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**HOLIDAY SALE, CHRISTMAS BARGAINS**  
We are more than prepared For Santa Claus:  
Few Articles for 5c:  
Matchboxes, China Statues, Pitchers, Pepper and Salt Plates, Cups, Saucers, Souvenir Opal Plates, Illuminated Trays, Salt Stands, Tea Pot, Porcelain Mirrors 2 for 5c and 5c  
Linen Paper Picture Books, Toys, Dolls, Engines and Cars, Home-made Bibles, Dolls, Jock-in-the-Box, Batteries, all for five cents.  
50 Cent Articles:  
Bridgewood Ware—Pin Trays, Ring Holders, Pick Trays, Jewel Boxes, Opal Plates, China Cream Jugs, Bread and Butter Plates, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Opal Frames, Toys, and Caskets, Christmas Picture Books and Work Books.  
10c and 25c:  
Cups and Saucers, Fancy Opal Plates, Salad Dishes, Opal Collar and Cuff Buttons, Opal Candle Sticks, Opal Symply, Opal Portage Sets, Opal Symply, Opal Boxes, Shaving Kits, Musical Boxes, Fancy Shell Boxes and Photo Albums.  
Neckwear and Gloves  
Bargain Days:  
White, Blk, Red and Navy Wool Gloves, reg 25c 22c  
Blk and White Kid Gloves, also Col-d Undressed Kids, reg 75c 65c  
Lined Mocha Gloves, reg \$1.25 BD \$1.20, reg \$1.15 95c  
Silk Lined Mocha Gloves, reg \$1.25 Misses' reg 75c 65c  
Kid Gloves, lined, Monarch Brand, reg \$1.10 95c  
Kid's and Boy's Lined Kid Gloves, reg 65c BD 50c, reg 80c 65c  
Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts, fur topped, reg \$1.25 \$1.00  
Mocha and Kid Mitts, reg \$1.25 BD 98c  
S-k Ties, little boys, in spots, plains, colors, plaids, reg 28c 25c  
S-k Ties, reg 37c 32c  
Linen Collars, sizes 12 1/2 to 17 1/2, reg 13c 10c  
S-k Ties, reg 20c BD 10c, reg 30c BD 10c, reg 25c 18c  
S-k Ties, navy white, spotted and black, samples, reg 25c 15c  
Boxes New Derby and Four-in-hand Ties, reg 35c 25c  
Hosiery, Underwear and Wool Mitts  
Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, special ankles and feet, reg 55c 47c  
Main Blk Cashmere Hose, special seamless feet, reg 55c 45c  
Heavy Union Hose, reg 25c BD 15c, Ladies' Card Drawers, 99c  
Heavy Vests, reg 17c BD 13c; reg 20c BD 17; reg 22c 18c  
Heavy Vests and Drawers, reg 28c BD 22c; 37c BD 32c, 75c  
BD 65c, \$1.00 BD 80c  
Blk Drawers, reg \$1.10 BD 95c, Children's reg 80c 70c  
White Wool Mitts, reg 18c BD 15c; reg 22c 18c  
Blk and White Wool Mitts, reg 27c BD 22c, reg 22c 18c  
White Wool Mitts, reg 18c BD 15c; Silk trimmed, reg 22c 20c  
Blk and White Booties, silk tassels, reg 35c 30c  
Heavy Wool Shirts and Drgrs, reg 80c 70c  
Heavy Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, reg 85c 73c  
Fleece Lined Underwear, reg 50c 40c  
Wool Shirts and Drawers, reg 45c BD 35c; reg 75c 65c  
Heavy Top Shirts, reg \$1.00 BD 80c; reg 75c 65c  
White Shirts, Laundered, reg 60c BD 50c; reg 75c 65c  
Table Linens, Napkins, Towels and Towelling  
Linen Table Linen, reg 28c BD 22c; reg 25c 21c  
Linen Table Linen, reg 33c BD 28c; reg 38c 33c  
Linen Table Linen, unbleached, reg 45c BD 35c; reg 75c BD 65 48 39c  
Cotton Table Linen, reg 95c BD 75c; reg 20c pair 15c  
Cotton Towels, reg 10c pair BD 20c; reg 35c BD 25c, reg 50c 40c  
Towels, samples, reg 8c BD 6c; reg 8c BD 6c; reg 11c 9c  
Napkins, samples, reg \$1.00 BD 80c; \$1.40 BD 95c; \$2.25 BD 1.50; \$2.50 BD \$1.85; \$2.00 BD 1.50  
Ladies' Felt Underwear, Hosiery and Wrappers  
Flette Night Gown, reg 55c BD 45c; reg 65c 52c  
Flette Night Gown, reg 80c Ladies' Flette Drawers, reg 38c BD 30c; reg 40c 32c  
Flette Blouses, reg 80c 67c  
Flette Blouses, reg 85c and 90c 70c  
Flette Blouses, reg 85c and 90c 70c  
