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For beauty of finish and life-like appearance WILLIAMSON'S photos excel. Studio, foot of Kent-st.,-40. -When in town see the snaps in lamps at VANCAMP'S.-54. -The Ontario legislature has been called to meet for the despatch of business on Wednesday, February 10. -If you are thinking of ordering photos see E. WILLIAMSON, foot of Kent-st. He has something nice to offer. Work always the best.-40. -Tomorrow evening (Friday) a hockey match, Paterick vs. Lindsay L.C. and it is to be hoped there will be a good turnout to witness the game, which is sure to be a spirited and interesting one. The admission is only 10 cents. It will be pure hockey and no rough play. -Mr. Geo. Gain's restaurant and lunch counter, opposite the Henson house, is undergoing several important changes, which when completed will give much better accommodation than heretofore. George gives an excellent lunch, and a first-class hot meal for 12c. Farmers and others who come to Lindsay to trade should make a note of this and give him a call the next time they come to town. Meals at all hours. He can accommodate fifty people at a sitting. Also, received every morning, nice fresh sausages, 8 cents a pound.-52-3. -Salvation Army Notes. -There will be a very special meeting at the barracks to-night (Thursday). There will be a representation of the "Two Tables." This promises to be a meeting of great interest to all. A full house is expected. -In connection with the big special meeting to-night there will be the farewell of Capt. Redburn, who has received orders to proceed to London, Ont., where he will be with himself with the now famous "Seraphic Band," under the command of Adj. Archibald. -Wedding Bells Yesterday (6th inst.), an interesting event took place at the Methodist church, Little Britain, being the marriage of Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. Wm. Mark. The ceremony was performed at 8 a.m., by the Rev. F. Stratton, and notwithstanding the early hour the church was filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride looked very pretty in a rich green travelling suit trimmed with sable, and sable furs to match, and was assisted by Miss L. Davidson, Rev. A. Delve supporting the groom. Immediately after the interesting ceremony the happy couple drove to the station, where they took the train for Lindsay, led by Mr. Henderson, who are very popular among a large circle of friends, who will join with THE WATCHMAN in wishing them long life and happiness. -Collegiate Notes. -The collegiate institute opened on Monday. There is a very large number of students in attendance. -The attention of students is called to the following change in the regulations: Students who have passed in the subjects arithmetic, grammar, English history at a previous junior leaving examination may complete their course next summer by passing in the following subjects: Composition, literature, algebra, geometry, ancient history, chemistry and (a) physics and botany, or (b) Latin, or (c) Greek, or (d) French, or (e) German. Also any pupil who has passed in any junior leaving examination on the subjects composition, literature, algebra, geometry, ancient history, chemistry and (a) physics and botany, or (b) Latin, or (c) Greek, or (d) French, or (e) German will receive a junior leaving certificate if they pass on the subjects arithmetic, grammar, English history. -Y.M.C.A. Notes. -The board of directors met on Tuesday evening and made arrangements for the yearly financial account to be started soon. -The Y.M.C.A. hall was well filled on Sunday afternoon with men and boys. Rev. J. W. Macmillan spoke to the boys, and Mr. White, B.A., brother of Dr. White, gave a talk to young men. Both addresses were much appreciated by all who heard them. There will be a good speaker and good music at the afternoon meeting next Sunday, and all will be made welcome who come. -All who wish to take advantage of the literary society should join immediately, as active work will be started now. Rev. L. S. Huggins, in giving his time as president, gives advantages of self-improvement. -The literary society, which is now fully organized, is endeavoring to properly entertain its members. The most profitable meeting of the season will be held on Tuesday evening next, Jan. 12th, in which two great nations will meet in combat to discuss the following question, "Resolved that the Scotchman is of a higher type of character than that of an Englishman." The affirmative will be in charge of R. Campbell, Chas. Sutherland and J. M. Campbell, while the negative will be taken by E. A. McDiarmid, A. A. Kennedy and J. Peel. -PORK PACKERS AND PORK PRODUCERS. The Question Again Discussed by Mr. George Matthews. To the Editor of The Watchman, Sir, -In Mr. Howkins's reply to my former letter he suggests "bringing up the question of Pork Packers vs. Pork Producers." I would much prefer having it "Pork Producers and Pork Packers," as there is no friction whatever between the two industries. The former should raise the best hogs that can be produced, and the packers should prepare their products for the best markets that can be found. Both will require all the judgment and skill they possess to enable them to get into the best markets at top prices. In