. ************** THE EMPTY STOCKINGS.

The firelight flickers soft across the floor And plays among the shadows here and there As though it sought the lad who comes no more, To let it lay its gold upon his hair. And she-she sits alone here in the glow And smooths the empty stockings on her knee, And sighs and smiles, and thinks of long ago When jolly lights were dancing in the tree.

The empty stockings! It is Christmas Eve, And distant songs come faintly from without, While blithest chimes take up the thread and weave A singing fabric blent with boyish shout; But she has none of all the outer joy, She has shut in herself with all her grief, With all her fend remembrance of her boy, The steekings and a withered helly wreath,

She minds the times his rear little feet Have faitered as they came across the room; She minds his laugh = no earel was more sweet ; The firelight ereeps up to her, from the gloom ; The firelight seems to tire of all its play, And somes to rest about her while she broods Save that some deneing flashes fain would stray Into the whisper-haunted selitudes,

And so the fire burns low, the coafs turn red, And die inte a lifeless, lisking gray-Then out upon the midnight air is sped The burst of sound saluting Christmas Day I Then she amid the chiming clamor hears His voice! What other accent could it be? A smile of peace gleams sunlike through her tears-Sha smooths the empty stockings on her knee. -Wilbur D. Nesbit, in Harper's Weekly,

CHRISTMASTIDE.

loyous season of Christmas is at hand, and every heart, we trust, is fit? It would almost appear so-if ination and election of a Council for tenderly responsive to its sweet in- | fnot from where does she get her | 1906 was then passed. fluences. We are told by some writers that the stern commercialism of the age is inimical to such influences and possibly there is some measure of truth in the assertion, yet we know that nover have gifts to hospitals and similar institutions for the cure and alleviation of the ills of suffering humanity, been larger or more numerous, nor has there ever been a time when the victim of emisfortune found speedier relief than is afforded to-day by the people of our own and sister communities. It, may be that in the great trade cen--tres the florecness of the struggle For supremacy is leading to the diffusion of charity through agents and thereby robbing the giver of the sweet savor of his good act-the porsonal knowledge of need and the grateful thanks of the recipient, but if the intention is good we may safely leave the rest to Him who knowoth all things.

Dounty of Victoria-which has shared | the interior. At the present time so bountifully in the prosperity that | she has only one line to the coast has blessed all parts of the Domin- (from Qrurg to a short one from the ion of late years-have good cause | great mining centre of La Paz to to be deeply thankful to God. The year has been peaceful and prosperbus, of want and misery there is no ! minerals of all kinds, these new ventrave, and little is left for good tures afford good investments for christians to do but to acknowledge | somebody, and no doubt British in-His great mercies and via with one another in promoting the happiness of those about them.

. The Post cordially wishes all its renders a Morry Christmas!

THE EMPIRE'S TRADE.

At is interesting, in view of the loud talking done by our neighbors to the south and others, about themsolves and generally to the detriment of our mother country, to take a glance at the official figures con--cerping the trade statistics of the world. We are indebted to the "Commercial Intelligence" published in London, England, for the facts we are now laying before our readers. For some time past this paper, which has correspondents in all parts of the world, has been giving the imports and exports of one country after another, taking one up each week, It has a rather unique way of placing the facts before its readers. Usually it gives a map of the country in question, with a small corner map comparing the size of Britain with it, also two circles, one for imports and one for exports, the one made in proportion to the size of the other as the imports are to the exports, and each circle cut off into cumbent, and Mr. Jas. H. Hopkins, is sections showing the amount of trade | taking on strenuous characteristics. It is probably not surprising to most of our readers -- who we are as-

