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LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Once more the joyous season of Christmas is with us. In a few days the people of Canada and all civilized lands the world over will unite in celebrating the birth of a Saviour in a stable in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago, and the angelic salutation, "Peace on earth to men of good will," then uttered for the first time to man, will be repeated in all quarters of the globe...

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Here in Victoria Co. we have great cause to be thankful and to enter with joyous hearts into the festivities of Christmas. But while we do so let us not forget that this world is but the antechamber to the Great Beyond, whether our friends are passing daily, and we, too, must follow, sooner or later. Let our rejoicings, then, be in accord with the spirit of the season, and in ministering to the happiness of others we shall perhaps find our greatest delight.

A MORAL COWARD.

Matters are going from bad to worse with Col. Hughes, and if there is a decent man in the constituency not thoroughly disgusted, it is exceedingly strange. His mouth is perpetually open and his tongue is perpetually wagging in the manufacture of the most deliberate, disgusting slanders against respectable people, for no other purpose than if possible to try to bolster up something in the shape of a reputation for himself. He does not hesitate to slander and injure his own town and county, if by so doing he can bring on to a little bit of personal credit.

During the last few weeks all through the county he has been slandering, with all his might, as put up some explanation for the first statement was that they were fact that a normal majority of about 800 was cut down to 300 in a 17 days campaign, while he had been devoting his whole time for years to canvassing the constituency. His pet explanation has been that bogus ballot boxes were used. Thus the good name of the county has to suffer, and a vile reflection of this kind is thrown upon the Deputy Returning Officers of the counties of Victoria and Haliburton. His used near Bancroft. This would be in the township of Cardiff. Since, he has been circulating that they were used elsewhere.

Cardiff writes as follows: "Of Col. Hughes or any one else has been circulating that bogus ballot boxes were used at the last Dominion election in the township of Cardiff, or they are in my opinion guilty of deliberate and unbacked falsehood. I feel confident that not even one of his supporters in Cardiff would infer such an idea to the beautiful Colonel. Surely this man must be a manufacturer. I have been long and intimately acquainted with the other two Deputy Returning Officers in Cardiff, and both are above any such suspicions."

Another Deputy writes as follows: "In Division No. 1, where I was a Deputy, I can say positively that no boxes except the one supplied by the Returning Officer was used, and the Deputy from No. 2, Division 1, know to be a very conscientious man. I would venture to say that all the machines combined could not put up money enough to induce him to do a wrong act. If he knew it; while as for No. 3, if one of the bogus boxes, was used there the Deputy must have got the switch reversed as the Col. got all the ballots but two."

The Deputy for No. 2, writes: "Cardiff has no bogus ballot boxes, and never heard of such a thing until after the election was over. I deny anyone to say truthfully that I used a bogus ballot box."

Col. Hughes has always been busy in slandering. He has never yet been man enough, either, to apologize except when made, or to put up any proof for any slanders he has circulated. We do now challenge him, and demand, in the name of the Deputy Returning Officers for the constituency, an apology—public and open,—for circulating slanders he has circulated throughout the Dominion, or to name the Deputy Returning Officer, who he says used the bogus box. If he had the simplest semblance of honesty, and had such suspicions, he would lay an information at once. Things have gone so far in this constituency that they cannot be allowed to go further. It is up to him now to be man enough to name the offender or apologize to the Deputies of the constituency. If he names the offender he will be given a chance in court to prove his statement. It would be too much to expect him to take any court proceedings himself.

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A Case of Bigamy.

The bigamy case of King vs. Rogers, which was on the docket of the County Court last week, but was taken from the jury at the defendant's request, will come before His Honor Judge Dean on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock a.m. at the Court House.

Business College Notice.

The term for the New Year at the Federal Business College, Lindsay, opens on Monday, January 2, 1905, when new students may begin any of our practical courses of study and receive that special individual instruction which, to a great extent, accounts for the fact that students of this college are so generally qualified for responsible positions in an almost incredibly short time.

County Court Criminal Cases are not Secret.

There is said to be some misapprehension in the public mind as to the status of trials by the County Judge, of persons charged with offences against the criminal law, the impression in some quarters being that such trials are not public courts. These courts are in all respects accessible to the public as are any other courts in the law, and in this regard, and in the application of the laws of evidence, they do not differ from the other courts of criminal jurisdiction.

PERSONALS

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, of Lifford, was in town Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Grills, and daughter Eliza, of Argyle, visited town friends Tuesday. Mr. Fulton, of Toronto, formerly a student in the office of Drs. Neelands & Irvine, is in town for the Christmas vacation.

BIRTHS

MANNING.—At the Methodist parsonage, St. Mary's, on Saturday, 17th, 1904, the wife of the Rev. T. Manning, of a daughter. CUNNINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Cunningham, of a daughter, Rebecca, a daughter. MILLAR.—On Tuesday, Dec. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Millar, of a daughter.

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3 TOTALLY WRECKED RUNNING BLOCKADE.

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Shanghai, Dec. 21.—There appears to be no doubt that the commander of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozov, who has been detained here since his vessel arrived after the battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets off Port Arthur on August 10, took passage on the steamer Argenta, reported by Vladivostok. The commander carried valuable charts and documents. British Steamer Caught. Tokyo, Dec. 21.—The British steamship King Arthur was captured while attempting to leave Port Arthur Monday by the Japanese guardship Asagiri. It is understood that the King Arthur took supplies to Port Arthur. She had on board 125 men and 150 tons of supplies. The King Arthur was taken to Saiboo for trial.

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