

## The Season's Greetings

Hoping that you and yours may enjoy to the fullest old-fashioned New Year Happiness and Prosperity in the coming year.

### E. E. W. MCGAFFEY

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#### Many Nominated in Verulam Tp.

Nominations in Verulam resulted as follows: Reeve—George Brooks, John J. Devitt, Isaac Lewis. Councilors—Wm. Green, Wm. Hetherington, John D. Hunter, Jno. Knox, Isaac Lewis, Chas. D. Logan, John Mitchell and J. W. Thurston.

#### BURY'S GREEN

Bury's Green, Dec. 23.—The very best compliments of the season to The Watchman-Warder and its very efficient staff comes from this community.

A large number attended the auction sale of valuable farm stock held at Mr. Jas. Lamb's. All the stock was in fine condition and sold for very high prices.

The Christmas tree and Sunday school entertainment given in the Presbyterian church was a decided success. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. S. Lord, the superintendent, Mr. James Flett ably filled the chair and a lengthy program was given, consisting of anthems, songs, drills, recitations, recitals and dialogues. Every number rendered was exceptionally well rendered and much praise is due to those who had charge. The proceeds amounted to over \$23.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong has recently moved from here to Fenelon Falls, and Mr. John Howie, sr., has moved into the house previously occupied by Mr. Armstrong.

One of the best shooting matches of the season was held at Mr. Wm. Fells. Some excellent shooting was done and over thirty birds were carried off. Mr. Wm. Pogue, of Somerville, carried off the special prize of a \$1.50 hunting knife, given by Mr. John Howie, sr., for best average shooting.

Municipal talk has been quite strong in this vicinity of late. We are glad to state that Mrs. Jno. Flett, jr., who has been on the sick list of late is quite convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curtis, of Oakwood, visited friends and relatives here.

Mr. Hugh Tiers is home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. H. Godkin and Master Vaughn, of Toronto, spent Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Robert Gamble has recently returned from Grandview, Man., after spending a lengthy visit with relatives there.

#### VICTORIA ROAD.

Victoria Road, Dec. 23.—The Sunday School of our village had a Christmas tree and entertainment which was a good success.

Miss Murtle Brentnell and her brother, of Fenel, have been visiting around our village and Bexley for the past three weeks.

Mr. Fred Alton, our barber, intends moving to Toronto the beginning of the New Year. He will be greatly missed, for he has been a great favorite with young and old. We wish him every success.

Two of our residents, the Misses Clara and Sarah Shields, have moved to British Columbia. They will be greatly missed by the people of our village.

Miss Robie McCordick is visiting

#### Looks Like Contest in Bobcaygeon

Nominations in the village of Bobcaygeon resulted as follows: Reeve—A. E. Bottom, G. C. Byng, R. J. Green, A. E. Kennedy and W. C. Moore. Councilors—E. J. Broad, Adam Brock, Jas. Capstick, H. V. Cosh, R. J. Green, R. J. Henderson, S. J. Hill, Wm. Hickson, G. Murphy, H. Mark, R. Nichols, R. Pearson, Jos. Thurston, Dr. Thorne, E. J. Woolard and J. J. Walker.

Electric Commission—G. C. Byng, John Conway, S. H. Cluxton, Wesley Dunn, W. A. Davis, J. L. Lancaster and W. C. Moore.

School Trustee—Dr. H. O. Boyd, C. G. Edgar, R. Hill, Wm. Hickson, Dr. Fallis, R. J. Green, A. E. Kennedy, Gamar Nichols, H. Mark, Geo. W. Taylor and John Warren.

Bert Leslie, of Toronto, a bridge worker, fell into cribwork at Walker-ton and was badly injured.