White and Colored Blouses, reg \$2.25 BD 1.90; reg \$3.50 \$2.90  
White and Colored Silk Blouses, reg 4.50 BD 3.75; reg 5.25 \$4.50  
Blk and Colored Skirts, reg \$1.00 BD 75c; reg \$2.00 \$1.50  
Flette Wrappers, reg \$2.00 BD \$1.50; reg \$1.35 1.00  
Quilted, Lace Curtains, Rinds and Table Covers  
Table Spreads, fringed, 14, reg \$1.35 BD 90c; Colored Spreads \$1.60 \$1.25  
Table Spreads, Gold and Silver, with fringe, reg \$1.75 \$1.25  
Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, reg \$1.10 BD 85c; reg \$1.75 \$1.25  
Old Shade Blinds, from 70c to 90c BD 50c; reg \$1.00 75c  
Blinds, reg 35c BD 24c; reg 65c 52c  
Blinds, Green and Brown, Blue and Brown, Green and Grey, Cardina, and Grey reg \$2.25 \$1.50  
Table Table Covers, full size, reg \$2.85 \$2.50  
Table Size Mercerized Table Covers, fancy colors, reg 65c 40c  
Table Scrim, reg 6c BD 5c; reg 10c BD 8c, reg 12c 10c  
Small Wares and Fancy Goods  
Chenille Cards, reg 12c BD 9c. 50 shades Silko, reg 5c 4c  
Formas 18 in reg 25c BD 21c; 14 in reg 20c BD 17c, 9 in reg 12c 10c  
Silk Ribbons, reg 7c BD 5c. All Shades Pon Pons bd 11c doz.  
1 1/2 inch Fancy Dresden Ribbon, reg 12c BD 9c Plaid Ribbons, reg 28c BD 22c, ends of Fancy Ribbon 1 and 1 1/2 yards bd 5c Fancy  
Pins, reg 10c 8c  
Bead Chains in White, Blue, Black and Blue and White, reg 30 25c  
Beads, very special Christmas Presents, reg \$3.00 BD 2.50; 2.00 1.70; 1.25 BD 95c; bd 45c  
Purses for Wrist Bags, reg 28c BD 22c; reg 35c 28c  
Fancy Tortoise Shell Hair Pins, reg 25c BD 20c; reg 18c 13c  
Silk Cord Girdles, very new, reg \$1.35 BD \$1.15; Oxidized Girdles, reg 85c 65c  
Blood Belts, reg 28c BD 22c; Fancy Belts, Oxidized Buckles, 55c 45c  
Embroidered Corner Handkerchief, reg 15c BD 9c; 13c BD 10c; 10c 7c. Fancy Insertion and Lace Trimmed 28c BD 20c; 25 18c  
Silk, Battenburg trim, Handkerchiefs, reg \$1.50 BD 1.25; 1.10 90c  
Silk Handkerchiefs, colored borders, reg 50c BD 40c. White Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, reg 28c 24c  
Dress Goods and Hosiery Goods  
Black Dress Goods, reg 60c and 65c BD 47c, reg 90c 70c  
Colored Dress Goods and Fleck and Nubbed Effects, reg 60c 48c  
Cardinal, Navy, Cream, Black, and Pale Blue Lustre, reg 55c 45c  
Homespun, \$1.10 BD 90c; reg 1.00 BD 85c; reg 60c 40c  
Satin Silks for Blouses, reg 80c BD 75c; reg 60c 40c  
Japan Silk for Blouses, 36in reg 55c BD 43c; reg 75c 62c  
Vesting for Blouses, reg 40c BD 30c. White Lawn, reg 11c BD 10c  
Yarns, Wools and Woollen Goods  
Floss and Berlin Wools, all shades 1 oz. skeins, reg 7c 6c  
Black and Colored Scotch Fingering, reg 75c lb (16 skeins) 60c  
Wool Yarns, 6c for 5c; 8c for 7c; 10c 8c  
Wool Yarns, white Grey and Black; Children's Colored, reg 55c 45c  
Wool Hoods, reg 50c BD 40c; Children's Colored, reg 55c 45c  
Wool Shawls, reg 55c BD 40c; reg \$1.15 90c  
Wool Wrappers, reg 1.00, 1.10 BD 90c; reg 2.00, 1.75 1.50  
Cloth Mantles, reg \$7.50 5.00  
Fur, Fur Mantles and Coat  
Seal Coney Scarfs, reg 1.50 BD 1.00; reg 3.50 3.00  
Electric Seal Scarfs, reg \$5.75 BD 4.75; reg 7.00 6.00  
Alaska Sable Scarfs, reg \$23.00 18.00  
Goat Robes, reg \$9.50 BD 8.25; reg \$7.50 BD 7.50; reg 11.00 \$9.50  
Bocheran Capelines, reg 7.00 BD 6.00; reg 12.00 9.50  
Seal Gauntlets, reg 5.50 BD 4.50; Grey Lamb Gaunt's, 5.00 4.00  
Women's Moscow Beaver Caps, reg 8.50 BD 2.50; reg 3.75 3.00  
Persian Lamb Caps, reg \$9.50 BD 8.00; reg 7.00 6.00  
Astrachan Mantles, reg 24.00 BD 20.00; reg 30.00 26.00  
Persian Lamb Coats, reg \$120.00 BD 100.00 reg 140.00 \$120.00

