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## New Years Greeting!

We beg to extend to all our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year. The year just passed has been a record breaker for us, as our sales book shows the largest year's sales since we began business away back in 1852.

We begin to take stock at once, and from now until February 1st when our stock is entered we will place before you in this space a special list of bargains for each day's selling. In addition to these daily bargains, "Our Administration Sale" prices will continue throughout the month. The stock is not yet as low as required and it must be very largely reduced before Feb 1st, when the business will be taken over by the junior partner and carried on under the old firm name of Thomas Stone & Son. In a few days we will open our Annual January "White Wear Sale" for which we have made the biggest preparation possible and will eclipse every previous year's showing. Further notice of this will appear later.

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## Old Year, Good-Bye

THE last hours of the dying year are fraught with memories. Instead of pounding away at prices, we look backward and make comparisons; we look forward and commence cutting the leaves of a new volume. Old year, gratefully good-bye. When we have closed our doors to-night we have finished a most successful year's business. 1899 has come and gone and with it its successes and failures. Trade conditions demand constant improvement. There must be no backsliding. We gather inspiration from past successes; we open the new volume and will endeavor to have its pages record 1900 a worthy successor to 1899. We judge everything by results, shoppers will go where their interests are most carefully guarded. You can see the practical side of that here everyday. Anybody can buy newspaper space and give full vent to their egotism, regardless of facts. You may possibly question what is written here, but no one hesitates to believe what they see. During the coming year the same opportunity for development and growth will continue. The same feeling and purpose will animate us. The same influences will be at work, and we believe we shall deserve better than ever the confidence and good will of all discerning people within trading distance. Experience lends force to the prospectus of the New Year and makes success more promised. Monday the store will be closed and we give the day to rest and enjoyment, while wishing you and yours

### A Happy And Prosperous New Year

## JOHN NORTHWAY & CO., DIRECT IMPORTERS & MANUFACTURERS

### AT MODDER RIVER.

The Boers are Wearing Themselves Out

Watching for a British Attack—They May Retreat to Spytfontein.

London, Dec. 30.—The Modder River correspondent of the Times, referring to the scare-firing of the Boers, says: "Their nervousness causes very much amusement among the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force is employed watching by day and the other half by night. Probably the consequent weariness, with the scarcity of water and the presence of ty-

phoid fever, will render the Boer position intolerable. Their present action is due either to a scare, or to a wish to cover retreat to Spytfontein."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "A leading resident of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, saw 2000 colonials from Griqualand West. He says colonial forces are to be seen everywhere in the Boer ranks."

The War Office has received this despatch:—"Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts of Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Cape Town.

A reconnaissance from Kimberley shows that the Boers still have batteries turned on the town and can summon reinforcements readily.

### THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 30.—"An evening in the Transvaal," will be given on Monday, Jan. 1st, in the Opera House, in the interests of the Methodist Sabbath school.

Miss McKnight, a former teacher in this vicinity is visiting friends in town.

Guy Young, of Croton, died on Friday, Dec. 29th, after a lingering attack of typhoid. The funeral services will be held in the Croton church on Sunday at one o'clock, p. m. Deceased was a very popular young man and his death will be much regretted by a host of friends.

Good ice has been secured in the rink and curling and skating will now be the popular amusements.

John Hogg, of Selton, is seriously ill.

Miss Lydia Duffus returned from Hamilton yesterday. She will recite in Wheatley on New Year's night.



GEN. ROBERTS, THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## AN ATTACK PROBABLE

### On the Boer Position Monday.

#### BULLER MAY AGAIN TRY TO REACH LADYSMITH—WAR NOTES.

London, Saturday, Dec. 30, 5 a. m.—The latest special despatches from Chieveley Camp hint at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted to mean that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith on New Year's day, when the Boers may not be expecting an attack. It is reported by the same despatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of bringing further pressure on the garrison which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment. It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere. The Boer movements northward from the Tugela river are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the belief here is that his forces even then will be too weak.

#### PROVISIONS CAPTURED.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated December 27, says six wagons conveying provisions

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to the Boers were captured and taken to Frere Camp. The Boers heliographed, among other questions, "How is Buller?" The ruse failed to draw any reply from the British.

It is still very hot and the grass is badly burned up. The Times publishes the following despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Dec. 24:—"Parties of Boers appeared to-day within three miles of Chieveley camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles, owing to the scarcity of water."

It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill.

#### FIRE GETTING HOTTER.

Ladysmith, Sunday, December 24, via Pietermaritzburg.—Gen. White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent. The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancers lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to Gen. White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point. It is reported that Gen. Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

#### WAR NOTES.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded. Three transports with the second contingent will sail from Halifax, two on January 16 and the third on Jan. 20.

William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

There is nothing in the threat the Boers will reduce the rations of their prisoners if foodstuffs are blockaded from Delagoa Bay.

The Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, brother of Lord Lansdowne, says the war office would countenance a scheme to enroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage in order to learn drills and the like.

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## RAISING THE LAKE LEVELS.

Congressman Corliss only proposes to raise the level of Lake Erie from two to two and a half feet. This, of course, would not affect Lake St. Clair to a great extent, because Lake St. Clair is nine feet above Lake Erie. If the latter were raised two and a half feet the present free out-flow through the Detroit river would be obstructed and the low lands around Lake St. Clair would be more liable to submergence. Much damage in the same way would result along the northern shore of Lake Erie. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is hardly likely the Canadian government will agree to the artificial raising of Lake Erie just to accommodate Mr. Corliss' friends.

Dr. George B. Russell, of Detroit, who has a farm and residence near the Puce, on this side, has lived in Detroit for 60 years and was a close observer of the state of the water. He says:

"It would be a universal annoyance, and regret, too, if our beautiful Belle Isle park were brought back to its condition in 1838 and 1876, when it was nothing but a mosquito swamp and snake and hog pond."

"I speak of what I know," continued the doctor. "My residence on the shores of Detroit River and Lake St. Clair extends through the full period of 60 years from April, 1836, to date. I was 20 years or more in the active practice of medicine and surgery on both sides of the river and lake, and knew every resident and the shore of every farm."

"Both rainfall and warm seasons were the factors which caused high level in 1836, 1837 and 1838, and the flood that made a vast lake and swamp of all the lands on the shores of the river and Lake St. Clair. For months in summer and for part of three years the road for the traveller on horseback was marked by stakes in the ditches. Water, water, everywhere. Four thousand acres of what is now beautiful residence property this side of Grosse Pointe were overflowed and boggy, abounding in frogs, snakes and mosquitoes, causing malaria and inflicting fever, ague, neuralgia, and all the dire troubles consequent. All this was caused by a rise of level not exceeding 18 inches on the average of the years thereafter."

"In past days the travel on both sides of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair was on the sandy beach, dry and above the level. When the high water came the beach and all evidences of former roads were washed away. On the Canadian side from 'Little River' to Pike Creek, for miles the inhabitants moved back and built new homes, where is now the gravel road, one and one-fourth miles back from Windsor to Belle Isle."

"Another exceptional time of high water was in the year 1876. It was the highest level in 55 years, or since 1837-1840, the average being one foot above the present, and one foot below the high mark of these years. And yet this one foot rise swamped thousands of acres on these shores."

A Happy New Year.  
Monday is swearing-off day.

A number of citizens who voted early and after last year will cast but one aldermanic ballot this. Consequently, the vote, which will be light anyway, owing to the absence of a majority contest, will be further reduced by from 100 to 200.

