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We Desire To Thank You

For your liberal patronage during the year which is about to close. During this time our greatest endeavor has been to give you value for your money, sell you the best goods in the several lines we handle at as close a margin of profit as possible, and deal fair in every transaction of business. By so doing this year has been a successful one for us, and we sincerely hope it has been so with you.

We wish you a joyous time during the Christmas season, and trust that the coming year will be crowded with more prosperity and happiness for you.

J. L. ARNOLD.

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We have purchased the Hardware Stock and goodwill of Mr. Cooke and are now offering some goods at greatly reduced prices.

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Brooms, regular 40c., now	..	.30
Brooms, regular 30c., now	..	.25
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One only Wood Cook, regular \$28, now	..	23.00
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J. V. HILL.

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An Interesting Letter.

The following interesting letter has been handed us by Mr. Walter Stevenson, who received it from his nephew, Mr. Sidney Oliver, who is one of a party of five appointed by the New Zealand Government to make researches regarding the botany, zoology and geology of the Kermadec Islands. A large number of photographs are being taken. The men are located on Sunday Island, one of the group, about 700 miles from New Zealand. They have been there a little more than a year, and expect to have their work finished soon. Mr. Oliver is a son of Mr. H. Oliver, of Bobcaygeon. He was here on a visit about three years ago. His brother Reginald is also one of the party.

Sunday Island, July 1st, 1908.

My Dear Uncle Walter,—

It is six long months since we landed here, and the same time since we had communication with the outside world. I am just beginning to want to hear how things are. This is an ideal place though, we are living on the fat of the land, and the minimum temperature is 60 degrees Fahr. I never wear a coat except at night when sleeping under a palm tree while goat hunting. There are fifteen different kinds of bananas grow here, also all the tropical fruits, oranges, taro, yams, etc., etc. There are any number of fish very easy to catch. Wild goats are very good eating, and mutton birds take the cake. They are seldom equalled and never excelled. They are something like very tender chicken, only far more tasty.

July 2nd.—It is blowing a gale from the west to-day, the surf on the beach is very heavy, it's fairly booming. We are camped about a hundred yards inland and there is a continual roar. Sunday Island is about ten miles long by three broad and is an extinct volcano. The centre is one huge crater over two miles across, the rest is composed of the roughest country I have ever seen, just one mass of perpendicular cliffs. The crater ridge ranges in width from ten feet to as many yards, and all the spurs leading from the center outward are much the same. Some are simply impassable, others you can just manage to navigate at the risk of your neck. There are only about fifty acres of flat land on the island, outside the crater, the bottom of which is fairly level but terribly cut up with deep gullies. There are two fair sized lakes in the crater, which contain the best drinking water on the island. Almost the whole place is covered with heavy tropical forest. Some of the tree ferns are over seventy feet high. The commonest tree is the New Zealand Christmas tree. It comes into flower about two weeks before Xmas and is a mass of red bloom. Reggie is botanist,

and has all he can do to collect the numerous kinds of plants.

July 7.—We are expecting a man-of-war any day now, from New Zealand. They send one boat up here once a year to see that the place is still above water. The earthquakes are very heavy at times, and seem to be more common in the warm weather. There have been as many as thirteen shocks in one day, and after a bad shake the land slips are very dangerous. You can hear them coming down all over the place, and then things are a bit lively. There are several boiling springs in the crater and hot rocks and earth all over the place. After a heavy rain these places are very distinguishable by the steam which rises in great columns. Taking things all round the volcano is not quite extinct. The last eruption was about thirty years ago. There is one family of white people live here; they have been here for twenty-eight years. They don't seem to try and make any money out of the place, but just live on the fat of the land, in peace and quiet. They have a splendid garden with all the tropical fruits and vegetables imaginable. Great excitement was caused a day or two ago by a four masted schooner sailing right across the bay so close in that you could see the men moving about on the deck. We all thought she was going to anchor but we were doomed to be disappointed, for she went about ship and sailed away. Three other sailing boats and a steamer have passed in sight since we came here. We have an oil launch with us which we use in fine weather for collecting bird's eggs from the outlying islands, of which there are several. One of the other chaps and I are building a small boat to use for fishing, as the launch is so heavy to pull up and down the beach. I have just been fixing some photos for you. They are mostly my own work. Some of them were taken by the others, and I have done all the printing, etc. You may look out for a lot more later on, as the chemicals on the island are very limited. We have five cameras and fifteen hundred odd plates, so there should be a fine assortment to choose from later on. I am thinking of printing a lot about a month before our time is up to depart, and tone them when I get home, as I have over three hundred half plate papers to play with.

