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Buy to Save at the January Sale

The more you spend the more you save. While the sale lasts there is a discount on anything you want. Now is the time to buy your spring supplies of Sheet- ing, Dress Goods, or anything you will need. You might as well save a few dollars now while you can.

Another Lot of Bargains

STOCKINGS—Children's heavy bright black worsted wool hose, size 6 to 8, regular price 35c a pair, sale price.....	25c
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BELT BUCKLES—Oxidized or bronze, also silver, regular price 50c each choice for sale price.....	15c
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BELT PINS—Oxidized bronze or silver, many kinds, regular price 10c, choice for sale price.....	5c
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DELTA FAIR MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of Delta Fair, held on Wednesday, 20th, was perhaps the most satisfactory ever held by the society.

The majority of the present board were on the board in 1891, when, after building the new hall and making other extensive improvements, the society was in debt about \$1375.00. Since then new cattle sheds, sheep, swine and poultry buildings have been erected, and now, with the finest buildings of any society in Eastern Ontario the Society has not one cent of debt, but instead a clean cash balance of \$312.60. The board of directors have every reason to feel proud.

The election of officers for 1904 resulted as follows:—
 President—George Morris, Delta.
 1st Vice—W. M. Bass, Newboro.
 2nd Vice—Hill Howard, Delta.
 Directors—H. E. Eyre, Chantry; John Bowser, Delta; Arch Stevens, Phillipville; R. J. Davison, Forfar; R. J. Green, Oak Leaf; Omer Brown, Delta; Alfred Willows, Phillipville; Geo. B. Leggett, Newboro; Stanley Gile, Harlem.
 Secretary—L. N. Phelps.
 Treasurer—W. A. Bell.
 Auditors—Alex. Stevens and J. W. Russell.

time to time would only have been deepened and broadened as time went by. We have always recognized in you a sincere, painstaking and faithful teacher but also strong individual characteristics which we have all admired and been constrained to follow, so that your silent influence has worked for our advancement.

Now, dear Teacher, in bidding you bon voyage through life to-day, we feel that our clumsy words are very inadequate to express what we would wish to say, so we kindly beg of you to accept this little token of esteem as a slight evidence of the place you hold in the hearts of your class of nineteen-threes.

In leaving us, dear Teacher, though we have caused you many anxious thoughts, we hope you will remember Westport, Westport public school, and especially these, the members of your class, and while we are assured that in your new field of labor, of whatever nature it might be, you will quite likely form ties that will be far more binding than those we sever to-day, still we hope that occasional reminiscences will float in on your memory of bygone days spent here.

We wish you a happy New Year and may one happy year give place to a happier until you approach the snows of life when you shall join hands with the vast host that, in unbounded felicity, forever shout "Happy New Year."

Signed in behalf of the class of '03.
 DOROTHY ARNOLD.

THE I. C. M. S.

There is no more pleasant and inviting place in which a lover of music can spend a half hour of leisure than in the Island City Music Store, Brockville. The showroom and salesroom are neatly appointed, the apt arrangement and effective display everywhere manifest being the result of Mr. G. L. Riches' twenty years experience in the business. In the showroom, of course, the "Karn piano is King," but he carries pianos of other leading makes as well, and the Karn, Thomas, Bell and Doherty organs. One of the last mentioned is a handsome piano case, is sure to attract attention by its beauty and its richness of tone. The Columbia Graphophone and the New York Zonophone have proved very popular on account of their compact form and wonderful power of reproduction.

On a glass-fronted shelving he shows a complete line of all small musical instruments, the product of the best makers, ranging from harmonicas up to high grade violins, mandolins, guitars and banjos.

Sheet music of all kinds may be obtained there. The McKinley edition and Teacher's edition of 10c music are having a large sale.

Then, his display of sewing machines is well worth seeing. The White, Standard, Raymond and Domestic are all included in his stock, and a practical demonstration of their capabilities will be given to any person interested.

Positively, every person contemplating the purchase of either a piano, organ or sewing machine should call and personally inspect these high-grade instruments. An instrument or machine is not, as a rule, bought more than once or twice in a life time, and prudent people should readily avail themselves of this means of making a careful selection.

Mr. Riches has well earned the large trade he has built up and it seems certain that in his new quarters in the Donaldson Block he will achieve still greater success.

Dundas County Fair Association has liabilities amounting to \$734. The receipts last year were about \$300 less than the year before.

At a meeting of the old board a resolution of condolence was passed on the death of Alexander Acheson, one of the oldest members of the board, as follows:—

Moved by Omer Brown, seconded by Wm. Bass, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the local press and a copy sent to Mrs. Acheson: "That, whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his supreme wisdom to remove from our midst our colleague, Alexander Acheson, one of our oldest and most experienced officers, we desire, at this our first meeting since his demise, to express our appreciation of his constant untiring labor for the benefit of our society and our loneliness at his absence to-day. We acknowledge that the present prosperous condition of our fair, whether considered as to its popularity as a place of enjoyment, its powers as an educative factor, or the excellent condition of our buildings and finances, is due in no small degree to his ability, his industry and his enthusiasm. While we know the utility of words to assuage grief or console sorrow such as here, we herewith tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Acheson in this time of her affliction, and we assure her that we never can forget the genial smile, the glad eye, and the kindly voice with which her late husband always greeted us."

H. E. EYRE, President
 L. N. PHELPS, Secretary

A KIND FAREWELL

On severing her connection with the teaching staff of Westport public school Miss Cora Wilton received from her pupils a present of a beautiful American cup, accompanied by the following address:—

Dear Teacher,—It was with deep regret that we heard of your intention to sever your connection with the Westport public school. We feel assured that, through the constancy and evenness of your temperament, you have gained a tender regard in the minds of all the pupils of our school. But more especially have you endeared yourself with those who have come personally in contact with you as teacher. Your sojourn with us has not been of long duration but the sincere sorrow we feel to-day at your departure is quite sufficient evidence that our sorrow and that of those who would have come under your care from

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You will find Comfort, Convenience, Heat, Happiness, Ease and Economy in the goods we sell. A poor stove is dear at any price, so we carry only articles of standard quality. From the low priced heaters to the best steel ranges and furnaces in the market you get full value for every dollar you invest with us. If you contemplate buying a stove or range, call and get quotations.

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 Roofing and all kinds of tinwork

NEW FALL GOODS

Our stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trousers is far superior to anything we have ever had. We can make your suit from

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It will pay you to inspect our stock before purchasing elsewhere and we guarantee a perfect fit.

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 CENTRAL BLOCK BROCKVILLE

Farm for Sale

Situated within 14 miles of the village of Athens, containing 15 acres of land in good state of cultivation. There is on the place a good stone house and frame kitchen and all necessary outbuildings, and there is a never-failing supply of water on the place and a small sugar bush. Apply to

MALVIN WILSON,
 Athens

Mr. W. G. CRADDOCK

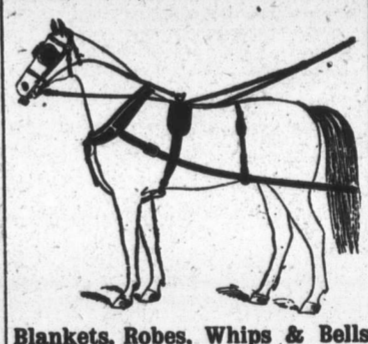
Solo Organist, Pianist and Voice Instructor

List of the following professional appointments: Organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Ireland; Organist of Ulster Hall, Belfast; Pianist to Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will instruct pupils in organ, piano, singing, harmony and counterpoint. Pupils prepared for musical examinations and Dominion College of Music, Montreal.

Logs Wanted

The subscriber will pay cash for water-elm and basswood logs—delivered at his mill at Greenbush; also for a large quantity of birch timber not more than 10 nor less than 4 inches in diameter, cut 10 or 12 feet long.

A. ROOT,
 Greenbush



Blankets, Robes, Whips & Belles

Special Reductions to Clear

We have been appointed agents for The Gillam Manfg Co's horse boots. We have a nice stock and can supply you with good boots at reasonable prices, suitable for ice or turf wear.

We manufacture all our own harness and horse collars. Special attention given to this line.

We make any harness to order you may suggest at a close figure.

We solicit your patronage.

CHAS. R. RUDD & Co.
 BROCKVILLE

REXALL HOUSE DYES

These Dyes will dye Wool, Cotton, Silk, Jute or Mixed Goods in one bath—they are the latest and most improved dye in the world. Try a package. All colors at J. P. LAMB & Son's Drug Store.

Between Seasons

The holiday trade is over, and for the large patronage extended to us we return thanks.

January and February are dull months in nearly all lines of trade, and so we are prepared to make purchasing here just now both pleasant and profitable. It will pay you during these two months to inspect and learn the price of any article you may contemplate purchasing.

T. G. Stevens
 UNDERTAKING

The Athens Hardware Store.

We keep constantly on hand full lines of the following goods:—Paints, Sherwin & Williams and all the best makes, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Window Glass, Putty, Coal Oil, Machine Oil, Rope (all sizes), Builders Hardware in endless variety, Blacksmith Supplies and Tools, Nails, Forks, Shovels, Drain Tile, and Drain Tools, Spades and Scoops, Iron Piping (all sizes with couplings), Tinware, Agateware, Lamps and Lanterns, Chimneys, Etc., Pressed Nickel Tea Kettles and Tea Pots, Fence Wire (all grades), Building Paper, Guns and Ammunition, Shells for all Guns (loaded and unloaded), Shot and Powder, Etc., &c.