## STIR IN KENMORE.

Durham Brown's Letter Published last Week Cause of Comment.

One of Many Such Cases in Kenmore—Dodd's Kidney Pills Well Known There—Unanimous Corroboration of Brown's Statement.

Kenmore, Dec. 29.—No little comment has been caused here by the publication of a letter signed by Durham Brown, in the papers last week. Mr. Brown is one of the most expert boxmakers in the country, his cheese boxes, while models of good workmanship, being turned out in remarkably quick time. He has the reputation of being able to drive one-and-a-quarter inch nails at the rate of five hundred in eighteen minutes and keep it up steadily.

Mr. Brown is an enthusiast about Dodd's Kidney Pills. He cannot say enough in their favor, and he means every word of it. His brother also thoroughly believes in Dodd's Kidney Pills, having seen how they affected Durham. Durham Brown's letter, as published last week, is corroborated by his brother and all who know him.

Many other people in Kenmore know from personal experience the value of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Whether for the two formerly incurable and fatal maladies, Bright's Disease and Diabetes, or for any of the other forms of kidney disease—Rheumatism, heart complaints, dropsy, urinary and bladder disorders—Dodd's Kidney Pills are considered infallible. Dodd's Kidney Pills is the only medicine that ever cured Bright's disease or diabetes, and the people here have a wonderful faith in them.

Winston Churchill hasn't been long in South Africa, but he seems to have already learned to trek like a native.

Our neighbors, the Fenians, may not know it, but we can assure them that Canada can yet send a dozen contingents to the Transvaal and still have enough drilled men left and willing to make the finest of funerals out of every mother's son of them without half trying.

The Fenian blatherskites who talk nonsense about invading Canada, say they expect help from the French Canadians. For this libelous charge against the French Canadians, the Liberal press of Ontario is responsible. Papers like the Globe and London Advertiser have been raising the question of French-Canadian loyalty to try and shield Mr. Tarte. Hence the false impression that has been sent abroad.

The school board scrap at Belle River looks as if there were something radically wrong with another part of Hon. G. W. Ross' wonderfully mixed-up school law. There surely must be some method provided for establishing a separate school without trustees resorting to acts of violence. And the school act ought to be clear enough to show what that method is. These disgraceful doings at Belle River are not by any means a desirable advertisement for Ontario's school system in the neighboring cities of Michigan.

## THE CROSS THAT LAURIER BEARS.

Detroit Tribune.  
It's pretty hard on Premier Laurier to have his loyalty cost him the support of his followers.

## PRODUCE LITTLE SHOCK.

London Telegraph.  
In South Africa all the wounded men agree as to the very small amount of shock produced by the Mauser bullet, many stating that they went on some distance after feeling they were hit, one man telling me that he did not notice being hit at all until he began to feel dizzy and found that he had lost a lot of blood. One notable circumstance is that the vast majority of the wounds are in the extremities. This the men attribute to the wild firing of the Boers, and to the fact that they were generally hit just at the moment of leaving or taking cover.

## SOME SENSIBLE DOOLEYISM.

Mr. Dooley.  
"If 'th' British had said, 'This unclean an' r'apeecious people that we're against is also very tough. Dirty though they be, they'll fight. Foul though their nature is, they have courage in their belts. This not being England an' th'ir inimy we have again us not being 'n' frinds, we will forget th' glorious traditions iv' th' English an' Soudan armies an' instead iv' r-rushin' on 'em, sneak on th' back iv' th' neck, they'd be less 'I r-regret-to-states, and more 'I'm plazed-to-ports.' They wud so, an' I'm a man that's been through columns an' columns iv' war. Ye'll find, Himmis, that 'tis only ar-rmies fights in th' open. Nations fights behind threes an' rocks. Ye can put that in ye're little book. 'Tis a sayin' I med as I wint along."

## THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

We praded out at the stroke of four  
But the girls was there two hours before,  
Wept along thro' mud an' mist,  
Each with 'is love clung close to 'is wrist;  
The kiddies' torches paled the moon,  
An' my girl called f'r the roarin' toon,  
Taka-rara-rara,  
"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

"Er eyes was red, but 'er smile was brave,  
She'd brogt a t'up'ny flag to wave;  
She perched it up in 'er sailor 'at,  
An' she lef' the cheerin' smart an' pat,  
As the band burst out with a sudden skirl,  
While every trooper kissed 'is girl—  
Taka-rara-rara,  
"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

She's 'ard at work in a garrit, I guess,  
Stitchin' like fun at a big swell's dress,  
An' 'mid the whirr of 'er old machine,  
I'll back she'll fancy th' roar between,  
When the reg'ment leaps in the foe's man's hair,  
An' then she'll breathe a tiny pray'r,  
Taka-rara-rara,  
"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

An' if, as we carry the 'eighty, I fall,  
With the girdling smoke f'r a soldier's pall,  
When we rush the bush an' the artful treach,  
Or ford the river's chilly drench,  
You'll find in the breast o' me bloom in 'is shirt,  
The face, with a frame o' ribbon be-girt,  
Taka-rara-rara,  
"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

## A FINE NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate, published in London, is really a credit to that excellent agricultural journal. The colored front-

piece is very artistic, and the edition is otherwise profusely and handsomely illustrated by photo engravings. The reading matter is very abundant, and covers a wide range of information. Many valuable articles have been written expressly for this edition by leading British, American and Canadian agricultural experts, among the latter being the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Hon. David Ferguson, of Prince Edward Island; Hon. F. R. Black, of Nova Scotia; C. Marker, of Alberta; N. W. T. Prof. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAPTERS.

The story opens at Cairo, where Mr. Grimes, who passes as an American silver king; Sandy Barlow, a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Tanner, a millionaire traveller, and his daughter Molly, all meet. Mr. Grimes informs Grimes that his daughter has been taken down the Nile picked up by Mynheer Joe a messenger from Gordon. As both Grimes and Sandy know Joe they go down to the boat to find him. Joe gives them the first news of the fall of Khartoum and Gordon's death.

rested. The weeks passed us by in a way that was maddening. Our eyes were strained looking for succor that never came. Through it all Gordon was the same man I have ever known him, cheerful, sober and never flinching. If it was his fate to die at his post, death would find him there.

"I shall never, while I have breath, cease to remember that man with all the wonder and admiration my soul can express. God never made a human being more in the mould of a hero than when he gave us Gordon. The world will keep his memory green for ever."

"Thus, as the months passed away, our stores grew low, and a spirit of discontent arose. Money was scarce, and the soldiers were in a state of constant irritation bordering on frenzy. Mutiny would have long since broken out but for the astonishing power this man seemed to have over his subjects. I marvelled at it then, and it will never cease to be a source of wonder to me.

"At last came the fatal hour, when this magnificence could no longer hold the fragments of his little army together. I knew it was coming as well as I knew anything. Signs pointed to it from all quarters, and each morning as the sun arose in the east I wondered whether it would ever be my good fortune to look on its setting again.

"Gordon never despaired of a rescue. He had no doubt prepared for the worst, but his faith in the ultimate coming of his comrades was sublime. 'They will come to-morrow,' he would say each night as the darkness settled about us, and deep down in my heart I firmly believed that to-morrow would never arrive.

"Thus the days moved along, each sun showing new difficulties that at its setting Gordon had managed to smooth over in a way that was simply marvellous; but each time I noticed that things looked worse, and it was only a question of how long it would be before certain matters came into conjunction and bore us down. What I most dreaded was a mutiny during one of the enemy's fierce assaults. Should a portion of our troops turn upon us, even the fierce order of the Bashi Bazouks, who remained faithful, could not keep Gordon's life sacred.