**PROVOKED BEYOND ENDURANCE SAID HIS HONOR JUDGE HARDING**

The Final Act in the Hopkins-Steers Case Played to a Finish at the December Sessions

The final act in the police court disturbance, which occurred at the investigation in the case against Simon Marshall before P. M. Deacon, was played to a finish in the December sessions, and the conduct of Mr. Hopkins was completely justified, although under the instruction of his honor Judge Harding the jury were forced to bring on a verdict of guilty of assault, yet in inflicting the fine his honor found that Mr. Hopkins had been "provoked beyond endurance," and he would therefore only inflict a nominal fine of twenty cents. We hope that the public, or rather our cotem is now satisfied. After much labor the mountain has brought forth a little—yes a very little—mouse. There was no reason why this disturbance should have been magnified—and made to appear as one where class was distinguished—the poor from the rich. The one man who could best afford to pay a fine, has been declared to have been "provoked beyond endurance," and fined 20 cents.

A short time ago in the police court, just prior to the resignation of P. M. Steers, a well-to-do merchant was charged with an assault, and the complainant having sworn that he had called the merchant "a liar" and was struck for doing so, the magistrate said to him "it served you right," and dismissed the case.

But lest our readers might think we are depriving them of the right to pass judgment on the matter, we give them a short resume of the case.

Chief Constable Nevison testified that the witness, Lillie Blanchard, was being examined by Mr. Hopkins before P. M. Deacon in the Marshall case, and that Mr. Steers had been interrupting Mr. Hopkins, when that latter said: "If you don't stop that you'll get into trouble." Mr. Steers, who was sitting down, got up and came over to where Mr. Hopkins was standing, who stepped back as Mr. Steers came up and was standing immediately in front of Constable Crawford. Mr. Steers came close up to Mr. Hopkins and said: "I'll get into trouble will I? where will the trouble come from?" Mr. Hopkins was facing him, with his hands up as if to guard, and after standing in this position for a short time, Mr. Steers hurries away, and just as he turned looked over his shoulder and said to Mr. Hopkins: "You pup," whereupon the latter kicked him. In cross-examination the witness said that Mr. Steers had been walking up and down in the court room interrupting Mr. Hopkins and making personal remarks and behaving himself as no lawyer ever before done in a court within the memory of the witness, and that he had laid an information against him for using insulting and abusive language on this occasion towards Mr. Hopkins, and that on this information Mr. Steers had been fined. That when Mr. Steers advanced and was standing close the latter had asked the Magistrate to have him removed

ed or to make him keep quiet, but the magistrate had not interfered, and after this it was that Mr. Steers turning away used the expression, "You're a pup," and received a kick promptly.

Constable Crawford corroborated Chief Nevison's statements and said, that as he sat behind Mr. Hopkins whilst he was cross-examining the witness, he could not tell just how close Mr. Steers came, but that Mr. Hopkins had stepped back to where Constable Crawford was sitting as Mr. Steers came up, and facing Mr. Steers asked the court to have this quieted, or removed, and then followed the "you pup" and the kick. At this the witness stood up and put his hands on Mr. Hopkins' shoulders.

Mr. H. Nosworthy, reporter for the Post, told about the same story as the former witnesses, and without being asked added that after Mr. Hopkins had kicked Steers he, (Hopkins) stepped back two or three paces into the arms of Constable Crawford. On cross-examination he admitted that he had not taken any notes and that in the report in the Post he had stated what was not true when he wrote that Mr. Hopkins had said "take that back, or I'll make you take it back." No such words had been used, and he added that he had never seen counsel or lawyer in any case conduct himself as Mr. Steers had done on that day.

