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Maxville

Mr. Geo. Lighthall, Vankleek Hill, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Olive Munro, after an extended visit with Ottawa friends, returned to town this week.

Mr. J. E. Welsh paid Montreal a business visit this week.

Mr. Willie McLean left on Friday for Tilsonburg. He carries with him the best wishes for his future success of a host of friends.

Mr. McDowell, of the Bank of Ottawa, we regret to report, has been removed to the Ottawa branch. His many friends here will follow his future career with interest.

Suits that satisfy at McArthur's, the fashionable tailor, and gents' furnisher, Maxville. H. Tracey, cutter and manager.

Mr. John Urquhart arrived home from the West last week.

Mr. H. McRae, of Avonmore, attended the ball given here on Monday evening.

Mr. J. McNamara, of Apple Hill, was in town on Tuesday.

Angus Dewar, of Greenfield, was in town the early part of the week.

Dr. H. Cheney, of Alexandria, was in town on Tuesday.

On Monday evening, a delightful ball was given by the Young Men's Social Club of this place.

Mr. John Ross, of Warina, was in town on Tuesday.

You will realize it is a Xmas present by getting one of McArthur's suits now. C. McArthur & Co., fashionable tailor and gents' furnisher.

Mr. J. J. Anderson, of Dominionville, having disposed of his farm to Sandy A. McEwen, has moved to town.

The music which was highly satisfactory rendered at the ball here on Monday evening, was furnished by Messrs. John Hoople, M. Fyke, of this place, and Mr. Taylor, of Montreal.

Rev. Mr. Daley, on Sunday last, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Tripp, of Vankleek Hill.

Mr. Glendonning, a Provincial Organizer of the I.O.F., is in town this week in the interests of that organization and will no doubt secure a number of new members.

Mr. Alex. McEwen, railway contractor, having completed for this season his contract, arrived home this week.

Miss Maggie Campbell, Dominionville, was the guest of friends here on Wednesday.

Mr. F. McQuat, of Cobden, is at present filling with satisfaction the post of teller in the local branch of the Bank of Ottawa here.

Miss Minnie Alguire, after spending some days the guest of Newington friends, returned to town on Tuesday.

Mr. Leslie, of Vars, has completed to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, the roofing with iron of Mr. D. J. Cameron's residence on Robert street.

Mr. C. T. Smith was called to Chertseyville Thursday last week owing to the death of a nephew of his who resided there.

Business for the past ten days has been a little dull in town due, no doubt, to the fact that farmers generally were taking full advantage of the fine weather to complete their fall ploughing.

Posters announcing a meeting of the Farmers' Institute, to be held here, on Monday, Dec. 7th, have been put in town. There will be two sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, at which able addresses will be delivered. The Public Hall, we feel sure, on each occasion, will hold a large crowd of interested spectators.

Our Indian summer, if we might call it such, came to a sudden stop on Tuesday evening, when the weather again turned cold and the roads and streets that were a mass of mud, during that night, freezing solid. Should the weather remain cold business will soon show signs of improvement.

Devotees of dame fashion will consult their own interests if they visit Miss McRae's well known millinery establishment, as that lady purposes reducing her stock, she is offering her goods at very reasonable figures.

On Saturday, Nov. 28th, a successful turkey shooting match was held at the range. While a number of our sports captured birds, the palm went to Mr. Montgomery, Gravel Hill, who took home with him no less than four plump turkeys.

MRS. S. ZERAN.

A few months ago the people of this village and neighboring community were called upon to sympathize with their friend and neighbor, Henry Zerani and three children, in the loss of his wife and their mother, now they are called on to sympathize with his brother, Sylvanus Zerani, and family, in the death of the former's wife, aged 35 years. The deceased, whose maiden name was Rhoda Alguire, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Alguire, of Maxville, formerly a farmer west of Newington. She was ill about a month and for a few days hopes were entertained for her recovery, but in spite of all care and medical aid, she passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21st, surrounded by her father, mother, husband and family. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her parents, husband and family, four sisters, Mrs. A. Lang, Mrs. A. J. McDougall, Miss Minnie Alguire, Maxville, and Mrs. J. A. McColl, Dismal, Alberta. The funeral service was preached by Rev. Mr. Bell of the Finch Presbyterian church, on Monday, Nov. 23rd. The pall-bearers were brothers-in-law of the deceased, Henry Zerani, Newington; John Zerani, Dixon; A. Shaver, Finch; Allan Alguire, Northfield; Allan Lang and A. J. McDougall, of Maxville. The remains were laid to rest in Sandown cemetery. There were over one hundred carriages in the cortege.

Lancaster

Miss M. McDonald, of Williamstown is the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Gunn.

Miss L. McPherson returned to Montreal on Monday.

Mr. O. D. DeCelles, Montreal, spent Sunday in town.

Miss M. A. McDougall and Miss L. McPherson spent last Friday in Cornwall.

Mr. Harris, Montreal, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Howard Sutherland is home from New Hampshire, on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. Devine left for Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Miss Ida Cline, of Cornwall, is the guest of Mrs. Rayside, at Inkerman Cottage.

Miss Sophia Kennedy, 3rd Con. Char lottenburgh, is visiting Mrs. David Robertson, South Lancaster.

Mrs. Darian has a number of American friends, from Alexandria Bay, N.Y., staying with her.

Not for many years have so many wild ducks been seen on the Lake. They are in perfect droves, but hard to get at.

The annual visit of our esteemed Mr. John A. McBain, of the Front of Lancaster, took place this week at South Lancaster, and needless to say, his many friends were more than delighted to see him. He possesses a rare fund of information and his presence was eagerly sought by everyone in the old hamlet. The incidental production of the township collector's tax book, added a peculiar air of interest to the proceedings, and so well was he used, that he was obliged to borrow another coat to hold the money which his friends enthusiastically forced upon him, and which was bulging out of every pocket. He says it is a great pleasure to be used in this way and takes this means of letting it be known.

Vankleek Hill

Rev. J. T. Daley, B.A., of Maxville, very acceptably supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church here on Sabbath last at both morning and evening services. He also conducted the services in Cassburn church in the afternoon. Mr. Daley is a very practical and eloquent preacher and his discourses were interesting, instructive and inspiring.

Rev. F. Tripp, took Mr. Daley's work at Maxville. A mutual exchange of pulpits.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church will be held on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6th and 7th. Rev. R. Corrigan, B.A., of Montreal, will preach in the church on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. On Monday evening a public meeting will be held in the church when addresses will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Corrigan, Rev. W. J. Pady, Rev. W. J. McFarlane, of Riceville, and others. A fine musical programme is being prepared for the occasion, when the church choir will be assisted by Rev. W. J. Pady and outside talent. Tea and refreshments will be served in the vestry by the ladies from six o'clock till eight. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Ladies Aid Society of Knox church will have their annual bazaar in the Presbyterian Manse on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4th and 5th. A large and varied assortment of varied and useful articles will be offered for sale, also a variety of cakes, home-made bread and buns. Refreshments will be served during each afternoon and evening. Come and give the ladies your patronage.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society held their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. L. Bates, when a considerable amount of sewing and other work was done.

Mr. Thomas Dick has been re-appointed collector of taxes and is now making his rounds.

Mr. W. L. Dunning has again been appointed tax collector for West Hawkesbury, and is now prosecuting his work.

The annual meeting of the officers and executive committee of the Vankleek Hill branch of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, was held in the vestry of the church here on Monday afternoon. There was a very good attendance. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. J. Pady. The first business was the election of officers for the coming year. Moved by Jas. Steele, seconded by Rev. W. J. Pady, that Mr. W. E. McKillican be re-appointed president, and the vice-presidents of the society consist of the present resident ministers of the Gospel and Rev. Hugh Shaw, of Broadbent, carried.

Mr. W. W. Tweed was re-appointed Sec'y; Mr. J. S. McIntosh Treas.; and Mr. W. McAdam, Depository. The following compose the executive committee, Messrs. W. Ogden, J. Steele, N. McCallum, J. McCallum, S. A. Hittman, A. G. Cheney, A. N. Cheney, T. H. Tweed, F. McKillican, D. P. Campbell, A. McCaskill, E. D. Clark, W. Hay and G. O'Brien. Mr. W. E. McKillican and Rev. W. J. Pady, Rev. T. Tripp were appointed a committee to prepare the circulars to be sent out to contributors to the society in advance of the collectors and the president, Mr. J. S. McIntosh, J. Steele and A. N. Cheney were chosen to address and mail the circulars. The collectors of last year were generally re-appointed. It was decided that the anniversary meeting be held in the Methodist church.

Bainsville

Dr. A. Duncan Falkner, who has recently taken post graduate course in Edinburgh, Scotland, and who is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, as well as of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, has opened an office for the practice of his profession at the residence of Mr. D. F. McPherson, Oak St., Lancaster.

Glen Sandfield

Ploughing is the order of the day. Miss Mary Ann McEae returned on Thursday after spending a couple of weeks with friends here.

The many friends of Mrs. Alex. McDonald are sorry to learn that she is seriously ill.

Our tax collector, Mr. Donald Dewar, made his regular call through here last week.

Miss Maggie J. Dewar left on Thursday last week for Edmonton.

Rumor has it that we will have a Xmas tree in the near future. Get your coin ready boys.

Miss E. A. Smith left on Thursday last week for Stettler, Alta., where she will spend the winter months.

The many friends of the late J. B. Johnson, of Glen Robertson, were grieved to learn of his death which occurred on Sunday last. We extend our warmest sympathy to the bereaved.

We are glad to know that Mr. D. D. McMillan is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. Kate McKenzie, of Dalkeith, spent last Wednesday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie.

Owing the scarcity of feed for cattle, a large number of farmers are disposing of their stock.

We regret to report that our worthy teacher, Miss Christina McDonald, has resigned her position here. She will be succeeded by Miss Agnes Tait.

The rain fall on Monday was most welcome, as the water in many of the wells here is very low.

The usual Promotion Examinations were held here on Thursday and Friday of last week. Miss Agnes Tait presided.

Kirk Hill

Ploughing is the order of the day. Service was conducted in St. Columba church on Sunday last by Mr. Sinclair, of McGill University, Montreal.

Mr. W. Dewar, sister, Miss May Dewar, and Miss Haggett visited at D. McGilivray's on Friday evening.

Miss K. A. McLeod, teacher visited at D. R. McGilivray's the early part of the week.

Quite a number from here attended the L.O.L. annual meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mr. A. McIntyre visited at Mr. G. McIntosh's recently.

Mr. Ang's Dewar, mail driver, more than earns his money now, owing to the condition of the roads.

There will be preaching at Laggan by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Kirk Hill, every night this week.

We are glad to hear that Mr. D. R. McLeod is recovering from his recent serious illness.

Miss Aggie Haggett visited Miss Cassie McIntosh on Friday.