Agent for the Dominion Express Company. The cheapest and best way to send money to parts of the world.

Give me a call when wanting anything in my line.

Wm. Karley,
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Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

JANUARY CHEAP SALE

This is January and the big rush is over. We have time now to breathe and look around, and we see that we have some broken lots. Naturally every store has broken lots. This store has more, because we carry more stock than most stores, and we do a larger business than any other clothier in town. Therefore we are bound to clear out all broken lots before stock taking. Cut prices on

Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Suits, Reefers, Underwear, Gloves, Caps, Etc.

THE PROOF—Seeing is believing! Therefore, the only thing to do is to come and see, and if we cannot save you money on your purchases, say "Good day" and walk out. That's the talk that talks—you know that we do as we advertise.

Globe Clothing House - **King Street, Brockville**

THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS VERY POOR CONDITION

MARY RAE'S WELL.

A Scotch Legend. Within a mile of Bothwell Church, by an old thorn-tree, there is, or rather was, until the coals were drawn its limpid waters into their voracious jaws, a well, called "Mary Rae's Well," of which the following legend is told; Mary Rae was of gentle birth, the daughter of an officer in the Scotch army, who lost his life at an early age...

whom she could overlook the battle on the heights. The afternoon waned and the English crossed the bridge in pursuit of the vanquished Scots, she ventured down to the field, where she soon encountered Andrew Hastie, bent on the same errand as herself. "Where is Captain Earnshaw?" she cried. "Ay, ye may see him," was the answer. "He was slain here, and I carried him out of the battle and laid him beside a bonnie well on the hillside. At least, Mary, I can't say I went to get some help. When I can't back he was there, and I am looking for him here."

We Convince Sceptics.

Colds, Catarrh and Catarrhal Headache Relieved in 10 Minutes and Cured by Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Here's one of a thousand such testimonies. Rev. A. D. Buckley, of Buffalo, says: "I wish all to know what a blessing Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is in a case of Catarrh. I was troubled with this disease for years, but the first time I used this remedy I gave me most delightful relief. I now regard myself entirely cured."

BABES KILLED BY IGNORANCE

French Women Being Instructed in Matters of Maternity. The French, and the Parisians in particular, are becoming alive to the urgent necessity of arresting the destruction of infant life. A hundred and fifty, or more, of the infants of the age of twelve months or under die every year in France—a high proportion in a population of about 38,000,000. The statisticians, including the chiefs of the medical profession, hold that the lives of at least 100,000 of these infants can be saved. Myriads of babies die because their mothers belonging principally to the working classes—do not know how to take care of them, or because poverty prevents them from taking sufficient rest before and after birth.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

REDUCES EXPENSE \$5,000 Reward will be paid by Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto, to any person who can prove that this soap contains any form of adulteration whatsoever, or contains any injurious chemicals. What the Kaiser Can Do. He can talk fluently in six languages. He has written a play and conducted its rehearsal. No man lives a busier life than he, but on the discovery of the Roentgen Rays the telegraphed for Prof. Roentgen and talked with him for hours. He has written a public prayer and conducted a choir. He can cook his own dinner, can play chess, paint pictures, or draw caricatures. He has learned engineering, and studied electricity. Though he can only use one arm he can shoot game for hours at the rate of two a minute. He has over a hundred titles, and is an admiral in three of the great navies. In 25 years he has shot 25,000 head of game. He changes his dress a dozen times a day, has a dozen valets and his wardrobe is worth £100,000.

ISSUE NO.

FRUIT LANDS In lots of 10 to 100 acres for sale in the heart of the Niagara Fruit Belt, near Grimsby. Steam and electric roads pass this property. All conveniences of the day. Terms very reasonable. Apply J. CARPENTER, P. O. Box 68, Winona, Ont. MODERATE CAPITAL can be greatly increased by judicious investment in "Specialty Stocks." You can learn of something which means money for you by corresponding with A. SEAMAN, 28 Colborne St. Toronto, Ont. A Money-Maker We will teach you a profitable business, an exceptionally good all-year-around money-maker, which brings in the dollars. Plan and full particulars for 10 cents in stamps. Don't forget the stamps, and address Standard Supply Co., Hamilton, Ont. PERSONAL COX, JOHN THOMAS, OF ST. MARY'S (Capt. Exeter, who sailed from Plymouth with father and brother July 15th, 1871. Brother Frank Inquirer. Write 34 Cedarling street, Exeter, England. Reggie's Conclusion. Smart Set. "Oh, mamma," shouted little Reggie, as he ran to his mother in great glee, "what do you think? I was just over there where they're putting up the circus, and they're filling the ring all full of breakfast food." Like Tearing the Heart Strings—"It is not within the conception of man to measure my great sufferings from heart disease. For years I endured almost constant cutting and tearing pains about my heart, and many a time would have welcomed death. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has worked a veritable miracle." Theo. Hicks, Perth, Ont.—50. A Preference. Buffalo Commercial. Mrs. Uppisch—Ah! Mrs. Subbubs. I—er—believe my social duties of late—have prevented me from calling upon you as I should. However, I will surely return your visit some day— Mrs. Subbubs—That doesn't matter much, but I do wish you would return the groceries you borrowed from time to time. In Going to New York Be sure that your tickets read via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley route of the "Grand Diamond Express." This is the direct and best route from all Canadian points. By this route baggage is now checked in bond and from Canadian points. The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York, up town near all first-class hotels, and down town near all European steamship and saving passengers for Europe a long and expensive transfer. Secure your tickets of Grand Trunk agents, Robert S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, Yonge street, Toronto, Ont. When Trud Was New. This is from Desautel's Survey of London: "Tea in the seventeenth century was offered as a curious foreign drink; it was prepared with care and drunk with some trepidation. Ladies often took brandy and afterward as a corrective. A learned physician, Dr. Lister, wrote that 'tea and coffee were permitted by God's providence for lessening the number of mankind by shortening life as a kind of silent plague.' The world's gold would form a pile forty-five feet high and twenty-five feet square.

The harder you cough, the worse the cough gets.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic. It is guaranteed to cure. If it doesn't benefit you, the druggist will refund your money back. Price: S. C. WELLS & CO. 303 E. St. St. L. LeRoy, N.Y., Toronto, Can.

Observations. Opinions are good things to keep dark. The valuer we are the more do we object to the peacock's train. Some people would be improved if they had the holiday heart all the year round. The worse one looks the more one hates mirrors. How comfortable it is to be rich enough to brag about your poverty. A refined woman seems to think barbaric modes emphasize her refinement. Authorities leave us bewildered as to what we are, contending between what we think, what we read and what we eat. Life, as Omar says, may be a span of existence, but it is so many bright has worn off in so many instances.

GOOD FOR EVERYTHING. DR. S. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT. Thousands of Men report equally good or superior results from its use. Price 50c per box. As a liniment for family use it has no equal. Ask your druggist for Kendall's Spavin Cure, also "Treatise on the Horse," the book free, or address DR. S. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.

The Old Reliable Remedy for Spavins, Ringbones, Splints, Curbs and all forms of Lameness. A single bottle may double the selling price of your horse. DR. S. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.

How Shall I Educate My Boy? President Charles F. Whiting, of Western Reserve University, writing in the current Harper's Weekly, offers some sensible and interesting advice to parents concerning the education of boys. He would insist, first, on the advantage of the school as opposed to private tutoring. "I would educate my boy with boys, although not entirely by boys. Boys, do, however, educate boys; but a boy who is trained alone is liable to fail in adjusting himself to his membership in humanity." Neither does he believe in education abroad—"I should be glad to have him get all that is best from the private school in Lorraine or Geneva, but not for one instant would I have his ideals formed by the French master, or his methods by the German. A primary aim in his character should be the American."

Hard to Satisfy.

First Farmer—Blessed if I think the agricultural department is any good at all. Second Farmer—What's the trouble? First Farmer—Well, I wrote to 'em to find out how high wheat was going up to, and couldn't get no satisfaction at all.

WESTBOUND IN A TOURIST SLEEPER.

Any one contemplating a trip to Chicago, any point in the West, California or the Pacific Coast, are of exceptional advantage to English and advantage by the Grand Trunk Railway System. Through Pullman tourist sleeping cars leave Boston, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 11 a. m. running through to Chicago without change, arriving there at 8:35 p. m. the following evening. Low rates, with nominal charge for sleeping car. Illustrated descriptive matter and full information on application to Thos. Young, Traveling Passenger Agent, 360 Washington Street, Boston.

SOME SMART MAXIMS.

A brunette may wear a brilliant black with a satia sheen, but it must be garnished and trimmed for the very lean. An intermixture of white with dark violet, crimson, lilac or blue adds additional charms to a blonde and a ruddy hue. Blue, pale yellow, azure, lilac and black trimmed with pink are all colors from which the blonde need not shrink. Gray, drab, fawn or stone-colors she must combine with pink, blue or crimson, if she would refine her complexion. The color in headdress and drapery should harmonize. We must study our complexion, and also our size. Maxims contained in the clever paper were: "The pale must wear reds and pinks, while the other wears blue." "For years we shuddered at combining blue and green, yet in nature it was very often seen. The blue of a flower and the green leaves were perfectly together." So now you often see a green hat with blue flowers or feathers. "The odd markings and charming colors on the wings of the butterfly have taught dressmakers the combinations of colors on which to rely." The form in which this essay was delivered did not prevent it from a discriminating hearing and a mercurious discussion. For an hour or more the air seemed to be full of ribbons, bouquets and flowers. No vote was taken, but when the smoke of battle was over Mrs. Colby's position seemed in the main to be sustained.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the sole partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm was organized under the name of F. J. CHENEY & CO., LARSEN & each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1899. A. W. OLESON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Sent for testing free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists—75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

Each Pill Contains

all the medicinal qualities of one and one-half ounces of the best Holland Gin. As a positive cure for all kinds of Kidney trouble. GIN PILLS stand unrivalled. It is not necessary to wait for days for beneficial results, you know at once that Gin Pills are helping you. Sold by all Druggists at 50c per box, 6 boxes for \$2.50 or direct from THE BOLE DRUG CO., WINNIPEG, MAN.