"My fears proved to be well grounded, as you shall soon see. It happened on the 26th of May, and that should be a day of mourning for all time to come in England.

"Gordon came from his room that morning as cheerful as was his wont, and ready to meet the duties of the day, whatever Heaven might send him. The storm was gathering, but his presence had chased away the clouds so often that all of us had come to believe him as invincible.

"We knew the enemy was about to make a desperate assault, but we had hurled them back from the walls of Khartoum so often in bleeding masses, that we did not doubt our ability to do the same thing again, although ammunition was beginning to grow scarce.

"I have since come to the conclusion that during the night of the 25th some arrangement had been made between our native troops and the Arabs who led the hordes of the Prophet. Certainly, the events of the day justified such a conclusion.

"Gordon, as usual, assembled his leaders and harangued them. Up to now he had never once failed to impart some of his own enthusiasm to those in charge of his men, so that they went to their several stations inspired to fight like heroes in the cause of this magnetic man.

"With wonder and uneasiness I saw that his words this morning appeared to fall upon deaf ears. The dark faces grew moody. As it happened, I was the only white man close by, though I could hear some of his officers giving orders near the Governor's house.

"One man threw the spark that exploded the whole magazine. He dared answer Gordon back and tell him it would be best to give up Khartoum while El Mahdi was willing to let them depart in peace, since the doom of the city was a settled thing anyhow.

"The general's face flamed up as he heard this cowardly plea. I can see him now as in seething terms he rebuked the officer. The man hung his head. I expected to see him fall on his knees and beg for pardon.

"My attention was drawn from him for just a few seconds, while I swept my eyes around to see how the others were taking it. I found that they, too, scowled and looked ugly.

come can never forget what happened on that awful 26th of January. "I knew the brave Gordon had received his death wound at the hands of one who had even fought at his side, and the consciousness that the evil hour had come seemed to turn my very blood into molten lava.

"Fearful sounds arose all over Khartoum, for the signal had been given that was to indicate Gordon's downfall. The enemy assaulted the walls. A portion of the late defenders joined them, and Khartoum became the scene of a massacre too terrible for words.

"I assure you, my friends, I did not stand idle while all this was going on. No sooner did I see the falling hero at my side when, quick as lightning leaves the clouds, my sword leaped from its scabbard. Giving a true Yankee yell, I sprang at the assassin. The descending blade cleft his miserable skull to the chin, and through all time I shall never cease to rejoice that it was the arm of an American avenger Gordon's death.

"What happened after that is more like a dream than a reality to me, but I shall give it for what it is worth. I remember plunging into the thick of the fight. All around me rose the most fearful sounds of a desperate battle, while through Khartoum rang the shrieks of poor women and the shouts of exulting demons; for the black horde had swarmed over the walls, and in their great fury, seemed to spare none.

"More than one went down before my sword and revolver; for, expecting only death, I fought as a madman might. "In the midst of the melee, covered with grime and blood, I could hardly be distinguished from one of the traitor soldiers who had at last turned upon their general. Suddenly my body was clasped by a pair of arms from behind, and I found myself hurled to the ground.

"Naturally I expected instant death, when, to my surprise, a voice called in my ear: "Feign death! I would save the sahib!"

"It was my faithful servant Kasseh, whom I had brought from Bombay. I hardly know why I obeyed him; it must have been because I had so little power to resist, for life did not seem worth any trouble just then.

"He dragged me into a house that overlooked the river, and there secreted me. All through the day I heard the shouts of the victorious hordes as they thronged through Khartoum. Something had come into my mind, and I found that I had an object to live for, a mission to perform. The news of Gordon's death must be carried to his people, and I had come to the conclusion that all the faithful within the walls of Khartoum, Joe Miner was the only living soul that remained.

"Night came, and faithful Kasseh made his appearance. He had disguised himself as one of the enemy, and thus escaped the common fate that befell the defenders of the city.

"From him I learned that a clever scheme had been arranged whereby we could make our escape down the river. The water was very low, but Gordon had several small, light-draught steamers for use upon the upper waters of the Nile. One of these lay not more than a stone's throw down the river, tied to the bank.

"Kasseh's bright plan was for us to drop up the river from the back of the house, wade down to the boat, climb aboard, and, aided by the darkness, cast her adrift. When some distance down the river, we could light a fire, start up steam, and, so soon as daylight came, make good progress north.

"There was something fascinating about the adventure, particularly as it promised to be our only chance.

"Acting under the instructions of my faithful Kasseh I clambered through the slit of a window in the mud wall of the house, lowered myself by means of the convenient rope, and finally stood knee-deep in the waters of the Nile below, waiting.

"When the ex-spy joined me," continued Mynheer Joe, "we began to creep along down in the direction of the little steamer. It was guarded, but Kasseh knew where the sentry was posted, and he attended to his case while I got ready to unfurl the ropes.

"I heard a single splash, but not a cry. Then Kasseh came to me and declared everything was working all right. We pushed out into the stream and began to leave the doomed city behind. As yet discovery had not come.

"I will not dwell on this part of my trip. In the morning we got up steam and began to make good headway.

"Until half-way to the Second Cataract we were not molested. Then a troop of scouting followers of the Mahdi righted us, and, riding into the river, attempted to take the steamer.

"We had prepared for this. There was a small cannon on board, which we kept in readiness for just an emergency as this; and when we sent its contents into the midst of the black rascals they scattered to the winds.

"Below we had another fight, and this time they very nearly took the vessel; but our fire was a trifle too warm, and they finally allowed us to go on.

"As we drew near the cataract, we knew we would have to abandon the little steamer; but we had determined to continue the voyage in her light yawl, which could be carried around the cataract by two stout men.

"This was finally done, and we kept on down the river. Fortune had been with us all night. We ran upon some



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hippopotami, and in a rage one of the monsters crushed our boat. It was in the night. I believe my poor Kasseh must have fallen a victim to the savage beasts, for I saw him no more.

"My own escape was very marvellous. I landed a mile down the stream. At break of day I pushed on. Fate threw me in with a native, who carried me as far as the First Cataract in his boat. Here I met an English hunter, a bold fellow, who, with some guides, had been up the river shooting tiger horses, as he called the hippopotami.

"He was horrified at my news, and gladly gave me a place in his comfortable boat, after which we set out for Cairo, hundreds of miles away.

"All went well until we were about two days' run above the city, when a sudden squall took us unawares; the boat capsized, and I found myself wrecked again in the darkness.

"I spent weary hours clinging to the hatch which had somehow come under my hands. Several times boats came near me in the morning, but no one would take me off. They pretended not to hear me; in fact, I might as well have yelled a thousand miles away, for all they noticed me. You see, they have a dread of being held as witnesses, and a part of a boat's crew is lost, there must be a legal inquiry, which will compel them to be in town and lose time from their work.

"As the day was passing, I felt I must leave my raft and try to gain the distant shore, where the railroad ran, unless, as you rescued. Just then, this boat came down the river, running close by. I called to the captain, telling him I was from Khartoum, with news of Gordon; he at once put about and came to my rescue. The rest you already know, friends."

Thus Mynheer Joe finishes his story. It has not taken a great while to tell the facts, but volumes could be filled with the details. He endeavors to control himself when speaking of Gordon's death, but it is evident that even he has made a powerful impression on the sturdy explorer, who so often has fought side by side with the Christian hero.

