

A LITTLE CHAT

About our business will harm no one and will surely help all who ever have occasion to call on us for anything, by letting them know just what to expect from us in service, in goods, and in prices.

To begin with

We can supply you in a perfectly satisfactory manner with anything in the line of Groceries. In Boots and Shoes our stock is of the SENSIBLE SERVICEABLE kind—selected particularly for that class of people who want lasting and moderately stylish Footwear.

We have also

In connection with our Shoe store a REPAIR department which we recommend to you with all confidence, not only for SEATNESS, but also for PROMPTNESS. If we say your Repairing will be done in an hour—it will be done in an hour.

We don't want a cent

Of your money unless you are satisfied you are receiving full value for it. That is why we are always glad to have you look around our store and learn how much better you can do here than elsewhere.

Our Prices

Are consistent with our qualities. There is a point on the down grade of quality where cheapness ceases to be economy. WE NEVER CROSS THAT LINE.

Our Terms

We will extend thirty days credit to all responsible parties.

What we Want

Is more trade. If you favor us with a share of your patronage we will reciprocate your kindness by doing all in our power to serve you faithfully and well.

W. M. ROBSON, W. F. McCARTY, WEST END 3 STORES, 77 Kentst., Lindsay

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BEFORE THE NEW YEAR.

We call your special attention to our MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT for.....

HOLIDY GIFTS

We are showing the finest stock of SILVER NOVELTIES in Lindsay, and at prices within the reach of all. It would be impossible to enumerate the many elegant articles, suffice to say we have the best stock and largest assortment we have ever shown. Wishing our many friends and customers the compliments of the approaching festival season.

S. J. PETTY THE JEWELER.

WOOD.

Do you want Wood? If so, I am prepared to deliver to you at current rates BEST QUALITY 16 in., 22 in. and 4 ft. MAPLE.

J. M. KNOWLSON

TELEPHONE No. 93 or 95.—47-13.

1881 1899 Success

We have scored another success. Our trade for 1898 has far surpassed any previous year. We heartily thank our patrons for the favors extended, and feel justly proud of the many expressions of satisfaction received as to the way we do business. In 1899 we will do better than ever. We please our customers. Our selection of goods is what does it.—FINEST GOODS at LOWEST possible prices.

Our Stock of

- WATCHES, -CLOCKS, -JEWELRY, -SILVERWARE, -SPECTACLES, -ETC., ETC.

Is well chosen We do not have to handle Tons of Old Shop Worn Goods to make sales. Everything up to date. Prices Moderate.

-DON'T FORGET OUR-

Repairing Department

The Watchman. THURSDAY, JAN. 12th, 1899 The Agricultural Society.

One of the most pleasant and instructive events of the year is the Central Fair. Perhaps there is not another that brings so many people together, and certainly none that provides at once such an opportunity for social intercourse and stimulates so heartily the wholesome ambition to excel in the pursuits of agriculture and arts. Fair time is an occasion of profit and pleasure to townspeople and not less so to the rest of the county. The fair is purely a public enterprise. There are no stockholders drawing dividends nor private interests to be considered. It is a great spirited effort of the people to exhibit and examine the products of their own intelligence and industry. To be about great enterprises is the badge and prophecy of a great people, and there is no better indication for the future of this county than the prosperity of the annual county fair. Into it may be gathered more and more the fruits of the land and still another product of the factory and home. By it all our activities may feel the healthy thrill of competition and co-operation. Better cattle, pigs, sheep and horses, better poultry, butter, fruits, vegetables and grains, better fancy work, domestic products and manufactures will be a direct result of the annual gatherings at the fair. Let every public-spirited man take his place in this great institution for the public good. The fair is his to make or mar. With the intelligence and resources of this splendid county the Lindsay Central can be made a source of strength and pride to the entire community. The Society met with a heavy reverse in the rainy weather of last year but has still a small surplus. On Wednesday, the 20th inst., the annual meeting will be held. We take this opportunity of urging our readers to attend and do their best to make the fair a great success.