done with other countries, giving the | Nominations will be held to-morrow amounts in pounds sterling. In the (Friday) at the old Township Hall, map are all the centres of trade of any size, with a small flag denoting | result of being misinformed, we alwhether a consul or a vice-consul of the British Empire is resident there. sured have a living interest in what the heart of the Empire is doingthat Britain is the best customer in exports of the majority of the nations of the earth, although with very few is she the best customen In imports. In Europe there are not more than three on four countries who do not claim Britain as their best customer, and the proportion of countries outside of Europe as very little different. All the A good paper on home-made Christ- sideration of the Logia road by- ed the whole of Mr. Cunnings' office areat trading nations, such as Germany, France, United States, Japan, India, Canada, etc., claim Britmin as their best customer, and when the whole Empire is included it takes in quite a few more. When we come to imports, however, the number of -countries that import more from Bri- Lindsay, Peterboro, Port Hope, Cotain than from any other country is bourg, Belleville, Napance, Picton and terms of the by-law, regarding the exceedingly small-in fact could al- Kingston, will take place on Jan. 9 water course, smost be counted on one's fingers. This is one of the most surprising First day-2,40 class, trot or pace, his bond of indemnity to the Counpopundrums that presents itself to \$100; 2.21 class, trot or page, \$100, | bil it mattered not about the wathe political economist. Here is a Second day - 2.28 class, trot or ter course. Mr. Fee said he would ters these days. nountry that, according to official pace, \$100; free-for-all, \$125. Trotters to have five seconds. Coned in so far as the watercourse is
can't lie) receives more by many can't lie) receives more by many fivep er cent. additional from win-

is getting richer, immensely richer, every day. Is the balance of trade lector. One again the holy, mysterious and | which some economists (so-called) state is against her, really her prowealth?

The latest map out is that of Bolivia, a country with which we as referred to Mr. Beat for settlement Canadians have very little if anything to do. Bolivia is a country without any seaboard, so that all her trade has to pass through either Chili or Peru. This is one of those the exports largely exceed the imports, and yet it seems to us that not long ago she was seeking to compromise with her creditors. The leading countries she deals with are

Britain 16 p. c., Chili and United States 7 p. c. each, and so on down the list. These are the imports, and as usual Britain is down on the list, but when it comes to exports she heads it. Just at present Boways and has made a bargain with the neighboring Republic of Chili to We who are residents of this grand | build several lines from the coast to Lake Titleaca-the capital Sucre not As the country is extremely rich vestors will get their share-which is usually not a small one,

EDITORIAL MOTES

The Kingston News Printing comof the old News company, has dis- | terest of the township that all byposed of its interests to Mr. Newton publisher, of Whitby, He took possession on the Oth inst. There will be | tained. Mr. J. Cayley said it was no change in the staff. Mr. Newton | time that all by-roads be closed and will continue his business in Whitby. | that the township money be ex-

The Mail and Empire is to be comfollows; "It is stated by one of the organs that a newly-appointed license inspector attended a Conservative Association meeting at Listowel, and took part in politics, Whether the statement be true or not we do not know; but this much is cartain-officials are out of politics, and the officer who participates in party work cannot retain his position. The Whitney Government did not undertake to stop partisanship in the publie service in order to introduce the same evil of a different stripe, All officers will attend to their public | paid by Messrs. Reid and Fox. Mr. duties exclusively or get out.

Ops Nominations.

The fight for the reeveship of Ops between Mr. Jackson, the present inand an interesting time is expected In a recent issue of The Post, as the inded to Mr. Coulter, of the township, as a defeated Councillor., Mr. C. did no trun last year, but is in the field now for a position at the Council board, and will likely get it,

Woman's Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the local branch of the Woman's Iustitute was held in the Y.M.C.A. par- bor, Mr. Magahey, who wanted a betlor on Friday afternoon, with a fair | ter frontage, but after due considered by different members to interber of Canadian Good Housekeeping. | onded by Mr. Best, that further conpretty specimens were exhibited. A good program for the next meeting

The opening of the Cantdian ice circuit, which comprises Port Perry, and 10 at Port Perry. Following is Mr. Hopkins explained the matter Saturday evening. Dec. 23rd. A ed against the land s. w. st. w. No. the programme:

CLOSING OF A BY-ROAD AROUSES A LOT OF INTEREST.

More Wire Fence Bonuses — Other Matters of Interest to Ops Ratepayers.