Mr. Allen Obleman paid Vankleek Hill a flying visit on Tuesday.

Mr. Chris McMillan visited Alexandria friends on Friday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. McPhee, of Cornwall.

Mr. A. McIntyre visited Vankleek Hill recently.

Stewarts Glen

Mrs. Hugh Christie, accompanied by her husband, Mr. Donald Cameron, of Blue Bonnet, Que., visited Mr. D. K. McRae last week.

Mr. Alex. N. Stewart paid Alexandria a business visit on Tuesday.

Dr. Stewart, accompanied by Mr. Angus Cameron, of Moose Creek, spent Sunday at Riverside Cottage.

Miss Katie Campbell, of Baltic's Corners, was the guest of Miss Maggie McEae over Sunday.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rory McCrimmon, of Maxville, to our midst once more.

Mr. John McLeod, drover, of McCrimmon, paid the Glen a business visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Dunvegan, visited friends in the Glen the latter part of last week.

Miss Flossie M. Stewart was the guest of Miss Cassie Fraser, of Fiska Corners, Sunday.

Mr. Frank Schell, Maxville, is engaged in plastering Mr. M. L. Stewart's house.

Mr. W. Dousett, Maxville, paid the Glen a business visit on Friday.

Mr. J. P. McKercher has the contract of furnishing Athol school with wood.

North Lancaster

Mr. Donald Cummings, of St. Raphaels, was in town on Monday.

Messrs. Telmac Duford and Rodolph Brosseau paid North Lancaster a business visit last week.

Mr. Hugh McDonald, of Cornwall, spent a few days with his son, Arch. J. McDonald, merchant.

Mrs. Isaac Surgeson, Lancaster, visited relatives for a few days at North Lancaster.

Mr. Homer Chenier paid Dalhousie Station a business call on Tuesday.

Mr. Sandy B. McDonald, of Green Valley, was in town on Monday.

Quite a number from around here attended the funeral of the late Ronald Ban McDonald, of Bridge End. Also that of J. B. Johnson, of Glen Robertson, which took place on Tuesday morning at St. Margaret's church Glen Nevis.

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Dunvegan

Miss Clara Fraser visited at E.R. McLeod's lately.

Miss S. McKenzie visited at M. J. McRae's on Monday.

Mr. D. McIntyre paid a flying visit to Neil McDonald on Monday.

Miss F. McQuig, of Battle Hill, is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. D. R. McLeod.

Mr. Alex. Fraser paid a flying visit

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THE NEW TIMBER REGULATION

The new timber regulations passed at the last session of Parliament, and since incorporated in the new Dominion Lands Act, are working most satisfactorily, remarks the London Advertiser, which continues: Under the previous regulations, which date back to 1885, any person could have a timber berth put up in competition, the Government retaining power to fix the conditions under which the successful bidder might operate the berth. But the rapid settlement of the west during the past few years has naturally had the effect of greatly enhancing the value of standing timber, and a change in the system of disposing of berths was found to be advisable.

The new regulations provide that the maximum area of a timber berth is 25 square miles. Now berths are not sold at auction until after a survey has been made and the timber has been cruised and estimated by a Government cruiser, and in no case is a berth sold below an upset price fixed by the Minister of the Interior. The license is for one year, but is renewable as long as timber of the kind and dimensions described therein remains on the land in sufficient quantity to make it commercially valuable. The minister has power to require the erection of a mill and the operation of the berth, and the licensee may be required to do the cutting on any portion of the berth which the minister decides should be cleared for settlement purposes. As a protective measure there is a rule prohibiting unnecessary waste in cutting, and the destruction of young trees, and care is taken that trees which may be necessary for a seed supply shall not be disturbed. Licenses are required to exercise strict and constant supervision to prevent the outbreak and spread of fire.

The general license regulations apply to timber lands outside of the forest reserves and forest parks, but not to timber in the reserves and parks, these being governed by special regulations. In addition to the sale of timber under license by public competition, it may be obtained under permit by settlers for their own use, for cordwood, mining purposes, construction of public works and a few similar objects. Another provision is for the granting of berths of not more than one square mile, without competition to small mills, in order that settlers in districts where it cannot otherwise be easily and cheaply obtained, may be enabled to procure a ready and cheap supply of lumber. For this a fixed fee of \$100 a mile, in addition to dues on timber cut, is charged. This provision is of especial value in the newly opened-up districts.

"MELON CUTTING" BY THE C. P. R.

A "melon cutting" by the C. P. R. is attracting no little attention, but up to date no Conservative journal has to our knowledge uttered a word of protest, notwithstanding that its effect will be to prevent the rates of this great railway being brought under the control of the Railway Commission. The company is issuing an additional block of fifty millions of stock, and it is proposed to deal this out to its present stockholders at par notwithstanding that the stock has lately been selling as high as \$78. At this price, as the Toronto Star points out, "\$28,000,000 worth of stock would produce practically the even \$50,000,000 in capital. If fifty millions in stock is distributed to shareholders at par it will, therefore, be equivalent to presenting a bonus of \$22,000,000 to those shareholders."

The people of Western Canada are particularly interested in this "melon cutting," as it means much to their disadvantage, hence the Winnipeg Free Press has this to say:

"This sort of thing should not be permitted in the case of any public service corporation, because of the direct relationship between capitalization and the charges levied upon the public for service rendered. In the case of the C. P. R. there is special and urgent reason why it should not be possible, thus practically to water the stock. The people of Canada have a particular interest in the capitalization of the C. P. R. In the charter granted to that corporation by the government of Sir John A. Macdonald twenty-eight years ago, it is stipulated that the Government of Canada shall have no right to supervise and control freight rates upon the C. P. R. until such time as the C. P. R. is earning ten per cent. on its capital stock. Every time the stock is watered a new obstacle is placed in the way of the resumption by the Dominion of the control which should never have been relinquished. If the amount of the capital stock can be artificially increased at will, by the sale of stock at a little over half its actual value, the ten per cent. clause can be made forever inoperative. That clause is one of the worst of the many bad features of the grossly improvident bargain made by the Government of Canada in 1880 with the C. P. R.

The procedure followed by the C. P. R. in regard to new stock issues involves over-capitalization. In its results it is not distinguishable from stock watering. The enormous difference between the amount paid by the shareholders who secure the new stock at par, and the actual value of the stock puts millions of easy money in the shareholders' pockets, and results in the public being taxed in passenger and freight rates to pay dividends on millions of dollars of "water," that is, imaginary capital, which is very real, however, in its dividend-paying power. It does not represent a dollar put into construction of equipment, but every phantom dollar of it brings its dividend out of the pockets of the public into the shareholders' pockets. Which explains the warfare which in the two last Dominion election campaigns was waged upon the National Trans-

C. P. R. Before the next Dominion election campaign the new oceanic highway with its taxes under the direct control of the Government, will be in operation, in competition with the C. P. R. which will have to meet its rates. In the meanwhile, however, if the coming "melon-cutting" can in any way be blocked by the authorities at Ottawa, it should most certainly be blocked."

THE EVIL AN OLD ONE.

That the evil of civil servants grafting is an old one is well known to all people having business with the departments at Ottawa. It developed in the old N. P. days when the "Red Parlor" by virtue of its contributions to elections felt itself in control. Civil servants seeing the riches the magnates of the manufacturers' association were making by means of tariff favors, evolved the establishment of a rake-off for themselves. Self interest was the basis of government policy, and they could not see why they should not be in the game as well as those higher up. The solidity of the Government and those days bred arrogance which was limited by the minor officials.

The Hamilton Times publishes a conversation with a contractor who had much experience in the old days with the methods employed to extort money from those having business with the departments, chiefly of the Public Works.

"I am not a politician myself," he said, "and I do not wish to become involved in party discussions. But as a business man, I see and hear a good deal. The departments at Ottawa are rotten, and almost every one you meet there has his hand out. If you want to do business, you must submit to being bled. Say you are on a contract, and have a lot of men and a large plant on the job. Progress cannot be made until you have the particular department official on whom your work depends to give attention to your business. You write to Ottawa. In a day or two or three you get an acknowledgment that your communication has been received. The big sheet of paper which brings you this information does not help much. You write again, pleading urgency. Then perhaps you telegraph, and the thoughts you think would warm the wire, could they be transmitted. Then you pack your grip and go to Ottawa yourself, saying not a little and thinking things unutterable. You find a lot of offices full of loafing fellows about each with a monocle in one eye. You seek to discover the particular official you are after, only to learn that he is probably gone on a journey; you must return tomorrow. You chafe a good deal, but it does no good. Tomorrow you go back with a few more pounds of steam on. Same story. Perhaps if you are not endowed with an extra stock of patience, you may then allow them to guess by your expressions the state of your feelings. Mr. Understrapper is very sorry, and very sympathetic. He would be so willing to do what he could. In the excess of eagerness to help you, he even follows you protesting to another room or out of the department, and somehow or another conveys to you in the most delicate and accidental manner his desire to make the rate of a loan of \$50 or \$500 or even \$500. At this point the man who desires to do business usually shows his tactfulness and capacity to utilize his opportunities. If he does the financial stringency in a certain quarter is relieved; the drouth is broken, and the fortunate discovery is made in the department that the business he is attended to can be disposed of without the presence of the missing official. No need to stay in Ottawa another night, and next time the contractor has occasion to call at the department he carries with him a key which unlocks all difficulties. Does this look bad? Well, I'm putting the best face on it."

This is the condition which prevailed at Ottawa long before the present Government took office. There has been nothing disclosed in the inquiry now going on which indicates that there has been deterioration since that time. It is useless for the Tories to pretend that they maintained a higher standard. What is needed—what we believe will now be brought about—is the doing away with certain not only corrupt officials, but with methods of transacting public business which have been found to lend themselves to improper manipulation. The Government's desire is to place the dealings of the departments on a strictly business basis, and in doing so it deserves the hearty support of honorable men of all parties. If there be found those who suffer from such a reform, they deserve no consideration at the hands of the Government. — Stratford Beacon.

ON THE HOLIDAY SPECIAL

The big clock in the union depot said four-fifteen, and smiled broadly down on the throng that filled the crowd swarmed about the ticket office, hurried in through the west doors—and out through the east doors whenever the chance was given them. One such chance had just passed and they were waiting impatiently for the next one, when a gentleman rushed up to the train caller with the question "Has the four-fifteen gone out yet?"