Accounted for.

Chicago Tribune. "May," said Mrs. Urjohn, to her youngster, "you shock me with your rude behavior. You are a perfect tomboy. Why can't you be like your little playmate, Lella Green? She is gentle and well behaved and always ladylike." "Yes," said May, "but so's her mother."

Far From Slight.

Buffalo Commercial. "You should have heard the ridiculous answer she made when I asked her if she knew you," said Miss Diggs. "She doesn't know me very well," replied Miss Plumpton, who was sensitive about her weight. "Yes, but the idea of calling you a slight acquaintance."

Use

ESTABLISHED 1858. FIBRE WARE Can be had in TUBS, PAILS, WASH BASINS, MILK PANS, STABLE PAILS, ETC. From any first-class dealer.

Maud Muller Up-to-date.

Maud Muller on a winter's day Went out to clear the snow away! She worked till near the noon-time hour And then began to lose her power. For hunger came and in she went To give her appetite content! She'd cleared the path up the door, The sidewalk and all else for sure! Maud Muller after dinner thought She'd wrap the work that she had wrought. She stood amazed, "with lips apart, Like monument of Grecian art!" The drifting snow had filled again The paths she had made so plain!

A Popular Tree Worth \$1,500.

The great value of timber, says the New York Sun, is shown in the case of a tree recently cut near Waynesville, N. C. This giant of the Allegheny Mountains was a burly poplar, so large that twelve horses were required to haul away the butt end, which was twelve feet long. The lowest limb was 80 feet from the ground. This single tree contained 25,000 feet of first-class lumber, most of it useful as veneering, and its value was \$1,500. The single tree was worth more than the entire mountain range upon which it stood.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM CANADIAN ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS. Members. Year. Surplus. 18,233. 1899. \$214,025.00 20,917. 1900. 208,629.00 22,574. 1901. 228,290.00 22,829. 1902. 264,012.00 25,000. 1903. 400,000.00 Special Inducements to JOIN NOW. Apply to W. F. Hamilton, Grand Organizer, Hamilton, Ont.

LONG PRICE FOR SHORT HORNS.

Sixty-two Head Sold for \$20,000 Yesterday.

For W. D. Flatt's Victor of Dalmeny \$950 Was Paid.

Auction Sale of Fancy Cattle at Stock Yards Pavilion.

A Hamilton despatch says that nearly \$20,000 was realized at the combination sale of shorthorn cattle held at the Stock Yards Pavilion yesterday.

- Sea Shell, imp.—Mrs. M. Marr, Goderich, \$410. Sea Weed, imp.—Thos. Bingham, Ryckman's Corners, \$300. Vanda, imp.—W. H. Easterbrook, Freeman, \$90. Byres' Queen, imp.—H. F. Berlin, Muningo, \$375. Carnegie, imp.—T. L. Pardo, Cedar Springs, \$350. Diamond—T. Douglas, Strathtroy, \$365. Magstrand, imp.—T. Bingham, Ryckman's Corners, \$325. Old Lancaster, C. Heintz & Son, Freeman, \$600. Proud Gift, imp.—J. T. Gibson, Lenfield, \$375. Front Creek King—E. C. Eckford, Albaton, \$170. Victor of Dalmeny, imp.—E. G. Stevenson, Detroit, Mich., \$950.

SUNSET LIMITED TRAIN HELD UP.

Trainmen Overpowered and Express and Mail Cars Robbed.

Salina, Cal., Jan. 25.—The news has just been received here that the Sunset limited train on the Southern Pacific, which left San Francisco at 6 p.m. last night, was held up by robbers between Paso Robles and San Ardo.

EXPEDITION CHECKED.

Col. Younghusband Meets Incontinent Reception at Gura, Thibet.

Chumbi Valley of Sikkim, British India, Jan. 25.—The general staff of the British expedition to Thibet, accompanied by a mountain battery, has returned to Chumbi. They report that Colonel Younghusband with officers, visited the Tibetan camp at Gura and met with an incontinent reception. Up to the present there has been no hostile act on the part of the Thibetans.

SYMPATHY FROM KING.

Sends Message Expressing Regret at Callam Disaster. Ottawa, Jan. 25.—His Excellency has caused the following message to be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia: "Ottawa, Jan. 12, 1914.—Am pleased by His Excellency to transmit to Your Honor the following telegram, beginning: His Majesty has heard with much regret of the great loss of life in shipping disaster in British Columbia, and desires you to convey to bereaved relatives expression of his own deep sympathy and that of His Majesty the Queen."

A CHILD'S WRITING.

Done by One of Three Killed by Father. Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A school slate with a child's writing on it was an interesting piece of evidence in the inquest just completed by Cooper Lusk into the murder of the three Phillips children by their father, Josephus Phillips, at Hollowell, on Christmas Eve. After crushing in the heads of his two daughters and his son with an axe, Phillips went into a neighbor's barn and hanged himself, so there was nobody left to tell the details of the crime. The three children were Loda, 15 years old; Carrie, 10, and Frank, 11 years.

PRESENT FOR ONTARIO.

Late Colin Cameron Left Over \$1,000 for the Province.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The will of the late Colin Campbell, of Iroquois village, Dundas county, contains a paragraph not only curious, but unique. So convinced was Mr. Campbell of the Government's ability to control the purse-strings of the Province, and to conduct its affairs with success, that he decided to leave part of his wealth to them. It is not infrequent that men of wealth desire to escape the succession duties. Mr. Cameron, however, was apparently fearful lest the Province should not obtain from his estate as much as it was entitled to. The clause in question is as follows: "If the succession duties from my estate should not amount to \$2,000, I bequeath to the Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, to be used towards the expenses of the Government of said Province of Ontario, such sum of money as will equal the difference between said succession duties and two thousand dollars; that is, said succession duties and said bequest shall together amount to \$2,000."

WRITING ON THE WALL.

London Chronicle on Recent Liberal Victims. London, Jan. 25.—The return of a Liberal Labor candidate in the Gathewald by-election by a majority of 1,205 is hailed as a great victory for free trade, particularly as the local industries had suffered from foreign dumping. The Chronicle this morning has a picture of Mr. Chamberlain, with the heading "The Modern Balaazar" and "the writing on the wall represented by the recent Liberal victories." The Standard says the electoral calculations of the Tariff Reform League are ludicrously at fault. There is no sign whatever that the constituencies endorse the demand for a fiscal revolution. The imperative duty of the hour is to rally to the support of Premier Balfour's policy and repudiate the wedge of secession. We construe his meaning to be that a preferential policy is not to be treated as an item of the official programme and still less as a Unionist test.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

- Deloraine, Man., Conservatives have nominated Samuel Hughes for the Commons. The Aetatic labor bill passed its second reading before the Transvaal Legislative Council. Dr. Mohr, of the Orillia Asylum will be promoted to the vacancy at the head of the Brockville Asylum. The officers of the Toronto Garrison, have settled on Feb. 3rd as the date of their dinner to Sir Frederick Borden. It is reported that France will not support Russia in the event of war, and the latter is inclined to give way to Japan. The Imperial Labor Federation, organized at Manchester, is opposed to taxation or food until the empire is able to produce all that it needs. Greater Britain will be asked to contribute towards the Newman Memorial Church, at Birmingham. The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says negotiations between Canada and Germany are not likely to be concluded until Britain's fiscal fight is over. A despatch from Rome says that the congregation has appointed Cardinals Rampolla, Segna, Cavagnari and Gennari to codify the immense mass of canon law. HOPEFUL OF PEACE. But Japan Will Fight Rather Than Forego China's Rights. London, Jan. 25.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon voices official and general opinion on the far east crisis, saying: "We believe the chances of peace are at this moment more favorable than they have been for some weeks past." The Associated Press learns that even Lord Lansdowne who has been consistently pessimistic, yesterday took a hopeful view of the situation and expressed the belief that war would be averted. His opinion was based on the conditions outlined in these despatches yesterday, namely that Russia is willing to concede practically all Japan's demands, that she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Describing this, however, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, maintains a pessimistic view. He declared today that Japan would rather fight than forego an actual treaty admission by Russia to China's sovereignty over Manchuria. The diplomats here, though differing in view as to the outcome, all agree that the dispute is not likely to be settled without another depressing period, which is expected to occur when the war party in Japan raises its inevitable objections after the receipt of the pending Russian reply against an settlement except by recourse to arms.

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SERVICE ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

General Manager Hays Reply to Criticism.

Heavy Expenditure in Making the System First-Class.

Branch Lines Will be Looked After Better in Future.

The criticism which the Grand Trunk Railway has received because of its service in western Ontario, and particularly on the branch lines, is replied to by Mr. Chas. M. Hays, second Vice-President and General Manager of the Company, in the following letter. Mr. Hays says: "With-out wishing to enter into a controversy over the situation or prolong its discussion through the press, but because of the fear that silence on the part of the management may be taken as indifference to the welfare of our patrons, or an unwillingness on our part to recognize that there still remains room for improvement on the part of the railway, I will ask you to read the following statement for a short statement from the standpoint of the Grand Trunk Railway, relative to the complaints in regard to unsatisfactory service on lines in Ontario."