#### Our Medicine Bag

A WORTHY CAUSE. Toronto, December 20, 1912. (To the Editor of The Watchman-Warder.) Dear Friend,—It is an old story—wounded on a journey—robbed—shunned by friends—dying—when fortunately a stranger whom Christ has immortalized, and whom all the world loves, comes to the rescue with his sympathy and money. Not one man maimed, but hundreds of poor unfortunates—robbed by a wasting disease, so that health and money are all gone—too often shunned by friends who fear the dread disease, consumption—even hospitals refusing admission—dying unless timely aid is given. This is the story the Muskoka Free Hospital tells for the Christmas season of 1912. The trustees believe that Canada—most fortunately land in all the world—is filled with thousands of Good Samaritans, who, like their namesake of old, will claim a share in giving the help urgently needed to care for these poor sick and suffering ones, and to extend the work of providing for those seeking admission. Perhaps you know of one who might have been saved and in whose memory you will help to save some poor sufferer of to-day or to-morrow? \$250 will maintain a bed for a year; \$5,000 will endow a bed for all time. Will you help? Every dollar counts. Yours faithfully, W. J. GAGE, Chairman of Executive.

P.S.—Since writing the above it occurs to me that a number of our good friends have, within the past few weeks, remembered the needy consumptives with their gifts. To such I confirm with sincere thanks the acknowledgement already sent.

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### Teacher Presented with Gold Chain and Locket

Head Lake, Dec. 27.—On Saturday last a large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. Thomas Southern, to say farewell to their teacher, Miss Adaline McCurdy, who had served faithfully in their midst during the past three years and a half. After presenting her with the following address and a handsome gold chain and locket, the evening was spent in dancing and other games.

Dear Miss McCurdy.—It is with mingled feelings of regret and sadness that we learn you are about to depart from our midst. During the three years and a half you have passed among us, your kind and cheerful disposition has won you many true and lasting friends. Your earnest and willing help in the church and Sunday School is much appreciated, as well as your untiring zeal in the school, where you used your knowledge and influence for the good of the

community. It is the heartfelt wish of your friends that peace and prosperity will follow you wherever the chequered path of life may lead. We have met together to-night to ask you to accept this small present, not for its intrinsic value but as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by your many friends, and hope as you wear the trinket you may sometimes think of the friends of Head Lake.

Signed in behalf of your many friends: Josephine Davey, Margaret Green, Albert Rhodes, Mrs. Thomas Southern, sr., Mrs. Thomas Southern, jr., Mrs. J. H. Gostlin, Mrs. Jas. Alden, Mrs. Sarah McKee, Mrs. George Fielder, Mrs. J. H. Bailey, Mrs. Thomas Parkes, Mrs. John Gostlin, A. J. Southern, S. Ryan, Salem Hattam, Fred Davey, Thomas McKee, Fred Staples, Stanley Davey, Letitia McKee, Margaret Green.

### THE BOBCAYGEON REPEAL QUESTION

Bobcaygeon, Dec. 12, 1912. To the Editor of Fenelon Falls Gazette: Dear Sir,—In your issue of Nov. 29th you published an article from your Lindsay correspondent under the heading "Bobcaygeon Satisfied With Local Option." In justice to your paper's reputation for veracity, and in justice to those citizens of Bobcaygeon who look with disfavor upon Local Option, I ask you to be good enough to print this letter if by any chance you can find space for it.

As presented by your correspondent, you have given an entirely erroneous impression with regard to the feeling of the people of our village in regard to the by-law. I have several objections to make to his article, and before presenting them to you I wish to state that I am in favor of any law which will tend to minimize the drinking of liquor, but that under the system in vogue in Bobcaygeon I find it exceedingly hard to keep from drinking.

My first objection to his article is that he says 77 names were required in order to force council to submit a by-law to the people to repeal the Act, and only 59 names were presented.

I have gone over the voters' list myself, and have the word of our esteemed notary public, Mr. G. W. Taylor, that to the best of his knowledge the number required was 62, not 77.