"Pshaw!" was the official pointedly, silently to the closed doors. "When is the next train to Kootenay?" "Holiday special starts in fifteen minutes—second section of the four-fifteen; we always have to send one out the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the train now. And as the doors swung slowly open, the train caller's voice filled the room he fairly sang the names, seeming as happy as the clock. Everybody else seemed as happy. It was a pity, too, for the crowd, burdened crowd, with baskets and bundles and children gazed, the owner of sensitive toes, creaked them out from under somebody else's feet, and "Owen!" and tried to get the lady whose gown was trodden on, forced a smile and tried to tuck it under her arm with her elbow, for her hands were otherwise occupied. "A good-looking man who had lost the four-fifteen train caught up the little girl that was just ready to cry because she could not reach her mother's hand, set her on his shoulder and carried her outside, acknowledging the mother's gratitude with a courteous lifting of his hat, but without a smile. Indeed the good humor was so general that his stern, sad expression was

difficult in finding an empty seat. He settled himself next the window, watching indifferently the crowd that rapidly filled the car and the other crowd streaming over the tracks. Altho and jolly increased. A man carrying a huge package from which protruded two unmistakable black drumsticks, was greeted by a shout from one of the car windows, "Turkey, turkey, turkey!" and a chorus of gobs ran the length of the car, the victim joining in the laughter that accompanied it.

At the last moment a stout gentleman came galloping down the platform with packages sticking from every pocket, and one in a bright yellow bag clasped close to his breast. Two men on the rear platform seized him and dragged him up the car disappeared under the slowly revolving wheels, while his headgear flew off and disappeared under the slowly revolving wheels. He entered the car bareheaded and breathless and evoked a fresh explosion of mirth by lamenting: "Saved three quarts of cranberries for a quarter, and lost a three-dollar hat!"

One of the loudest of the laughers—indeed he who started the gobs—chorus—was a rotund, rosy-cheeked little man who carried a sample case nearly as large as himself, and a smaller one which was slung over his shoulder. With a preliminary, "This seat engaged, sir," he attempted to persuade the unwieldy portmanteau to conceal itself under the seat occupied by Hastings.

"Beastly things!" he said cheerfully, giving up the vain attempt that had colored his rosy cheeks cardinal, "but we 'C. T.' fellows have to tote them wherever we go—like old Sinful or whatever his name was, that had to cart that measly old water-man round on his back."

The big go brought his knees up to a most uncomfortable angle, but he wiped his red face and laughed. "Who cares? To-morrow's Thanksgiving, and I'm going home," with a slap on his companion's knee that brought upon him an angry stare, "I suppose you are, too."

"No, sir, I am not," said Hastings curtly. "No wonder you look glum then. Of all days I want to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas at home. Thought I'd miss it this time; I was so far out. They're not expecting me. I tell you, there'll be a fine hullabaloo when daddy comes prancing in." He chattered on, quite unabashed by the brief monosyllables that replied to him; and finally unfolded a newspaper which he ran over rather hastily, humming to himself the while. From the moment when the little man entered the car, Hastings' huge grip bore him and thwacking the brakeman on the back as the latter bent over the stove, Hastings had hoped to be spared the present indignity. Nevertheless he accepted it with less disinclination than he expected, for in his bumping progress down the aisle, with the big grip held in front of him like a battering ram, the little man had shown several instances of something better than mere politeness. He paused to listen patiently to, and then to soothe the anxieties of an elderly lady whose daughter had left her for a moment, and at the risk of losing his seat had dropped his grip and hurried past it to pick up a child that fell sprawling in the aisle. Now, in the same fashion, when his paper was finished it was passed to a shabby man back of them who had been trying to catch glimpses of it over the owner's shoulder, and the next moment Hastings saw him on hands and knees peering about for a cane that the lame seatmate of the shabby man had dropped and could not locate.

Therefore Hastings lent civil attention, even if he replied briefly to questions concerning his destination and "line" of business; looked at the hedge to which his notice was particularly called, with its monogram "C. T." and heard, if without heeding of the glowing prospects of Schutzenberg & Schutzenberg's whole sale white goods house.

Then there was a brief cessation while the little man opened a window for a woman and brought a glass of water for a child. When he had settled into his seat again, he took a large envelope from the smaller satchel, opened it with careful care, and leaning confidentially close to Hastings, he read a ground undertone: "Look here. I got it yesterday morning. My wife and the kids."

It was the photograph of a sweet-faced young woman and three pretty children. "A fine picture," Hastings forced himself to say. He looked at it with sudden new interest. "Why, surely the younger ones are twins!"

"Yes, sir," nodded the proud father "fifteen months old last Friday."

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"And unforgiving." "Have you asked her?" "I sent her money several times, and she sent it back each time. 'Money! O George!'"

"What would you do?" demanded Hastings, turning suddenly upon him, "if your wife told you that she wished you would go to the end of the world and stay there, and leave her and her children forever alone?"

The little man chuckled. "I should probably go down street and loaf for an hour or two—I quit smoking when the boys came. But I tell you right now, son, if that woman," pointing to the picture still in his companion's hand, "was my wife, you couldn't keep me away from her for five years, unless you buried me."

For the first time all the twinkle left his round face; it was as grave as Hastings' own. "I'm no preacher nor pattern man, mind you, just a plain 'C. T.' but when a man and woman take each other before God for better or worse, until death do them part, I tell you it means something to me."

He hummed a few seconds, and then burst out: "It's hard on the kids, too—awfully hard! What did you quarrel about?"

Hastings was silent. What had begun that last dreadful altercation when so many cruel things were said on both sides?

"She was self-willed and extravagant—a spoiled child."

"Spoiled, eh? And you were the best borax-formaldehyde-canned kind, warranted to keep sweet if the mercury climbed to a hundred and fifty?"

His companion remembered the devotion of mother and sister to an only son, and shrugged his shoulders. "Humph—thought so. I wanted everything your own way, and fought a woman your wife—to get it."

"I never lifted a finger against her," cried the other man wrathfully. "But you lifted your jaw, and that can hurt worse than your fist. Mind what old Samson did with that sort of a weapon?"

His eyes twinkled and grew stern again. "And when she wouldn't lie down and let your high mightiness walk over her, you cleared out and left her and the babies to scratch along alone."

"I tell you, I sent her money—" "Money! Like you'd throw a dime to a beggar of a bone to a dog. Sent it back, did she? Good—for her! I'll bet on that wife of yours every time."

"You don't seem to have one atom of consideration for me," Hastings growled.

"The little drummer turned squarely about and looked him over from head to foot. 'For you—a big, strong fellow hanging on to a five-year-old grudge against his wife and babies! Not a penny's worth! If I had my way, I'd take you by the neckscruff and make you work for them five years on your knees.'"

"I believe you would," said Hastings, the muscles of his face suddenly relaxing.

"Sure," affirmed his companion, with cheerful confidence. "I came on from Alaska," said Hastings slowly, "to see my parents and my children—and talk things—and see if we could straighten matters out. The first news that met me was that my wife and babies had got separation. That finished me. I should have gone to see my people to-morrow, but Marian will be there with the children—the old folks think a lot of her in spite of everything. So I am on my way back."

"O, ten thousand fiddlesticks! That woman," pointing again to the photograph that Hastings was still holding, "isn't that kind—unless you've been meaning to let her look. Ugliness is bad enough, but meanness—only the Lord ought to forgive that. Look here," his chin almost rested on his companion's shoulder, "go straight to your wife. Don't talk matters over, don't try to straighten things out. Just tell her how many different kinds of a fool you've been, and what you've suffered these five years without her and the kids. Mark my words, your thanksgiving day will begin then and there. Here's Grayling. I'm going out for some coffee and a sandwich. Will you come?"

"No, thank you," said Hastings. He watched the little drummer go alone, leaning confidently close to Hastings, he read a ground undertone: "Look here. I got it yesterday morning. My wife and the kids."

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The little man looked up at it, pressed his mouth as if to whistle, clasped his hands about his neck and ogged thoughtfully back and forth.

"They're an awfully trying time of it with most of us men," he said, the loiterous voice grown very gentle. "George! when I think what my wife has had to put up with and overlook in me—and I'm not the worst of a lot by any means. No, I'm judging

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NEWS SUPPLEMENT

DECEMBER 4th, 1908

The Week's Catch

There was a big area of fall plowing done during the past week.

The open weather has greatly facilitated the completion of outside work.

Shouldn't Alexandria have a publicity department in its municipal government?

Our experience is that a woman with a nose for news usually has a chin for telling it.

The grain blockade on the C. P. R. branch, south of Calgary, is assuming serious proportions.

Only three weeks from Christmas Get ready for filling the stockings and making others happy.

Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia were awarded gold medals at the Colonial Fruit Show in London.

If you have a visitor at your home rush the news to The News office. Don't wait for a week until the item becomes stale.

A Canadian mill has just closed a contract for 8,000 tons of steel rails for India, and 16,000 for Australia. This is the growing time.

It is reported that Premier McBride will invite the other Provincial Premiers to British Columbia for a conference on the subsidy question.

Some women are awfully touchy. A widow has brought an action against a newspaper which said that her husband had gone to a happier home.

One of the largest runs of herring ever seen in Lake Erie is reported off Port Stanley, and the fishermen there have taken hundreds of tons of the fish.

A number of vessel-owners raised the rate of carrying grain from the head of the lakes to Georgian Bay ports from two to three cents a bushel.

Four thousand men and large quantities of material for the National Transcontinental will be sent in over the new Lake Superior branch from Port William.

In the coal oil investigation in Winnipeg Friday last, Prof. Parker, of Manitoba University, said coal oil poured on living fire was worse than dynamite used in the same way.

At the next session of the Dominion Parliament legislation will be introduced to punish purchasing agents who accept secret gifts or commissions and firms or individuals who order them.

The Railway Commission is establishing inspecting divisions in different parts of the country and appointing inspectors to look after railway equipment, examine into accidents, and so forth.

In another column of this issue of The News, among agricultural matter, will be found a synopsis of the law relating to stray animals. Farmers should clip it out and post it somewhere for reference.

Prompt action has saved Canadian cattle from exposure to foot-and-mouth disease, has saved the trade from a serious interruption, and has incidentally sustained the reputation of the Government for doing things.

The Public Works Department at Ottawa has followed the example of the Marine and Fisheries Department in abolishing the patronage list. But there's no word of similar action from Toronto. What's the matter with Hanna?

We have been thinking that a list of subscribers in arrears with the amount due from each might be of valuable assistance if published in a future issue of The News. This would be appreciated by those who forgot to pay up.

The Toronto News has failed to record the fact that T. Mayne Daly, left the Police Magistracy of Winnipeg, long enough to run to defeat in Brandon, and return to the old job. What a wail the News would send up were a Liberal to do such a thing.

In nine months Ontario mines produced \$12,205,795 worth of minerals. Speaking of the Ontario northland there seems to be something in it.—Hamilton Spectator.