discussing business it is not wise to impute improper motives. I think Mr. Howkins does not consider all the facts of the case when he says that Mr. Davies "sold out his farm and stock, and so you see he had an axe to grind, and he simply asked the sweat rolled off them." Mr. Davies is a producer who operates a large and extensive business, and his farm is more of a pastime, or experiment, than a business, and although he sold his farm near Markham he still continues to produce pork. Up to the time mentioned, six years ago, he had been obliged to purchase the bulk of his supply of hogs in the Western States, Ontario supplies being insufficient for the two packers in Canada, who were at that time exporting their product. These were Wm. Davies of Toronto and J. L. Grant & Co. of Ingersoll. They were at that time a number of good breeds of hogs in Ontario, small in bone and easily fattened, such as the Berkshire, Suffolk, Essex, Poland and others; they were all good hogs for the trade that demanded fat meat, but Messrs. Davies and Grant were placed at a serious disadvantage in their export business, in view of the fact of introducing into Ontario hogs that would produce the bacon required by the English buyers. The only "axe to grind" was to improve the quality of the hogs in this country, so that bacon could be sent to England to compete with the Irish and other foreign hogs. -The recent mild weather is not so unusual as it might be supposed. On Sunday last the temperature was 51.7, but this has been exceeded in five Januarys since 1849. In 1853 the highest temperature registered in January was 53.4; in 1858, 51.1; in 1874, 57.5; in 1876, 57.5; in 1880, 53.6; and in 1880, 53.9. Last week cattle were bringing in the fields in many parts of Ontario. It is a somewhat remarkable fact that during the last week or so there was no snow lying in Ontario south of the line between the Maritime provinces. -A young man of about 30 years of age who was on a pedestrian trip across the country, with the terminus at Boston, arrived at Scarborough Junction Thursday morning last and registered at the station, which was a part of the contract. He was interviewed by Engineer John McMahon and W. A. Nugent, of Lindsay, and what he had to tell would fill a good-sized book. His baggage consisted of a toothbrush and collar box. He reached his destination on time and won \$3,000. As the journey had to be made on foot he has cause to be thankful for an open winter. -At the Yuletide season, Mrs. J. Smyth, Col. Deacon and all those connected with the reception of their excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen during their visit to Lindsay last fall on the occasion of the opening of the Lindsay Central fair, received beautiful Christmas cards, on which were inscribed "With remembrance and best wishes from the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen, Christmas, 1896." Mrs. Thos. Stewart, Mrs. E. Sharpe and other ladies were also kindly remembered by her excellency in a similar way. -The picturesque village of Hobeavzeon, even when the frosty mantle of mid-winter covers the landscape and binds in icy embrace the waters of Pigeon and Sturgeon lakes, still seems to possess that romantic attraction for which it is unsurpassed. But although "nature sleeps" the hum of industry still goes on in the village. On the south side of the canal there is a large building erected, in which the construction of a new steamboat to replace the E-tarion is carried on. When finished this new steamer is intended to be a model of beauty and utility, of which even her owners, the Messrs. Boyd, may justly be proud. -A communication in THE WATCHMAN last week seems to have been misconstrued by some into a personal attack by this journal upon Police Magistrate D. J. McIntyre. Such is not the case. THE WATCHMAN has no fault to find with the police magistrate. The communication was accepted and published by us as ordinary matter, and we know nothing whatever of the merits or demerits of the dispute in question between the parties concerned in that communication. So far as Mr. McIntyre is concerned we have never found him a gentleman of integrity and have long considered him one of the best magistrates that ever sat on the bench in Lindsay. Frequently we have complimented him upon his decisions. -Mr. Orwin A. Morse, the recently appointed organist of the Cambridge-st. Methodist church, has permanently located in Lindsay. Mr. Morse is a Canadianized American, having lived eight years in Toronto. His musical education has been acquired under the most eminent masters, both in Canada and the States. During his college life he studied under Clarence Eddy of Chicago, who is now probably the greatest organist on this continent. Since leaving college his masters have been W. H. Sherwood, America's greatest piano teacher, and Edwin Barnes of Chicago, D. A. Trip, J. Humphrey Anger, Harry M. Field, and F. H. Torrington of Toronto, all of whom speak in highest praise of his natural and acquired ability, both as an organist and teacher. In his teaching Mr. Morse will use the latest and best approved methods, and will endeavor to adapt the means to the needs and natural faculties of the pupil. Not merely technique, but in all the normal relationship of the art.