The final meeting of Ops Council was bold on Friday, 15th inst., After the reading and confirmation of the minutes lof last regular meeting the members produced their personal accounts for the year, and after comparing and examining the same they were, with some other accounts, passed, and on motion of Messrs. Hickson and Sluggatt, paid, to he printed in the treasurer's financial statement; The othaccounts referred to are, Home for Aged, \$50.22; Dr. Gillennie, ser-R. McNeillie, for repairs on approach: her, under Co. Commissioner H. Patterson, \$87.00; Mambara of H., \$2 each, \$10.00; J. G. Edwards. for sement, \$6.00; interm orders, F. Beamish and R. Lee, \$22.50. COMMUNICATIONS.

'A letter from the Hon. Minister of Crown Lands and Mines, confirming Mr. Dickson's survey of roadway. near Reaboro and ordering the payment of his account. A letter from Jes. H. Hopkins, resigning the office of pathmaster of Beat No. 21, and that of bondsman for the col-

ELECTION BY-LAW. The by-law providing for the nom-

Mr. Alex Simons asked pay for jobbers without parmission, and was of a claim for three dollars for the

Mr. B. O'Connell was on motion of Messrs. Sluggett and Hickson allowed a bonus for 60 rods of wire fence, to be built next apring, and John O'-Rielly, lot 2, con. 1, was allowed a vided both remove their old fences this winter and build wire fences according to by-law. On motion of Mossrs, Roche and

Hickson, commissioners were permitted to apply some of their road appropriations to the payment of Peru 20 per cent., Germany 18 p. c., | wire fence accounts if necessary. At the request of Mr. Mahood the time for beginning work on Municipal Drain No. 3 was extended according to the drainage net.

S. J. Fox, M.P.P. addressed saying he was absent at time of livia is interesting herself in rail- appealed against his assessment, which was much higher than that of his neighbors, and he also found by his tax bill that he and his tenant, Mr. Woodvine were each taxed for the half acre occupied by the latter. The Council assured Mr. Fox that any double tax would be rebated. ROAD CLOSING.

During the afternoon session the Council room was crowded with rate. Logic roads, which were to be closed Mr. F. D. Moore appeared on behulf of those opposed to the closing of Omemoe road on Bill and Vill cons. and said the Council scomed to be legislating for a low instead of for the large number opposed to the by law. He thought the matter should be laft to the votes of those interested for and against, in the vicinity of the road. The Council pany, limited, recently formed out | said they deemed it to the best in-

Messra, D. H. Corneil, Dundas, and Crown, urged that the road ba mainpended on the right roads.

the road in question were closed the fitted pay all expenses incurred. The Reeve said that he personally had taken no active part in the matter, his desire, and that of the Council, was to do what was best best for the township as a whole. Statuts labor had been diverted from the road for past years with a view of closing it. The Council were not acting for a few as Mr. Moore stated, but for the whole township. They intended to deal fairly with all persons directly interested in the road and he assured those present that the costs so far incurred had been Stewart, solicitor, said the Council had power to act as they deemed best for the township, that if they desired a vote of the ratepayers on the matter the vote should be general and not sectional, as Mr. Moore suggested. The by-law received the usual readings and was passed, sign-

ed and senicd. LOGIE BY-ROAD, Mr. G. H. Hopkins addressed the Council on behalf of Messrs. Haugh, James and Thos. Mengher, who were opposed to the by-law and said the Council could not close the road in question without considering the rights of those owning park lots adjoining it who might be at a loss

if it were closed, Mr. Thos. Meagher addressed the Council on behalf of his father and himself, saying they had thoughtlessly signed a petition to close it at the urgent request of their neighrepresentation of ladies. The pro- ation they saw, that it would injure gram was as follows; A practical their property very much if it were

After discussing th ematter for some time, the following motion was esting articles in the December num- | made. Moved by Mr. Sluggett, scemas gifts came next and different, law be postponed till regular meerling of Council .- Carried. Mr. Roche moved, seconded by Mr.