December 5th is the last day for filing election petitions. Just now both parties are working quietly gathering information, and neither will say just what it purposes doing. The new law allows forty days from election day. The member whose seat is attacked, has fifteen days from the serving of the notice upon him in which to file a cross-petition.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

For some time past, certain boys have been in the habit of trespassing Sundays on Separate School grounds after school hours, on Saturdays and also writing on the buildings, smashing glass and committing other unbecoming acts. These boys are warned that a further occurrence of this conduct will result in the matter being handed over to the proper authorities to deal with.

A visitor to town last Friday was Mr. Roderick McDonald (Blind Rory) who came up from Glengarry county, where he had been living among relatives. His right hand has not forgotten its cunning with the violin, and, he rendered some music on that instrument for the benefit of friends in the parlors of the Dominion House. Rory's acquaintance here noted that he has become quite grey since his last visit.—Renfrew Mercury.

The News and Farmer's Advocate will be sent for 1909 to any address in Canada for \$2.15. Regular price is The News \$1.00, if paid in advance the Farmer's Advocate \$1.50. Thus these two combined are great value for \$2.15. The News is a local paper, especially designed to please people; and we recommend our readers to subscribe to the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine, the best agricultural and home paper in America.

In the heart of the woods, with the railway still three-quarters of a mile away, beneath the roof of a newly-finished freight shed, 145 of the best lots in the townsite of the new town of Cochrane, at the junction of the National Transcontinental Railway and the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, were on Thursday afternoon of last week sold for a total price of \$50,405, an average of nearly \$350 for each lot. Five banks purchased sites.

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The general impression prevails that the financial depression has gone and that good times have really put in an appearance again. Nearly everyone takes a hopeful view of the future and the merchants say business continues to improve and farmers are quite optimistic. If people generally would talk good times the situation would still further improve.

Mr. James J. Hill, the railway magnate, was asked recently for an expression of his views on Mr. Carnegie's declaration against a protective tariff, particularly on steel, again reiterated that he believed the most natural, the most rational, the most highly-profitable commercial status between Canada and the United States to be absolute freedom of trade.

The arrest of Mrs. Steinheil, in Paris, charged with the murder of her husband, the Parisian artist, has brought to light the startling fact that M. Faure, the late President of France, died in the house of the artist, his body having afterwards been removed at night by unfrequented streets to the Elysee Palace. The President's daughter discovered her father seated in a chair dead, his hands tightly grasping the hair of Mme. Steinheil, who was crouching before him.

A correspondent writes: You might just as well live in a monastery and probably better, than be in the world and not be of it. Take a sympathetic intelligent interest in your church and town affairs and they will be the better for it—but you can't do either of these without rubbing shoulders with the other fellow. What are you doing about the 1909 council. Don't you know someone who might be induced to stand for election if you and your friends will support him? Let us have a council this year as good as 1908, and perhaps a little better.

Rev. W. A. Morrison, after an absence of two weeks, has returned to Dalhousie Mills and will conduct the usual services in both churches on Sabbath next.

At a meeting of the executive of the Conservative Association of Glengarry, held here on Tuesday afternoon after due consideration, we understand, it was decided not to protest the election of Mr. J. A. McMillan, M.P. elect for the county.

The failures in Canada for October, 1908, reported to Bradstreets, were 132, with liabilities of \$850,088; in October, 1907, there were 148 failures with liabilities of \$1,411,752. It looks as if prosperous times are returning.

Mr. Bryan was asked in Reading, Pa., if he believed in advertising. His reply showed him to have a shrewd appreciation of the value of publicity. It was: "The fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the fellow who throws his sweetheart a silent kiss in the dark. He knows what he is doing, but nobody else does."

Yes, and the northland was saved to the province by Sir Oliver Mowat against the Tory timber wolves, even though the case had to be carried to the Privy Council to retain it for the people. Again it was the fine presence of Hon. G. W. Ross that put in to practice a policy that opened up for development that part of Ontario now so pregnant of mineral wealth.

At the last meeting of Pine Grove O.Y.B. Lodge No. 60 the following officers were elected and installed for the year 1909: F. D. McCrimmon, W.M.; J. N. McLeod, D.M.; R. Hays, Chaplain; J. D. McMaster, Rec. Sec.; J. D. McKee, Fin.-Sec.; W. Campbell, Treas.; T. Hays, D. of C.; D. E. Cameron, Lecturer; W. A. Dewar, Tyler; Committee, J. A. McGillivray, R. J. McLeod, R. D. Dewar, Colin Campbell, R. D. Fraser, Caretaker, R. D. McLennan.

With the cattle herds in four States being slaughtered wholesale in order to prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease, there ought to be the alternative of dear meat in the centres of population in the United States or a good market for the cattle-producing folk of Canada. Think it over, if you are contemplating killing your cattle just now. They may be worth much more in January or February.

On Monday evening, Nov. 30th, the members of McCrimmon Camp S. O. S. gathered in McCrimmon Hall and enjoyed an evening of healthy amusement. Refreshments having been served, Mr. P. McSweeney, past chief, was voted to the chair, when a program consisting of pipe music, addresses, gramophone selections, recitations, Gaelic songs and instrumental music was well carried out. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The Post Office department states that the reduction of the drop letter rate to one cent has had a very appreciable effect in increasing the amount of mail matter passing through the city post offices. While, of course, there has been a reduction in the revenue, the department is hopeful that, as in the case of the reduction of the letter rate to two cents, the revenue will soon increase by reason of the larger amount of matter carried.

"Having made three hundred millions largely through the aid of a protective tariff and retired from active business, Mr. Andrew Carnegie is now willing to admit that the time has arrived when American industries don't need a protective tariff," says a contemporary. It may occur to some that the very fact that an industry yields to one man a fortune of \$300,000,000 goes far to prove that his latest conclusion might reasonably have been arrived at a long time ago.—Hamilton Times.

Here's something you haven't thought of. There are just seventeen shopping days left before Christmas. Time to get started. Isn't it?

Several of our youth, taking time by the forelock, anticipating the near approach of cold weather, are engaged in putting up on the bank of the pond, a commodious shelter to be used in connection with an open-air rink they purpose running on the pond.

The High Court of Justice, with Jury (the Assizes) will be held in the Court House, Cornwall, on Tuesday, December 8.

Mrs. Hutton, Ottawa street, prior to her departure for Dunvegan, held a successful sale of household effects on Saturday evening.

We are requested to announce that during New Year's week a charity eubree, under the auspices of the C. T. Society, will be held in Alexander Hall here.

The year just closing, so far as elections are concerned, will prove a record one for Alexandria, namely, four in number, Municipal, on Separation, Provincial and Dominion.

In conversation with local agent of the G.T.R., G. W. Shepherd, we were informed that while passenger traffic was light during the month of November, when compared with that of same month last year, freight traffic has been up to the average, and is improving daily.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has refused to carry American cattle from Chicago or other western points through Canadian territory to the seaboard on account, no doubt, of the possibility of the disease finding its way into Canada.

Friday night's euchre party, under the auspices of the C.T. Society, given in Alexander Hall, was only fairly attended. Those who were there had a jolly time. Mr. David Lalonde captured the gentleman's prize, while that of the ladies, went to Miss Eva Proctor.

The annual meeting of the members of the Catholic Truth Society was held in Alexander Hall, Sunday afternoon, and was attended by quite a number of ladies. The committee for the ensuing year is composed as follows: Mesdames D. A. Macdonald, F. McDonald, J. Orton, F. L. Malone.

Saturday morning it was reported that a leak in the dam at the power house had been discovered. Water being at a premium just now the water and light committee lost no time in attending to the defect in the dam.

You cannot afford to miss the St. Andrew's concert to be given under the auspices of Invergarry Camp S. O. S., in MacLaren Hall, on Thursday next, when high class artists will put on a programme of excellent merit.

Etta A. R. Huot, Misses T. Macdonald, Jessie Kerr, E. Proctor and E. Macdonald Dramatic committee, Mrs. D. McPhee, Misses Ella Huot and I. McPhee. The several committees will operate with the committee of St. Finnan's T.A. Society in pushing the interests of the hall this winter.

Sir Wilfrid is back, restored in health, after a few days spent in New York. Now for a room for New York is a health resort.

Slowly but steadily the water in the Delisle River level is rising much to the satisfaction of the corporation. But it can go up a little higher before there will be any complaint made for it is yet rather low.

The Board of Directors of the G.F. M.F. Insurance Co., at their usual monthly meeting, put in a busy day on Saturday, when upwards of \$100,000 of new risks were considered and favorably passed upon. They also authorized the payment of the sum of \$600 for loss by fire sustained by Mrs. D. J. Murray, of Martintown. We understand, that taken as a whole, the year 1908 will prove a favorable one for this well known insurance company.

The Sisters of St. Margaret's Convent and the pupils of the Alexandria Separate School System, on Friday afternoon, tendered His Lordship Bishop Macdonell, a reception in Alexander Hall. A lengthy and decidedly varied programme was carried out in a highly creditable manner. At the conclusion of the entertainment His Lordship, with the assent of Mr. J. N. Gauthier, Chairman of the School Board, granted the children a full holiday, naming Monday of this week and invited them to meet him that afternoon and enjoy a treat at his hands. The youngsters turned out in full force on Monday and received a most generous supply of fruit, candy, nuts, etc., which was fully appreciated.

Who will constitute the Alexandria Council of 1909?

During the last ten days of November, Alexandria enjoyed the biggest run of Commercial travellers in her history, all of whom report that the orders of spring shipments were decidedly heavy and gave evidence that the period of depression that had existed for months, is passing away. It is estimated that upwards of two hundred trunks of samples in and out were handled during the above period.

Reference was made in last week's News to the fact that our hockey club made application to the Ottawa Valley League for entrance. Mr. McDonald, of Angus McDonald & Son, attended the meeting of delegates held at Ottawa, Friday afternoon of last week, and advanced good reasons that the delegates, after consideration, decided to admit our local team. The schedule of home and home matches between the four clubs, namely, Lachute, Hawkesbury, Vankleek Hill and Alexandria, will be drawn up at a later meeting. We congratulate our hockey club, and trust at the close of the season that, if not leading the van, they will be found well up in the list.

At Tuesday evening's meeting of the Town Council, the appointment of Mr. Donald J. McDonnell, as Chief of Police and general Superintendent of works, was confirmed. Mr. Kemp, Chief of the Fire Brigade, tabled his report for 1908, from which it was learned that out of eleven fires that occurred during the year, no less than seven were directly attributable to defective and dirty chimneys. If the hy-law, requiring chimneys to be periodically swept and cleaned, had been properly enforced, the municipal ity would have been saved considerable outlay and damage and loss to private property would have been averted. To ensure prompt payment of taxes, a by-law to disqualify any ratepayer from voting at the next municipal election, who shall not have paid his or her taxes on or before the 14th day of December instant was passed.

Dunvegan

Concerts are all the go. Quite a number from Sandown, McCrimmon and Fournier attended the S.O.S. concert here on the 7th.

