A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

B. J. GOUGH



Wishes all his friends and numerous customers a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, out of a full heart. This store, which has sent forth its Clothing Blessing to many hundreds of people of Lindsay and Victoria county, also sends forth its sincerest wishes that its numerous patrons may possess in a larger measure than ever the general blessings of Peace, Plenty and Prosperity. Santa Claus has been very busy at Gough's store, and will continue to be a week or more yet, as we are determined to wind up the old year with our Running Holiday Sale in full swing.

Lower and Lower Goes the Prices! Another Cut, Another Slash, Another Sacrifice!

The very climax of successful buying has been attended by our fortunate purchase of the two monster Montreal stocks of E. A. Small & Co. and McKenna, Thompson & Co. by which we secured a great scoop in

Superior Winter Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits for Men's, Youths' & Boys' wear. Get on your skates. The cold wave strikes the winter clothing and contracts the prices.

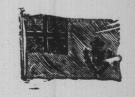
This great End-of-the-year Sale is still in the height of its glory. We have been quoting prices unheard of in Lindsay, and we again let go the flood-gates and pull down the figures still lower for the balance of the holiday season to crown our efforts for 1898. This being the last week of the old year we have many reasons or giving you still greater bargains than ever.

Our store will still be found packed with Christmas gifts and New Year plums. We want to carry over as little stock as possible into the New Year even it we sell at a loss.

LINDSAY'S LEADING CLOTHIER.

The Mictoria Warder

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1897.



A union hearts and a union of hands
A union none can sever;
A union of homes and a union of Lands And the flag, BRITISH UNION, forever,

CHRISTMAS.

This is the season for those "anotheryear-has-rolled-by-with-its-etc" editorials, but although something of this kind does seem appropriate for the occasion, all such expressions have become stereotyped and, like our every day greeting "Fine day" they are more or less meaningless How many editors who speak of the year rolling by with "its troubles and its triumphs," ever think whether there really were any troubles or triumphs? Very, very few we think. Of course we do not mean that there should be any hesitation about an editor having troubles. -it is the triumphs we are referring to in this case entirely, and we do not wish to cast the slur on any newspaper man of saying that he ever has any triumphs.

It is for this season, that our readers may notice this discrepancy in the form of our editorial.

Christmas seems to be THE time of al times in the year when everybody should feel particularly free from cares and worries and be in the best of spirits and love everybody else-we say "it seems" with a purpose, for in reality this is not universally so. In the first place is not every person we meet these days just a back fence has? And then in the second thousands of people in the wide world of whom we never hear who do not know as In some cases when speaking of the brain we do the joys of Christmas, in fact if power business they will even say "a they know there is a Christmas at all it is with sorrow. We do not think enough of their slanderous utterance additional the poor widow saving up her coppers on effect. If the Globe were to state that the chance of buying a broken toy cheap for her darling babe, or of the deserted these and all such that our kindness should be offered and not misplaced on those who know how much we appreciate them and who in reality do not need our them and who in reality do not need our them and who in reality do not need our them and who in reality do not need our them. and think of what might be. It is to

of big magazines that widows and fatherless children such as these exist. We ssure them that it is not so—there is ample room for good work in Lindsay. It is not enough when such an oppor-tunity is offered for helping the fallen that we should commemorate the birth of s man in good wishes and prayer-it is good works that are required.

A CONTEMPTIBLE COURSE.

The plan of campaign apparently adopted by the liberal managers for the coming provincial election is the old one of discrediting political opponents in the eyes of the electorate, instead of meeting them in fair and honorable combat. The Globe has made the statement that outside of Mr. Whitney, and possibly Mr. Marter, there is little or no ability above the ordinary amongst the conservative members of the Ontario legislature. This allegation, which reflects upon constituencles, has been re-echoed by many of the minor organs of the party of immaculate inspiration throughout the province, and mouthed upon the highways and byways and along the hedges by the hench nen and heelers of a decaying administration, rendered desperate as it is being drivn into the last ditch. It is all right for iberal editors to try and make the people believe that every member of the Ontario government is a born orator and statesman, but when they make the odious reference they do to the conservative members of the legislature then they go a trifle too far. There is no good reason why the gentlemen forming Her Majesty's loyal opposition in the legislative assembly should not possess as much brains and as much ability as those who sit on the government side of the house. And they certainly do. It would be absurd to think otherwise. Richardson of East York has stated that the conservatives are a pack of our "Merry Christmas" which we hurl at rascals; Premier Hardy insinuates that Whitney and others have been telling little hypocritical, -do we mean in our fairy tales throughout the province, while inmost hearts that we wish every one to | the pigmy editors of the Globe, referred have a Merry Christmas, -do we actually to as "brainless idiots" by an eminent care what kind of a day our neighbor who ecclesiastic allege that there is neither throws his empty tomato cans over our brains nor ability outside the ranks of liberalism. There are some partisan place of course there are thousands and people foolish enough to believe all these things, and to repeat them as gospel truth.

conservative admitted it," in order to give

the moon was really made of green cheese. with a mouldy rim to it, some of these

shallow-pated mortals would actually be-lieve it, and then go mouthing the state-ment around as absolutely true, with the occasional remark "a conservative said so!" The persistent attempt being made

policy of slander and defamation being a most unjust one and should be altered at once. A bill has been introduced into contemptible but cowardly as well, and the Ontario legislature to make the decontemptible but cowardly as well, and the Ontario beginsture to make the deshould be suppressed by the intelligent sired change. Last session such a meanindependent electorate.