2nd. The article says: "The names on the petition show that they had been all over the village, but with all they lacked 18 votes to make it of any use." I admit we cannot force council to submit a by-law without having 3 more names on the petition, but I wish to point out that the petition was virtually as much use as if signed by half the ratepayers, inasmuch as the law distinctly states that the council has the legal right to submit such a by-law without any petition whatever, the polls to prove that statement.

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### Ex-Reeve Tolmie of Fenelon Township Moves to Mariposa

Mr. Duncan Tolmie, one of the old pioneers of Fenelon township and for many years representing the ratepayers of the county council, dropped out of municipal affairs this year, owing to the fact that Mr. Tolmie is removing to Mariposa township about the first of March, 1913.

Mr. Tolmie was born in Glengarry county, of Scottish parentage, and came to Fenelon five years ago. The popular reeve saw that locality when it was in its wild and natura, state, when the deer roamed at will and were more numerous than the sheep are at the present time. In those days the people lived in log cabins, and the fall (with a good strom arm for a power) threshed the golden grain. The rattle of the binder was unknown and the husband wielded the sickle, while his helpmate invariably bound the grain into sheaves.

Mr. Tolmie has a vivid recollection of the first coal oil lamps which came into use over forty-five years ago. In his reminiscence of the past and speaking of the light he said, "I wished the lamp was broken into one thousand pieces, for as soon as it was lighted our parents compelled us to sit on benches in a remote corner of the room and keep as meek as lambs lest the sound of our voices would cause the oil to explode and blow us into the region from whence no traveler returns. The slow, steady ox teams and jumpers are amongst the souvenirs which

the cells of his memory cherish; the good and the bad times in the history of this now progressive township he has seen bud and bloom.

After all those years Mr. Tolmie leaves the place of his adoption as might be said, resigns from the honors which his people have poured upon him worthily and will take up his home amongst men who will also welcome him and grant him the same honor it is to be hoped which he acquired in the township of Fenelon.



Ex-Reeve D. Tolmie, of Fenelon Township.

### A New Year Wish

May each day of nineteen thirteen have in store for you the contentment gained by busy hours, and at the end of the year may you have increased zest for life.

### Ops Nominations—Many in the Field

Mr. Walter Arksey made an ideal chairman at the Ops nominations on Monday, and said in part that he was somewhat elated to have the privilege of presiding over the meeting.

The first speaker called was Jas. Robertson, who clearly and satisfactorily gave a statement of how the township stood financially. Seldom did a reeve give a better account of himself. Reeve Robertson is worthy of much credit for his able dispensing of municipal business. Mr. Robertson said in part, it was the first opportunity he had to thank the ratepayers for the honor conferred upon him last year, and it was a pleasure to see so many electors taking so keen an interest in the welfare of the township. The reeve explained in a brief way how the money which he was designated to appropriate had been spent, and showed a surplus of \$2,269.00 after consummating the year's business. The amount of money borrowed was less than previous years, and only \$5.00 was dispensed for charity. On wire fence bonuses the Reeve expended \$150.00. Law costs were a little higher, \$14.50 being handed out for information gained during the year, \$8.00 of which should have been charged to the previous year's account. The administering of justice cost the county \$1,142.00, caused through the unfortunate tragedy in the north country. Two appeals were in at the present time. The Long drain was still a vexed question, and the Reeve stated that Engineer Smith's charges were excessive. The speaker dealt with the Little Bob bridge, and explained the deficit of \$3,500.00 in the county finances to the non-support of the Government to the building of the structure. The Cobocok bridge, with the mysterious disappearance of so many bags of cement, and the extra cost incurred through negligence of the commissioners, was threshed out by the speaker. The county rate, he stated, was less than last year by \$220.00.

Amid loud applause the speaker was followed by Mr. Peter Hawkins, who in a brief speech said he was not a candidate, and did not wish to say anything.

Mr. Wm. Best gave a statement of his expenditure of the township funds, and asked the pathmasters to see that all rolling stones be picked off the roads.