Sluggett, that Jaa H. Hopkins' resignation be accepted, and that Walter Arksey, be accepted as bondsman in his place. - Carried. signed; he had not agreed with the Join now.

fully and said so long as Fee gave choice programme is being prepared. 8, Little Britain, \$3.94, That the his bond of indemnity to the Coun-

millions than she sends out, and yet | ner, | F. Smith, Buffalo, starter, | | Ops Board of Health presented | ed to enjoy the evening.

their yearly report and also that of Dr. Gilleppie, M.H.O., which shows but, one case of contagious disease occurring in Ops for the year now closing. The reports were fyled.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Mr. P. Kennedy, treasurer, handed in his annual statement which was accepted on motion, and at once sent to the printers.

Moved by Mr. Hickson, seconded by Mr. Sluggett, that the decision of the Hon. Minister of Crown Lands re survey near Reaboro be fyled, and hat Mr. Dickson be paid-Carried. COLLECTOR'S ROLL.

Mr. Marshall, collector, presented bis roll, saying there was about \$500 still out, promised, though not paid, The Council, rather than return the same against the lands off delinquents extended the time a few days to onforce payment if necessary and instructed the collector to return his roll to the tressurer with a detailed statement of statute labor and othor abstements, and of any lands itable to be returned to the County

After complimenting the Reave for he efficient and courteous mannar the Council of 1905 withdraw for their respective homes about 7.80 W. F. O'BOYLE, Clerk.

SHOT THREE BEARS.

Campbieford Hunter Has Rather Exciting Experience.

A close range encounter with five bears-Mr. and Mrs. Bruin and threa husky cubs-was the rather exciting experience of Mr. John McGinn, of Campbei.ford, quite recently, while he was hunting a few miles back of Havelock. Out of the quintet, he shot three and wounded one. McGinn is an old bunter-65 years

stone taken by pathmasters or road old-but he says that in all his varied and long experience he had no such a streak of luck as this.

As McGinn was running through the woods his keen vision perceived two young bears halfway up a tree. Warily he circled around until he had a favorable oportunity to paradises of the protectionists where bonus for 30 rods of wire fence, pro- shoot. Just as he was about to pour a bit of lead into one of the cubs. three other boars suddenly loomed up big in front of him, They seemed to have guoused what his untion boded for their fellows.

McGinn turned his attention to the more immediate danger of the three bears on the ground. He had only eight bullets in his rifle, With one well directed shot he killed mother bear. This had the effect of checking for an instant the advances of bruin and his cub. McGin took another chance and simed at the daddy bear, He didn't hit the brute in a vital spot, however, and the two turned and fled to the bushes. The hunter didn't follow. The two cubs were coming down the tree.

The marriage took place Dec. 13th of Mr. Hugh Wylie and Miss Elizaboth Gilmour, a popular Uphill couple, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. R. Welch, B. A., pastor of the Baptist church. Only a few reiatives of the bride were present The newly-married couple left for trip to Cleveland, Ohio, and other

Monday evening, Dec. 18th, 1905,

a very pretty wedding took place at the proposed outlet for the McArthe residence of Mr. David Ritchie. Blind River, in the presence of a few farm. intimate friends, when Maud Elizaboth Walsh, of Kinmount, and Thom- tically accepting the terms for the as Harding, also of Kinmount, was lease of a gravel pit as arranged in united in the solemn bonds of matri- Junuary, 1904. Mr. Ellis said he had always been mony by the Rev. T. W. Goodwill. mended for the views expressed as in favor of closing by-roads, but if Miss Olive Ritchie acted as bridesmaid and Mr. R. E. Miscrimius, of Council should see that those bene- Sault Ste Marie, ve ably supported of his fence from off the road allowthe groom. After the ceremony was | nnce. performed a very tasty supper was served by Mrs. Ritchie. Congratu -

Railroad Enterprise.

Railroad advertising, which at on time was limited to the publication of time tables and other cut-anddried data, has kept pace with the advance in other branches of the is now offering Bags of Oranges Free through the medium of Pacific coast newspapers, Each application is given a little bag of a particular brand of oranges, which is also being widely advertised, and adthe fruit is grown. The benefit of the "ads" is thus shared by the railroad, the towns through which it passes and the orange growers. Railroads advertising has been and will posa, continue to be a potent factor in the building up of the west.