EDITORIAL NOTES-

We wish all our subscribers and friends a very merry Christmas. P.S.—This is

There will not be much of China left when Russia and Germany and France and the other European powers have finished occupying "winter naval-stations." England seems to be very backward in this

The people should now look up the town council proceedings for the past year in order to vote intelligently in the coming elections. Perhaps some of the councillors do not want them to do thisbut isn't it right?

If the revolution in Cuba, which broke out nearly three years ago, continues much longer the island stands a good chance of becoming one vast cemetery. The number of Spanish soldiers planted up to date is some 63.000, while the uban loss reaches not more than 10,000. suppress the rebellion, and of this numare 40,000 Spanish soldiers in the hospi-

Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., has been appointed judge for the County of Perth in room of Judge Wood who has retired. While differing with Mr. Barron in politics, and while we have had strong political fights, we commend the appointment, as one that the recipient well deserves, for the work he has done in the past for his party, as well as from his legal attainments being well fitted for the

Political Notes

Hardy is not the man that Mowat was Uneasy lies the head of Laurier, the

Tarte may yet prove to be the mill

The Yankees want somethi their trade relations with Canada than Laurier's preferentialism with the world.

The taxpayers of Ontario have more figures to ponder upon now concerning provincial finances than they ever had before, thanks to the opposition.

The law which protects the salaries of inst. Carleton Holmes, youngest son of G. H. public officials from garnishee for debt is and Mrs. Hopkins, aged 8 years.

The statutes of Ontario are to be once more revised. It is hoped that they will be made perfect this time. Several judges have recently severely criticized some of the mixed-up laws passed by the legislature. If the statutes were worded in plain English it would be a real good

The Dominion government grant to the Crow's Nest railway line is \$3,630,600, being \$11,000 per mile for the 330 miles. The conservatives, prior to defeat, were willing to aid the road to the extent of \$1,650,000, or \$5,000 per mile. The liberals are very liberal with the people's

scale of price, following the recent drop in pork and cheese. This is another unexpected thing to happen with a benign liberal government in power at Ottawa, which borrowed seventeen million dollars in sixteen months to keep times pros-perous and the national ship from sinking.

The Quebec liberals are very restive. An attempt was being made by the Laurierites at Ottawa to capture Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, and retain him in office for another term so as to keep him out of active politics. The hon. Langelier claims and demands the position. Both he and his host of friends are very angry at the underhand scheming which has been going on.

Mr. St. John took another drive at th government piggery in West York the other day and drove it home to the occufor consumption by those who had charge of the institution, which is now closed for repairs. Mr. Thos. Bick of this town—a life-long reformer—has visited this piggery and says that every statement made by Mr. St. John concerning it is absolutely true.

JANETVILLE.

SOCIETY NEWS .- L.O.L. No. 64, held their annual meeting on Thursday even-ing Dec. 2nd, when the following officers re elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Francis Fanning, P.M., conducted the election of officers. John Ingram, W.M.; Robt Argue, D.M.; Jas Marshall, chaplain; Benj McGill, rec. sec'y; D Cherrie, treasurer; Robt McDowell, fin. sec'y; W J Cherrie, D of C; committee—James Armstrong, Jas Fanning, Christopher Armstrong, Christopher Armstrong, Jas Fanning, Christopher Armstrong, Chris

Ohristmas.

(Written for The Warder.) Bright breaks the Christmas morn, hear the bells ringing,
Pealing their joy over moorland and fen,
Listen the melody—sweet voices singing
Christ was this day born the Saviour of men.

see the sweet babe in the rude manger lying Shepherds attending Him, Angels his Who is this halo'd one, who is this stranger Sound it afar, 'tis the Prince of the world

Thanks to thee Christmas morn, thanks for

-CHAS, MCCAUGHEY.

Town Council. WEDNESDAY, 15TH.

Council met pursuant to statute to receive the financial statement and wind up the business for the year. All the members being present except Deputy Reeve Gillogly and Councillor Killaby:

A number of communications were received, the prayer of some being complied with, others referred to the committee to which they appropriately belonged.

Councillor Sootheran presented two petitions

repeal the early closing by law, said he would after no objection to the motion which was arried.

A number of accounts were read and referred to the committees which they belonged.