Editorial Notes

ALDERMEN, if you please. DID YOU hear the "watch-dog" howl? The council chamber has been scrubbed. Weed-masticators who attend are requested to make a note of it. IF LEARNED people and grown folks had as much sense as children there would be an end of denominations. At least that is the impression one got from the recent union gathering of Sunday school scholars. The Ocilla News-Letter says Lindsay has had swelled head ever since the viceregal party was here. The jealousy that still lingers in some peasant communities is affecting. Come to think of it Lord

and Livy Ardeen did spend a pleasant day or two here a couple of years ago. We can understand that such an event would inflame a back-country hamlet, but was only the merest incident to a town that numbers Earls, Dukes and Kings among its permanent citizens.

In a recent address on "Home and School" Rev. Mr. Hughson regretted the tendency to disrespectful language among the boys. That tendency can neither be denied nor wondered at. Nor will it be corrected while the lingual battles of their fathers are so acrid. Party politics are to blame for a very bad example in this respect. The chief object of the parliamentary speaker is often an epithet that has to be unwillingly withdrawn at the bid of the chair. Party newspapers are equally guilty. Their language toward each other knows no legal restrictions. It is not long since, over a trial, one leading organ referred to a competitor as "an awful liar," and in a complimentary column "a curse to the country." While such a sort of language is so popular with leading speakers and newspapers what is the use of getting after the small boy?

THE RESULT OF THOROUGHNESS

At the recent civil service examinations, the Nimmo & Harrison Business and Sheridan College, Toronto, sent up fourteen candidates, eleven of whom were successful in obtaining qualifying certificates. This college has a continental reputation for doing good work. During the first week in January they received calls for shorthand writers from Fort McLeod, N.W.T., Montreal, Quebec and four other towns.

SALE REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5th—By Elias Bowes, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. James Strong, lot 16, con. 3, Mariposa. Sale at one o'clock sharp and without reserve, as Mr. Strong is moving to the west.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6th—By Elias Bowes, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. Henry Chase, lot 2, con. 7, Mariposa. Sale at one o'clock and without reserve, as Mr. Chase is removing to Manitoba.

THE WEATHER.

[From the Lindsay Observatory.] Report for week ending Saturday night January 7th. TEMPERATURE. Highest.....45 60 Thursday Lowest.....-15 00 Sunday Warmest day, mean of.....39-55 Wednesday Coldest.....-4 05 Sunday The week.....-20 28

PRECIPITATIONS IN INCHES.

Greatest fall of snow in one day 0.95 Thursday Snow fell on 2 days.

THOMAS BRAIL

A CAVAN MAN

Hale and active at the age of 73, Mr. Thomas Cuff, who lives in a north of the town, is a worthy sample of the sturdy Irishman from Cavan. While sitting in our sanatorium one day recently after paying his subscription for another year, Mr. Cuff waxed retrospective and entertained us with numerous incidents of early days in Canada and the old sod. Through a ma of peace himself, Mr. Cuff comes of fighting stock. His father was a member of the 7th Royal Enniskilleners, in the reign of George the Third and afterward. He was in Canada during the war of 1812-15, and helped to defeat the American invaders at Lundys' Lane and Queenston Heights. He was called from battle of the Nile, and was called from Canada to meet Napoleon at Waterloo. In that battle he was slightly wounded. He came out to this country as a settler in 1831 and located in Emily, about a mile and a half from Downeyville. Thomas came with him, and knows all about the early days of that township, when supplies had to be carried from Cobourg, 40 miles away, along a blazed path. In '56 Mr. Cuff bought the farm on which he now lives, and enjoys not only good health but the respect and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

