$15.00

KODAKS

NOTHING MORE PLEASING TO
BOY OR GIRL
\$3.75 to \$25.00

PLAYING CARDS

IN LEATHER OR IVORY CASES
or in plain packages
50c, 60c and 75c

SILVERWARE

MANY USEFUL AND
INEXPENSIVE PIECES
Something that will last

Fountain Pens

WATERMAN'S
Plain or Gold-banded
\$2.50 to \$6.00

Ebony Pieces

HAIR BRUSHES
HAT BRUSHES
CLOTH BRUSHES
All Genuine Ebony with the
best of bristles

BIBLES, HYMNALS and PRAYER BOOKS

LARGE TYPE TESTAMENTS
AND BIBLES
A small Pocket Testament
special at 25 cents.

JONTEEL and PARADIS

Toilet Preparations
in combination boxes
POWDERS, PERFUMES
CREAMS TOILET ARTICLES
MANICURE GOODS, ETC.

TOBACCO POUCHES

PIPES CIGARS
10 AND 25 IN GIFT BOXES
85c up

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Since Taking "Fruit-a-tives"

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"I was a great sufferer from Rheumatism for over 16 years. I consulted specialists; took medicine; used lotions; but nothing did me good.

Then I began to use "Fruit-a-tives", and in 15 days the pain was easier and the Rheumatism much better. Gradually, "Fruit-a-tives" overcame my Rheumatism; and now, for five years, I have had no return of trouble. I cordially recommend fruit medicine to all sufferers."

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50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size
At all dealers or send post
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Hereford, Holstein
Ayrshire, Jersey

Farmers and stockmen desiring to purchase purebred registered males and females, individually or in car lots, should communicate with the Secretary of the Lambton County Pure Bred Livestock Breeders' Association.

Up-to-date lists of the pure bred livestock for sale in the county kept on hand. Expert assistance will be given to all parties desiring to purchase herd sires. Parties desiring to list their animals should communicate with the Secretary.

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Herr Mayo's Christmas Formula.



OLD man, his fellow lodgers would have called him, had they not long ceased to speculate upon Herr Julius Mayo's activities in the three poorly furnished rooms at the top of the old converted mansion on lower Second Avenue. But he was not so old—barely sixty, in fact. Still, time is measured by its fullness, and the old German had lived through youth and maturity, marriage and parenthood, so that the future held nothing in store for him except what he had put into it; and of all life's riches he had held to one thing only after his wife had died.

That was his chemical researches. Interest had attached itself to him at first because he was suspected of being a counterfeiter. He had, in fact, been honored with a visit from the chief of detectives when he first took up his abode in the ramshackle old place five years before. But Herr Mayo had speedily convinced his caller that he was only a harmless crank, engaged on some obscure and apparently insoluble problem.

But the problem happened to be one toward whose solution a thousand brains were just then concentrated in several hundred laboratories. It was, in fact, the manufacture of synthetic rubber. To this end, which would mean fabulous wealth for the discoverer, Herr Mayo bent all his energies. A tiny patrimony supported him meanwhile. Once he had been well-to-do, and had had friends; that was when he was a lecturer at the Imperial University of Bonn, and before his reckless marriage with a notorious actress shocked and scandalized the puritanical society—but why should he be recalling this now, as he bent over his test tubes and weighed out imperceptible quantities of compounds from his tiny measuring scales? That was Herr Mayo's one chivalrous act, and he had paid in honor and wealth and friends when he plunged into the irretrievable because love proved stronger than prudence. And they had always been happy until she died, five years before, though often the lean hunger wolf howled against the threshold. But then there was their child, Ida, and she, too, had become a memory, and nothing remained except the bubbling test tubes and the spreading color beneath the surface layer of gold.

The old German shook his memories away and

Word Picture of Muskoka Hospital

A WONDERLAND OF INVIGORATING pine-scented air, dazzling sunlight, blossoming green trees, vivid blue water! No sound, but the song of birds!

Set on an elevation—the Muskoka Free Hospital for Convalescents, consisting of an infirmary for bed patients, with verandas overlooking the lake, and many long, low, open-air pavilions, surrounding with green lawns. In the hospital cots, the patients, all wonderfully happy. White-clad nurses and doctors pass to and fro. Patients and convalescents, young and old, lie in shaded hammocks. Broken down through overwork, worry, under-nourishment, they have nothing to do but get well.

"It's God's own spot," declared one young man reverently. Proper care, rest, pure air and good food have given him back the Canadian Club providing for a bed-ridden father during the son's absence.

"It's God's own spot—where a helping hand stretches out to those losing their grip of life!"