Mr. A. N. Stewart paid Alexandria a business visit on Saturday.

Miss C. A. McMillan left for Montreal last week, where she will undergo an operation. She was accompanied to the Metropolis by her uncle, Mr. Dan Fraser.

Born on November 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hartrie, a son. Congratulations.

Miss Sara McKenzie expects to spend the winter at McCrimmon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. B. McPhee visited Fournier friends lately.

Mrs. J. A. McLeod and Miss Bertie Kelly, of Fournier, visited the former's parental home on Sunday.

Born on Nov. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. McLeod, a son. Congratulations.

Skye

Messrs. Jas. Urquhart and Hugh McCuaig arrived home from the West looking hale and hearty.

Mr. J. N. McLeod, who has been confined to his room for some time, is rapidly improving.

The sale at D. N. McLeod's Thursday last, was well attended, and good prices were realized.

Mr. Neil McIntosh, who has been visiting friends here for a couple of weeks, returned to Rossland on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, Breadalbane, visited Mr. J. A. Chisholm on Thursday last.

Mrs. M. J. McRae is at present the guest of Mrs. J. N. McLeod.

Mr. Collander, representing the London Machinery Co., Guelph, canvassed this district in the interests of his firm, last week.

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Continuation of Abridged Letter of
 of the Late Captain John Macdon-
 ald of Glenaladale to his Daughter
 Flora and Principal part of his
 Last Instructions to his Children.

By Miss Anna Macdonald

Do not suffer yourself to be inclined
 to pry unnecessarily and curiously
 into the affairs, characters,
 sayings, doings or concerns of
 others, nor to have them reported to
 you by idle people, nor to speak ill
 of nor backbite them. Those most
 officious in fetching and carrying tales
 to you will be the readiest to report
 or betray what you have remarked
 or expressed thereupon, and then you
 will have the quarrels and enmities
 of others, which you will, at
 spite of all you can do, you will, at
 any rate, hear more than enough of
 those things without your being able
 to prevent it. It will be your part
 to notice them as little as possible,
 to make no remark upon them at the
 time, and not to rehearse them to
 others thereafter without absolute
 necessity. This reserve will be the
 more necessary for you, if it will be
 your lot to live among officious peo-
 ple. If you were to live a hundred
 years, you will find that your own
 concerns, if properly attended to, will
 furnish matter enough for employ-
 ment to your mind and person with-
 out meddling in the affairs of others.

You must never mention again any-
 thing you see, hear or receive a know-
 ledge of while you happen to be in
 the house or family of any person.
 When you are in the house of
 another you are under his protection;
 in return, you are bound not only in
 charity, but also in worldly honor,
 to make no bad use of whatever you
 happen to hear or receive there. It is
 in confidence you have it, and it is
 a species of treachery to make an ad-
 verse, improper use of it.

Let me repeat over and over, and
 beseech, if you have an irascible tem-
 per; or in other words, a temper
 subject to fits of anger and passion,
 that you keep your anger and passion
 under the control of your reason, and
 with the grace of God completely
 overcome it. Avoid as much as you
 can the occasions of provoking and
 being provoked. Do not be too
 warm or positive upon any subject,
 and drop it at once, rather than be
 carried into heat of argument. As
 soon as you feel the fit coming on,
 retire immediately to your room, or
 run away to some other place; there
 you are to call for God's assistance
 to suppress it, and never offer to say
 a word on the subject until you be-
 come perfectly cool. Do not attempt
 to say anything when you are in
 anger, for in that state of distraction
 it is impossible to say anything
 good and useful. Pray God to res-
 train you, I tell you that the conse-
 quences of passion are always ter-
 rible and that they bring greater
 shame and mortification, to say no-
 thing of other mischief, than original
 submission to the cause thereof would
 do. But to enable you to judge what
 is best to be done in any concern of
 your soul or affairs, you should often
 pray for the light of the Holy Ghost
 to direct you in all your doings, and
 you ever receive solid comfort and
 assistance both from recourse to God
 by humble prayer and resignation.
 Take notice of this: You should de-
 spise no one. If yourself had all the
 world, it would be nothing but what
 God gave you, and what He might
 have withheld from you, as He with-
 holds it from the meanest heggard, and
 so reduce you to begging even as
 another. Kings and queens were born
 naked into the world, and they will
 carry nothing out of it but their
 works, good or bad, and we shall all
 without distinction lie in the com-
 mon earth, the food of worms.

As to beauty, or deformity every
 one is as God pleased to make him,
 and trifling is the change or accident
 that would make the handsomest man
 or woman as ugly as the ugliest. A
 fine complexion is but skin deep, and
 illness of a few minutes or hours will
 make it fade, and death renders the
 whole mass of body so loathsome that
 none can live in its air. What then
 have we to be proud of for the hand-
 somest person or the handsomest
 face?

We are fond of dress and we take
 prodigious pains with it, and when
 we dress to the utmost, we cannot for-
 get to live except the splendor of some
 variations of the hutterfly. Taking it
 however, as God was pleased to give
 it, beauty may be very well with mak-
 ing a proper use of it. A decency of
 appearance with good conduct is not
 a lot less agreeable, and a reasonable
 attention to dress, if too much is not
 made of it, is allowable, and even
 laudable, when directed in the way of
 charity, and for the sake of inter-
 course with those of our station.
 It is the same with those things we
 call accomplishments, such as danc-
 ing, music, etc., they are allowable,
 if but reasonably and moderately used
 and even laudable, if learned and prac-
 tised for the necessary intercourse of
 society. All things that in themselves
 are indifferent, may be rendered
 worthy by a good inten-
 tion and moderation. All excess, vio-
 lence and even the extremes of what
 we suppose to be good, are to be
 avoided, as being very dangerous.
 Moderation, cheerfulness, good hum-
 or, evenness of temper, forecast, regu-
 larity of hours and work, an order-
 ly disposition of your clothes, apart-
 ment, and of everything belonging to
 you, not forgetting cleanliness of
 person and of everything else, are all
 highly laudable, and to be cultivated
 attentively with a good intention I
 have above recommended. Nor will
 the observance of them be trouble-
 some if you do every part of them
 at the proper season, without delay-
 ing them from time to time through
 indolence, and letting one part run
 into another.

Regret all love of admiration. — In
 fact, none of us has anything worthy
 of admiration. All we have is the
 gift of God—if there appear to be
 any good in us, it would be found too
 frequently mixed up with defects, or
 unground even to the core. What we
 are before God, that we are and no-
 thing more. We need His aid in all
 we do, and are in every supernatural
 act, it is the Holy Ghost who
 prompts, who continues and who
 terminates our action—we co-operate
 and if done in the state of grace, it
 becomes meritorious.

Avoid idleness—it is the mother of
 want, vice and misery.

Even if you be in a state of inde-

employ a portion of your time; and
 for such part of your time as may
 be required in that way, you can
 ever be taught to contrive some useful
 employment to fill it up, with bestow-
 ing the rest in charity.

In respect to your manners
 and intercourse in society, I
 have already said that you
 should acquire a habit of mild and
 polite expression to all your inter-
 actions, no less than to your equals and
 superiors. With this mild, polite
 mode of expression, you must never
 dispense in a single instance. How-
 ever well acquainted or long acquaint-
 ed and familiar you may be with any
 person, whether related or otherwise,
 and whether superior, inferior or
 equal to you, whether occasionally
 conversant, or commonly living with
 you, be sure never to take any liber-
 ty with them, but to treat them,
 one and all, constantly with kindness,
 deference, delicacy, respect and good
 manners, in joke as in earnest. This
 mode of behavior is particularly nec-
 essary when you have to live con-
 stantly with them. It is the only
 sure way of keeping up good humor,
 concord and peace. The truth of this
 may be deduced from your own feel-
 ings; for certainly you would not re-
 lish being treated in conversation or
 upon any occasion, with neglect of
 good manners or respect, nor with
 any degree of coarseness, by any ac-
 quaintance or relation whatever.

The person who would treat you
 with attention, respect, and good
 manners, is the one you would like
 to prefer. Do then to others in this
 respect as you would like to be treated
 by them. We are so constituted that
 our temper, or disposition, or hum-
 or, is changeable—one day pleasant,
 another day fretful and impatient, or
 peevish. The liberties which might
 pass off upon one day without objec-
 tion, will give offence upon another
 day; and then there ensues a quarrel,
 or perhaps will you be aware of
 those temporary changes in the hum-
 or of your friend. The surest way for
 you then is to be uniformly obliging
 and polite, avoiding all manner of
 liberties, and accordingly all possibi-
 lity of giving offence. At the same
 time, you should not be yourself cap-
 tious, nor ready to take offence.

In respect to female modesty or de-
 licacy, by which I mean not only that
 purity of mind, which rejects with
 horror all thoughts or acts contrary
 thereto, but also that decent reserve,
 which may say, comeliness of per-
 sonal demeanor, and the like, I under-
 stand that it is the ornament of
 manners, the honor of the body, and
 the groundwork of sanctity. It causes
 us to avoid immodest sights, such as
 immoral pictures, etc., from which
 you must turn away with horror. Fe-
 male delicacy also forbids us to listen
 to improper or loose discourses. If
 you are a female, dare not pre-
 sume to utter any such thing in your
 hearing, check and make them desist,
 if you can use such authority; if you
 cannot use any such authority, you
 are immediately, without ceremony,
 to withdraw from the vile presence; for
 even in a social point of view it is
 the grossest insult that can be offered
 to a respectable, virtuous female. If
 you are a male, you should happen to
 be so essential to your affairs, and
 situation in life, perhaps you might,
 in the company of other virtuous per-
 sons, for once make an experiment of
 his or her behaving with due respect
 —but never except in the company of
 virtuous persons; and at whatever
 time there occurs a repetition of the
 offence, take yourself away, never
 more to return; but if all further
 intercourse, be the consequence what
 it may. The world is wide, and the
 goodness of God sufficient to provide
 for you; or if it should be His plea-
 sure to permit it for trial, or the
 greater reward, it is better to run
 the chance or certainty of perishing
 with innocence and dignity, than to
 live even at heck and mangle with
 sin, or danger, or insult, or disgrace.

With regard to your own more par-
 ticular personal demeanor, next to
 purity itself, modesty of personal de-
 meanor and intercourse is the most
 amiable feature, and accompaniment
 of a female, and moreover, a principal
 guard of the virtue of purity itself.
 The most vile and abandoned libertine
 loves and admires modesty in spite
 of his own perversion, though he
 wishes to destroy it. Modesty is con-
 sistent with, and is the greatest and
 most valuable ornament of cheerfulness
 and of female society.

Dress should be as suitable as one
 can afford, to the station in life, and,
 at the most, rather short of the ex-
 tremes of gaudiness.