July 8th.—It is a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky, and quite hot. It is the first nice day for some time past. It has been raining a good deal lately. We have had forty-two inches of rain for the six months we have been here, the maximum temperature 95 degrees Fahr. in the shade and the minimum 52, so you see it is never cold, and, as we are over the shortest day, it is not likely to go much lower—slightly different from Fenelon, when you come to compare them. There is one thing I have forgotten to tell you yet. The highest point, Mononkai, is 1723 feet above sea level, and only three miles across at the bottom, so you can guess he is rather steep. I calculate Llew would have his work cut out to run the old traction engine over the top.

July 9th.—We had a great treat a week or so ago in the form of a green turtle. He was nearly four feet long, and had to be eaten to stop him from going bad, and we did our best by gorging ourselves for nearly a week. It was simply splendid—the best I have ever tasted. Well Olive Oil, with best love to all, I remain

Your affectionate nephew,

SID. R. OLIVER.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—The Rev. J. C. Cameron, B. A., of Knox College, Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's church here, and at Bury's Green, next Sunday.

A GENEROUS XMAS OFFERING.—In response to a request by the pastor for a \$50 missionary Christmas offering, St. Andrew's congregation last week contributed \$60.

CURLING.—The curlers had their first game of the season on Monday evening. The schedule games commence on Monday next, the 4th inst. The complete schedule will be published next week.

NEW SNOW PLOW.—The new snow plow, ordered by the council at their last meeting, has been received. It should prove much more satisfactory than the old one.

BASKET SOCIAL.—Don't forget the basket social to be held in the Orange hall, Fairbairn, under the auspices of L. O. L. 1410, on the evening of Friday, the 8th inst. Good programme. See bills.

TRUCE BLUE MEETING.—The regular meeting of Empire L. T. B. Lodge No. 198 will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, instead of Friday, Jan. 1st. Installation of officers. Full attendance requested.

NEW LONGE ROOMS.—The recently organized Corona Lodge No. 398, I. O. O. F., have leased the second floor in the McArthur block over Hill's hardware store and Gould's drug store, and are having it transformed into a complete suite of rooms for the use of their lodge. The premises are large, and when the work is done the local Independent Oddfellows will have a home of which they may be justly proud.

BORN.

MOORE—At Cobocok, on Saturday, December 19th, 1908, the wife of Mr. John Moore of a son.

TRUAX.—In the township of Somerville, on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1908, the wife of Mr. Edward Truax of a son (still born.)

MOORE.—At Fenelon Falls, on Wednesday, December 23rd, 1908, the wife of Mr. George Moore of a daughter.

DEYMAN.—At Fenelon Falls, on Friday, December 25th, 1908, the wife of Mr. Cecil Deyman of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GILLES—JUNKIN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. H. W. Foley, of Bobcaygeon, on Tuesday, December 29th, 1908, Mr. William Gilles, of Verulam, to Pansy Florence, daughter of Mr. J. W. Junkin, of the same township.

JOHNSTONE—ADAMS.—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Robert Sinclair, 32 Cowan Avenue, Toronto, by the Rev. A. L. Geggie, on Wednesday, December 30th, 1908, Dr. Henry B. Johnstone, of Fenelon Falls, to Mary Scott, daughter of Mr. Charles W. Adams, of Cobocok.

ESTRAY COLT.

Came on to the premises of the undersigned, lot 27, con. 7, Fenelon, on December 12th, 1908, one bay gelding Colt, with white marks, 2 years old. The owner can have him upon proving property and paying charges.

THOS. ISAAC,

Rosedale P. O.

Fenelon, Dec. 15th, 1908. 46-3*

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