OAKWOOD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.). The Presbyterian Sunday school hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday night, Dec McInnis occupied some time discus-25th. They purpose having another | sing the question as to the outlet of choice cantata entitled, "A Christmas Merry-go-Round," and it promises to be the best yet.

The directors of the Public Li-Dec. 12th. for the purpose of defin- hard every day for one year for one itely deciding upon new quarters for | million dollars. the Library, and the proposition submitted by Mr. Cunnings was accept- his roll cleaned up in good shape, ed. It is purposed to continue the Mr. Fowler was unable to complete reading room, and the Board secur- his roll on account of the smallpox | die, for the purpose. This will make a first class spot, being only two doors membership is only fifty cents a year large increase in membership is looked for. The payment of the fee entitles the members to take out three books at a time, and gives all the privileges of the reading room.

The Methodist Sunday school hold their Christmas entertainment on That the following item be charge,

The basket social held at the Carried. house of Mr. Lytle a couple of weeks Moved by Messrs. McPhaden and ago was a great success, the receipts Knight, that this Council accept the being over \$75.00. Everybody seem- | recent terms offered by Mrs. White-

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

ESTABLISHED 1880

Store Closed Christmas

THIS STORE closed all day MONDAY. December Twenty-fifth, and we take this opportunity of wishing all our friends A Merry, Merry Christmas.

munications Road and Accounts

Maripona Council met on Dec, 15, the members being all present and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

following communications were read; From W. E. Yarnold, fully endorsing the present location of thur drain on Angus McCrimmon's

From Mrs. H. G. Whiteside, prac-

From C. E. Weeks, solicitor for John Dixon, regarding the removal

The Reeve fyled a statement to the effect that there is still due Mr. Fred Dames the sum of fifty dollars on the construction of an abutment, lot 18, con. 7, if the work proves saiisfactory when completed

Mr. Swain fyled a statement, showing a balance of \$12 still due Mr. Fred Dames on the completion art in recent years. A western road of the abutment at lot 20, con. 6. Mr. Watson presented a report re ried. the adjustment of money spent on the town line of Reach and Mariposa, which it is shown that the expenditures have been about equal. The Reeve presented a report of vised how to reach the groves where | the expenditure of money and statute labor on the boundary line of Brock and Mariposa, which shows a balance of \$15.90 in favor of Mari-

Several persons desired rebates on taxes but the Council decided they had no control of the assessment, and the rolls were confirmed by the Court of Revision in June.

Messrs. W. H. McCrimmon and W. the McArthur drain,

statement for the year, and made the brary held a meeting on Tuesday, remark that he would not work as Mr. John Martin was on hand with | financial statement in the course of

outbreak, as some four or five fauiilies are still under quarantine. The following motions were passed. Moved by Mossrs. Knight and Watson, that the following items be ben Davidson, 1 day statute labor, \$1; Wesley Lunny, 1 day statute labor, \$1; Charles Ashburg, 1 day

is doing a rushing business in cut- the township be accepted and the | SATURDAY, DEC. 23rd. - By Elias collector's salary, of \$55 be paid,-

for \$100, without being forced, which are the terms as entered into in 3904,-Carried Moved by Mossrs, Mcl'haden and

missioners, Messrs. James Taylor and Sardinia Rundle, in reference to the expeniature of money and sixtute lator or the boundary line of Brock and Mariposa, showing a baiance of \$15.90 in favor of Mariposa, bu rectived and adopted.-Carried. Moved by Mossra. Watson and Me l'haden, that the report of the com-

Swain, that the report of tat com-

missioners from Brook and Marigona, as to the adjustment of the expenditure on the boundary of Mariposa and Brock be received and adopted, extlusive of the diviature in the road at Suagrave,-Carried. Moved by Mesars Mcl'haden and Swain that the collection of taxes

for the north roll be extended titl the second Monday in January, 'O6, on account of the amalipox out break, preventing the collector from completing his roll, and that Mr Henry Fowler, jr., be retained as collegior for that purpose. - Carried. Moved by Messrs. McPhaden and club gave an extra good play, colle Ewsin, that by-law No. 586, appoint deputy returning officers and to provide polling places for the municipal elections to be held Mou-

day, the first day of January, 1306, be received and read a first time,-By-law was read the usual number of times, signed and sealed. Moved by Messrs. Watson and