Avoid forwardness, and be modest
 and reserved in your conversation,
 cheerfulness, gait, looks, and general
 manner—at the same time you may
 be lively and even merry, consistent
 with modesty and innocence. Never
 let men, young or old, lay their
 impertinent hands upon your shoulders,
 or take you by the hands or
 clothes, or lean over your chair; none
 of them have any business to caress
 you, whether they be strangers, or
 even connected and related. Avoid
 being alone or in private with any
 man; have, if possible, another fe-
 male with you, or at least more than
 one man; this precaution, I de-
 clare, I would use even without ex-
 ception; for the devil is always busy
 with men, and at any rate, there is
 no other way of stopping the busy
 and suspicious tongues of the censor-
 ous world. Shun houses and families
 belonging to, or frequented by, any
 person of loose or suspicious charac-
 ter. Avoid places, public or private,
 where you have a chance of seeing, or
 hearing, or meeting with anything im-
 proper, and that for the purpose of
 avoiding suspicion or censure; and
 when you go abroad, be under the pro-
 tection of a discreet matron, and one
 of your prudent female companions,
 or a couple of sensible male friends,
 or a couple of sensible male friends.

I will now conclude this lecture,
 my dear Flora. You will perhaps
 think it, as it really is, too serious;
 but you will excuse the motive of it;
 this is that although young people
 may as readily die, as the old, yet in
 the course of nature, the old must die
 at no distant time. I was sixty-four
 years old last Michaelmas Day.
 Though I have, I thank God, toler-
 able health, yet there is no saying
 what may befall me, not only before
 I can have the happiness of seeing
 you, but also even before there shall
 be an opportunity of writing to you
 again, and wishing to leave you
 some relic of mine in testimony of
 my fond paternal love for you, I have
 written this as a memorandum, con-
 ductive to your real happiness here and
 hereafter. It conveys some points
 that belong only to your present per-
 sonal and physical situation, and others
 that principally appertain to a more
 advanced period, which you should
 preserve it, in order to look into it
 occasionally. Some of these may be
 useful to you or yours. In the mean-
 time, do you, my dear Flora, make
 the best use of your time without an-

grateful thanks to the worthy ladies
 of the convent for their charitable
 care of you, and to every one what-
 ever that is good to you, and how
 happy I would be, if ever in my pow-
 er, to make them a return in any
 manner.

Your mamma, Uncle Roderick — all
 offer their warmest love to you; and
 no doubt you may take the same for
 granted from your three brothers at
 Charlottetown.

That God Almighty may bless you
 and make you His own, is the earnest
 wish and prayer of,
 My dear Flora,

Your most affectionate father,
 JOHN MACDONALD,
 Tracadie, in the Island of Prince
 Edward, 3d Nov., 1806.

**ABSTRACT OF LAST INSTRU-
 CTIONS TO HIS CHILDREN.**
 "My Very Dear Children—
 "Morning and evening prayers never
 omit. Get copies of short ejacula-
 tions, which you will address to God
 through the day. Never omit confes-
 sion and communion once a month.
 Thus you will have a good chance of
 saving your souls. Without confes-
 sion and communion you will not ob-
 tain the grace and strength that are
 necessary for saving your souls. This
 is so true that every Christian on
 reaching the years of discretion is
 bound to prepare for the due recep-
 tion of this Bread of Life, and if out
 of his power to receive it he must,
 as a means of salvation, at least im-
 plicitly desire to partake of this Div-
 ine Bread of Angels. If you neglect
 it, you will continue in your various
 difficulties and perhaps into eternal
 sins besides disobedience. The fre-
 quent and due recourse to the Sacra-
 ments is the best cure and preserva-
 tive against such things. Get from
 your uncle, at Liverpool, some plan
 of passing the Sunday according to
 be with him in Liverpool for half a
 year to get this and other things
 done. God disposes of."

After inscribing a list of standard
 works on religious truths which he
 required each one to procure in due
 time, and to use, he concludes:

"In consideration of the property I
 have bequeathed to you, I require
 each one of you, as long as you live,
 to have five masses celebrated for me
 every year.

"The masses to be offered up for
 my soul are to be ordinary Low Mass
 for the dead. These and the one hun-
 dred masses entrusted to my dear
 spouse to have celebrated without de-
 lay are to be for the intentions I now
 have in my mind, viz: for my own
 soul, for my former wife, brothers,
 sisters, all my ancestors, for my var-
 ious confessors, all of whom but one
 are now dead; in a word, for all the
 departed, especially for those I am
 bound to pray for.

"Entreating that you will all give
 yourselves to God, for to lift up
 must all at last have recourse, I leave
 you my blessing.
 "JOHN MACDONALD."
 "Tracadie, August 11th, 1810."

STEAMER HARMONIC LAUNCHED.

Big Vessel of Northern Navigation Com-
 pany Has Been Floated.

A new era commenced in transporta-
 tion on the Great Lakes when the
 steamer Harmonic took to the ways
 and was successfully launched at Col-
 lingwood last week. Mrs. Elders-
 sleeve, wife of H. H. Eldersleeve,
 manager of the Northern Navigation
 Company, broke the customary bottle
 of champagne. Over ten thousand peo-
 ple witnessed the launching. Many
 visitors arrived by special trains, in-
 cluding G. T. Bell, general passenger
 agent, G. T. R. Montreal; J. D. Mc-
 Donald, district passenger agent, To-
 ronto; J. A. Glick, general baggage
 agent, G. T. R. W. R. Tiffin, superin-
 tendent northern division, and P. J.
 Lynch, assistant superintendent Allan-
 dale, R. L. Thompson, D.P.A., of the
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When completed the Harmonic will
 be the biggest type of her class in
 construction, carrying capacity, speed
 and passenger accommodation. Her di-
 mensions are: Length, over all, 365
 ft., extreme breadth, 50 feet; gross
 tonnage, 3,900 tons. The whole ship,
 from keel to truck, is strictly the
 work of Canadian engineers, design-
 ers and builders.

DEATH OR INSANITY

Nervous, Sleepless.
 Worn out.

Expected to die or go
 crazy with nervousness.

"I could not sleep—I could not rest
 —was ready to cry on the least oc-
 casion—yet I was plump and fat. Can
 you imagine a more distressing con-
 dition than weakness of body and
 mind?" writes Mrs. Wesley, of Hal-
 ifax. "I lost myself in a sort of self-
 pity because health seemed so shat-
 tered, and at the same time the mental
 distress that grew with my bodily weak-
 ness was a burden to myself and a great
 burden to my family.

"Though I sought and really needed
 pity, I got very little, for I did not
 look so very sick. It was only my
 nerves that were sick, and anyone
 who has sick nerves knows too well
 how awful a sickness it is.
 "From the first Ferrone's strength-
 ened my nerves, and it seemed to
 help them for I became stronger, more
 composed, slept more and grew more
 hopeful. When I had taken Ferrone
 for about two months I lost that mis-
 erable sense of dread. I never could
 tell what I was afraid of, but expect-
 ed something dreadful was going to
 happen me. Ferrone gave me the
 strength to throw aside all these fan-
 cies and made me well again."

Go at once to any druggist, get a
 few boxes of Ferrone—start right
 on the road to health and vigor. Fer-
 rone will keep you there—will show
 you what it means to be healthy, vir-
 tuous, full of nerve energy. Once
 you're braced up and energized with
 Ferrone you'll never again be con-
 tent with ill-health.

VERY DANGEROUS OIL

PROF. PARKER SAYS IT IS WORSE
 THAN DYNAMITE.

His Analysis of Oil Sold in Manitoba,
 Which Has Caused Many Acci-
 dents—Believes it is Adulterated
 With Low-grade Naphtha.

"That oil, poured on a living fire,
 would be more dangerous than dynamite
 or nitro-glycerine used similarly."

Such was the startling statement of
 Professor Parker of Manitoba Univer-
 sity on the completion of tests of
 samples of oil obtained from the
 same source as that which resulted in
 fifteen deaths within a fortnight in
 the Province of Manitoba.

"This oil," said Professor Parker,
 "is extraordinary in some respects. I
 do not think that it was adulterated
 with gasoline, as has been suggested.
 I tried it, for specific gravity, for
 flash point, and I did not find it frac-
 tionally. I believe that it contained
 a heavy percentage of naphtha of low
 grade perhaps. Gasoline would distill
 off below 90 degrees, or even 70 de-
 grees, and only 2 or 3 per cent. of
 this oil distilled off below 90 degrees.
 The portion of 47 per cent. distilled
 at between 90 and 130 degrees. There-
 fore I think it contained not gasoline
 but naphtha. The flash point was be-
 low what my machine will register.
 Investigation shows that the com-
 pany charged with wholesaling this
 oil has been importing naphtha large-
 ly."

ONTARIO ON TOP

Wins Premier Honors at Great British
 Show

Ontario won the highest award
 (gold medal) for a general display of
 fruit at the Royal Horticultural So-
 ciety's colonial exhibit now being held
 in London, England.

A cablegram announcing this fact
 was received by the Ontario agricul-
 tural department in the parliament
 buildings last week. All the British
 colonies entered the competition. Last
 year the highest honors went to Brit-
 ish Columbia, and Ontario came in
 for considerable ridicule, on that ac-
 count, but her defeat on that oc-
 casion was due to the fact that she
 made no special attempt to show up
 her productions generally, confining her
 exhibit mainly to apples and pears.
 This year's exhibit was in charge of
 T. B. Revett and P. P. Farmer.

ON THE HOLIDAY SPECIAL

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The twins played games in which
 differences arose. "Helen wants every-
 thing her way, grandpa," Wesley com-
 plained, "and mamma says it's not
 good for her to have it."

"But Helen is a girl, and boys must
 always take care of girls," argued
 grandpa, and sighed. The door of the
 kitchen opened for a moment, and
 both small noses sniffed eagerly.

"Doesn't it smell good?" asked
 Helen in ecstasy. "But we haven't
 any cut-up yet."

"Any what?" asked puzzled grand-
 pa. "Why, somebody that cuts the tur-
 key to pieces on the table, and asks
 you what piece you want. You know
 grandma cuts it up out in the kitchen
 'cause your hand is lame, but at Un-

THE WEEK'S CATCH

Advent.
December.
Twelfth month.
Good resolutions are about due.

In 1906 Canada sold to China flour to the value of \$24,118; in 1907 the sales had increased to \$467,521.

The farmer is the feeder and burden bearer of the nation.

Users of electric light now enjoy having same switched on each morning at six o'clock.

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. John McDonald (Lot) at the residence of Mr. K. O'Connor, 1st Kenyon.

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

The High School and Public School closed at noon on Wednesday to permit their pupils, who so desired, to attend the induction ceremonies of the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Stewart, of the Presbyterian church.

Get in line and wear a Semi-Ready suit or overcoat for Xmas. Orders delivered in four days from receipt of order. P. A. Huot & Son, sole agents.