Have Done Their Best. Thanks to the great prosperity of the country, the Grand Trunk Railway Company has enjoyed, with all the burdens of operation accompanying same, a period of constantly increasing traffic extending over the past six years, each succeeding year calling for increased facilities in the way of additional sidings and station tracks, heavier bridges, and more cars and engines. In much greater ratio than it has been possible to immediately provide, even when using our best endeavors and spending money freely for the purposes named. It will be conceded that everything reasonable has been done in this direction by our company when I state that within the period named we have spent on new steel bridges, of a type designed to carry the largest of modern engines \$4,000,000. We have constructed 132 miles of additional second track in Canada, so that to-day the Grand Trunk system has five times as much double track as all the other railways in Canada. We have built 335 miles of additional sidings, have added 11,723 new freight cars, 137 new passenger cars, and 200 engines to our equipment, at a cost of \$10,399,565, and for this purpose have not only kept our own shops filled to the fullest capacity, but have also deferred from outside shops, paying upon such importations the large duty required. The company has been very liberal in its expenditures for improved station buildings, both passenger and freight, and the result is 95 new passenger and 49 new freight buildings have been constructed, while 1,480 have been remodelled entirely, or considerable expenditures made thereon.

Main Lines the Chief Arteries. The criticism is made that these expenditures have all been made on the main lines, and that the side lines or branches have received but little, if any benefit, therefrom. When it is remembered that these main lines are the chief arteries or channels through which all of the traffic of the railway must be moved, each one of the branches contributing its proportion thereto, it will be conceded that it is but proper this portion of the line should first be put in condition to handle heavy traffic or it will soon become clogged and the situation on the branches be even worse than that complained of. Those of your readers who have been over those portions of the line on which the heavy work has been in progress will have noted that it has in many cases included the disturbing of miles of existing track, thereby necessitating slow time by trains, with the accompanying result of delay in arrival at terminals. This has had the same effect on the branch line service as the proverbial row of bricks, where the first being knocked over, all the balance are affected in the same way. Delay to any extent through traffic necessarily adversely affects the connecting trains from the main junction points.

Buts They are Promised. Fortunately, the heavy expenditures before referred to have put us in a position where we can now, without still continuing the work of improvement on the main lines, turn our attention to doing more for the branch lines, in the matter of better equipment and improved train service, with, I trust, a greater degree of satisfaction to our patrons than they have experienced heretofore, and much more than they could ever hope to receive from any company not so well equipped as the Grand Trunk Railway, with double tracks, extensive terminals and large supply of rolling stock. This is not intended in any way to justify or excuse any officials or employees to do those things which pertain to the proper transaction of railroad business, but merely as an explanation for some things which the management admit as unsatisfactory to themselves, as well as to the traveling public, but which we hope may be bettered within the near future.

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From Neighboring Firesides.

WASHBURN'S

Henry, a little son of Mr. Ira Judd, is very ill with pneumonia. Very little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Mr. S. Barnes, who has been very ill for several weeks, still shows no signs of improvement. Mr. Barnes is a general favorite and all join in sympathy for him in his suffering and in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. R. Wills, who had one foot badly frozen, is getting along nicely but will be compelled to enjoy the winter by the fire.

LYNDHURST

Mr. John Jacob, one of Short Point's farmers, died on Saturday evening. The funeral service was conducted in St. Luke's church, Lyndhurst, on Tuesday Jan. 26th, at 11 o'clock. Burial service under Oranegen.

Anniversary services will be conducted on Sunday, Jan. 31, in the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Mr. Daly, of Lyn. Concert on Monday evening.

Owing to the great weight of snow the barn owned by Mr. John Roddick has collapsed. The business men took the incident as a warning and on Saturday a large portion of the population could be seen on the tops of the different blocks busily engaged in shovelling snow.

SHELDON'S CORNERS

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Miss Cadwell.

Mr. John Topping is preparing to erect a house in the early spring.

We are sorry that Mr. Stephen Niblock is soon to leave our Corners. The severe storms have left the roads in very bad condition. We must thank our kind pathmaster for getting out his snow plow.

Mr. Phip Yates will soon be moving back to the Corners. We welcome him.

Miss Blanche Howe has been spending the last few days here, the guest of Miss Annie Yates.

Miss Alice Hollingsworth is visiting friends in Syracuse.

GLEN BUELL

The many friends of John Anderson are pleased to know that he has returned home from the North West.

Mrs. J. Taylor of Soperton was visiting for a few days last week at Mr. Ed Westlake's.

A very sad accident happened here last week, Mr. R. G. Sturgeon and son Wilfrid being seriously injured while felling an oak tree. They had sawed it off and were about to insert a wedge when it slipped from the stump and both were pinned to the earth by large limbs. A younger son brought help from the blacksmith shop and they were speedily extricated. It was at first thought that Wilfrid was fatally injured, but he is now doing well. Mr. Sturgeon's injuries are serious and include a dislocated shoulder.

Miss Blanche Howe has been visiting friends at Athens and Sheldon's Corners.

Miss Aurelia Perkins has gone to Fairfield to visit her sister, Mrs. N. Glazier.

SEELY'S BAY

Wm. Chapman still remains very ill and small hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. Adams, Mr. E. Chapman, of Havelock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chapman, of Perth, have been visiting their father, Mr. Wm. Chapman, who is very ill.

H. F. Gilbert is removing to his new house.

Mrs. C. Brady, who has been very ill at Kingston for the past two months, has returned home, her health being somewhat better.

J. Stevenson is installing the machinery in his new planing mill.

W. L. Putnam died on the 9th inst, aged 22 years, after a long illness with jaundice. He had nearly recovered, but took a relapse and only lived a few days. He was a member of the I.O.F. here for several years and had a few days ago become a member of the Gaudinque lodge of Odelltown. The funeral occurred on Monday the 11th inst, the Oddfellows having charge of the ceremony. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Service in the Methodist church, a very large congregation being present. After the ceremony the body was placed in the vault.

The deceased leaves a father, three brothers and a sister, besides a large circle of friends, to mourn their sad bereavement. The casket was covered with wreaths of beautiful flowers presented by his old schoolmates and young friends.

Newsy Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

PHILLIPVILLE

The deep snow with the heavy coat of ice on top, has driven the wood choppers out of the woods. Teamsters find it very difficult owing to the heavy crust on the snow. It is quite common to see spots of blood along the road from cut legs.

Soper Bros. of this place, will soon have their saw mill at Singleton's Corners ready for cutting lumber.

The thermometer registered 38 degrees below during the cold snap—quite spring like compared with Athens at 37.

Owing to the rain on Friday last the carnival was postponed until Friday, 29th.

Barzel Putnam, of Michigan, is here, visiting his son, H. Putnam. He is looking fairly well after 30 years absence.

At Phillipville rink on Saturday afternoon the Stars of Delta and the Cadets of Phillipville played a friendly game. At the close of the game the score stood, Cadets 5, Stars 2.

Stars goal Haskins Flood point Davison Coleman cover point Tackberry Dillon rover Denny Phelps centre Stevens Jackson right wing Whitmarsh Creagan left wing Greenhorn

Umpires—John Pope, Delta; H. Warren, Phillipville.

Ziba Gile, of Harlem, gave the best of satisfaction as referee.

Dislocated Her Shoulder

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Palm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

DAYTOWN

Miss Jennie Percival of Plum Hollow is teaching our school this year.

Mr. James Huffman is outfitting 100 cords of wood for the Delta factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ek Sherman are about to move away from here.

Mrs. George Huffman is visiting friends at Seely's Bay.

Stomach Troubles

A disordered stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

NEWBORO

Mr. Edward Wright, sr., one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this place, died at his home on Water street on Saturday, 16th. He was in partnership with Spicer in the saw mill business for a number of years, but for some time he has been ill and unable to do any business. He leaves a widow and four children, Wm. Wright of Alberta, Miss A., teacher, Miss B. and Mr. Edward of this place.

Mrs. C. Hull, sr., is seriously ill. Mr. John A. Moriarty has been engaged as teacher for Cedar Valley school, near Portland.

THE LATE MISS CONNOLLY

The funeral of Miss Maude Connolly took place at 1 p.m. on Monday last. The funeral service was conducted at the family residence, Cadogan, by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Mr. D. Wren, representing Miss Connolly's class in Victoria University, also delivering a touching address. Another student of Victoria, Mr. W. C. Lane, was present as the representative of Mr. W. G. Connolly's class. Among the floral tributes were a crescent of white lilies and roses, class '07, Victoria University; wreath of white roses and pink carnations, class '06, Victoria University; wreath of white and pink roses, class '05, Victoria University; "Gates Ajar," David Wren, Morley A. Day, Toronto; bouquet white carnations, Miss Kate Thomson, Victoria University; spray of white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Carr, Toronto; bouquet of violets, Miss Switzer, Keys and Thomson, Victoria University; bouquet white roses, Mr. Graham Wright, Florence, Ont.

A CORRECTION

In making out the list of special prizes offered by friends of Kitley Fair last fall, the sum of \$10 was inadvertently credited to the wrong financial institution. It was the Bank of Montreal (Brookville) that manifested its interest in the fair by this generous gift, and the fair managers regret very much that proper acknowledgment thereof was not sooner given.

