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The rush of December is over, but

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at CHAPMAN'S continues to attract buyers and prices are equally attractive. Our fall trade has proven quite large, but the stock is replenished weekly and thus kept up. I now return thanks for past favors and wish all

A very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOHN CHAPMAN

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LEGISLATORS ARE SUMMONED.

The Legislature has been called to meet on March 10. The date is some weeks later than usual, owing largely to the uncertainty of the political situation. As a result of the bye-elections, Mr. Ross can now meet the House with comparative confidence. Counting Mr. Gagey among the Government supporters the parties stand 51 Liberals to 44 Conservatives, with three seats vacant. The vacant seats are Centre Bruce, North York and North Renfrew. North York and Centre Bruce will be represented when the Legislature meets, and it is probable that a writ for an election in North Renfrew which is a strong Liberal constituency, will be issued in time for an election before the House meets. Should all three seats go Liberal the Government majority will be 10. If the Conservatives succeed in holding their own, Premier Ross can count on a majority of 3, or after electing a Speaker, on a majority of 7. Should Mr. Gagey, who is still rather an uncertain quantity, support Mr. Whitney on any division, this majority will be cut to 5. And should the Conservatives manage to hold Centre Bruce and elect Mr. Leunox in North York the Government's normal majority would be reduced to a precarious 3. In any case, the parties will be pretty evenly divided, and the forecast for the coming session denotes "warm weather."

There will be several important subjects to come up for legislation. Mr. Ross has promised further restrictive legislation in view of the referendum vote, and the Government's course in this respect will be closely watched by the temperance people. There are now rumors of the appointment of a commission as an expedient to solving the question. The power question as it affects the rights of municipalities will also come up for thorough discussion. Legislation providing for the further opening up of New Ontario by surveys of new townships and the building of new colonization roads is also likely. Some amendments are expected in the Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway consequent

upon the working out of the plans. Notice has already been given of over seventy private bills, of which some twenty are applications for railway charters or for changes in existing charters. It is improbable that proposition will take place before the second or third week in May.—Toronto News.

Meaford Road

Mr. S. Pritchard, of Manitoba, who has been spending a week visiting with his nephew, Mr. G. Pritchard, of Vandeur, started back for his West-end home on Monday last.

Mr. John Fadden is home again after a week's visit with his brother at Gananoque, who is on the sick list. Mr. W. G. Kells had an auction sale of his stock, implements, etc., on Monday last. Mr. Geo. Noble, in his usual efficient style, wielded the hammer and received good prices for the articles sold.

Mr. T. Kells has sold his farm to Mr. Ed. Baker and we learn intends becoming a resident of Markdale.

Mr. W. Buchanan and daughter are visiting with friends in King. We congratulate Miss E. C. Boland on being awarded the prize of a steel range for having furnished the most acceptable name for McClary's new pattern of range.

We are pleased to see Mr. John Shannon home.

Proton Station.

The cold wave of last week so affected us that our collection of items got frozen, so that we could not use them for publication.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church here was held on Tuesday of last week. The Treasurer's report showed after meeting all indebtedness there was still a balance on hand. The following managers were re-elected: N. McCannell, N. T. McCannell, R. Neilson, F. Warris, D. C. McLean and A. Sherson. Neil McCannell was elected Secretary-Treasurer to take the place of A. Sherson, who resigned.

Mrs. A. Ward, of Dundalk, spent a few days with friends on the grayed road, and Mrs. A. Sherson, last week. Mr. David Stinson has been laid up with a severe attack of LaGrippe. At present writing he is somewhat better. Mr. Thos. Wyville attended the E. L. Convention at Dundalk last week. Mrs. Ira Shell received a wire message last week informing her of the death of her mother at Buffalo. Mrs. Shell attended the funeral.

Miss Alice Miles, of Dundalk, has been spending a few days with her

ant, Mrs. A. Miles, here recently. Neil T. and Mrs. McCannell attended the funeral of John Richardson, of Sington Park, who was Mrs. McCannell's uncle. Wm. McLaughlin and wife spent Sunday with friends in Corbetton. Thos. Wyville attended the funeral of his mother-in-law at Port Perry, who was the second Mrs. Wyville's mother, last week. F. Keeler and wife, of New York, spent a few weeks at Mrs. Keeler's parental home, Wm. Mitchell, of this city, recently. Mrs. Abe Sherson visited her sister, Mrs. Ed. Wellwood, of Shelburne, last week. Edward Large, of Toronto, spent a few days with friends around Infolgo and with his niece, Mrs. T. Sherson, of Protop.