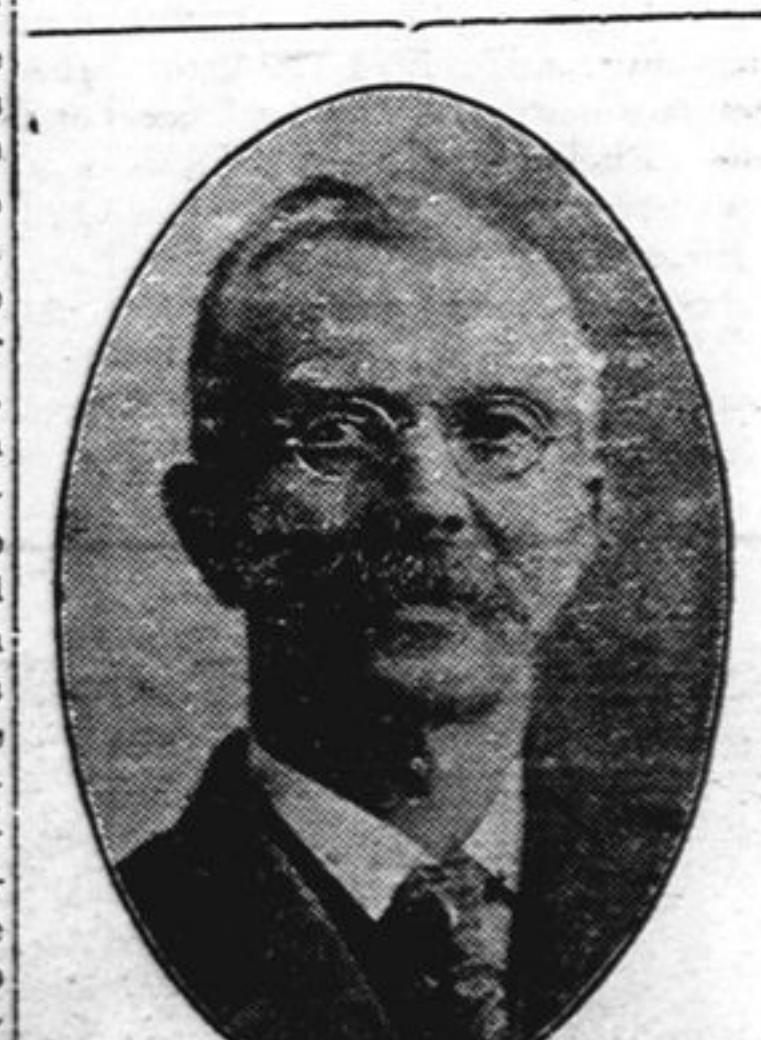
This was followed by addresses from Councilors Fred Hickson, Geo. Maloney and Wes. Walden. Mr. W. F. Sloan, who represented

the township in 1911, addressed the electors, and gave satisfaction. He said in part: "I am here to-day to please the people, and at the urgent request of many of the ratepayers of the township of Ops I am out as a candidate for municipal honors." Mr. Sloan asked the generous support of the ratepayers.

Mr. John Brock asked that the support of the ratepayers be given him, as there was no representative in his division. "I will endeavor to do what is just and right if elected, and if you have any doubt about me give me the benefit this time."

A vote of thanks was given the chairman, on motion of Messrs. Hawkins and Robertson.

Reeve Robertson thanked the electors for placing him in office for the coming year, and wished all a prosperous New Year, knowing that each one would make it happy.



Re-elected Reeve of Sturgeon Point by acclamation.

CAMBRY. Cambry, Dec. 23.—Mr. Thos. Parson has returned from a visit with his son in Hamilton.

Miss Hazel Bagshaw is visiting Mrs. Geo. Bagshaw.

Mrs. Rich. James is in Oshawa for the holidays.

Mr. Samuel Chambers, of Fairfax, Man., is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Several young men arrived home from the West recently.

Miss Winnie Jones, of the Whitby Ladies' College, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Manning.

Colin McLash, farmer, of Bruce County, is applying for divorce.