ALBERTA'S MILD CLIMATE

Editor Athens Reporter: Dear Sir,—I herewith enclose the amount of my subscription to the Reporter, as I find it an ever-welcome visitor, and while I read of your exceedingly cold winter, bringing with it stories of frozen wine and frozen figgers, it makes me feel like writing a letter of condolence to you in your time of frostbites. Should such reports as were in the last Reporter be published about Alberta, I imagine Athenians saying: "Well, that country is only fit for Indians and buffalo anyway."

Well, Mr. Editor, to say that we have a grand climate would be putting it very mildly. We have had two or three little furies of snow, which disappeared in a day or two, but with this exception we have had no winter nor no signs of winter so far. It so happened that I saw "The Old Year out and the New Year in" when being driven over the prairie about 15 miles north of the city, and I tell you that 1904 came upon us in grand style. A little snow had fallen the previous evening, just enough to give the prairie a white mantle, while above the stars shone with a brilliance altogether peculiar to this western elevated country. The sight was so impressive that I could not help calling the attention of my driver to the beauty of our surroundings.

Every day the cattle are grazing in the long brown grass over the prairie, and thousands of them have not been fed a pound of hay this season, while to our own herd of sixty (doggies) eastern cattle, that have recently been brought to this country, about half a ton of hay, that was cut in November, has been fed. The cattle leave the corral at day light, returning at night to lie down, well satisfied.

In the city building operations go ahead as in July, carpenters and masons working without coats, while people in the streets are clad in the light wrappings expected in September. In our own home the furnace is very seldom lighted except in the evening to take the chill off the house.

What a difference between Calgary and Athens! And yet we are about 300 miles north of you, but we have the balmy Chinook winds from the Pacific to lower the temperature and make Alberta one of the best agricultural and cattle countries in the world. All we need now is Provincial Autonomy, and that we will have or change things at Ottawa.

Hoping, Mr. Editor, that by your next issue the Athenians, for whom I shall always have a warm heart, may be thawed out a little, and with best wishes for a prosperous year to you and all, I am,

Yours sincerely, T. H. CRAWFORD, M.D. Calgary, Alta., Jan. 14, 1904.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

The financial statement of Farmersville Cheese Factory for 1903 makes very interesting and pleasing reading for the patrons of that popular factory. Under Mr. Henderson's experienced and capable management good results have always been obtained, and the past year has been no exception. This was the feeling of the patrons at the annual meeting, and they expressed perfect satisfaction with the totals submitted. From the statement we take the following figures:— Commenced work, April 1. Ended work, Dec. 29. Number of patrons, 72. Number of cheese made, 2830. Received for cheese, \$27,129.50. Average per ton to Nov. 30, \$18.20.

Scrofula the Cause

Eczema, catarrh, hip disease, white swelling, and even consumption have their origin in scrofulous conditions. With the slightest taint of scrofula in the blood, there is no safety. The only cure for this disease in all its forms is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which expels all impurities and disease germs from the blood. The best family cathartic is Hood's Pills.

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OUR CUBAN LETTER

BEE KEEPING IN CUBA

The Cubans now use a hive about 40 inches in length and 8 or 10 inches square. With the advent of saw-mills and cheap lumber, it seems that they prefer the board hive. The more ancient Cuban hive was made by sawing the royal palm into sections and cutting out the centre, which is a tough pith. A board is tacked over one end, making that the rear, while the other end is left wide open. The bees are allowed to have their own way about filling the hive, and having filled it to the rear and front in a workmanlike manner, the stronger colonies overflow and build comb on the outside. The Cuban approaches a hive, and, after driving the bees back by the use of smoke, he takes a knife having a hooked point and cuts out the comb and drops it into a kettle. When said kettle is filled, it is taken to the palm-honey-house for further treatment, while the man with the knife fills another kettle. The board or the rear end of the hive is taken off and the honey is cut from both ends of the hive until the worker brood is exposed. In the honey-cabin the honey-comb in the round-bottomed kettle is thoroughly pulverized with a wooden pounder. From the kettle the mashed honey is emptied into willow baskets of much the same shape as the kettle, broad and shallow. Upon one side of the palm cabin is a huge trough, ten or twelve feet long. This, too, is made from the royal palm, and sometimes is of such size as to hold several barrels of honey. The baskets with mashed honey-comb are placed over the trough and left to drain. The honey, being warm, would drain out in half an hour, and the refuse is then dumped into an open barrel, or into another palm-leaf trough, where it could be solidly packed against the day of rendering into bee-wax, which operation is performed in larger kettles according to boiling process under some adjoining tree. When the trough is filled with honey it is drained off into a large bucket outside the building.

As the reader will note, the wax is of equal importance with the honey; and sometimes the Cuban bee-keepers, with their crude methods, receive as much profit from their bees as will an adjoining bee-keeper using all up-to-date appliances. I understand that the comparative yield of honey and wax with the native method is in the proportion of 1 lb. of wax to 12 of honey. According to present prices—27c for wax, and 30c for per gallon for honey—there is not much choice. When we compare up-to-date bee-keeping with the native method, we find the latter simplicity itself. The methods are so crude and appliances so few that there is not much to describe.

In up-to-date management there are numerous appliances, and, besides, every up-to-date bee-keeper has a hobby which is extolled upon all occasions. I am inclined to the belief that the native Cuban bee-keeper has no hobbies. If he has any, it is in climbing the tall palms for material to build his palm huts; for there is usually one of these huts near the apiary.

And now, dear editor and reader, if you have sentiments of benevolence towards your fellow beings, there would arise many sad reflections whilst travelling over the western portions of Cuba. Mr. Moe and I recently took a wheel ride of about 75 miles to Mariel, and, by the way, we went out on a sailing-boat and boarded the wreck of the Spanish steamer "Alfonso the 12th," which was sunk by the Americans at the beginning of the war. While wheeling that distance, I think that we could have counted the ruins of what were once substantial stone houses to the number of 50 or 60; and this was just along the main road.

This will give you some idea of the wreck and ruin caused by the Cuban war for independence. Not only isolated farm-houses, but whole villages were wiped out. The wiping out of these homes, villages, sugar mills, etc., has left many portions of the country desolate. It is in these waste places that the honey flora abounds, and the best portions are being occupied by the bee-keeper. One thing of interest, and always under consideration in Cuba when locating an apiary, is the calzada (macadamized stone road). These calzadas lead out from Havana in various directions. This one leads 60 miles toward the west end of the island. It is marked off in kilometers, and, according to a cyclistometer on a wheel that is about five-eighths of a mile, or a little over. These stone piers, with the prominent figures, are of the utmost convenience. For instance, if we wish to find Mr. Moe, watch for 81; for one of his apiaries, number 85, which means 85 kilometers from Havana.

Some of Mr. Moe's apiaries are located along the calzada and two are at the foot of the mountains about three miles off from the road. The side roads to these mountain yards are very rough, and muddy in rainy weather; although a bicycle can be worked over them by alternate riding, walking, and falling off. The bicycle answers all purposes for running from one apiary to another, and the wheeling on the calzada is sublime; but it is only a step to the ridiculous.

The main honey-yield from which the bee-keeper secures his revenue comes during the months between November and February. The honey gathered at this season is from agulino, or bellflower. There are three varieties. The first to bloom is just like the well known morning glory of the north. The next is a purple and smaller flower, and the last and most profuse is the white. The flowers are about all gone by the first of February. The honey from the white flower is equally as light in color as water, only with the exception of a greenish hue to it. In March the Mango blooms, and from it is obtained a small crop.

Mr. Moe has about 1,500 colonies of bees in five different yards. He runs mostly for extracted honey. Last year he produced about seven car-loads of honey from about 1,000 colonies, one and a half car-loads of which was comb honey. The honey here is put into large boozes, or barrels, that hold 100 gallons and weigh 1,200 lbs. when filled. It is a day's work for three men to take off honey and fill three of these boozes, or 3,600 lbs. Remembering at the same time that operations must not be commenced until about nine o'clock, or until the atmosphere gets quite warm. Mr. Moe has a honey house, extractor, and complete outfit at each yard. He uses the four frame Boggsall extractor mostly. Most of the honey from here goes to Germany and Holland, and is used for making beer. It is nothing unusual here in Mr. Moe's yards to see a frame hives tiered five high, and very few less than three stories high during the honey flow. Mr. C. G. Gessell of West Groton, N. Y., is here now, visiting and looking after his bee interests in Cuba. He has now 3,500 colonies of bees, mostly in New York state.

In regard to money here, first it is American and standard; next it is the Spanish centin (\$5.30) which can be bought with \$4.82 American money, and next in value is Spanish silver, a peso or dollar is worth about 65 cts. American. It looks like a rapid way to make money to step up to a casa de cambio (house of exchange) and put down \$5 American and get \$7, but everything you buy is gauged according to the money in which you pay. The \$7 will buy no more than your standard \$5. In the case of honey, it is paid in Spanish gold. Honey is worth now from 28 to 30 cts. per gallon; so the bee-keeper, taking out his local freight, etc., is getting little more than 2 cts. per lb for his honey. A peso is 20 cts. Spanish. Bee-keeping here may seem like a poor business when one notes the cheap price of honey, but, taking into consideration the immense yields here (for instance, 134,000 lbs. from 1,000 colonies), one can readily see where and how the honey business pays.

This has been a very poor season for the apiarist here, notwithstanding the fact that his colonies were strong and in a booming condition at the beginning. The weather has been too cool, which is very unusual here.

And now, Mr. Editor, I fear that these "Cuban letters," as you term them, have already taken too much space of your valuable paper, so, for the present, I will draw them to a close, saying for myself at the same time that the little I have written in regard to Cuba is mostly that which I have observed, and not all hearsay, and if you ever contemplate spending the winter in a southern clime, I will just suggest that you take Cuba into consideration. So adios from sunny Cuba.