Monday was St. Andrew's Day, and the Sons of Scotland in Alexandria exchanged felicitations and congratulations with the Scotsmen of Montreal, Ottawa, and Cornwall. Dr. D. D. McDonald sending out neatly worded and decidedly appropriate messages in each case.

Why don't you join the crowd and wear Semi-Ready clothes. P. A. Huot & Son will fill your order in four days from receipt of same.

A stretch of 10 o'clock, that should be photographed, was recently made on the Military Road, this side of Green Valley. Same old method, mud and dirt removed from the side ditches and heaped on the road.

The best suit to wear is the one that gives you the most satisfaction. Try a Semi-Ready suit or overcoat and be satisfied.

Dr. A. Duncan Falkner, who has recently taken post graduate course in Edinburgh, Scotland, and who is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, as well as of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, has opened an office for the practice of his profession at the residence of Mr. D. F. McPherson, Oak St., Lancaster.

The St. Flnnan's Temperance Society was re-organized so far as drafting of the several committees, receiving new members, etc., on Sunday evening last. The personnel of the committees is as follows: Dramatic, H. R. Cudnon, Real Huot, Henry C. McDonald and Sam McDougal; Literary, John McDougal, Angus McDonald, J. D. MacDonald, athletes, F. T. Costello, D. A. McDonald and Donald McPherson.

Don't forget the grand Scotch concert to be given under the auspices of Camp Invergary S.O.S., in MacLaren Hall here, Thursday evening of next week. The artists that will appear on this occasion furnished the programme for the grand concert held in Ottawa, on St. Andrew's night, which was pronounced by the Press of that city as being the best Scotch entertainment ever given at the Capital. The plan of the hall, where reserved seats are now on sale, may be seen at Ostrom's drug store.

On Thursday next, Dec. 10th, at 1.30 p.m., a special dairy meeting, under the auspices of the Alexandria Cheese Board, will be held in the Town Hall here. The speakers and subjects are as follows: An address by A. McDougal, Dairy Inspector; "The Results of Recent Experiments in the care of Milk," Geo. H. Barr, Dairy Commissioner's Staff; "The Cool Curing of Cheese," J. A. Rudick, Dairy Commissioner; "The Testing of Dairy Cows," C. P. Whitley, Dairy Commissioner's Staff. The address will, if possible, be illustrated with lantern slides. All are cordially invited to attend.

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Personals

A. J. McDougal, contractor, Dalhousie Mills, was in town on Friday.

Mr. V. G. Chisholm, Lochiel, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. M. J. Stewart, of Dunvegan, transacted business in town on Saturday.

Mr. W. D. McCrimmon, Glen Roy, transacted business in town the early part of the week.

Mr. D. A. McDonald, insurance agent, paid Ottawa a visit on Friday.

Mr. J. J. Morris, of Lochiel, was in town on Saturday.

Among the visitors to town on Saturday were Messrs. Wm. Rankin, of Dalkeith, and J. F. McCallum, Martintown.

Mr. James Clark, Dominionville, we regret to learn, is confined to his house through illness, which, we trust, will be only temporary.

Mr. W. J. McGregor, North Lancaster paid the News a call on Saturday.

Messrs. R. R. Sangster and R. J. Pattingale, Lancaster, spent Saturday in town.

The many Gleggery friends of J. A. Chisholm, barrister, Cornwall, will be delighted to learn that that gentleman, who for several weeks has been undergoing treatment at the Hotel Dieu, for typhoid fever, is rapidly improving, and will be able to be about again in the course of a few days.

Mr. P. W. O'Shea, of Apple Hill, spent several hours in town on Tuesday.

Mr. A. D. McRae, Marville, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Angus (Township) and his daughter, Miss Linda Robertson, who had been visiting Gleggery friends, returned to their home in Winnipeg on Monday.

Mr. Jos. McDougal, of Montreal, spent a few hours in town on Sunday while en route to attend the funeral of his uncle, the late Duncan McDonald.

Mr. M. A. McRae, Reeve of Kenyon was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Hugh McNeill, of McCrimmon, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Peter Chisholm, Lochiel, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. J. N. Gauthier, 4th Kenyon, is spending the week with Ottawa relatives.

Mr. J. D. Cameron, Clerk of the Township of Kenyon, paid the News a pleasant call on Tuesday.

Mrs. T. J. Gormley spent the early part of the week with friends in Finch.

Messrs. D. P. McSweeney, of McCrimmon, and A. McCrimmon, of Cotton Beaver, were in town on Monday.

Messrs. Kenneth McKee and Angus Fraser, Dunvegan, spent a few hours in town on Monday.

Mr. J. D. McLeod, Cotton Beaver, did business in town on Monday.

Messrs. J. A. Gray and Angus D. McMaster, Cotton Beaver, were here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunc. McNeill, of Laggan, spent Monday with friends in town.

Messrs. D. A. McMaster, J. McCrimmon and Dunc. McCrimmon, of Laggan, transacted business in town on Monday.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church here on Sunday last, at both morning and evening services.

Mrs. Joseph Corbett, who spent a few days in town, returned to Ottawa Monday morning.

Mr. J. A. Macdonell, K.C., spent Saturday in Ottawa.

Mrs. A. D. McGillivray spent Sunday in Montreal with her son, Mr. Archie McGillivray.

Messrs. J. E. and Rory McNeill, of Glen Sandfield, were in town the early part of the week.

Mr. K. St. John, St. Raphaels, was in town on Monday.

John Mitchell, representing the Guelph Spring Axle Co., transacted business in town on Friday.

Councillor K. Hope, of Glen Robertson, was in town on Monday.

Mr. A. J. McDonald, of Greenfield, paid Alexandria a visit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wightman, while en route to their home, 3rd Lancaster, after a short visit to her father, Mr. Jas. Clark, Dominionville, spent a couple of hours in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Angus McDonald, station, left on Tuesday for Croghan, N.Y.

Mr. J. A. C. Huot paid Montreal a business visit on Tuesday.

Miss McMaster, daughter of Mr. D. E. McMaster, Laggan, left here on Monday evening for New York.

Miss Robertson, of Maxville, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Ross, of Eastfries, spent a few hours in town on Wednesday.

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston, was the guest of His Lordship Bishop Macdonell on Tuesday evening.

The following clergymen assisted at the induction services of the Rev. Donald Stewart, in the Presbyterian church here, Wednesday afternoon: Rev. N. Waddell, Williamstown; Rev. J. U. Tanner, Lancaster; Rev. R. McKay, Maxville; Rev. W. D. Bell, of Finch; Rev. W. A. Morrison, Dalhousie Mills; Rev. K. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan; and Rev. L. Beaton, Moose Creek.

Mr. Allan Williams arrived from La Tuque, Que., Wednesday evening to spend a few days with Mrs. Williams and family.

Messrs. A. L. Smith and Angus McDonald spent a couple of days in Corn wall this week.

Mr. W. J. Dawson visited Montreal yesterday.

Mr. Donald Hope, of Glen Robertson, spent yesterday in town. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Hope.

Mr. K. D. McLeod, Vankleek Hill, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dewar, Gordon Dewar and Mrs. Mal. McCualg, Glen Sandfield, were in town yesterday.

Mr. Angus McMaster, Laggan, paid the News a call yesterday.

Captain J. A. Gillies, of Glen Norman, was in town yesterday.

OBITUARY

MR. DONALD McDONALD.

On Sunday, Nov. 29th, 1908, Mr. Donald McDonald passed away at his late residence, 8-8th Charlottenburg, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

The deceased, who was 78 years of age, was born on the lot where he died. He married Janet McDonald, sister of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Allan J. McDonald, who died in April last.

The late Mr. McDonald was well and favorably known, and had a large circle of friends who will regret the loss of his demise.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters, namely, John, of Butte, Mont.; Angus, on the homestead; Mrs. Frank Cuggy, Montreal; Mrs. Dan McDougal, St. Raphaels; and Mrs. Arch. McPherson, of St. Andrews.

The funeral, which was largely attended, despite the inclement weather, took place Tuesday morning, at St. Raphaels church and cemetery. Requiem High Mass being chanted by the pastor, Rev. D. A. Campbell.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Angus McDougal, John McDougal (brothers), Angus McDougal, Duncan Campbell, Angus A. and John R. McDonald. We extend our warmest sympathy to the bereaved.

MR. RANALD B. McDONALD.

It is with profound regret that we this week record the death of Mr. Ranald B. McDonald, of Bridge End, which sad event occurred on Sunday, Nov. 29th.

The deceased, who was a son of the late Allan McDonald, was born 73 years ago. His sterling character and genial disposition endeared him to a host of friends, by whom he will be greatly missed.

His surviving widow, he is survived by one son, Allan P. McDonald, Odanah, Wis., and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Urquhart, of Alexandria.

The funeral, which was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends, took place from his late residence, at St. Margaret's church, Glen Nevis, at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, Dec. 1st, Requiem High Mass being sung by Rev. D. R. Macdonald, after which the remains were interred in St. Margaret's cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. J. McDonald, A. J. McDonald, J. J. McDonald, Paul Dennis, Christopher McDonald and Angus McDonald.

MR. JAMES B. JOHNSON

A highly esteemed and respected citizen of the village of Glen Robertson—one who for years has wielded considerable influence for good among his fellow-men—in the person of the late Mr. James B. Johnson, passed away to the Great Beyond on Sunday morning last, after a protracted illness born with Christian patience and fortitude.

The late Mr. Johnson, who was 62 years of age at the time of his death, was born in the United States, being a son of the late Robert Johnson, a well known contractor.

On June 12, 1883, Glen Nevis, he married Rachel Macdonell, who with two daughters, Gertrude and Lillian, survive to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and devoted father.

For a number of years, Mr. Johnson was proprietor of the Johnson House, Glen Robertson, which in its time was credited with being one of the best managed and most comfortable hotels in the district in Gleggery. His never failing courtesy and thoughtful attention to the comfort and wants of his numerous patrons won for him a legion of friends, who will not soon forget him.

About four years ago he retired from the hotel business and with the members of his family settled down to a life of more leisure.

Of late years his time and services were placed at the disposal of his neighbors and friends not merely at home but in the Township of Lochiel Council, he having occupied a seat on that board for two terms. In January last he was an unsuccessful candidate by the small margin of two votes for the reeveship of that township, and as was looked for, conducted an honorable and straight-forward campaign, holding his friends and making no enemies. He, at all times, displayed keen interest in the welfare of his native village.

His death is a decided loss to the community and creates a gap that will be hard to fill. In religion he was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic church and the parish church, St. Martin of Tours, has lost probably its warmest and staunchest supporter.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning to St. Martin of Tours church, Rev. Duncan Macdonald, P.P., celebrating the Requiem Mass in the presence of a congregation that completely filled the sacred edifice. Mrs. David Robertson presided at the organ, and the choir rendered the solemn music in a beautiful and inspiring manner.