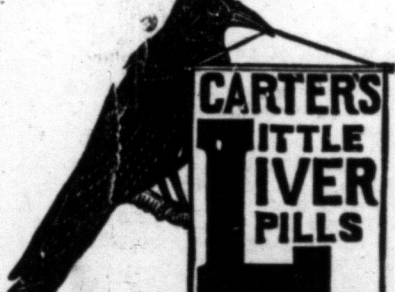
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Jan.	5 5/8	5 5/8	5 5/8	5 5/8
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The board of health will hold their final meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

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The contractors will commence cutting the ice on the sedimentation basin next week.

Frank E. Schenker, of Ridgetown, is spending his New Year's holidays with friends in the city.

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Wm. Hackett lost his purse yesterday containing seven dollars. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to this office.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial Yeomanry, and has contributed £100 for the use of the organization.

The choir of the Park St. Methodist church will repeat to-morrow, by special request, the new Christmas anthems rendered last Sunday.

The house of refuge committee of the county council, Commissioners Willson, Hickey, and the Warden, are in session at Harrison Hall to-day.

Miss Ida St. Colles has made an engagement with Christ church as leading soprano, and will sing a solo with organ and violin accompaniments at the evening service to-morrow.

The number of members of the house of commons who have volunteered for the front threatens seriously to reduce the government's majority when parliament reassembles.

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Chief of Police Colhurst, of Bothwell, this morning brought in Wm. Taylor, charged with larceny. Taylor was recently released on suspended sentence for stealing apples.

Rev. F. Lee, of Ridgetown, has been appointed to the charge of Hespeler, recently separated from Preston. Mr. Lee's place at Ridgetown will be filled by Rev. F. M. Baldwin, who has recovered from his illness, and is able to resume regular work.

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FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Commandant Snyman reports as follows from Mafeking:—On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxim, and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 55.

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## A Story of Two Christmases.

By Ellen Vavasour Noel.

There was a dull grey sky overhead, stretching gloomily across the calm waters of the St. Clair river. Its bank in this particular part of which I write, was a long stretch of low-lying land with few trees shading the smooth, wide road. A short distance from the river, almost hidden among a cluster of fine old trees at a turn of the road, the gables of a quaint old brown house were visible.

Winter has been late in donning her white, icy mantle this year, for though it is the day before Christmas the grass is unusually green and the breeze soft and balmy as it flutters around two children sitting quietly on a low, moss-grown log on the river bank. The eldest, a girl about eight, is anxiously scanning the river, her lovely dark eyes filled with an eager expectancy which has flushed her delicate young cheek.

"Oh! he is coming; there is dear father at last," she is crying, "I'm so tired waiting for him. Aren't you, Reggie?" She turns to her companion, a bright boy of five, who is playing with the pebbles, seeing how far he can throw them, the water and wearily coming forth of the mark in his efforts.

"So I am; and I'm drefful hungry, too," he answers, starting up and waving his cap for the approaching boat which has turned around the bend in the river near them, and is being quickly rowed towards the bank by its solitary occupant, who, resting a moment on his oars, returns his little son's salute. A few moments later and he has housed his boat and laden with sundry packages, joins the children who fondly greet him.

"Well, father, did you see Santa Claus at the village, and tell him to be sure and come down our chimney tonight?"

"Yes, my boy; he is coming, so you and Irene hang up the biggest stockings you have."

"All right," Reggie's chubby face beams with satisfaction. "I love Santa Claus. He is the bestest man in all the country."

"Oh, father!" exclaims Irene, pointing to the brown house at the turn in the road. "Do you think our chimney will be wide enough to get his sleigh down?"

Reggie's face falls as he looks up anxiously at his father, who though his coat is one of a friend's, and his soft felt hat has seen good service, no one can fail to notice his aristocratic bearing and the dark beauty of his refined face, as he smiles fondly at the little fellow, saying: "Then he will have to leave his sleigh at the top and slide down."

"Father," Irene quietly creeps closer to his side. "Mother is all right."

Her father starts perceptibly. A cold numbness steals about his heart, which almost ceases beating as he gazes at her.

"Auntie said she was delicious and did not know what she was saying, and sent us out on the beach to watch for you."

He answers not a word, but the pallor of death creeps over his handsome face as he gazes on silently. Again! Again! God of Heaven, all hope has fled!

Wonderfully the children try to keep up with their parent's hasty steps, who, apparently deaf, dumb, and blind to all, strides on. Reggie's stout little legs fail him at length, and he pleads with his father to wait for him, as his eyes fill with tears at his father's strange conduct.

Irene's cheek is flushed and her breath comes quickly. Yet she willingly she slackens her pace and takes him lovingly by the hand, and they watch their father as he goes through the evening shadows to his house.

Entering the front garden, he opens the hall door quietly. Tall, strong man as he is, his hand trembles as he does so. A door near him is open. Some one in the room is talking and singing in muffled, indistinct tones. It is a woman's voice. As he hears it a look of bitter disgust comes into his white face, and he smothered a curse beneath his brown mustache.

"Guy; where is Guy? I want him," the cry comes in shrill tones.

He goes quickly through the hall into the kitchen, anywhere away from the sound of that voice calling him.

He looks face to face with a stout, elderly woman on whose usually cheery countenance a dejected expression is settled. As she sees him she cries out sorrowfully, "Oh, Guy, it is again the old story with her!"

"How! Where did she get it?"

"His voice is calm, but it is the calmness of despair. As she sees her as she meets the look of utter misery in his dark eyes, and mentally she exclaims: 'Poor fellow! God pity him!'"

"He is the same," she answers. "I tell you we have been alone since you left for the village. She went upstairs to straighten things in that closet which we have not used for some time."

When she was down, she found him, as she was rather wild. I sent the children out of the house. Did you meet them?" she anxiously inquires.

"Yes, Ann; poor, unfortunate children. See to them, for I must be alone!" He turns to leave the apartment. She calls entreatingly after him, "If you'd only go to her, Guy, it might quiet her."

"No! I wish I might never look upon her face again," he bitterly exclaims, as he passes from the room, going quickly up stairs to a small apartment at the top of the house, bolting himself in. It is almost bare of furniture, gloomy and cold, but he does not heed it. Throwing himself on a seat, he, such as are only wrong from strong men in the hour of unutterable anguish, burst from him. The evening shadows creep away and the moon is lighting up the little chamber, still he sits there silent, motionless, his bent head buried in his cold hands, his thoughts busy with the past, his ruined life by one mad act of his, when in early years, he had married the handsome, ignorant, low-born daughter of his father's butler. The opposition of his aristocratic relations availed nothing. He gave up all home, wealth, and friends, to wed the village beauty, Lizzie Norton. Nine years have passed since then, years during which he has regretted bitterly that fatal act, for as time went by he discovered that the girl, for whom he had sacrificed his life in his mad infatuation, proved not only an ill-tempered, jealous woman, but was constantly giving way to the

terrible love of the inebriating cup. His watchful care and passionate appeals were in vain. Who can express the untold misery he endured? His, with his proud, refined, sensitive nature. Separated from his family, who looked with contemptuous anger on his marriage, he resolved to go away and bury himself in some strange land from all who had ever known him. So he crossed the ocean with his unfortunate wife, two little children and a widowed sister of his wife's, who in love and pity for her young sister and her helpless babies, accompanied them to their distant home.