MARRIAGES

FISHER-KELSEY—On Jan. 4th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. G. Clarke, Albert J. Fisher and Eleanor Kelsey, all of Eldon. JACKSON-SPENCE—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th of Jan., by Rev. E. Roberts, Mr. James Jackson of Manitoba to Miss Eliza J. Spence, daughter of the late Wm. Spence of Emily. SPENCE-SANDERSON—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th Jan., by the Rev. E. Roberts, Mr. John Spence of the township of Emily to Miss Martha Sanderson, only daughter of Mr. John Sanderson of Emily. CULLION-TIMMONS—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Octavia White, 295 Parliament-st., Toronto, by the Rev. Wm. Patterson, on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, Mr. Fred Cullion of Fenelon Falls to Eliza, youngest daughter of Mr. N. Thompson of Washago, Ont. MOGGER-ARMSTRONG—At the residence of the bride's mother, Meaford, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. T. Snowden, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Moore, Toronto, brother of the groom, and Rev. W. G. Howson, Meaford, Alice V., daughter of the late Rev. A. Armstrong, to Dr. F. Moore of Clarksonburg, son of Benjamin Moore, Heathcote, Ont. MACLEAN-CAMPBELL—At the residence of the bride's parents, Eldon Station, on Jan. 4th, by the Rev. D. D. McDonald, Mr. Malcolm Maclean of Egbert, Simcoe county, to Miss Rachael, daughter of Mr. J. D. Campbell.

DEATHS

HENDERSON—On Jan. 3rd, in Verulam, Stella Henderson, aged 10 months, infant daughter of Thomas Henderson. HOLDEN—In Toronto, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, Mr. Isaac Holden, father of Mr. W. E. Holden of Onemee. JUNKIN—On Monday, Jan. 2nd, John Junkin, of lot 22, con. 9, Verulam, in the 73rd year of his age. SUGGITT—In Somerville, on Monday evening, Jan. 8th, Wm. Suggitt, aged 77 years. MORRISON—In Lindsay, east ward, on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 1899, Wm. Morrison.

Among garden plants commonly in vogue which possess a poisonous nature botanists mention the jonquill, white hyacinth and snowdrop, the narcissus being also particularly deadly, so much so indeed that to chew a small scrap of one of these bulbs will result fatally, while the juice of the leaves is an emetic.

Salem—Ops Social—A basket social will be held at the residence of Mr. John Peel on Thursday, 19 h. Short program of games. Proceeds in aid of Sunday School. Everybody welcome.

Cambrai Special to the Watchman. TEA MEETING.—The circuit tea held here on New Year's night was a decided success. An excellent repast was served after which a suitable program was rendered. Rev. Mr. Brown of Cannington delivered a capital address, as did Rev. Mr. Snowden, the pastor. The thanks of all are due Mr. Cunningham and Miss Washington of Oakwood for their vocal selections, which were thoroughly enjoyed. The choir from the different appointments were present and sang frequently throughout the evening. The proceeds of \$78.85 are in behalf of parsonage improvements.

Ladies' Coats and Jackets.—Ladies' Jackets less than wholesale price. Astrachan Coats at less than wholesale prices. KERR & Co., Lind

HIGHLAND GROVE—CARDIFF Special to the Watchman. BUSINESS.—Mr. A. Atkinson, our popular merchant, is daily receiving large consignments of choice goods, and has one of the best equipped stores north of the city.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.—Owing to illness Mr. Campbell has sold out his blacksmith business. We bespeak for his successor a liberal patronage.

WE WANT A DAILY MAIL.—The business men are very much handicapped for want of a better mail service, as we only get one mail a week here, where we should have a daily mail, as there comes a daily mail to Wilberforce ten miles from here, and why not have a daily mail here, as it would not mean as much cost as the present way.

RANDOLPH—TINY. Special to the Watchman. PERSONAL.—Mrs. J. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and Mrs. Glasgow have been spending their Christmas holidays with friends in Fenelon. Miss E. Daniel of Fenelon is spending a few days with her friends in this vicinity. Mr. Fred Cookman of Huntsville is now enjoying himself at Randolph. Mr. Fred Archer is home for a few holidays. Miss Mabel Tremmer was home for a few days, but has returned to complete her course in the Whitey Ladies' College. Other Christmas visitors at Randolph were Misses Eda and Lizzie Bowles and Mr. H. Lawrence of Toronto, and Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Todd of our city. We extend to Mr. H. G. Todd our cordial congratulations upon his success at the recent municipal election. Mr. A. W. Bowie is now attending the Guelph Dairy College.