Contributions may be sent to Sir William Gage, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, or to Geo. A. Reid, Treasurer, 223 College Street, Toronto.

He Tore the Papers Into 20 Strips.

went astray might throw him back a week in his researches, and others were on the track, eager to anticipate

date him in his discovery. He took a thin envelope from the postman, glancing at it indifferently. No, this was not from the chemical works. Well, doubtless that one would arrive on the morrow. He voiced the hope unconsciously.

"Why, professor, there's no delivery tomorrow," said the letter carrier, cheerfully. "Don't you know what this is? This is Christmas Eve."

Christmas Eve! Good! That would mean less traffic in the street beneath his window to disturb him the next day. But stay! That meant a postponement in the letter's arrival. He grumbled something at the letter carrier, who went down the uncarpeted stairs, shaking his head at the strangeness of some people in not knowing when Christmas Eve came. But doubtless he had no friends to keep the date in his memory, poor old fellow!

Herr Mayo looked at the letter again and his face paled. His heart began to drum in his ears, and he cast it down on a table and sank into a chair, passing his hand wearily across his forehead. The letter was from his daughter.

After awhile he found courage to open it, and, when he had read the first line, he read it all, swallowing hard in his throat.

"Dearest Father" (it ran):

"Don't think that I am writing to you tonight to beg your aid. But it is just five years since mother died, and a little more than four since I last saw you, and I cannot keep silence any longer. I want to tell you that a little boy was born to me. He is all the world to me. Indeed, we are very happy. I teach him to mention you in his prayers. We do not want money, for I can support him, and I would work my fingers to the bone for him. But I want him to know you, father. Will you not forget all the past, and let me bring or send him to you, for mother's sake, so that he may grow up to feel that I am not the only relative he has on earth? He is named Julius, after you, and he has flaxen curls all over his shoulders. He is the dearest thing in the world to me."

The address given was quite near where Herr Mayo lived. No doubt his daughter had often passed his house; perhaps she had seen him sometimes when, pondering over his problem, he paced the streets, a curious, shabby figure, in that busy mart of men.

Herr Mayo raised his head and set the letter down with trembling fingers. He was not by nature a hard man; his marriage had proved that. But he had made his choice for once and for all. He looked toward the test tube on the table. The golden liquid was slowly cooling into brown. And he knew that that lay between them as surely as though each gleaming bubble on it were miser's gold.

His past should never rise up to disturb him now. It was to assuage his grief and disappointment at first that he had turned toward his researches. Now the hobby had become a tyrant and he had sold his soul into its keeping. His choice was made. He tore the paper into twenty strips and flung them into the blazing stove. He had but glanced at the address, and already it had vanished from his mind. Now there was no turning back, though his daughter's words scorched his soul as the paper was scorching in the fire.

He turned to his work again. But he could work no longer. Phantoms of his past rose up to reproach him. There was his wife, Minna, looking at him with her steady eyes; he had never refused her anything, and he knew that, were she alive, he could not have treated her daughter as he had done. When Ida left him the last link that bound him to humanity seemed to have snapped. He often told himself that he was glad she was gone. He had put the very thought of her away.

A tapping sounded at the door, and he rose up wearily to open it. Outside stood the postman. He was very late because it was the holiday season and his mail was large. The old man gave him a small weekly sum to bring his letters to his apartment instead of leaving them in the box beneath. His correspondence was too precious, just now, to trust to the mercies of those easily opened boxes. One letter that should not rise up now.

The old German shook his memories away and

raised in sweet, clear carols of praise. He raised his head, the miserable old man, and listened. Why, that was a hymn that he had learned in Prussia, when he was a boy. And the old faith remained for each generation, here, too, across the wide Atlantic, and only he was shut off from this holy communion. He thought of Minna; her heart had been always his, and she had been quite true to him, in spite of the stories people told about her past, and they had stood before the minister in just such a church, with ruin before them, and knew only the joy in their own souls. Then suddenly through the gloom, and right across

the church, he saw Minna again. Her face was as it had been on that day of their marriage, surrounded with a halo of yellow hair; but when he rose, staring, and saw the woman stir, he knew that it was not Minna, but his daughter Ida.

In that moment he wanted nothing so much as to entice her in his arms, to lay his gray head upon her bosom.



"You Are Looking for Somebody, Sir?" He Asked.

and sob out his wretchedness there. Minna lived in her again, for motherhood had wrought a miracle on the pale, listless girl, who had cringed before his anger four years before and at last gone sullenly from his home, penitent, into the darkness.