Report of D. C. Trew, inspector of black knot, read and fyled.

Report of street overseer Walker presented, giving in detail the expenditure for the year and where expended, total expenditure to date being \$3,591.81, exclusive of snow clearing

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nending payment of a number of accounts.
The following accounts were considered: Allobinson, \$3.00; John Hogan, \$1.25; James

eastern dairymen's association, on the ustanding that if there was any overplus it was to be returned. The report of the board of health and medical health officer was laid over for future consideration. Several recomdations were made in regard to remission of taxes, the report concluding with a recommendation that the reporters of the local

papers be granted \$10 each.

Dr. Burrows commented on the bill of the town solicitor, citing the Copeland case, stating that if the Doctor's advice had been taken the matter could have been settled

or a much smaller sum than the bill of costs. Mr. Sootheran pointed out that Doctor Burrows was not a member of the council when the action was entered, consequently he must be mistaken, the worthy councillor, however, maintained he was right. Councillor Mallon objected to that part of

the report, refusing to pay Robinson, et al as those men had been employed by him, Coun. Mallon, to work while the grader was being used in the east ward last summer. Finally the report was amended by including those accounts with those ordered to be paid. The occount of \$1.25 from the Watchman to Coboconk, was left as the committee recommended, to be paid by the party who incurred the expense. The report as amended

was adopted.

Report of town property committee, recommending that the request of the fire company re runners for the salvage wagon be not compiled with. A number of accounts were recommended for payment, and that tenders be advertised for the purchase of lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 situated on Queens square, south of Kenu street, up to 12 o'clock noon of 28th

The following motions were passed: That Mr. Ressor be requested to keep the electric light on all night of the 24th inst, Christmas

Mr. Touchburn, the Mayor was requested to vacate the chair, which was taken by Dr.

Moved by Mr. Sootheran, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the most cordial thanks of this ouncil are due and are hereby tendered to his worship Mayor Smyth for the manner in which he has discharged his responsible duties executive head of this corporation during the year now drawing to a close.

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We fully recognize the devotion he ha manifested in council and committee on behalf of the best interests of the town, and gladly acknowledge the courtesy which invariably characterized his personal relations with each member of the ccuncil. The motion was spoken to by Mesers Sootheran, Malion, Horn, Robson, Touchburn, Baldwin and Pedlar, after which it was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Lindsay Model School.

The Ladies' Home Journal

To make The Ladies' Home Journal for 1898 "the best of all the years; the most cheerful and helpful magazine that a woman can have in her home." is the purpose of its editors, as disclosed by a prospectus outlining a few of the projected features for the coming year. While the Journal will be more seful and practical than ever before, it is made apparent that its literary features will be strengthened, and that pictorially it will

e more attractive and artistic than ever. A notable feature, 'The Inner Experiences from the wife of a cabinet member to her sister, will, it is said, reveal some startling and graphic pen-pictures of Washington social and official life.

Two fiction issues, in all over thirty short stories, are promised during the year. The stories will be by Mark Twain, F Marion Julia Magruder, Clara Morris, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney and other well known authors. The nusical announcement for next year include the White House, dedicated by special permission to Mrs. McKinley; sacred songs and hymns by Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer; Ira D. Sankey, and others quite as

sminent in their respective fields.
"Inside of a Hundred Homes" will be tinued and supplemented by other articles upon fitting, furnishing and beautifying the home; and in addition to the Journal's "Moderate-cost Houses," churches, schools, farm buildings, etc. will be given—with

Mrs. S. T. Rorer, it is announced, will continue to write exclusively for the Journal. In addition to her "Cooking Lessons" she will write of foods, their value and their healthfulness. Special articles for children—young and M.ddle grown—on needlework, fashions, home entertainments, church work, etc., are all promised. This is but a passing glance at at the 1898 Ladies' Home Journal, which is aimed to meet the literary and practical needs of every member of the household. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Ten cents per copy; one dollar per year.

DEC. 27. — Regular meeting of Faithful Brethren lodge No 77 A.F. & A.M. In-stallation of officers.

At the regular meeting of Hackett True Blue lodge No. 38 held on Monday evening, Dec. 20th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Jas. J. Shaw, W M., re-elected; T Bunting, D M., re-elected; Wm Scott, rec-sec, re-elected; J R McDonald, fin-sec, re-elected; Thos Robinson, treas; J McCausland, chap; D H Gall, conductor; I Brown, D of C; committee—I Ingle, J Lauder, E Eagleson, J Rogers, C Syer; tyler, J Demara; auditors, E Eagleson and J Shaw. The installation takes place on Monday, Jan

ing. Dec. 21st, the following officers were Boxall was appointed delegate to attended at St. Catharines in March next.

Roger & Gallet, Seely, Lubin, Atkinson, Crown, in fact every make of perfume Higinbotham's drug store,—26 3,