A. G. LEE
Candelaria Prov. Pinar del Rio
Cuba, West Indies.

Best and Worst.
"Is this the best worst you can send me?" asked the lady who walked into the meat store with a package of that seditious in her hand.
"Madam," answered the meat man, "it is the best worst we have."
"Well, it is the worst worst I ever saw."
"I am sorry to hear that. The best I can do is to try and send you some better worst from today's lot; but, as I said, that is the best worst we have at present. I am sure, however, that the worst we are now making will not be any worse than this, and it ought to be better. I assure you that as soon as I get the worst you shall have the best of it. We never gave any one the worst of it so long as we have been in the worst business, and you may be sure that when we give you your worst it will be the best, for our worst worst is better worst than the best worst of our competitors."
But the lady, whose eyes had taken on a stare of glassiness, was seen to throw up her hands and flee from the place, for she was afraid the worst was yet to come.

The Paris Mousetrap.
Paris has been described as a gigantic mousetrap with three doors labeled, respectively, hotel, cafe and restaurant. The city has about 10,000 hotels. There are restaurants in every block, and you can find cafes at almost every step. At almost any restaurant you are sure of good cooking. You can eat well anywhere and at any price. There are scores of places where the meals cost as high as in the better restaurants of New York and hundreds where you can get a very fair dinner for 50 cents, or, if you would have wine, for 10 cents additional. There is one stock company which does an enormous business in supplying cheap and good food for Parisians. It was founded by a butcher who has his shops still in different parts of the city. This company has 100 or more restaurants where you can always be sure of good service and good food. You pay for what you eat and pay for everything, but the prices are low.

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The Lungs

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RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

Table with columns: Mail and Express, Read Up, Westport, Newboro, Crosby, Forfar, Elgin, Delta, Lyndhurst, Soperton, Athens, Elbe, Forthton, Seely's, Lyn, Lyn (Jet.G.T.R.), Brockville, Read Down, 7 50 a.m., 8 05, 8 16, 8 21, 8 29, 8 47, 8 53, 9 00, 9 20, 9 26, 9 38, 9 45, 10 00, 10 05, 10 30.

E. A. GEIGER, Supt.

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Editor Athens Reporter. Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to correct some erroneous ideas held by the Newboro Hockey Team regarding the game played at Athens on Saturday last.

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Violet's Lover

Then, after talking eagerly of his boundless wealth, the beauty of his estate, the number of his horses, Francis Haye exclaimed: "And to think that he should come to see us!"

Violet remembered her promise; she knew that Sir Owen would probably call about noon. She put on her garden hat, and, with out saying a word, went out into the woods, where no one could see her and no servant could be sent after her. She sat there thinking—how sweet it was to be loved—telling herself that she would not exchange her love for the world.

Why did he dislike Sir Owen so much? Why was he so anxious for her to be away during the baronet's visit? She had never loved Felix better than she did that morning as he sat thinking of him; her heart warmed to him—his great love had touched her at last. She would go back home until after two; the baronet could not prolong his visit beyond an hour, she thought.

As she entered the house, she saw her mother watching eagerly for her at the dining-room window. She went to her at once. The moment she opened the door she heard the baronet's voice.

"Good morning, Miss Haye. I was just saying that, after my long ride over, I would not go away without seeing you. I had to stop here until midnight."

She looked up at him in simple surprise.

"I thought that it was my father you wanted to see, Sir Owen."

He laughed; he was somewhat disconcerted at her answer.

"Did you not see that that was my excuse for coming to see you?" he said.

Violet turned away, while Francis Haye and his wife looked at each other. The baronet sat down again; he did not leave until long after three. He talked of all kinds of things which he thought would interest Francis Haye. His last word was listened to with intense admiration by those children of Mammon. Then, after promising to send grapes and champagne, he offered all kinds of favors—he went away. Violet was compelled to go to the garden gate with him. He asked her, and Mrs. Haye answered for her.

"What a very good-natured, friendly neighbor!" said Francis Haye, as he, with his wife, watched the baronet mount his horse.

His general terms, her father's face that quivered with agitation, "He is worth forty thousand a year—forty thousand! If you are a wise man you will not say one word, if you do, you will get it all!"

So when Violet returned, half-dreading the debate she felt sure must follow, there was no reference made to the baronet or his visit, save that, in general terms, her father expressed himself much gratified. The only perceptible difference was that the girl's parents treated her with even greater deference and affection than before.

That night—it was a lovely night in May—Violet, sitting with her parents, heard a signal that she knew well.

There was a quick beating of her heart, a thrill ran through her veins—Felix was outside.

"How the leaves tap the window!" said Mrs. Haye. "It is growing late; we will have the shutters closed."

Violet hastened away, ostensibly to see that her mother's wishes were obeyed, but in reality to see if Felix were outside.

How lovely the night was! The world lay in an amber haze, the light of the moon; the soft breeze brought the scent of pink hawthorn to the hedges, of the clover in the meadows, of the violet in the words. Violet went quickly out, and there, by the great lilac bushes, stood Felix. She had no time to retrace, for he had clasped her in his arms as though nothing but death could part them.

"Did I frighten you, sweet? I hope not—I have but five minutes to spare."

"Will you not come into the house, Felix?" she asked.

"No, I have but five minutes, and I want to spend them with you. I ought not to have run over, but I could not help it—I could not rest. I want to know if you saw that man to-day, and what he said to you. Yes, I know," he continued, "that I am jealous. Never mind that, sweet, jealousy is a consuming fire. I could not rest. I could not sleep. I have tasted no food—my very life has seemed to be leaving me. I felt that I must run over—that I must hold you in my arms, kiss your lips, hear you say that you love me, or the fire would destroy me."

Once more his great love mastered her—once more the mighty passion in him seemed to make her strong and noble by example.

"Tell me about it, sweet," he said. Looking into his handsome face, his loving eyes, she could not say many words which would hurt him.

"There is little to tell you, Felix," she replied. "I went out soon after twelve; I did not return until after two. There he was still here. He went away soon afterwards."

"Did he talk much to you, Violet?"

"No, he talked to my father," she answered.

He drew her nearer to him.

"He has not taken one thought, one word, one look, one smile from me. Has he, sweet? Oh, my darling, if

I could take you where your beauty could gladden no eyes but my own, I would take you to the very heart of longing burning my heart away. Will the longest-for time never come?"

"Yes, it will come," she replied; and this time she did not add her usual remark—"I have not quite promised, you know."

She was sorry for him. She could not quite understand his feelings, what he had some dim perception of his love and jealousy, of the greatness of his love. She saw such pain in his face and in the trembling of his lips that she did what she had never voluntarily done before—she caressed him of her own free will. She laid her hand on the clustering hair, and drew his face down to hers. She turned her sweet lips to him.

"You need not fear, Felix," she whispered, "I love you—no one but you!"

That was worth walking a hundred miles for," he said. "If you are so kind to me, Violet, I am afraid that I shall run over every night. I would walk all day and hear your words. The dew is falling, and the fragrance of the lilac floated round them."

"I must not stay, Felix," she murmured.

"No; I will not ask you. My darling, say only once more to me the words I love to hear—say, 'Felix, I belong to you.' Say it, Violet," he added, with sudden passion.

"Felix, I belong to you," she whispered, and he was content.

He touched the lilac flowers with his hand.

"Darling," he said, "I shall love every lilac that blooms because it will remind me of this night and of you. See, there are dew-drops on your hair. You must not stay, sweet; you may go now. I will repeat my name before you sleep to-night, and when you wake you will say, 'Felix—I love Felix, and will be true to him.'"

"Yes," she answered.

He touched the little golden chain that she wore around her neck.

"I wish that chain I wish I were this golden ring of hair that lies on your face. I wish—oh, Violet, I am mad with wishing—mad with longing! But I love you so dearly."

The room was shining, the dew lay upon the lilac, and Violet stood alone, her heart beating as it had never beaten before.

"After all it is better to be loved than to be rich," she thought. "It is better to have love than riches. I wish that I had always been kinder to Felix; but I did not think I did not understand."

"She stood for some minutes while the western wind cooled the hot blush on her face, and she became calmer as she watched the pale light of the moon."

"There is nothing like love," she repeated. "And there never yet was any love like his for me."

If the girl's father and mother suspected anything they made no sign. They said no word, and Violet was grateful.

It happened three days later that Felix, finding he had a leisure hour in the afternoon, went over to the Limes. He took with him a little bouquet of roses; they were the first choice ones that he had seen, and he knew that Violet loved roses. He found her at home, and he was received with civility, though not with warmth, by her parents. Violet was pleased with the roses. She praised them—she buried her face in them, and Felix wished with all his heart that he were one of them.

While he sat there a box came from the Hall. Francis Haye was excited about it. It must be opened at once—he could not imagine what it contained. Felix offered to help, and his offer was eagerly accepted.

The first thing they saw was a magnificent bouquet of the rarest and loveliest flowers that grew.

A little white card was at the bottom of the bouquet, which bore the hackneyed quotation, "Sweetest to the sweet," for Miss Haye, with Sir Owen Chevenik's compliments.

Violet gave a little cry of delight when she saw it. Mrs. Haye took it up in her hands and, turning it round, said in a most impressive voice:

"This is worth five guineas at least."