Mr. Steers, who seemed rather to insist on being sworn, testified that he had insulted Mr. Hopkins; that his purpose in going up to him was to try to provoke him to commit an assault to see if he was man enough to strike him; that he was not angry, only tantalizing, as he thought Hopkins was making personal allusions when cross-examining the girl; and that he had written the letter of apology which appeared in the Post.

Mr. Hopkins said that what he had done was in self-defence after asking several times for the magistrate to interfere, and having put up with the abuse as long as he could stand it, he had at last when called a pup raised his foot on Mr. Steers; that as the word came the blow followed almost involuntarily.

Mr. McSweeney was associated with Mr. Hopkins in the Marshall case and said that Mr. Steers' conduct was scandalous on that occasion, and that Mr. Hopkins was being interrupted and insulted, and that he (Mr. McSweeney) had asked the magistrate to stop it, but in vain.

His Honor, Judge Harding, with-drew from the jury the question of justification and left with them the simple question of assault, saying that he would deal with the matter of justification after they brought in their verdict.

After the jury had retired Mr. H. O'Leary, K.C., objected to the charge and asked that the whole question of assault and provocation be left to the jury, but his honor adhered to his ruling, and of course the jury on the ruling had no alternative but to bring in a verdict of guilty, which His Honor dealt with as stated at the heading, and here ends what was sought to be magnified into a great public wrong, which was nothing more than a ten-penny hat-penny wrangle, in which one party forgot his position, and forced the other to resent an insult.

participate in the construction they could do so by petitioning for a sewer.

Ald. Cinnamon had understood that property owners in that part of the town could secure the right to participate in the use and cost of a proper sanitary sewer on the proposed route of sewer. If they did not wish to do so then the county would be at liberty to follow their own plans.

Moved by Ald. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Matender, that the matter be referred back to Mr. McNeillie, and that the clerk be instructed to notify him that the plan is not in compliance with the by-law.—Carried.

From Stewart & O'Connor submitting an account for \$25 from the Trent Valley Navigation Co. for use of land leased by them and used by the town as a dock.

The Y. M. C. A. were larger than ordinary sizes and he had to make special patterns. He had refused to make same at 3 cents per pound. If the inspector was here he would endorse him. He had no objection to cut out cartage if that was the custom.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Clerk Knowlson explained that he had the financial statement on the table, but it was very incomplete. It was impossible to have it complete in one day, but it would be ready on Friday.

Mayor Sootheran said that it was unfortunate that the end of the year was on the 13th and the payment of taxes was on the 14th. There was over \$10,000 taken in on Tuesday.—Laid on table.

Ald. O'Reilly pointed out that last year the present council seriously objected to the vast amount of unfinished business left over from the previous council. Now they were going to ask next council to take up that audit, why not do it themselves. For one he was prepared to do so. He thought everything was all right in the town treasurer's office and systematically conducted, but there was a desire for an audit. Ald. Cinnamon could not see what good could be accomplished by taking the question up now.

Ald. Storer said that it would be weeks before anything could be done.

THE BUTCHERS' BY-LAW  
The offer of Geo. Calvert on behalf of other butchers, offering to pay for the by-law, was read.

Moved by Ald. Robinson, seconded by Ald. McCrae, that the request be granted and the mayor instructed to take the necessary steps to prepare a by-law.

Council then adjourned until Friday evening.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE  
Omemee  
Municipal and political matters are now occupying people's attention, although somewhat interspersed with the holiday entertainments.

Mr. Will Neill will soon be able to be out again.

The local issuer of marriage licenses predicts a harvest of marriages during the approaching holidays.

Several new industries and improvements for our village are expected for 1904.

And now what people would like to know is "Who is to be reeve?"

FRANKLIN  
We have had a very cold December, but Sunday and Monday were extremely severe. The frost found its way into a good many cellars. The roads in this section are mostly covered with ice.

Municipal matters are beginning to be talked of. Many names are spoken of, but it is not yet definitely settled who will be the men, but if all run whose names are mentioned there will be a lively election.

There is a lot of wood coming into the yard here. Some of it is going to Lindsay, Peterboro, and Port Hope.

Mr. Guy Tripp and men are in the swamp taking out telegraph poles. Guy is a hustler and intends to take out a lot of poles.

Mr. Jos. Sisson got very bad cut while working in the swamp with Sandy Veals last week. He was trimming a cedar which had partly lodged, and while up on the top of it, lost his balance and fell on the face of his ax, which entered his leg above the knee. He is progressing favorably.