In our last report we mentioned Mr. John McMillan, of Bethel, being laid up with pneumonia. Since then Mrs. McMillan has taken heart disease and bronchitis, and died on Sunday the 15th February. The husband was not able to leave his bed on the day of the funeral and at present is expected to live but a few days. Mrs. McMillan leaves a family of three small children. John erected a large, beautiful brick house last summer, and it is thought that the dampness in moving in this fall caused the sickness and death. A number from here attended the carnival at Dundalk last Friday.

Wodehouse

Mr. John Buskin is critically ill with pneumonia and pleurisy. Mrs. A. Shaw is visiting relatives at Caledon East and the Credit Forks.

Miss Lawson has gone to Toronto to attend the Spring Millinery Opening.

W. C. Harris has finished making the timber for McCullough's big barn, and has begun that of Mr. Fred Hoggarth, who intends to erect one this coming summer with stone foundation. Mr. Samuel Wiley has sold one of his big horses and has bought an Antillo colt which proves to be a fine driver.

There are a few of the residents of New England suffering from bad colds, lagrippe, mumps, etc.

Later, Mr. Buskin's condition is slightly improved.

Dundalk

Quite a number of pleasure seekers from Markdale and Shelburne were in town on Friday evening attending the carnival. We did not learn who all the prize winners were, but the open race was won by—McArthur, of Grand Valley, and B. Traynor, of Dundalk; 2nd, boys race, 1st Mel McArthur, 2nd Cham Whitby; best lady and gent skater, 1st R. Traynor and Miss Maggie Symington, 2nd, Mr. W. Seawright and Miss E. Gardiner.

Mr. A. Deverell left on Saturday last for the West where he has secured a lucrative position in a butcher shop. Amy will be much missed by the boys and girls.

Miss Mable Bowers and Miss Gertrude Burns were the guests of Stella Whitby over Sunday.

Death is stalking through our community, the last being called to her reward is the wife of Wm. Erwin, of the suburbs, who departed this life on Saturday evening last at the early age of 29 years. Her funeral takes place to-day, (Tuesday.) The sympathy of whole community goes out to the sorrowing husband and friends.

Mr. Ed. Stephens and Mrs. Alex. McDuff attended the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. W. J. Stephens, in Markdale on Saturday.

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Snaps for February

The following special lines are on sale now. February record-breaking month. More business than ordinary bargains—get it so. These are as good value as any until the month's end. Come and share them.

American Percaline Prints 6 1/2 One thousand (1000) can Percaline Prints, grounds in floral, are absolutely new, fast, the regular price of 12c a yard only. This quantity is now on sale and will probably last a week or ten days, per 6c

Mens Cloth Caps 25c 78 Mens Cloth Caps, regular lines that have been selling at 45, 50 and 60 cents. We have these into next year's tempting offer. Almost all representing almost all this season at 35, 40, do not wish to carry one's business; hence this sizes—your choice 25

Women's Overshoes 75c 16 pairs Women's Overshoes, sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4. These goods have sold all season at \$1.25 to \$1.50 and are good value at these prices. Should one of the above sizes fit you should buy it even though you do not require it until next season. You'll not regret the investment. Per pair your choice 75

Ladies Ribbed Vests 25c 10 dozen Ladies Elastic Ribbed Vests, long sleeves, finished fronts and neck band, perfectly shaped and thoroughly first class in every particular. Brand new goods, bought under price, regular 35c. Special 25

5 dozen Childs' Ribbed Wool Vests, the regular 35c. quality. Special to clear 2 for 25

7 dozen Misses Wool Vests, assorted sizes and thoroughly satisfactory in every respect. Regular price 35c., special to clear 18c. each or 2 for 35

Don't forget that we are in a position to quote you CLOSE PRICES on all lines of hardware. Some people found this out several months ago; some others are making the discovery every day. New goods are being placed in stock daily.

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Notice to Creditors. In the matter of the estate of William Love, late of the Township of Holland, in the County of Grey, retired farmer deceased.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, and Quantity. Includes items like Spring wheat, Barley, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Wool, Pork, Hides, Geese, Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens, Apples, Flour, Bran, Shorts, Chop, Sheep skins.

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FIRE AT ORANGEVILLE. Three Shops and a Hotel Totally Destroyed—Loss Will be About \$40,000. One of the most disastrous fires has ever been witnessed in Orangeville occurred at an early hour Tuesday morning of this week. From 10 o'clock the fire spread until 11 o'clock the fire had reached the main business street of the town, Mill street east for fully two blocks. It was a mass of charred and smoking ruins.