God, and his own heart, alone, knew what Guy Neville suffered in that lonely brown house near the river. Life at times would have been unbearable were it not for his children. His wife had returned from an insubordinate asylum a few weeks before, repentant and resolved to amend her life. Sister and husband, trembling with hope, guarded and sustained her in this, the last chance for her redemption, but my story shows how fruitless their efforts to save her from the miserable, debasing habit, for she had come across, in that dissipated life, some inebriating drink hidden away by herself and forgotten.

Numb with cold and misery, Guy Neville at length arises wearily and goes to the window of the little room. The moon rises, stretches calmly before him, the glorious stars look peacefully out of a cloudless heaven from the various houses and far along the river bank, light gleam, telling, perhaps, of mirth and gladness in happy homes on this bright Christmas eve.

Over thousands of miles of land, across the wide ocean, his thoughts fly, before his mental vision a stately hall arises on which that same moon will shed her light and gleam here and there through fine old trees in the park around a fine face and form of his boyhood he yearns for to-night, in hopeless sorrow. Does she ever think of him, the son who nearly broke her proud heart, an outcast from all once so dear to him? Oh how is it to end; I cannot bear—

"Hark! What is that? Shriek after shriek is heard from the lower rooms. He rushes quickly from the apartment, down the stairs, with an undefined terror filling his breast. On the way Irene calls to him, "Oh! father, what's the matter?"

She stands at the door of the children's bedroom. A sweet picture in her white drapery, her small hands outstretched, her dark eyes full of alarmed entreaty. Only a glance can he give the lovely vision, as he hurriedly exclaims:

"My darling, shut the door and go to bed!"

"Obey, sobbing quietly, her young heart filled with dread as she thinks: 'Oh! the trouble has come to us again, and we thought mamma would be well now. When auntie sent us to bed she said we couldn't see our dear father! What will he do, and all of us?'"

"Is it Christmas now, and Santa Claus come, Irene?" Reggie asks in sleepy tones, as he sits up in his little bed and peers anxiously about.

"No, it's dark night yet. Santa Claus won't be here for hours."

"I thought I heard his sleigh rattling down the chimney, and the bells ringing. Is my stocking all right; I can't see it?"

"Look over there near the chimney, Reggie."

He turns and gazes in the direction indicated, where two immense black stockings, lent for the occasion by auntie, are grimly suspended, awaiting the midnight visitor.

"Yes, I remember now. Lots of things can fit in them. I must go to sleep, 'cause he won't come if I don't, and that would be dreadful."

"Nestling down, he tucks the clothes about his curly head so Santa Claus can't see him, he whispers to Irene, who, fondly kissing and tucking him snugly in his little bed, as his auntie do, goes to her own room, wondering why her father or aunt do not as usual, come to bid their good-night, until, wearied out, the troubled, lonely child falls asleep.

It is Christmas morning, very early yet and stormy for it is snowing heavily. The wind blows cold and bleak from the river around the corner of the Neville. Reggie is the first to awake, as he sees the morning light coming dimly through the window, with a shout of delight that it is at last Christmas, springs from bed and goes swiftly to the chimney, thrusting his hand eagerly into the stocking intended for him. It is empty, quite empty, and so is Irene's, which he next examines in breathless amazement.

"Oh, Santa Claus never came! There's nothing in our stockings. What shall I do, what shall I do?"

His bitter sob of disappointment arouses his sister, whose wonder and grief is almost as great as his own at the sad fact that Santa Claus has forgotten to bring the nice presents he told father he would.

"He is a bad old man. I would like to kick him," exclaims Reggie, in angry indignation.

"Oh, Reggie, don't say that; it's naughty," remonstrates Irene through her tears.

"Yes, I would, and hard, too, for he is just the baddest man in the whole world!"

"What will father say?" returned Irene.

"He will fight him like this," and the little fellow doubled up his small fists savagely.

"He said he would be sure to come," murmured Irene.

"He told me a lie and the Devil will get him," cried Reggie, with evident satisfaction.

"I wish father or auntie would come to us, for the door is locked, and we can't get out," exclaims his sister, who has attempted to leave the room. They had often before been locked in when their poor mamma was ill, as they were told. They feared, rather than loved, their unfortunate parent, of whom they saw very little, but Irene was old enough to perceive that all the trouble and sorrow in their home was caused by her, and her young heart hardened towards her wretched mamma when she saw the distress of her father, whom she idolized.

The light of the quiet Christmas morning shines cheerlessly into one of the lower apartments, where, under the low, arched ceiling, a man in a dark, worn coat, and a woman in a dark, worn dress, are seated on a bench, looking at each other with sad, weary eyes.

"Are they all dead, too? How considerate of them, eh, Chester?"

He is too much annoyed to answer her, but, turning eagerly towards his mother, inquires, "Is that the way I knew old Norton was gone, but there was, I think a sister also?"

"Yes, but she accompanied them when they left home, and has decided to remain where they now are. Guy writes it is far better so, though he feels grateful to her for the children's sake."

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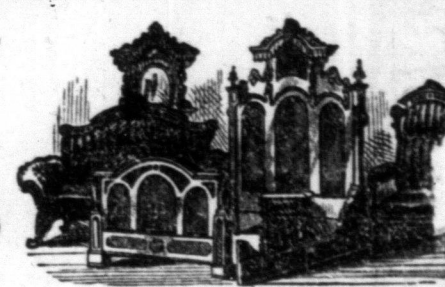
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Yes, the same indeed, but this year he has not passed them by; for as they wish their father and newly found grandmothers a "Merry Christmas," they tell of wonderful things the old gentleman has brought this time.

"Oh, father!" cries Reggie excitedly, "I can't remember all the presents my old Santa Claus has brought me, my stockings wouldn't hold them, and Irene got heaps too. I think he must be awful rich."

His grandmother smiled amusedly at the little fellow's innocent delight, while her mental remark is, "Poor boy, what has his life been?"

Irene's soft dark eyes, so like his own, are raised to her father's:—"I think I must have heard the angels singing. It was pretty dark and they woke me up, such beautiful singing about our Saviour and the King. I tried to open the window and look out to see them, but I couldn't. Oh! it was lovely, sweet singing!" Her father glanced at his mother. Her eyes were moist with tears which were very near his own.

"I heard the angels singing too!" exclaims Reggie, but in rather hesitating way. "Were they angels?" gravely queries Irene.

"No, my darling they were people from the village singing carols or hymns for Christmas morning."

"They never used to sing to us," she answers meekly.

"Oh! cause there is no carols or hymns in our home far away," cries her brother shaking his curly locks impressively, "I like England the bestest, and advancing timidly to her side with a winning smile, 'My grandma too.'"

The stately lady caught the beautiful boy to her bosom tenderly kissing him.

It is just at this moment that Sir Guy's brother Chester, with his wife

and son enter the apartment, having come to the Hall much against Mrs. Chester's wishes to spend Christmas. For the first time she looks on Sir Guy's children, and her mental remark is, "Why they are Glynnes! possessing the beauty of their father's proud race, instead of the common-looking children I hoped to see." Lady Glynn was infatuated with them. She plainly saw, they would always come first to the exclusion of her own spoiled darling, and a bitter hate arose in her heart towards the unconscious children. Here we will say "Good bye" to Sir Guy and his little ones, whom we met on the solitary beach of a Canadian river, leaving them in their home in Glynn Hall, having portrayed the contrast between two Christmases in their lives.

