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FIGURES OF THE YEAR. New Assurance \$1,000,000. Total Assurance in force \$16,244,970.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1889. The third year will close on 31st December, 1889, when the profits since 1883, will be distributed.

F. C. TAYLOR, Agent, Lindsay. The Canadian Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1889.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS. We cordially extend to our readers and friends the compliments of the season—wishing them a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

MR. MOWAT IN OXFORD. Mr. Mowat has been giving to his constituents in Oxford a series of addresses on the questions of the day in provincial politics.

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THE STANSTED ELECTION. Mr. Colby has been re-elected for Stanstead by a majority of 1,000, polling 1,561 against 568 for Mr. LeBaron. Mr. Colby's vote is some two hundred less than at the general election, but his majority is about six hundred more.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Ontario legislature has been called to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 30th next.

Mr. Meredith has a last spoken. He made an able speech Monday evening to his London constituents. He discussed provincial affairs, brought some old charges against the Mowat government, and in the light of the Lambton contest exhibited a disposition to get on the Protestant horse, but has not got there yet.

Rev. Dr. John Williams, the venerable president of the Methodist conference, died in Toronto Monday evening after a long and painful illness. He would have been 73 years of age Thursday of this week.

Rev. W. T. Herridge, the eloquent Free byterian minister at Ottawa, says: "If the past teaches us anything it teaches us this at least, to live and let live, to be just towards our friends and just towards our enemies also, to seek the country's advancement, not through strife and bigotry, but through the unifying power of a common patriotism, binding together the diverse elements of the community into a prosperous, godly and harmonious nation."

The Empire properly takes credit for its enterprise in reporting and telegraphing a full report of Mr. Meredith's London speech. It made fifteen columns. The Empire explains that it was too heavy for the telegraph wires direct from London to Toronto to carry it all and that a considerable portion of it was sent via Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo.

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Catholic vote. And today, the Mail is full of long columns of the Roman Catholic vote which have been omitted by the press, and the Protestants broken up into liberty, votes, equal rights and these.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF 'THOTH'. We print this week a column installment of a new story, "The Angel of the Tomb," by Mr. Gerald L. Mowat Pogue, whose claim regarding the authorship of "Thoth" has been discussed in these columns.

Since the foregoing was written we have received a letter from Wm. Blackwood & Sons of Edinburgh, in reply to a letter of inquiry from the editor of THE POST to the Appleton of New York, and forwarded by them to the Edinburgh publishers.

COMMUNICATIONS. The Cause of Farm Depreciation. (To the Editor of THE POST.) Sir,—We hear of the value of farm property lowering in Ontario, and of the diminishing yield of grain from the land.

auditing school accounts. (To the Editor of THE POST.) Sir,—As many errors occur every year in auditing school accounts I beg to call the attention of ratepayers to the following matters:—

Balance on hand, December, 1888. OFS. S. E. No. 1.....\$ 100 S. E. No. 2.....\$ 200 S. E. No. 3.....\$ 300 S. E. No. 4.....\$ 400 S. E. No. 5.....\$ 500 S. E. No. 6.....\$ 600 S. E. No. 7.....\$ 700 S. E. No. 8.....\$ 800 S. E. No. 9.....\$ 900 S. E. No. 10.....\$ 1,000

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Some of these choice pieces of Mr. Pogue's are to be sold. Call early. McCrimmon Bros. bankruptcy stock sale.

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A REAL RED LETTER DAY New Departure in the Dry Goods Trade of the Town. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1889

Was a Red Letter Day for the Purchasing Public of Lindsay and surrounding country. ON THAT DAY LINDSAY'S WELL-KNOWN LEADER OF LOW CASH PRICES INAUGURATED A BARGAIN DAY OUR BARGAIN DAY A GREAT SUCCESS We will hold a Consolation Day on SATURDAY, the 21st, owing to the bad weather of Wednesday, and will also on Monday and Tuesday have a Bargain Day, because Christmas and New Years come to interfere with those days, so remember Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, 3 Great Bargain Days

GOODS AT THESE PRICES ON BARGAIN DAY ONLY EVERY WEDNESDAY. On Saturday, 14th December, we hold a sale of Men's Overcoats, all first-class goods and cheaper than ever before. Next door to Simpson House. E. E. W. MCGAFFEY, Opposite Ferrin's Drug Store, Kent street

OAKWOOD BRANCH. As my Business in Lindsay has increased so much, requiring the whole of my personal attention, I have found it necessary to take a partner in my Oakwood Business, and have admitted MR. J. L. PERKINS, who is well and favorably known in the Ready-made Clothing and Dry Goods Business in Lindsay; and who will reside at Oakwood and assume control of the Business under the firm name of PERKINS & CO. H. E. W. MCGAFFEY. We will inaugurate the new Firm by holding a GREAT CLEARING SALE of the whole of our large and well-assorted Stock of DRY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, GROCERIES, ETC., and for the next thirty days will sell at prices that will satisfy the closest buyers. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Having purchased a Bankrupt Stock of Choice Story Books, (by best Authors), also Dolls, Toys, etc., at a price that enables us to sell at LESS THAN HALF PRICE. Just the thing for a nice Christmas Present. PERKINS & CO., Oakwood. THE PEOPLE'S CASH STORE.