MARIPOSA STATION Special to the Watchman. PERSONAL.—Misses Nellie and Myrtle Cowle of Toronto are visiting at their uncle's, Mr. J. Prouse.

HOG SHIPMENT.—Two carloads of hogs were shipped from the station on Monday last. The farmers turned out some fine hogs and the prices received were fairly good.

LAGRIFFE.—Several in this locality have already had a touch of that dreaded disease Lagriffe.

REORGANIZED.—The Sunday school has been reorganized again and in good running order. Why not have a larger attendance. (BYSTANDER.)

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PORT HOPE LOST HIS LEG.—Bert McCormack, a young lad about fourteen years of age, son of Mr. Hugh McCormack of Port Hope, is now lying on a bed of pain. His father sent him to town Monday morning on an errand, and of course he had to have a little fun before he returned. He was doing so by jumping on and off the train as the engine was shunting. They were behind Mr. Hume's store when the accident occurred. He was playing around the train and was catching it to climb when he missed his hold and fell, one leg being on the rail and the wheels had passed over it crushing the bone badly about half way between the knee and the ankle. He was carried to Dr. Corbett's, where the leg was bandaged up, and then taken home. Drs. Corbett and Field are now attending him and he is doing as well as can be expected. This is a sad blow to his father, who is also laid up and has been for the past four weeks with a sore leg, he having met with an accident while working for the Grand Trunk railway company.

DUNSFORD Special to the Watchman. ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting and tea in connection with the Presbyterian church, Dunsford, was held on the evening of Tuesday Jan. 3rd. The evening was favorable and a large number of members and adherents were present. An excellent tea was served by the ladies of the congregation, after which the business of the congregation was taken up. Very encouraging reports of the work of the past year were given by the pastor on behalf of the session and by the treasurer. It was decided to establish prayer meetings in the several parts of the congregation and also to try to secure the services of Rev. Mr. Mitchell for a few weeks' special services. When the other business had been transacted, Messrs. Thos. Kingsboro and Jas. Robertson came forward and on behalf of the congregation presented the organist, Miss Angelina Hay with a handsome dress. Miss Hay was accompanied by the following address: Miss Hay: DEAR FRIEND,—

We, the board of management, on behalf of the congregation of the Presbyterian church, Dunsford, have great pleasure in expressing to you our appreciation of the assistance you have rendered our Sabbath services in your position of organist and choir leader. We feel that although it may be a great pleasure to you as a member of the Presbyterian church to use to His honor and glory whatever talents our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon you, yet we also recognize the importance of the position you occupy and that time and study must be expended in preparing the music for a correct and elevating rendering. Therefore as a token that your endeavors are approved and duly appreciated by this congregation, we have much pleasure in presenting you this dressing-case, and that His in whose service you have enlisted will be pleased to accept your grateful efforts to lead His praises here on earth and finally receive you to share the song of the redeemed round His throne in glory in the earnest prayer of the congregation of the Presbyterian church. Signed, WILLIAM HUMPHREY, EDWARD WOOLARD, Miss Hay's father responded on her behalf, thanking the congregation for this mark of their esteem.