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## If You Are One Of The Few

Who don't know that you can save money on everything in shoes and rubbers and all footwear by trading at this store. There never was a better time to find it out than now. Our store is full of convenience to be seen every day, if you haven't yet examined our stock there is a pleasure in store for you. We are sellers of the J. D. King King quality \$3.00 shoes, in all, and rubbers, sure fitters and wearers.

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Seller of J. D. King's fine shoes or Ladies and -suits

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TO PEOPLE WHO WANT THE BEST

Table Raisins, Table Figs

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Xmas Mixed and Cream Candies

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**Triangle Block**

North Chatham.

NEW Q. T. R. COACHES.

Five More New and Modernly Built Cars Added to the Rolling Stock.

The Grand Trunk have added another lot of the handomely built first class coaches to their already up-to-date equipment. Already during the past year some fifty of these modern cars have been built and placed in service, taking the place of some of the older coaches, and these new cars have been greatly admired by all who see them. Everything that science, experience and skilled labor can do has been brought into requisition to make these new coaches perfect in every detail, and great credit is reflected on the Grand Trunk shops at Point St. Charles, where the present lot of cars were turned out. In completeness of detail, artistic workmanship, appointments and finish, they surpass anything of their kind yet built in America, and, in fact, it would be hard to equal them in the world.

The new cars form part of what is known as the 800 series, and consist of wide vestibule order, 35 feet long, with four-axle trucks, making the riding of the cars easy, and with the least possible jolting effect. The cars are equipped with Westinghouse quick-action triple brakes and air signals. A special feature of the cars is the peculiar construction of the platform, which is built of steel, and an adjustable covering is arranged over the vestibule, making the whole platform vestibule, by this means dust is excluded, and perfect safety to passengers on the platform is assured. The vestibule is also lighted with a powerful light, which though unusual is a most convenient appointment.

The total weight of these coaches is 72,100 pounds each, and they have each a seating capacity for 72 passengers. There are 20 windows on each side of the cars, fitted on the outside and inside in Gothic iron texture in oak and mahogany combination. The interiors are finished in quartered oak, and are extremely handsome. The seats are Grand Trunk standard reversible pattern, upholstered in crimson plush. The other interiors are of exquisite design in bronze. A large and comfortable smoking room with a seating capacity for eight passengers is provided where the lovers of the fragrant weed can enjoy their smoke with luxurious ease and comfort. The saloons are fitted with the latest devices to make them as near perfection as possible. The sides of the cars are carpeted with Brussels, and linoleum covers the floor in the compartment. The closets are self-heating and separate lavatories are provided for ladies. The cars are heated by steam, and the ventilating arrangements are ample and satisfactory. The total ensemble of these handomely built coaches is one of elegance and everything about them wears an air of ease and comfort.

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Chatham Ontario.

## GEORGE AND GRIM

They Spend Christmas Together in the Northern Woods.

An Interesting and Chatty Letter From an Old Friend George C. Rankin.

To the Planet.—One of the conditions in life in which one will persevere is the occupation of writing for occupation's sake, is to be alone in these woods, clothed in the silent stillness of their winter garb, with no other domestic companion within three miles of one than a cat, a rabbit, a very clever, fawn colored, handsome, aristocratic looking cat, whose name in full is "Grim Logie." He was given me last winter as a New Year's present at a time when he was in the callow state of half grown cathood, and I was sick almost unto death. I therefore called him "Grim." "Grim" consequently may be regarded as his Christian name, while his sobriquet of "Logie" is his surname and was earned after the manner of the knights errant of old in their way of extermination and because he has repeatedly shown that he can reason within himself from cause to effect as well as any other knight errant. One night last summer I heard him jumping about playing or scuffling with something in the lean-to shed at the rear of this cabin, and on going out to see what the row was about, I found that he was playing with a half grown rabbit which was just in the last throes of death. I took it away from him and gave him a saucer of milk, which out here in the bush is a great luxury to him. Since then he has caught two more rabbits and at least a dozen red squirrels and chipmunks and one weasel (a thing I never heard of being caught by a cat before) and everyone of these he has brought to me with an expectant look as if he would say: "See here, what are you going to do for this?" Of course I always trade with him by taking the animal away from him and giving him something that he'll eat or drink in lieu of it, and make a point of congratulating him upon his prowess and perspicacity. But notwithstanding all this cleverness on the part of Mr. Grim Logie, he can't talk English, and that is rather a drawback to his partner who wouldn't mind at this particular moment bailing any fellow that might happen along with a "Merry Xmas" and "A Happy New Year," who could answer back in any kind of vernacular to the same effect. Just as this particular moment Master Grim is in an abnormal state of excitement, as indeed he is almost all the time, and to such an obtrusive extent that he's been several times "scattered" back to his chair and cushion beside the kitchen stove. This is due to the fact that he knows quite as well as his bipedal partner does that we're going to have roast partridge for dinner, and if there's anything he likes better than that is roast partridge with brown gravy and bread sauce.

### ABOUT ELECTRIC ROADS.

But Father of Time! I didn't intend when I began this missive, to inflict upon you any reference to the cars and plans of the electric road project, and my desire to do so is chiefly prompted by an item which appeared in The Planet of the 30th ult., announcing the return of Mayor Smith from Buffalo, whither he had gone to negotiate "with capitalists for the construction of a radial electric road in this (Kent) county." But, I see on looking over the item again, that the Mayor is credited with saying that he had arranged with the said capitalists that they were not to broach the subject to the city until after next year's council is elected, and this being the case, I think the suggestion I have to make looking to the construction of the proposed radial electric road is better left in abeyance until after the new council is installed in office. Meanwhile, I beg to observe that when Mayor Smith says, as he is further credited with saying in the item referred to, "These capitalists will look into the project thoroughly and if they can see any prospect of making a fair interest on their investment, they will undertake it," he is simply fetching coals to Newcastle in making such an announcement. Because he need not have gone beyond the limits of his own city to have found the sort of genius capitalist, (a universally common one) who would build the road if they could but be convinced that when it was built it could be operated with sufficient profit to ensure a fair return upon the investment. I respectfully submit that my own lamentably abortive efforts of two years ago to bring about a combination of conditions such as would lead to the carrying out of the enterprise amply proved this both as to local capitalists and to several other more conspicuous ones foreign to the city. However, before going further into the subject of the railway and offering the suggestion I have to make, as I said before, I shall wait until the new council is installed in office for 1940.

### A FAMOUS TRIP.

In the meantime—at this moment—I am sadly reminded of the finale of my experience as a railway promoter at Chatham, and the work of super-erogation of mine enemies in sending Chief Young all the way up here into these woods in midwinter to escort me about to give evidence which in the most solemn way I had assured the press, the public and the lawyers on both sides of the prosecution of Ald. Bright, I did not have to give. It was a very humiliating, but under the existing circumstances could not have terminated otherwise than as it did—the disfigurement of the bitter little couple who sent the chief here on his abortive and withal perilous journey. One of the funny incidents of this famous journey was that The Planet, the Banner, and the Toronto Globe gave somewhat highly colored, not to say

## DR. ROSE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

High Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health.

exaggerated, accounts of the perils and hair-breadth escapes of the chief was likely to encounter in the trackless snow and frost-bound regions which asperion upon its colonization roads and the winter hospitality of its citizens. His expected comrades, Dr. Sault Ste. Marie, that, headed by Mayor Biggins, (who as editor of The Pioneer, for forty years, has been ever watchful of Algoma's interests) they held a public indignation period of the "inverted year" water was still available as a fluid. If any of the representatives of the culprit papers had happened along about that time they would have unquestionably gotten a cold bath and wet reception—and I doubt not that if I as the primary, albeit innocent, cause of all the bother, had appeared upon the scene, they'd have pumped upon me, too. Altogether, the wind-up of my experience incidental to Chief Young's "perilous" journey to this hyperborean island, as the late Col. Prince was wont to call it, was anything but pleasant.

### PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING.

It was annihilating, and following, as it did, the sometime cessation of work upon the project, I was left seriously crippled and well nigh hors de combat. But my position is improving, thanks to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, and I have hopes for the future, as who should not who properly reveres and believes in the auspiciousness of this blessed Xmas day as an institution. Between the two disastrous experiences referred to my then condition is suggestive of a story I heard of a certain Irish dragoon in the present lamentable hour. He was a very brave fellow, and had been wounded and taken to the hospital, and he was asked how he was getting on. "Well, sir," he replied, "I have two wounds. I can't get them out, but I'll cover 'em right from the other war." My Chatham wound was fatal, but I think I'll recover all right with the promise of this primitive, but I have been enabled to give The Planet an occasional resume of the mining operations and the new copper deposit, discovered in this part of New Ontario.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer, now generally observed by the churches everywhere, commences Monday, January 8th. The services here will be as follows:—Monday—Holy Trinity Schoolhouse; subject, The Necessity and Value of Prayer; speakers, Revs. Dr. McCall and R. McCosh. Tuesday—Park St. Methodist Church Schoolhouse; subject, The Christian in the World; speakers, Revs. F. H. Larkin and Robt. Sims. Wednesday—St. Andrew's Church Schoolhouse; subject, The Relation of the Holy Spirit to Church Work; speakers, Revs. R. W. Locke and Dr. Hannon. Thursday—Christ Church Schoolhouse; subject, Preparation for Service; speakers, Revs. Dr. Battisby and J. J. Ross. Friday—First Presbyterian Church Schoolhouse; subject, Bible Society Meeting; speakers, Revs. Dr. Hannon and Robt. Sims. A collection will be taken up at this meeting on behalf of the Bible Society.

### HARWICH—TAX NOTICE

I will be at Geo. Stephens store, Chatham on Saturday Dec. 30th, and January 13th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to receive taxes.

WILBER J. HUFFMAN, 1st Justice Collector.

Ask for Min. and take no other.

## BRETTIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Miss Otley McGregor is somewhat better.

R. L. Gosnell, P. M., was in Chatham yesterday.

Mayor Peter Haggart and wife are visiting in Brantford.

There is no change in the condition of W. R. Fellows, sr.

W. H. McIntosh, of Comber, is in Blenheim visiting friends.

Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor, is visiting Mrs. Stephenson.

Ray Bill, of Chatham, is visiting John McCullough, Blenheim.

Mrs. J. M. Gardner had a large social gathering on Christmas day.

John Glasford, of Chatham, was in Blenheim Thursday and Friday.

Miss Rena Langford, Kent Bridge, is visiting her brother, Dr. Langford.

Mrs. Jas. Springsteen, who recently returned from the Public General Hospital, is doing well.

Mrs. J. W. Gibson, wife of Town Clerk Gibson, is spending a few days in Florence.

Miss Josie Sterling and Harvey Hildreth were married by the Rev. Mr. McLaren this week.

Miss Lois Vester returned to Detroit to-day, after spending Christmas with her father.

Chas. Kitchen and his two daughters, of Chatham, spent Christmas with J. Kitchen, of this town.

G. N. Babcock, the popular druggist, entertained a number of friends at his pleasant residence last evening.

Geo. Breeze is selling out his stock of household effects and will remove to Colorado, where he will engage in business.

Mrs. W. H. Stevenson entertained a few friends Thursday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor.

Miss Gertrude Johnson has returned from Goshen, Ind. where she has been teaching singing in the public schools.

Arch. Samson reports that the Blenheim merchants all claim that they did an excellent business last week and were highly pleased.

John Bond, of the Old Street, was in Blenheim yesterday. Mr. Bond is still weak, but is recovering nicely from his attack of appendicitis.

The Ball Telephone Co. have completed their new line down the principal street. All the old poles have been replaced with new ones, quite high.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

Miss Ethel Newsum, of Detroit, who has been visiting her father, went to Wardsville to-day to spend a few days before returning to the City of the Straits.

The whole town is talking of a sensational case in which a Chatham man wanted to buy a number of acres near Wardsville, for alleged breach of promise.

Leary Bros., who have been disposing of a bankrupt stock in Blenheim for the past three or four months, are going to move to an eastern town shortly.

Miss Lena Newsum, who has been visiting her father, started for her home in Cookshire, Que., to-day. Miss Newsum will spend a few days in Wardsville on the way.

Baker and Confectioner J. M. Gardner reports business good last week. On Saturday there was a regular bread famine, and by four o'clock it was impossible to get a loaf in town.

Sandy Robinson, who recently returned from the Klondike, broken down in health, is slightly improved. Dr. Story thinks that the Blenheim air will soon make Mr. Robinson his old self again.

The Blenheim Masonic lodge had an enjoyable supper at Pickering's restaurant last Wednesday evening. The L. O. F. will hold their supper at the same place next Wednesday night, and the Macdonaes will also hold theirs at Mr. Pickering's establishment a week from Monday.

The public library board met on Thursday evening. There were present, Chas. Babcock, Chas. R. M. Thompson, Frank McLean, George M. Baird and C. L. VonGunsen. A number of accounts were passed and the books recently purchased were ordered paid to the amount of \$200.

Will Beaton has received a letter from his friend, Frank C. Powell, formerly in the employ of Dr. Holmes & McKeough, Chatham. Mr. Powell is in Dawson City and reports that his health is excellent. He is in the employ of Orr & Tukey, freight contractors, and receives \$5 a day and his expenses.

Librarian Deacon is highly gratified with the increase in the use of the number of books in the library. "We have a fine line of new books," said Mr. Deacon yesterday, "and these, with our present excellent range of books, makes one of the best reading rooms in this part of the county. Some of the new books added are, Social England, Napoleon the Third, by Archibald Forbes, Lowell's complete works, West African Studies, by Mary Kingsley, Life of Nelson, by Capt. Mahan, and The United Kingdom, by Goldwin Smith. These are only a few of the books, but they show the high class of literature read in Blenheim. The public library contains, besides a wide range of fiction, biographies and history, all the latest magazines and papers, and the institution is a credit to Blenheim.

All the municipal officers of Blenheim went in by acclamation, so that there is no contest. The great question, however, which is agitating the electors, is whether there is to be a night watchman or no night watchman. The business men are universally anxious to have a nocturnal constable, and the electors will be asked what they wish on New Year's day. One citizen speaking on the question, said: "The travelling public are surprised when they come to Blenheim to find that a town its size has no night watchman. It is a matter of some wonder to them to find that so many are opposed to the best interests of the town. A few public-spirited townsmen paid the watchman out of their own pockets this year. The merchants need a watchman to protect their business interests, and in

protecting those interests the welfare of the whole town is protected, since the business is the life of a place. The necessity for a guard at night is shown by last year's experience. The night watchman wasn't dispatched with for two weeks before the Powell bank safe was blown open. The same thing occurred in Dresden, when the Bank of Commerce was robbed. Another instance of the usefulness of a patrol was shown one night this week. A young fellow went into the livery stable of Tom McCallum in the McGregor block. He was in a badly confused state and filled the stove with blankets, harness, etc. The night watchman detected the odor of burning wool. He notified the proprietor, who went down and put out the blaze just in time to avert a disastrous conflagration. The merchants, who pay the heaviest part of the taxes, feel that they should reap some benefit from what they pay. The great majority of those opposed to the payment of the night watchman by the town are not tax-payers, and it seems hard that the bulk of the taxes, and also have to pay the night watchman. However, the people of Blenheim will themselves have the say on New Year's day, and they will no doubt give a good majority for the night watchman."