Then they uncovered several bunches of superb grapes, some fine peaches and apricots—delicacies such as previously Violet had only heard of. There were also a dozen bottles of choice Madeira for Mr. Haye, the gift of the baronet. But when Violet stood at the garden gate alone with him he said, half sadly:

"I can not understand it. For to his mind, so brave, so noble, so incapable of meanness or wrong, had not yet occurred that any man could deliberately try to take his beloved wife from him. He never even so faintly suspected it until it was too late. But as he stood

there—and it was only natural—there came to him for the first time a passionate longing for wealth. If he could only make such presents as those he had just enjoyed—

"Violet," he said, half sadly, "I am afraid my roses seem very poor and trifling by the side of all Sir Owen's magnificent gifts. My darling, if I could only my heart's blood in gold and lavish it upon you I would do so. My poor roses!"

She laughed a low, rippling laugh that sounded very sweetly to him.

"Those beautiful flowers will stand in mamma's favorite old china bowl," she said. "Look where one of your roses lies—pointing to the bodies of her dress; they shall change places if you like."

A passionate embrace was Felix Louise's only response, and as he walked home that night he felt that he was the happiest man in the world.

CHAPTER XIII.

There was no place in England prettier than the old parish church at Lilford. It was an old Norman edifice, with quaint square towers and a tremendous pool of bells. The church stood on rising ground, and behind it was a grove of oak trees, old spreading oaks, that had seen many generations of men and women come and go. Great green hills with quiet little hamlets and their wooded slopes; dotted around the world villages were dotted around, and the old church stood up royally on the hillside. The walls were of red brick, and the roof was of lead; the windows were of stained glass; ivy covered the square towers; the porch with its stone seat was a marvel of architecture; the path that led to it was bordered by lime-trees. Look where one would one saw nothing but dapples of foliage and a gold-green light.

Sunday in Lilford was a day that would have charmed a poet. The very spirit of peace and rest seemed to brood over the earth, while the sweet chime of the Sabbath bells sounded through the venerable oaks. So long as he could remember, Violet had always walked home with Felix from church; when they were children they ran down the hillside in very gladness of heart, but now they walked solemnly, Felix almost forgetting the beauty of the fair world around him, as he looked into the beautiful face of the young girl by his side, Violet faintly conscious of the admiring glances that came from all sides, yet rarely trying with all her heart to disregard them because it was Sunday.

It would hardly have seemed like Sunday to Felix if this privilege had been withdrawn. He went, as usual, on the first Sunday in June, when the old church was looking at its best, and the sunlight on the oak trees was wonderful to see. There was a beautiful glow of gold in the air, thought, like the face of an angel; there was Evelyn, looking like a fair meek saint. Great was his surprise to see Sir Owen Chevenik also. It was the first time that he had made his appearance at church, and the congregation was just a little excited about it. Dr. Hunter, on seeing him there, fondly fancied that it was due to his fame, and his effective preaching. Lady Rolfe, on seeing the charming Lavinia had lured him there, but the vicar's wife, shrewd as she was, smiled and smiled.

"It is the old, old story," she said to herself; and then she approached herself for the thought and applied herself to the Psalms.

He did not think much about the matter. He was not ashamed to show his handsome head and shoulders with all his heart in the beautiful world of the service; but when it was all over he standing with her mother, and to his surprise Sir Owen Chevenik was talking to them. He gave a careless nod to Felix, but continued talking.

"After that you will let me drive you home, Mrs. Haye," he was saying. "Do tell me the result of your former experiments, how they turned out. It is a lovely morning, and if you will permit it, we will drive round by Queen's Ash."

He did not look at Violet as he spoke. He knew that whatever her mother did she must do. Felix had taken her hand. He did not care if all the world heard what he had to say.

"You will not break through the old custom of walking home with Violet, or, rather, of allowing me to walk home with you?"

She looked from one to the other with real distress, but quite despondent. He did not even glance at her; he knew that his cause was safe in Mrs. Haye's hands.

"Violet," said Felix, "you cannot hesitate"; and the girl stood looking at him while her mother said, "Really, I do not know what answer to give you, Sir Owen. I do not know what people will say."

"Why, what does that matter, Mrs. Haye?"

"Well, you see, Sir Owen, Lilford is a small place, and everybody knows everything."

"My dear lady, what can it matter to all the world knows of this? I shall be very proud of the honor, but I can depend upon it the trouble exists. Give the little one the Baby's Own Tablets, see how promptly it will be changed into a happy, smiling, good natured child. The little one will sleep soundly and naturally and the mother will also obtain her much needed rest. Here is the proof given by Mrs. John E. Ramsay, Port Hill, E. I., who says, 'My baby was cross, restless, and did not sleep well, but after giving him Baby's Own Tablets, he became better natured, sleeps well and is growing.' The Tablets have been a great blessing to both baby and myself."

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His handsome young face had grown white even to the lips; but his eyes were not dim. He was a gentleman; he could not be called a "scene"; he could not take the girl from her mother's side against her will; he had no carriage with roan steeds, and coachmen and footmen in livery. What could he do? Only one thing. If Violet was to go in the carriage, he himself would put her into it. The baronet's hand should not touch even his hair-dress.

So he walked by her side down the avenue of limes, and they reached the high-road where the carriage stood. There were many curious eyes watching them. Lady Rolfe and the fair Lavinia looked on in angry indignation.

"What does that girl mean by encouraging Sir Owen?" said the baronet. "Really, one never ought to be enough for her. Felix Louise must be blind."

"Perhaps he can not help himself," said the baronet's daughter, and in that she was right.

When Felix had helped Violet into the carriage, he bent over her to arrange her dress, and he said, "Darling, you would sooner have walked home with me, would you not?"

"Yes, I would," she replied; and after the disappointment was not quite so bad as he had feared, and one satisfaction; he turned away without a word or a bow to Sir Owen.

"It is pleasant," said Mrs. Haye, as the carriage rolled on. "Violet has had an attack of the grip, which left me a sufferer from headache, weakness, I used to have, until I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began to take these pills I was very much run down and very weak, but they soon began to help me, and after using them a few weeks I was not only as well as ever, but gained in flesh as well. I am with 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People'."

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was carried on for years, as it is to have the knowledge of the advantages of the principles which underlie the movement in common grain crops, and the growing demand for high-grade grain, an effort is being made by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa to form an association that will operate for the mutual benefit of seed producers and seed consumers.

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F. A. Clemmens, Publication Clerk.

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Mr. E. K. Whitehead, of Denver, Superintendent of the Colorado State Board of Child and Animal Protection, in his paper read at the last meeting of the American Humane Association, on "The Annual Starvation of Cattle on the Western Plains," gives the following touching description of their sufferings:

"There is no darker stain on the civilization of this nation than this. Imagine in December a single animal already gaunt from cold, hunger and thirst; and of the three, the thinnest is most miserable. Imagine this wretched creature wandering about on an illimitable plain covered with snow, with nothing to eat except here and there, buried under the snow, a sparse tuft of scanty moss-like dead grass, for days and weeks because there is nothing to drink; by day wandering and pawing in the snow, by night lying down in it, swept by pitiless winds, and storms, always shivering with cold, always gnawing with hunger, always parched with thirst, always searching for something to eat where there is nothing, always blinded with dumb, hopeless eyes, swollen and festering from the sun's glare on the snow. Imagine that, and imagine yourself during one hour of it; multiply that by twenty-four; multiply that by the snow-moving nights and days from December to April. If life lasts so long; then multiply that for forty million, and you have the statistics of the brute suffering, in this one way for one year and every year in this unmerciful trade. Take all the brute suffering in the City of New York for a year and it would not offset that of the cattle on some single ranches in the West in one year. It is like the figures astronomers give—meaningless, because we cannot take in with our means. It saddens one for a lifetime to see the ghastly corpses of starved cattle on the plains, and the bones, which were once so many, of these helpless beasts, deluged with snow, and lying so close together that they were almost unrecognizable. They are dying lingering deaths, but enough of whom will survive to make a profit. These respectable gentlemen bitterly resent any attempt to interfere with their business, even by the enforcement of law. In some States they have succeeded in preventing the enactment of laws for the protection of dumb animals, on the avowed ground that it would be bad for their business."

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"Mr. Bullen continues, 'I have very badly, but to it I owe all I know. As to its effect upon the eyes, I will not dogmatize. I may be an exception, but at 17 years of age my eyes are as keen as ever; they were, and I read in bed every night, and I am just as fit as a fiddle to go to bed with a candle on the table, and read for an hour or later, reading or not.'"

THE DISCOVERY OF RADIIUM.

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The investigations which resulted in the discovery of Becquerel rays began after the discovery of the X-rays, which were intimately connected with it. In the early days of Roentgen rays, there were many facts which suggested that phosphorescence had something to do with the X-rays. It occurred to several French physicists that X-rays might be produced in phosphorescent substances exposed to sunlight in order to make an electrical action of the phosphorescence. Prof. Henri Becquerel, of the University of Paris, undertook experiments to test this supposition as early as 1896, only a few months after X-rays had been discovered. Among the substances used in these experiments, was one containing the metal uranium. This was placed upon a photographic plate which had first been wrapped in black paper. The result of the experiment was that the plate had stood in bright sunlight for several hours, it was removed from its paper covering and developed. A blackening of the plate was found at those parts of the plate directly beneath the uranium, just as Becquerel had expected. It was clear that rays of some kind were being projected through the black paper. Since the X-rays were so only ones then known to possess this power, it seemed as though the process of projecting X-rays by sunlight was solved.