Swain, that the report of the engineer, W. E. Yarnold, for cleaning out and maintaining the Peter Campbell drain, be received and adopted, and that a by-law be prepared in accordance with said report .- Car-Moved by Messrs Swain and Wat-

son, that the treasurer's financial statement of the receipts and expenditures, the assets and liabilities of the Township of Mariposa, to the 15th day of Dec., 1905, be received as read, and that the clerk get 250 copies printed for distribution.-Car-Moved by Messrs, Knight and Wat-

son, that the Reeve be authorized to sign an agreement for the construction and maintenance of a drain across the road allowance between lots 15 and 16, con, 4, and also across lots 16 and 17 in con. 4, whereby the Council agrees to grant the sum of thirty-five dollars to assist in constructing 45 rods of said drain across John Davidson's farm, and also the sum of twenty-five dollars to assist in building the drain across the road allowance and to build a silt basin on the east side of said road, and al-The treasurer, after an exceeding- so to maintain the silt basin and ly hard day, presented the financial | that part of the drain on the road n Hown mee, - Carried.

Accounts to the amount of \$840 were ordered to be paid, these accounts will appear in the treasurer's of a few days. The Council then adjourned since J. B. WELDON, Clerk,

There's a Lesson in This. It may interest our readers to warmly

learn tha tthe recent conviction Jos. Cooper, of Cambray, for an offence against the License Act was not secured by an inspector, but the statute labor, \$1; James Eagleson, License Department at Toronto, hav-I day statute paid treasurer \$1; F. ing learned of the laxity evidenced, Wickett, 1 day statute labor \$1; J. sent down a special detective, who H. Wells, overcharge in taxes, \$1. secured the evidence and laid the Council for the village. This the following item be charge charge.

SALE REGISTER.

Bowes, auctioneer, on the market, attend and have acclamation, all of three young horses, a driving mare and good second-hand butter, the property of W. H. Clendennan. Sale commences at 2 o'clock sharp, w1.

HARTLEY. (Special to The Post.)

16-17-18-

The congregation of Hartler Is bodist church will hold theirgns anniversary ten and enterlained Wednesday, Dec. 27th, and a fm served from 5.30 until 8 o'clock a ent, with the amintance of Mis Co Belleghem, Poterboro's' favorite at loist. Interesting addresss will be Fifth delivered by Roy, W. G. Clark, h. Little Britain, J. A. Forguson, Sin arm, and A. J. Terrill, Cambridge which promises to be good, it formy mission to tea and entertained 25c., children 15c. Come one, com all, come great and amall,

(From Our Own Correspondent. church here gave a consert on the rich 6th, which was a great success to mos. H. Cameron, of Toronto, appears here for the second time and we well received. The Lifford drams concer "That Rascal Pat," Proceeds of

Miss E. Staples and Mr. W. Thous atrikis son were tied for life on Wedge Sylves day, 13th, by the Rev. Dr. March of Bethany, 1 Miss E. Hannah has returned her her W

after visiting freinds at Brooking Miss Coe, of Cavansille, was The ing here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Staples were vi at Cavanville this week

PLEASANT POINT. (From Our Own Corresponds The people are delighted within weather we are having this last !

bome after spending a few days Mr. Percy Page has recovered ter a very severe attack of bli

The Misses Annie and May Br have returned, after attending wedding of their friend, Miss Si Bradley, of Bobcaygeon. Mr. Joe Greer spent Sunday und the parental roof. Mr. Tommy Endicott has return from the shanty.

Many friends of this part at the annual tea of Presi church at Dunsford and report I fin (From Our Own Correspon The foundation for Xmas site

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ing is fine, as the roads were Large quantities of stock sold ly by Richards and Moore by coming to market for years position is proving the life of the

Look out for the concert on Rey, J. Garbutt conducted to travelsl and experi

The Township Council passes

prevaling opinion, nothi ly the public money spent. Eve Nomination on Friday. attend and have no more