But she had not seen him, nor would she. Mayo saw now the cause of that maternal light in her eyes, bright with the love that he had denied her. They were bent upon a little, yellow-haired boy who sat restless beside her, fidgeting, as boys will fidget in church. And the boy, in turn, was a replica of Ida's infancy.

He must take her home. They would be all to one another, the three of them. His heart yearned over these two generations of his own flesh and blood. And when the service ended, he rose eagerly to cross to where they were seated. But the people, moving out of their pews into the aisle, obstructed his passage, and he was compelled to make a circuitous detour in order to reach his objective. He saw her, lost her; and at last, when he reached the pew where she had sat, Ida was gone. He hurried frantically hither and thither. The church was empty now; and yet it seemed incredible that he had lost her for ever. Somebody touched him on the arm. A clergyman in a long black gown was speaking to him.

"You are looking for somebody, sir?" he asked kindly.

"My daughter," the old man mumbled.

"She must have gone home. No doubt you will find her at home. There is nobody here."

The old man turned and began

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HERR MAYO'S CHRISTMAS FORMULA

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stumbling homeward through the thinning street crowds. Once he had gained the street which led to his house he began running like a madman. Truly it must be as the clergyman had said. Ida was at home, of course, with her little boy. She had never left him; all that had been a bad dream from which he would awake when he entered. He let himself in and switched on the electric light. The room was empty and almost bare, and it had never looked so forlorn and miserable before.

He realized that she was lost to him forever. She would accept his silence as final; she would never write to him again. And her address had vanished from his memory utterly. He had barely glanced at it once and purposely refrained from looking at it again before he tore the letter into fragments and flung them into the stove. He had chosen his miser's gold, and it lay like a dead weight upon his heart.

A scrap of paper on the floor caught his eye. He picked it up; it was a morsel of the envelope and bore his name, Julius Mayo, and the first figure of the house number. Perhaps other morsels might have fluttered out of the fire—perhaps just the one which would give him the clue to his daughter's address. Instantly he was down upon his knees and raking among the dying embers, turning over the coals, begrimed his hands with the clinker ash. Another scrap rewarded his efforts. This was the upper corner of the envelope, bearing a portion of the canceled stamp, with the benign features of Washington. There was no more; he could not find so much as a single charred fragment.

The old man rose slowly and stared at his white face in the little glass that hung above the mantel. His eyes were feverish and his gray hair hung in a disordered mass over his forehead. He remembered the old German legend that on one day in the year the souls in hell were permitted to stand outside the gates of Paradise and to look in. This was his day: this was Christmas Eve, the anniversary of Minna's death, the one day in the year on which he might save his soul. The pride and greed were there, only dominated for the present by the influence of his mood; if he gave rein to them again he would be lost irretrievably. And the mood must pass because he could not find the letter. Tomorrow, he knew, his work would absorb him again, his heart would harden, as old men's hearts do. The gates of Paradise stood open wide for him—and he had lost the key.

He walked slowly across the room. His mind was made up; he would destroy all the fruits of his experiments, batter down that idol which he had set up to wear him from his own. He raised his arm to sweep everything to the floor—test tubes, bottles, papers. He hesitated. Could he let the fruits of all those years of experiment go? He might at least save the formulae. Or was that sacrifice necessary if he was to save his soul from hell?

Suddenly his roving eyes rested upon the test tube which he had left on the table.

He shouted aloud with joy. The mood had passed; the idol had reared itself again. Ida was forgotten. Something had happened during his absence that he had never managed to bring about before. The liquid in the tube had passed from gold to brown, and from brown to a streaky, flaky mass of creamy, jelly-like fluid. It was almost artificial rubber.

He was upon the track at last. His composition, in cooling, had coagulated as rubber congealed. This was not rubber, but it was not far from it. It was a compound which contained all the elements of rubber. But somewhere, in the building of it, two or three molecules had gone astray, or fastened themselves to the wrong elements, just as one may put a picture puzzle together and not quite fit the pattern. He was very close now; he must try the next formula, and the next, and the next; it might be only a matter of a few days before success crowned his efforts.

He sought feverishly for the paper with the microscopic handwriting, the result of years of research work and endless experimentation. It was not in its accustomed place, and he began turning his notes over, hunting for it. It must be on the other table, then—yes, there lay a folded sheet under the blotting sheet. He reached for it and picked up—his daughter's letter.

Mayo stared at it without understanding. How had this paper, which he had torn up and thrown into the furnace, come back to him? At last the staggering truth burst in upon him. He had destroyed the formula in place of the letter, and all the work of years had gone for nothing. He could never begin all over again. Even if he had the enterprise, there was no time, for others were hard upon the scent.

He sank back into his chair.



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