ISLAY  
Mr. W. Wilson of Buffalo, formerly an old cslay boy, is visiting friends in this locality.

Miss M. Naylor of C. L. Lindsay, was home for Sunday.

Mr. C. Elford returned from Manitoba last week. He speaks highly of the prairie province as an agricultural district.

Mr. D. McFadyen is having a windmill erected on his barn.

miles east of Haliburton last week. It ran by its own power until the big hill over the mountain on the Essonville road was reached. There the icy hills were too much. It was taken apart and drawn on sleds to its destination.

The stove mill is running to its full capacity since the introduction of the electric light plant in the factory.

ESSONVILLE  
A basket social under the auspices of the local orange lodge was held in the English church school room on Thursday evening last.

The attendance was large, visitors being present from Pusey, Tory Hill, Wilberforce and Haliburton. Mr. Bemister of Haliburton ably acted as chairman.

The program consisted of songs by Mr. Barle, and others; dialogues, and addresses by Col. Sam Hughes M.P., J. H. Carnegie M.P., Howard McGuire and the chairman. The baskets brought lively bidding under the direction of Mr. Somerville. Altogether a very pleasant evening was passed and a handsome sum was realized for the lodge.

HARTLEY  
Anniversary services in connection with the Hartley Methodist church, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27th.

Rev. W. T. Wickett of Victoria Road will preach at 2:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. On Tuesday, 29th, a high-class tea will be held in the hall, followed by a most enjoyable entertainment. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. Ferguson of Glenora and Henderson of Lindsay. See posters for particulars.

OAKWOOD AND VICINITY  
Mr. Will Pascoe was buying in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dames are visiting in this vicinity this week.

Miss L. Cameron was confined to the house last week but is able to be out again.

Mrs. Reazin of Lindsay visited in the village last week.

Mr. John Thorndyke came from Toronto last Friday evening. He accompanied a surveying party to the Northwest and naturally has an immense fund of anecdotes.

The house of Rev. Webster narrowly escaped fire Monday morning owing to a defective chimney.

Rev. Webster was in Toronto a few days recently, a student of Toronto filling his appointments last Sunday, day.

The Methodist Sunday school is giving an entertainment in the town hall on Thursday next, Christmas eve.

The concert is in charge of a good committee who are sparing no pains to make it the best entertainment of the season. Come and enjoy the evening and make the children happy for Christmas, by placing presents on the Christmas tree.

Township council wound up this year's business on Tuesday, well satisfied we presume, with the year's work. It is safe to say that it redeemed one of its pledges by doing the best it could.

W. J. Pearson was in the village on Monday purchasing horses. The purchase was not a very large one.

Mr. Jos. Penrose is recovering from his late illness.

Pascoe Bro's. store presents an attractive appearance at this season. The stock is as complete as you find in any out-of-the-way place.

LITTLE BRITAIN  
Dr. Neelands, of Neelands & Irvine dentists, Lindsay, will be at Jenk's hotel, Little Britain, on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd. Keep the date in mind.

GLENARM  
Now that the cold snap is over, or appears to be over, we are expecting better things from the weather man.

Mr. D. McKenzie, who has been dangerously ill, is slowly recovering.

Mr. Wm. Wilson of Chicago, delighted his many friends with a short visit.

Last Monday night a select few of the elect of Glenarm society were treated by Mr. Andy McKay to a sleigh ride.

Among those present were, Misses Annie Nicholson, S. McKay, Maggie Murchison, Annie Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Angus, Mr. Nicholson, H. McKay and Master Daniel Tormie.

Mrs. Jos. Resden, after a long and trying illness, is much improved in both health and spirits.

Mr. Geo. Williamson, who has now become an old and respected resident of our village, contemplates departing from us in the near future.

Mr. Vinse Hart, who recently purchased a splendid horse and cutter, cuts quite a shine on our roads.

Mr. Jack McCallum, teacher at No. 1, after three years good and faithful service, will leave at New Years for Eden Mariposa, where he will resume his favorite calling of teaching the young idea how to shoot.

BURY'S GREEN  
The sleighing is good in this section; no drifts or pitch-holes as yet. The weather, however, has been intensely cold.

The entertainment on the 14th inst., under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday school was a success in every way. The attendance was large and everybody present enjoyed themselves.

WOODVILLE  
Mr. W. A. Campbell of Woodville is offering special values in the following for Christmas: Oranges, lemons, pineapples, bananas, grapes, cranberries, coconuts, candies, dried fruits, fish and oysters, tobaccos and cigars.