Then came the fortunate accident. After several plates had been prepared for exposure to sunlight, a storm came up and the experiments had to be postponed for several days. When the work was resumed, the plates had been lying in the dark room so long that they might easily have deteriorated in some way, so that it seemed hardly possible that they should have developed. But, instead of simply throwing the plates away, Becquerel fortunately developed them, thinking that some action might possibly have taken place. The result was that he obtained better pictures than before. The exposure to sunlight, which had been regarded as essential to the success of the former experiments, had now done nothing at all to do with the matter. The essential thing was the presence of uranium; and the photographic effects were not due to X-rays, but to rays of a new kind, which were many long and difficult steps to take before even our present incomplete knowledge of the subject could be reached; but this fortunate accident was the beginning of the long series of experiments which have already led to the discovery of the new element radium, and which led fair to revolutionize some of the most fundamental conceptions of physics and chemistry.—From "The New Element Radium" by Ernest Merritt in the January Century.

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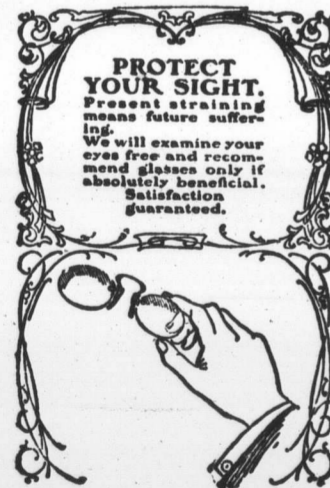
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ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Events of the Week Chronicled for Reporter Readers

We regret to learn that Mr. Plunkett continues very ill.

Mr. Gordon S Barber is now a resident of Moose Jaw, Alta.

Dominion Parliament has been summoned to meet on March 10.

Mrs. Norris Loverin, Greenbush, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Loverin.

Mr. G. W. Boyce, commercial traveller, spent Sunday at his home here.

Lagrippa is giving Mr. H. W. Kincaid a few days rest at his home here.

Mr. G. E. Judson is moving to the residence of R. D. Judson, Main street.

Miss Earl has been succeeded in the telegraph office by Miss J. Ryan of Westport.

There was last week reported to be a depth of 30 inches of snow on a level in the woods.

Mr. A. E. Donovan went to Hartford, Conn., last week to attend a convention of insurance men.

A high wind prevailed all day Sunday and during the night the mercury took another drop to 10 degrees below zero.

The Bible readings given by Mrs. Gordon in the Methodist church every afternoon are being heard with pleasure and profit.

Owing to the revival services in the Methodist church the Sons of Temperance have postponed their concert until the last week of February.

Westport vs. Athens - last Leeds County League match - People's Rink, Athens, Saturday Jan. 30 at 2.30 p.m. Admission, 15c.

The Reporter has pleasure in welcoming to citizenship in Athens Mr. T. R. Mole, who has purchased Mr. H. H. Arnold's brick house on Reid street.

Mrs. Gordon, who is assisting in the special services in the Methodist church, possesses a pleasing voice and accompanies her vocal selections with an autoharp.

Last year it cost \$4496.92 to run the Lark House of Industry, and the Rideau Record objects to an institution of that kind being termed a "poor house."

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Rural Dean Wright is progressing favorably. Miss Wright of Ottawa and Dr. J. Wright of Plevna have been home for the past week.

Over 200 supporters will accompany the Westport team by special train to Athens on Saturday next. The special will leave Westport about 12.15 arriving here at 1.30. Game called at 2.30.

A meeting of the Liberals of Rear Leeds and Lansdowne will be held at Lyndhurst at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, for election of officers and transaction of general business.

A post office, to be called Leeds, is to be opened just west of the South Lake bridge, three miles from Gananogue, at the junction of the roads leading to Woodburn and South Lake.

It pays to grow good fruit. The Reporter will exchange choice nursery stock for wood of any kind. Stock may be selected from catalogue of Stone & Wellington or E. P. Blackford, Toronto. Start your orchard this spring.

A tea social is to be held at Seeley's Bay on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 2, under the auspices of St. Peter's guild. Among the speakers are to be Messrs Geo. Taylor, M. P., W. B. Carroll, of Gananogue, and A. E. Donovan of Athens.

The excellent results that invariably follow the use of Lamb's Horse Powder are securing for it a wide and increasing sale. Over one thousand packages are being put up this week, and the firm have orders for nearly the whole quantity.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, are conducting evangelistic services in the Methodist church every afternoon and evening this week. Morning prayer-meetings are being held in the homes of members and other means are being employed to make the interest in the services deep and widespread.

Several flashes of lightning were observed here on Friday evening. The illumination is supposed to be due to friction caused by the rapid retreat of our little thaw before the onward rush of Jack Frost. Anyway, Jack has since been running the weather to suit himself.

The Conservatives of South Leeds at their convention in Delta on Wednesday last did not name a candidate for the Division elections. The fact that another session of parliament was to take place before dissolution was held to be sufficient reason for not doing so. The convention was addressed by Messrs. Geo. Taylor, M. P., A. E. Donovan, Dr. Preston and Geo. S. Johnston. Mr. Donovan delivered the speech of the day and gained many friends by his forceful eloquence. Judging from reports, he is likely to be the choice of the convention whenever it is held.

The village council will meet on Monday evening next.

Shingles - 8 kinds to select from, prices \$1.25 to \$3.50 per M. Now is the time to buy - Athens Lumber Yard.

Dr. S. E. Thompson, a veterinary surgeon of thirteen years' experience, has opened an office in Athens, next door to the Bullis livery.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lillie and Miss Maude Addison have been engaged to give an entertainment at Mountain, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. of that place, on Friday evening, 29th.

Messrs. W. Lee and W. Frye attended the Leeds County Division S.O.T. held yesterday at Seeley's Bay, as delegates from Athens division. Mr. Frye was elected District Conductor.

On Tuesday morning a telegram informed the many Athenian friends of Mr. W. Taber, Carleton Place, that his store had been totally destroyed by fire. The fire destroyed several business houses, and the loss will amount to \$80,000.

With reports of stalled and delayed trains coming in every day lately, it has been gratifying to note that the E. W. & N. trains have been running pretty close to schedule time. Good management in the head office as well as capable train men and section men has accomplished this result.

Mr. H. Lewis, accountant in the Merchants Bank here, this week received notice of his promotion to the position of manager of the branch at Delta. While regretting his departure, business men are pleased to learn of his advancement. Mr. Farmer of Delta will come here as accountant.

This week Dr. D. G. Peat, V. S., disposed of his livery business to Mr. William Halladay of Junetown, who is now in possession. Mr. Halladay is an experienced horseman and has the best wishes of his many friends for his success. Dr. Peat will continue to have his veterinary office in the livery barn.

The nomination of Mr. D. Derbyshire as the Liberal standard-bearer in the coming Dominion elections is viewed with special favor by out of town Liberals. His business is so closely identified with that of farming and his knowledge of the needs of the dairymen of his constituency is so thorough that he should be able to render valuable service to the chief industry of Brockville riding.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Brockville, on the 14th inst., Miss Miriam McConkey and Mr. T. Johnson Frye were united in marriage by the Rev. Deady Woodcock. Miss Ethel Walker played the wedding march, Miss Essie Stacy of Athens was bridesmaid, Miss Lola Kendrick was flower girl, Mr. W. J. Frye was groomsmen, and Master Lawrence Dales acted as page. About 65 guests were present.

In offering ten dollars in gold as a prize for an oratorical contest, Mr. A. E. Donovan desired that the addresses should be as free as possible from the recitation features that have characterized similar contests in the past. His wishes in this matter are to be met, and the orations to be delivered by five graduates of the Athens Model School will be in this respect, at least, unique. The date for the contest has been fixed for February 26th. The idea of giving the proceeds to the LaRose fund is a happy one, as it will enable many to contribute to this worthy object who would not otherwise have an opportunity of doing so.

GLEN BUELL ANNIVERSARY

The entertainment in connection with the anniversary services of Glen Buell Methodist church, held on Monday evening, was one of the most successful and enjoyable in the church's history. Oysters were served in abundance, and then an excellent programme was presented under the direction of the Rev. A. H. Visser, pastor of George street church, Brockville, who by his wit and humor added much to the pleasure of all.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lillie of Athens was the vocalist of the evening, and her numbers were warmly received and rapturously encored. Miss Maude Addison gave three recitations, and her five cautionary poems met with just appreciation and she was encored on each appearance. The audience was responsive as well as appreciative, and the reception accorded the Athenian entertainers' partook of the nature of an ovation.

Mr. D. Derbyshire of Brockville and Mr. Jas. Cumming of Lyn delivered fine addresses, both of a patriotic character, in which information and sound advice were pleasantly mingled.

The whole evening was most delightfully spent by the very large audience, and all present will long have pleasant memories of this anniversary entertainment.

BROCKVILLE FAIR

The annual meeting of the members of Brockville Fair held on Wednesday last, was highly satisfactory. The auditor's report showed a net balance on hand of \$1,888.77, a remarkable showing in view of the bad weather which prevailed. Mayor S. J. Geash presided over the meeting. President Beecher delivered an encouraging address, and after the adoption of reports, Mr. R. J. Jelly, on behalf of the board, presented Secretary Field with a handsome gold locket and chain for which he made due acknowledgment. The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

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1st Vice - R. J. Jelly
2nd Vice - Elgin Bow
Board of Directors - D. J. Forth, F. I. Ritchie, Anson Manhard, Antoine Woodling, J. M. Percival, W. H. Comstock, Geo. A. Gilroy, W. J. Bissell, Joshua Gilroy.
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By resolution it was decided that next fall the fair shall continue for four days, Sept. 12 to 15.

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