### LADIES OF THE HOME MEET.

The ladies of the Home met Friday afternoon at the usual hour. It being the last meeting for this year, many extra accounts had to be settled. The ladies present were:—Meadames Stevens, Ferguson, Gardiner, Fleming, Tisman, Tyhurst and Misses McColl, Kingston and Ryan.

The ladies who visited the Home, found everything on and about the place in good order. The inmates enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner prepared by the worthy matron, Miss Green.

The following accounts were ordered paid:—

Ward 1—W. Weaver \$1.

Ward 2—Edgar Putman \$2.75.

Ward 3—Edgar Putman \$12.45.

Ward 4—Mr. Dunlop \$1.

Ward 5—J. H. Hogart \$2.25.

Ward 6—W. F. Cornish \$6.60.

Ward 7—James Paul \$6.

Wards 1 and 5—Wood account, F. Johnston \$5.75.

Ward 2—Mr. Reddick \$1.50.

Ward 3 and 4—Chas. Badgley \$6.

Ward 4—R. Sluder \$4.25.

It was moved and carried that the same drymen continue the work for the year 1940.

### Home accounts.

G. W. Cowan \$1.

T. H. Taylor & Co. 80 cents.

Mr. Marquardt \$1.

E. R. Snook \$16.25.

Public General Hospital \$12.50.

George Stevens \$37.17.

Water rates \$12.50.

J. C. Wankles \$2.63.

Central Drug Store 40c.

J. C. Wankles \$2.63.

Milk account \$3.

D. Gorrice, \$5.

Christmas Cheer Disbursement.

J. McConnell \$5.72.

Edgar Putman 50 cents.

W. F. Cornish \$6.50.

Mrs. Graves \$5.00.

Fred Wood \$10.75.

No. 2 and 3 wards—Respectively \$5.50 and \$4.50.

Two burials \$19.

Re. James G. T. R. \$5.85.

Several kind friends have made Xmas donations to the Home.

Ladies who were appointed to visit the Home for January:—Meadames, Seane, Gardiner, Fleming, McDonald, Green, and Mrs. Adams.

The regular routine business being transacted the meeting broke up with greetings and good wishes to all for the New Year.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Hours of Service.

First Presbyterian—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.

St. Joseph's, R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.

Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.

William St. Baptist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.

In Dawson City and reports that his health is excellent. He is in the employ of Orr & Tukey, freight contractors, and receives \$5 a day and his expenses.

Parish Day Advent—3 and 7.

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Campbell A.M.E.—11 a.m.; 7.45 p.m.

First Baptist—11 a.m.; 7.30 p.m.

### Church Notes.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied by the pastor in the morning and Rev. Vern Thompson in the evening.

Rev. R. McCosh, will conduct the services, preach on both occasions tomorrow.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ church meets every Monday night at 7.45.

Divine service is held in Christ church every Wednesday evening at half-past seven.

Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Sunday school and Mr. Rankin's Bible class at 3 in the afternoon.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist church will be occupied to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke.

Rev. J. J. Ross will preach on both occasions in William St. Baptist church to-morrow, at 10.45. There will be three or four speakers, and the public are cordially invited. Morning and evening services as usual.

The music at the First Presbyterian church to-morrow will be the same as that rendered last Sunday, with the exception that instead of the solo sung by Miss Edna Martin Mrs. Cooper will sing "Judith."

## ABOUT SALARY

The Recent Increase Was Just and Right.

Mr. Wilson Gives Some Facts Figures Concerning the Matter.

To The Planet.—A great deal has been said about the high pay teachers of our schools during the two weeks occasioned by the act of the trustees in raising the salaries of the teachers of the School. The argument of ex-salaries seems to be the sole trouble of the candidates who are posing those trustees who vote slightly but just and fair salaries of the teachers in whom I will name—

First, Miss Green, the director of the kindergarten, who formerly received the sum of \$400 a year about three years ago on account of the smallness of the class and where certain members of the school, who were not willing to give the motion that if her class a respectable number in the school would just as willingly her former salary. She now averages \$250 with which is as large as is possible to teach, and the board her salary to its former figure carrying out the promises of the board.

Then with regard to Miss I. an Miss Thompson who are both fourth book classes: Each of their salaries to \$400 each amount paid to all teachers fourth book class in the past year. Miss I. has had for years for class.

We will now take up the salaries of the model school. A principal of the model school, paying him \$550 up to two years ago certain members of the school should not receive than the principal of the model school and reduced his salary to \$400. But the trustees who voted to give him \$550 are not willing to give principal of the model school for his superior qualifications and for his position as teacher of the class which requires special attention in order that he may fill the position.

Now the county and the government anticipate that model school, who must be high up in the profit should be paid more than the principal of the public schools each gives a grant to model school as follows: The government of \$150; the county in which school is held, \$150. Then from each pupil in attendance from this we raised the sum of \$100, making a total of \$400. From this amount we paid an extra \$50, and we added to the \$450, making a total of \$500. This, leaving us \$250 over, has been used from year to year for school purposes. Now, if we had model school we would not secure a cent of the foregoing grants and I have pointed out that the grant given for the express purpose of raising the principal of the model school an extra salary. Now, if we at this \$280 to the salary of the principal of the school it just past, the last two years, \$320 per year salary, and by paying him \$400 which was voted at the meeting of the board, the county \$150, while the principal of the school costs the city \$500.

In the following list, taken from reports of the minister of education, will be found the salaries paid to model school masters in cities and towns similar to Chatham, which, considering the number in class and the amount of fees received, will make Chatham appear very small indeed. There is no doubt everyone giving matter any serious thought will conclude that the trustees, in making small increase were only doing what is just and right between rates and teacher.

### A COMPARISON.

Hamilton, teachers in training, government grant and fees, \$450; salary of principal, \$1,300. Brantford, 7, \$333, \$1,275. London, 34, \$470, \$1,200. Plantagenet, 14, \$396, \$1,200. Berlin, 10, \$350, \$1,150. Toronto, 39, \$496, \$1,150. Kingston, 36, \$480, \$1,100. Galt, 13, \$365, \$1,090. Gannock, 6, \$325, \$1,000. Lindsay, 36, \$49, \$1,000. Owen Sound, 2, \$430, \$1,000. Perth, 34, \$470, \$1,000. Port Hope, 15, \$375, \$1,000. Prescott, 25, \$425, \$1,000. St. Thomas, 16, \$380, \$1,000. Stratford, 33, \$465, \$1,000. Collingwood, 10, \$350, \$950. Sarnia, 15, \$375, \$950. Ingersoll, 6, \$335, \$950. Barrie, 20, \$400, \$900. Cornwall, 33, \$465, \$900. Goderich, 25, \$425, \$900. Ingersoll, 6, \$335, \$900. Toronto Junction, 24, \$425, \$900. Windsor, 22, \$410, \$900. Woodstock, 14, \$370, \$900. Chatham, 43, \$515, \$800.

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