

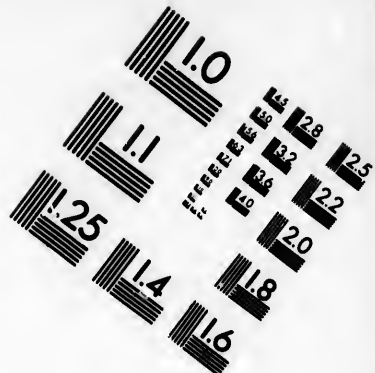
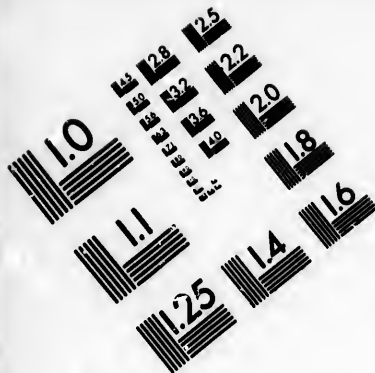
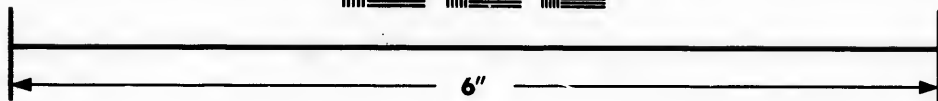
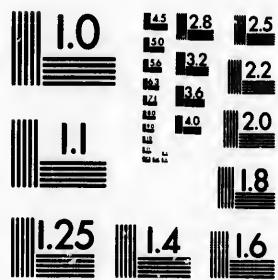


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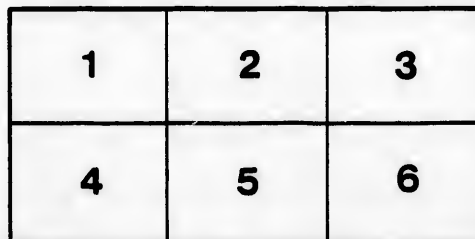
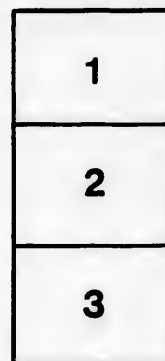
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— OF THE —

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The St. Catharines Evening Star.

JANUARY 1, 1889.

The world's all a muddle
I know very well,
But how to do better
Is what I can't tell.

For the Irish want *this*,
And the English want *that*,
What is "parritch" to "Sawney"
Is poison to "Pat."

Now, if Gladstone is right,
Balfour can't be true,
But rightly, or wrongly,
They're both in the stew.

If Parnell gains the day
The "Shekels" he'll scoop,
If the *Times* turns up trump,
He'll be "in the soup."

The Czar is "onaizy"—
"Bulgaria or gore!"
And Austria thinks that
He should not have more.

La belle France is seeking,
It seems very plain,
To stir up a "muss" in
Alsace and Lorraine.

The sons of the prophet,
In Egypt, 'tis clear,
Will make the defending
Of *Suakim*, dear.

And President Cleveland
Must earnestly wish,
He'd had nothing to do
With *Sackville or fish*.

He chews his tobacco,
With many a groan;
And leaves our Dominion
"Severely alone."

We have "cut our eye-teeth;"
We'll let the world know,
We're able, and willing
To "hoe our own row."

Our sun must *arise*,
Uncle Sam's *arisen*.
Our country is younger,
And bigger than "his'n."

Our fish are our own
In the lakes, and the seas,
As much as our mines are,
Our fields, or our trees.

While we hail them as friends,
We'll let it be known,

That we covet not theirs,
But hold fast to our own.

That we're loyal and true,
As we ever have been,
And stand by our country,
Our Empire, our Queen.

The 'lections are coming;
There's "blood in the air,"
And scalps will be taken
For Council, and Mayor.

Whoever's elected—
That's got any sense—
Let them strive might and main
To cut down expense.

We have got all we need—
Improvements, and show,
And should "lock up the safe,"
Retrench, and "go slow."

Retrench! and go slow, now!
Mind what I have said!
Retrench! and go slow, boys,
There's "breakers ahead."

You think it don't matter
To me p'r'a, a pin,
A poor carrier boy
Without any "tin,"

Who may be Alderman,
Or who may be Mayor;
That's just where you're left, sir,
"You bet" that I care.

For I love the old town,
Was born here, you see,
And what's good for the town
Is "bully" for me.

The war cry is sounding
All over the town,
For boodle, and glory,
And civic renown.

For the Mayoralty race,
What fun we shall see,
Twixt Johnny and John,
And the great Landis B.

The war-horse, Sam. Sawbones,
Withdraws, we are told,
On the corpse of Ex-Mayors
An inquest to hold.

In St. Thomas's Ward,—
I just tell you what,—
If Jerry sails in, then,
The fight will be hot.

With the eloquent Frank,
And the martial George C.,
And "High-level" champion,
Our Aldermen three.

Then St. Andrew's comes next,
With Park, Drugs and Axe,
And the Miller, who'll strive,
To winnow the tax.

In St. George looms the Doc.,
And Fat Butcher Boy,
Insurance, Tobacco,
And Blackstone alloy.

In St. Paul's we have Bob,
And J. K., and Burch,
Who'll leave their opponents,
They think, in the lurch.

St. Pat. has Pianos,
And Wagons, and Fish,
With brave Nelson, the Swede,
To stir up the dish.

St. James has the daisy
Geranium so true,
The "broth" of a "spalpeen,"
All orange and blue.

The temperance Painter,
With Charley the Pet,
The Flourman, Surveyor,
And "lashins" more yet.

Good luck in their canvass,
Good luck, and good cheer;
Merry Christmas to all!
And a Happy New Year!

We hope they will pardon
Our efforts this time;
And will take no offence
At our doggerel rhyme.

Happy New Year to all!
Whoever you are,
Remember the day! and—
The boys of THE STAR!!!

It will gladden our hearts,
And add to our joy,
To give—say a "quarter"—
To each printer's boy.

It will make us feel jolly,
And loud we will cry,
Oh, thank you, God bless you!
Good luck! and good bye!