As a slight tribute to the memory of a departed friend, the schools and mercantile establishments closed that morning. Interment took place in Glen Nevis cemetery, many sorrowing friends accompanying the remains to their last resting place.

Among the relatives from a distance were Mr. Hugh A. Macdonald, Cornwall; Mr. Archy Macdonald, of Montreal (brother-in-law); and Bella McDonald, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a sister-in-law.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. David Robertson, Glen Robertson; D. B. McDonald, Glen Sandfield; Farquhar and D. C. McRae, Bridge End; Frank and Dan Cameron, of St. Andrews.

The News extends to the bereaved widow and daughters its heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial.

MR. DUNCAN A. McDUGALL.

It is with considerable regret we announce the death on Friday, Nov. 27th, at his late residence, 16-16th Lancaster, at the age of 63 years, of the late Mr. Duncan A. McDougall.

Deceased was born on lot on which he died, being the son of the late Mr. Alexander McDougall and Mary McRae. He was married on Nov. 17th, 1868, at Ogdensburg, N.Y., and is survived by his widow, three sons and five daughters, Donald, on the homestead, Joe of Duluth, Minn., John in Alberta; Ethel at home; Mr. D. J. McDougall, Dalhousie Station; Mrs. J. Weir, Montreal; Mrs. D. S. McDonald, Prince Rupert, B.C., and Mrs. F. J. McLeod, Daisland, Alta.; two sisters also survive him, namely, Mrs. A. R. McDougall, 1st Lochiel, and Annie on the homestead.

The funeral to St. Margaret's church and cemetery, Rev. D. R. Macdonald, P.P., officiating, took place Sunday morning attended by a large number of sympathizing friends. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Weir, W. S. McDonald, Jos. Pilon, Donald A. McDougall, A. R. McDougall and John A. McDougall. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

MRS. ANGUS McDONALD.

The funeral of the late Margaret McDonald, beloved wife of Mr. Angus McDonald, 29-2nd Lochiel, to the Presbyterian cemetery, Alexandria, took place on Friday afternoon last and was attended by a number of sympathizing friends.

A short service was held at the house by the Rev. Allan Morrison, of Kirk Hill, the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. James McCormick, D. McMillan, Ranald McDonald, John Ross, D. C. McRae and Rory Stewart.

The late Mrs. McDonald, who had reached the venerable age of four score and ten, was one of the most highly esteemed residents of the community in which for so many years she had resided. She was born in Kintail, Inverness-shire, Scotland. In 1851 became the bride of Mr. Angus McDonald, three days later, they sailed for Canada, and upon arrival in this country, took up their residence in the village of Lancaster, the young husband securing employment on the construction work of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Some twelve months later they moved to lot 27-2nd Lochiel, where they resided with their young family for several years, until Mrs. McDonald's brother, Duncan McDonald, piper, having purchased lot 53 in the same concession, gave a deed of the property as a gift to his sister.

She immediately took possession of their new homestead where they have since resided.

The deceased is survived by her aged husband, one son Christopher, and one daughter, Bella, living on the homestead, to whom we extend deep sympathy.

MR. JOSEPH THEOREST.

On Friday of last week, after an illness of some two weeks' duration, the death occurred from typhoid fever, of Mr. Joseph Theorest, and son of Mr. Andro Theorest, 2nd Lochiel, aged 34 years.

The funeral to St. Flnnan's Cathedral and cemetery was held on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large number, including members of the C.M.B.A. Society, of which deceased was a member. The officiating clergyman was Rev. J. W. Dullin.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. M. Daprato, Paul Daprato, C. Daprato, H. R. Cudnon, All. St. John and Louis Kemp.

A widow and six children survive.

INDUCTION OF NEW PASTOR

Interesting Ceremony at the Presbyterian Church

REV. DONALD STEWART B.A. IS NOW IN CHARGE

Words of encouragement from Members of Presbytery. Gift to Rev. J. U. Tanner

With the ceremonial befitting an occasion so important, amidst circumstances that his future efforts will meet with a full measure of success, and in the presence of a large number of the congregation of the church, Rev. Donald Stewart, B.A., formerly of Morewood, Ontario, was on Wednesday afternoon, inducted into the Pastorate of the Alexandria Presbyterian church. The ceremony, a most important and significant one, was conducted by members of the Gleggery Presbytery, chosen for the purpose.

Rev. N. Waddell, of Williamstown, Moderator, presided, and among the other clergymen present we noticed: Revs. L. Beaton, Moose Creek; W. D. Bell, Finch; R. McKay, Maxville; K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; W. A. Morrison, Dalhousie Mills; J. U. Tanner, Lancaster; T. G. Thompson, late of Vankleek Hill, and Mr. Donald Stewart, sr., father of the inducted clergyman, retired and residing at Finch.

Rev. Mr. Bell conducted the opening service and preached an exhaustive sermon on the call of the Apostles. The Rev. gentleman is a fluent and able speaker, and his sermon, which lasted close upon thirty minutes, was followed with the keenest attention by the large congregation present. The words that fell from his lips were indeed inspiring and must have left their imprint on the minds of those who heard him.

The formal induction was conducted at the conclusion of the sermon. The Moderator, Rev. Mr. Waddell, addressed the Rev. Mr. Stewart the questions customary to such occasions, and finally declared him duly installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

After prayer, the new pastor, on behalf of the Presbytery of Gleggery, was formally welcomed by the Moderator, who in terse terms expressed the feeling of general satisfaction and confidence which his appointment to this pastorate has inspired among the members of the Presbytery over which he presided. The several Rev. gentlemen present, in turn, then came forward, and gave the new pastor the right hand of fellowship.

The address to the pastor was delivered by Rev. R. McKay, of Lancaster, who spoke with characteristic force and eloquence. At the outset he explained that the custom of addressing a newly inducted pastor had developed through the necessity of giving advice to the student who just emerging from college, was placed in control of a church. In the case of an experienced minister, however, it was not necessary to extend the usual counsel, the Rev. gentleman, however, dealt at length with one or two points he desired to bring forcibly to the mind of the new pastor. Proceeding on behalf of the Presbytery, he welcomed Rev. Mr. Stewart to his new charge, assuring him in the Presbytery he would find many good brothers who would co-operate with him in every effort that would work together, and he had no doubt that in Rev. Mr. Stewart, the spirit of brotherly sympathy would be reciprocated.

The pastor was required to be an orator, a student, an organizer, a man of business and a regular visitor to the home of the members of the congregation. These duties, he added, could not be discharged unless heartily co-operated to by the members of the congregation. In conclusion he assured Rev. Mr. Stewart that he was entering on a great work and that he felt sure every member of his congregation would readily respond to his teaching.

Rev. J. U. Tanner addressed the congregation, emphasizing the necessity, in fact declaring it, to be the duty of the congregation to at all times assist their pastor. Every individual member of the congregation he said, had specific duties to perform in connection with the church.

Mr. Tanner's short address gave evidence of the devotion of much thought to the subject. It was eloquent, earnest and convincing, and followed by all who had the pleasure of hearing him with close attention. After Benediction, the Moderator announced the conclusion of the ceremonies in connection with the induction and named Rev. Mr. Tanner and Mr. John Simpson, one of the Managers, to introduce the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Stewart, to the members of the congregation as they left the church.

The Moderator then read to the congregation a letter received this week by Mr. John Simpson from their old pastor, Rev. David MacLaren, now of Toronto, conveying congratulations both to Mr. Stewart and the congregation for the settlement effected so soon and expressing the hope that the new pastor will enjoy to the full the friendship of the congregation that he had experienced for a period of twenty-two years.

Mr. Hugh Munro then rose and in a neatly worded little speech moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. U. Tanner, on behalf of the congregation, for his services as Moderator during the session, and the vacancy and handed that gentleman an envelope containing tangible proof of their thanks. The resolution was seconded by J. T. Hope, M.D. Mr. Tanner's acknowledgement of the compliment and the gift from the congregation was a graceful and happy one.

In the carrying out of the ceremonies incidental to the induction, the singing of the choir proved a decided acquisition.

As the members of the congregation left the church, they were in turn presented to Mr. Stewart who had a cheery word for all.

We welcome Mr. Stewart to Alexandria, and look for a favorable growth and development of the congregation under his pastorate. May his sojourn in Gleggery's capital be as pleasant and profitable as that of his predecessor, Rev. David MacLaren, is our earnest wish.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

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SANTA CLAUS'

2nd MESSAGE



Polar Rock House, Nov. 29

Mr. Will J. Simpson, Alexandria, Ont.

My Dear Sim: Hi, ho, hum, Harry! I'm in a bad way. Have had to stop here for repairs.

Had a terrible fight with my old enemies the Polar bears and wolves. They killed two of my best reindeer—Donder and Blitzen—and three of my poor wee-Brownies. I managed to kill about 30 of the terrible brutes with my old reliable Howitzer and scared the rest away with my Blunderbuss. I saved all the toys and have sent you a ship load of the loveliest things, including some Japanese Curios and the cutest little dollies, merry-go-rounds, tea sets, dollies go-carts and thousands of other things I can't tell you about here.

Hustle and get them all opened out as soon as they arrive. I hope to have a visit from my old friend Dr. Fly this afternoon and trust to be "myself again" very soon. Will write you next week. Look after the snuggery and tell the dear children I'll not forget them if they're good.

By By for now. Yours

Santa P. S. Have also sent a couple of tons of the most delicious Candies, Nuts & Fruit.

S. Santa Claus has certainly been as good as his word. He has sent loads of presents to suit everybody.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Dolls, and Tops, and Dishes, and Pianos, and Wash Sets, and Merry-go-rounds, and Picture Books, telling all about Fuss in Boots, Foxy Grandpa, the Teddy Bears, the Little Pixies and hundreds of other things we can't get space to tell you of this week

FOR THE LADIES

Some beautiful things in Japanese goods, Mantel Ornaments, Candleabras Purses, Hand Bags, Fancy Hd'kfs, Manicure Sets, Toilet Cases, Work boxes, Writing Portfolios, Glove and Hd'k Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Ink Stands, Laundered Collars, Bow Ties, String Ties, Hand Mirrors, Perfumes.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN

An exquisite line of Mens Furnishings including specials in Neckwear, Gloves, Mitts, Neck-Scarfs, Newest shapes in Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders in fancy boxes, Silk and Linen Hd'kfs, Latest Creations in Neglige Shirts, Hats, Caps and Fanev Hosiery, Suit Cases, Club Bags, Umbrellas, Collar and Cuff Cases, Travelling Cases, Cigar, and Cigarette Cases, Smoking Sets &c. &c.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9th.

We expect a visit from you. If you have any "Wee ones" bring them with you to see the toys.

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