The fire originated in Jackson & Co.'s large hardware store, and was discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock the morning. At that hour Mr. G. Holland, manager of the Bank of Commerce, while going along Broadway on his way home from an assembly in the Town Hall, noticed smoke issuing from the store. Running across the street he looked through the window, and though there was every evidence of intense heat, the only place that was visible was in the workshop at the rear of the store. Mr. Holland once sounded the alarm, but had only left the window for a couple of minutes when the force of the pent-up steam blew out the plate glass front. Instantly the whole interior was a mass of flames, and a little later the explosion of a quantity of gunpowder added to the fury of the devastating element.

E. Booth's liquor store and M. & Robinson's harness emporium were destroyed as well as the Gordon Hotel, a three story brick structure, which two hours was completely gutted.

The rear of the Central Hotel on the east caught fire, but the brigade was fortunately extinguishing the flames before any damage was done. The total estimated from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. James Stinson celebrated their golden wedding at Lake, Cherry Grove, Empire, Monday evening the 19th Feb. 1903. A sumptuous wedding was partaken of after which the repaired to the parlor where many costly gifts from their friends and relatives were read and the aged couple were among them being two arm chairs, an arm chair and a rocking chair, their children and grandchildren. The following is the address: Dear Father and Mother, My children, grand children and have assembled here this day to celebrate with you the fiftieth anniversary of your wedding day. Always found you kind and as a slight token of our love we would like you to accept of this present, hoping that your life may be prolonged and strength continue for many years to come; and when the trials of this life are over that you may have an abundant entrance into that fair and happy land—the river.

Signed on behalf of your children, grandchildren and friends: Rev. John Hunter, who replied in behalf of Mr. Stinson was so completely taken up that he could not find words to thank the donors. All the thanks for the occasion were given to Rochester, N.Y., and I say it. A little later the aged couple from their son James and a lady of Rochester a box of candy, the contents a bright and gold piece.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Owen of Argemisia spent Sunday with in this locality.

Mr. J. A. Halbert and Mrs. Amson took a trip to Sanderson to see their sister, Mrs. C. Thos. has been seriously ill but is recovering her usual health.

We are sorry to have to state that Mr. James Logan of Harkaway has been failing for some time, lying at the point of death at the of his son near Owen Sound. daughter, Mrs. John Elliott, had today to be with him during illness. Logan has passed away.

The young people of Harkaway vicinity gave a farewell party to Mr. Lyons last Tuesday evening. took the form of an oyster supper, large number gathered to do honor to the occasion. A pleasant time spent in games and other amusements. Under the supervision of Dolph oysters were served up in elegant homeward which they all wended their enjoyment.

Mr. T. Bassett spent a few days with friends in Owen Sound recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Badger and son of Meaford were visiting at Markdale recently.

Mr. J. Elliott of Harkaway disposed of a fine horse to Mr. Burnett of a fancy price and then purchased a young horse from Will Wiley.

Advertisement for J. H. Stephenson Jeweller and Optician. Includes an image of a watch and text: 'Is the Watch to buy. Sold by J. H. Stephenson Jeweller and Optician. Markdale.'

Advertisement for Farm for Sale. Text: 'Farm for Sale. The Toronto General Trusts Corporation is instructed by Robert Christie, Esquire, Trustee of the Province of Ontario and Statutory Commission of Archibald Fister, formerly of the Township of Argenteuil in the County of Grey, to receive tenders for the purchase of the property, belonging to the said Fister, situated in the Township of Argenteuil, in the County of Grey, and bounded by Lots 18 and 19, both in the Third Range East of the Toronto and Spadina Road in the Township of Argenteuil, in the County of Grey, said to contain one hundred acres more or less. The property will be sold subject to a lease to one William Alex. for five years commencing on the 1st day of April 1899 at an annual rental of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned at the Office of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, not later than Wednesday the 18th day of March, 1903, and to state cash offer. The purchaser to search title to his own expense and the Vendor will not be called upon to furnish any abstract of Title or title deeds other than those in their possession or control. Highest or only bid accepted subject to the approval of the Attorney General and the date at Toronto on the 18th day of February A.D. 1903. W. W. LANGMUIR, Managing Director, The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, 50 Yonge Street, Toronto. For further particulars apply to the undersigned at 50 Yonge Street, Toronto, Solicitor for Vendors.

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