They had spent over \$3,000 in importing the Tamworths, and that they gave most of them away to farmers who were large breeders of hogs, and the few that they sold were disposed of at a nominal figure. -Farmers may think that we were wrong, but if they only knew how existing our customers are they would not be surprised that we are anxious to get the right class of hog for the trade. I will give you an idea of how we have to select hogs and means on this side. When a car of hogs arrive at the packing house they are selected before being weighed, hogs under 150 lbs. each, then 150 to 200 lbs. each, then hogs over 200 lbs., and if there are any short, thick hogs of lighter selections they are put in with the heavy hogs as unfit for the export trade. The No. 1 selection, or slugs as we call them, must be cullled, and if any of them show over a certain thickness of fat on the back they are culled out. The sides of the select hogs are then trimmed and cured; and then selected again very particularly. In packing them in boxes for shipment they are made up in three selections, and there must not be more than five pounds varying in weight each box. Thus, No. 1 selection contains sides 40 to 45 lbs. each, 45 to 50 lbs., 50 to 55 lbs. They must all be perfect sides, free from whip marks and bruises. No. 2 selection contains sides thicker on the back than No. 1, and about the same weight, but equally as good in other respects. No. 3 are sides rather heavy, and if they lose more than the No. 1 have made, they are for inferior hogs. Now, the meat is all equally good, and costs us the same price for about one cent per pound, and sometimes as much as two cents per pound, less than No. 1, while No. 3 will bring a few shillings per cwt. less than No. 2. I mention this merely to show how particular the packers have to be, and frequently if the No. 1 sell at a profit, the No. 2 and 3 will net such a reduction in price that they lose more than the No. 1 have made. These are cold facts, and I think any fair-minded person will understand why the packers are desirous of getting the farmers to give them the class of hog that will make them the No. 1 selection of bacon. I cannot discuss the feeding of hogs with Mr. Howkins, as I have no doubt his knowledge of that branch of the business is superior to my own. In regard to the prize at Winnipeg, "for hogs suitable for the English market," there is no one in Winnipeg, or Manitoba, packing for that trade. In 1895 we killed a few thousand hogs from Manitoba, and on Ottawa trade, and found them altogether too fat for the English market. I am not writing to advocate any particular breed of hogs, but what we must have is a lean side and light shoulder. The heavy shoulder condemns the Canadian bacon, and makes us take the third place in the imported bacon trade. The position now is, Irish first, Danish second, Canadian third. Now shall we be satisfied to remain in the third position, or shall we try for second place? The packers can do no more than they have already done. The bacon men in London admit our cut and care are perfect, and it now remains with the farmers to say if they will give us the highest class of hog, to enable us to get at least equal prices with the Danes. I am very much pleased to see that our creamy butter is selling at a good figure in England. It was discouraging a few years ago to hear the remarks about Canadian butter by English business men. I hope to see the time when Canadian bacon and butter will occupy as high a position in that market as Canadian cheese does at the present time. Yours truly, GEO. MATTHEWS. Lindsay, January 6th, 1897.

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