CARDEN Special to the Watchman. COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—The members elected to compose the municipal council of the township of Carden for the year 1899. Namely: Michael Healy, reeve and Patrick Moran, Frank Thompson, John M. Chrysler and James McKey, councillors, met at No. 2 school house this 9th day of Jan. 1899, pursuant to statute. The clerk read the minutes of last meeting of council for 1898, also the following communication: From the clerk of Bexley stating that the Bexley council had paid \$5 to Wm. McNarney for gravel, and asking the council of Carden to contribute one-half the amount as the gravel was put on Victoria Road which forms the boundary between the two municipalities. From the Home for Sick Children, Toronto, asking a grant. Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. McKey, that James Graham be appointed auditor for 1899—Carried. Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. McKey, that Patrick McGee be appointed auditor for the year 1899.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. McKey, that the Bexley account for gravel be laid over until next meeting.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Chrysler seconded by Mr. McKey, that the sum of \$5 be granted to the Hospital for Sick Children.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the collectors time be extended until the 14th of February.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. McKey, that the clerk be instructed to procure one copy of the Municipal World for the councillors use.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the following accounts be paid and that the receipt orders on the treasurer for the same: The clerk \$17.50 for holding municipal election; George Lytle \$22 for printing; treasurer of Bexley, for rent of court hall for 1898.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. McKey, that the clerk be instructed to ask for tenders for the printing.—Carried. Mr. Chrysler introduced by-law No. 183 appointing auditors. It was passed in the usual way Council adjourned to meet at No. 1 school house on Saturday, the 4th day of March. JOHN WALSH, clerk.

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THE HISTORY OF KISSING. Variety of Means of Salutation Practiced by Different Peoples.

"The kiss is a most ancient mode of salutation," said Dick Steele of kissing, "nature was its author, and that it began with the first cohabitation." But this is incorrect. "The certain that to many human tribes kissing is unknown. Instead of saying 'kiss me,' they say 'smell me,' and this, doubtless, represents an earlier form of salutation. The kiss is much later than the dance. It is still unknown among many races, and may be called conventional. Some nations smell and rub noses, like horses, in salutation, and where two Frenchmen will run and kiss each other, two Central Africans will deliberately spit by way of friendly greeting.

Dr. Taylor says: "The idea of the kiss being an instinctive gesture is negatived by its being unknown over half the world, where the prevailing salute is that by smelling, or sniffing, which belongs to Persians, Malays, Burmese and other Indo-Chinese, Mongols, etc., extending thence to the Eskimo, and westward to Lapia, where Linnaeus saw relatives saluting by putting their noses together.

The kiss has to be taught to children. Professor, in his excellent book, "The Mind of the Child," states that at first they are averse to and even fearful of the performance. However this may be, it is certain that Europeans speedily take to it, as though to the manner born. Osculations were far more common in the good old times than at present. The custom which most delighted Erasmus, when in England, was that the girls all kissed him.

When passing to the north, some of these ceremonies leave their traces in language. Thus both Austrians and Spaniards say "I kiss your hands," as a polite term for returning thanks. John Bunyan was a very different man from Erasmus, and in his "Grace Abounding" he says: "The common salutation of women I abhor; it is odious to me in whomsoever I see it." And to those who defended it as the holy kiss he pertinently asked "Why did salute the most handsomest and let the ill-favored go?"—London Spectator.

W. G. BLAIR & SON wishes to announce that they intend making an entire change in their business this year, 1899, and they are prepared to sell Made-to-Measure Clothing cheaper than ever was placed before the public of Lindsay or District. Look for list of prices in next issue. W. G. BLAIR & SON.

TO THE PUBLIC After a very encouraging Holiday Trade in my new stand I beg to thank my customers for their patronage and say a word about the future. The grocery business is not a new thing to me. Neither are the people of this town and county strangers to me. I buy the goods that the people need and shall conduct my business so as to merit general confidence and a large patronage. Yours truly, THOS. BRADY, One Door East of Benson House

HARPER'S MAGAZINE will be of more than usual interest during 1899. Besides a series of articles on noteworthy subjects, it will contain a comprehensive political and narrative HISTORY OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR. Aerial Story of the Spanish War Story. THE PRINCESS Xenia. THE CENTURY'S PROGRESS IN SCIENCE. DR. ARTHUR DAY Dental Surgeon. OFFICE—OPP. POST OFFICE, LINDSAY

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