

BREEZY ITEMS FROM ALL ONTARIO

Put In Concise Form For Our Readers
News of the Province in
Short Paragraphs.

The Canadian marine totals 7,512 miles.

Big catches of herring reported from Port Burwell.

Isaac Moore, of Toronto, has petitioned the Senate for a divorce.

Apple barrels 10,000 is the score of one Lucknow cooper shop this season.

Aylmer shipped 1,300 turkeys in one week to the British Christmas market.

The 63rd anniversary of Acton Methodist church was celebrated recently.

Killary's township, Bruce County, received \$25,000 for the fruit crop of 1907.

Collingwood public schools carry 1,065 pupils on the roll. Average attendance 940.

Collingwood harbor is the winter home of the Leighton McCarthy and 17 other steamboats.

About 90¢ is the cost of transferring a barrel of apples from the branches of the tree to the car.

Ingersoll will submit a by-law to raise \$50,000 for a plant to distribute Hydro-Electric power.

First clock brought into the Township of Colbourne, Huron County, is now owned by Jas. Stephens.

Bobcaygeon shipped a carload lot of 1,600 bushels of buckwheat to make pancakes for the Britishers.

A six month old calf, raised by A. Johnson, Greenwood, was sold to T. Phillips, of Essex for \$200.

Acton rejoices in a ten per cent cut in the price of brick and ten per cent on some classes of lumber.

Tilsonburg reports 1,500 in keys and 4,000 chickens as two days' delivery of fowl for export to Great Britain.

Port Hope votes January 5 on a by-law raising \$7,400 for the construction of an electric light plant.

Cheltenham presented G-T-R Agent Kee with a gold watch on the eve of his departure for Tottenham.

Brussels Presbyterians will erect a new church to replace the present edifice, built 35 or 40 years ago.

Owen Sound wants the underwriters to put the town in class A, thus reducing insurance rates 15 per cent.

A bricklayer on the new piano building, Uxbridge, offers to bet \$50 or \$100 that he can lay 2,400 bricks a day.

Meaford will vote on a by-law to raise \$15,000 to assist the Seaman-Kent Company in re-building their factory.

J. Stevens, Clinton, owns a box wood clarinet, used by his father in the choir of an old parish church in England.

Peel council has appointed C. P. Wheelock, Orangeville, county surveyor in succession to the late John Davis, of Alton.

Nottawasaga voters list was edited by striking off 255 names and adding 22 at the demand of Leighton McCarthy, M.P.

Editor McKittrick, of the Banner, now deputy reeve of Orangeville, will run for the mayoralty of that ancient home of lacrosse.

Old pupils have subscribed \$140 towards the fund for a memorial on the grave of their late teacher, H. N. Courtland, Simcoe.

Collingwood hotelkeepers announce that if the town votes the price of licenses up to \$2,500 per annum, every hotel will be closed.

The late Wm. Taylor, of Nickel, is one of the oldest J. P.'s in the province, having been appointed to the bench in 1866.

Horses sold cheap at a recent auction in Greenwood, Ontario County, especially the ancient steed which was knocked down for \$4.50.

Kincardine shipped nearly all the apple crop from its section of Bruce County to London and Liverpool, but two cars went to Moncton, N.B.

Bruce Herald boasts of a Walkerton cooper who can make fifty barrels a ten-hour day, but Ayton has two experts who can make seventy.

Markham had to get its 10,000 horse power boiler for the electric plant from the station on a sawlog truck, no wagon in town being equal to the load.

Death by drowning in eight feet of cedar was nearly the fate of John Bryck, aged 5, who fell into a vat at Whitby, but was pulled out in time to save his life.

Out of the 119 first prizes offered for carriage horses at the fall fairs in the last 12 years, S. A. Dahl, of Cookstown, has captured 116, the other three being seconds.

The American who contracted for 10,000 barrels of apples from D. Cameron, of Clinton, could not finance the Druggists, Markdale, Ont.

deal and had to call it off when 6,000 barrels had been delivered.

Mount Forest local optionists are conducting their campaign on business principles. They have purchased space in the local newspapers, and are conducting an aggressive newspaper campaign.

Shallow Lake Methodists seated 600 at their fowl supper, while an overflow of fifty had to resort at what they could purchase at the village stores to satisfy their hunger.

HAYWARD'S FALLS.

There is not much to write about around these peaceful banks at this time of the year. However, this being somewhat of a short cut from the 8th to the 6th cou. on the road to Durham we see a few people as they come and go.

Mr. Will Bartley was here a couple of days finishing the drilling of a well for Mr. Falkingham. He put it down 25 feet more and got a good supply of water. It is now 117 feet deep, solid rock except 8 ft of earth at top.

The Standard is a welcome visitor on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Smith, the obliging Post Mistress and mail carrier has some very unpleasant trips these days.

OWEN SOUND

Owen Sound's new post office will be three stories high.

Over six hundred and forty dollars have been collected in Owen Sound this summer for dog tax.

The property owners of Owen Sound, will have two industrial loan propositions to vote upon at the next municipal election. A loan of \$12,000 to the Todd Shoe Factory, and a loan of \$15,000 to the Island Granite Co., of Toronto, for the establishment of a granite works here.

The vital statistics for the month of November as recorded with Town Clerk, Chas. Gordon, are 29 births, marriages and 19 deaths, as compared with 25 births, 2 marriages and 12 deaths for the corresponding month a year ago.

Mr. Mathew Kennedy will be a candidate for another term for mayor, and will be opposed by Mr. John McQuade, who has been a prominent member of the council for some years. It is altogether likely that Owen Sound will witness a hot municipal election this year.

A defective stove pipe caused a \$400 blaze at the residence of Mr. Fred Miller, Newburn street on Tuesday evening last. The same evening a house on the Union st hill, owned by Geo. Kilbourn, was burned to the ground. Both residences were well insured.

A New Railway Proposition.—The Government purposes extending the Intercolonial Railway to Georgian Bay, and W. P. Trelford, M. P., is using his influence to have the advantages of Owen Sound as a terminal point, recognized and to have the Georgian Bay line come to this place.

This would give a connection with Montreal, and a direct line to Halifax and the Atlantic.

J. H. Stephenson, jeweller, is slaughtering prices on all lines of watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., during Christmas month.

Bibles, Hymn Books, Story Books, Picture Books, Fancy Bound Books. You can send them anywhere for Christmas presents.

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FROM WESTERN CANADA.

Items of Interest from the Sunset Side of the Dominion.

Vancouver added five recruits to its police in November.

Health census shows that Calgary is adorned with 3,900 dwellings.

Enderby, B. C., flour mill is busy on a 50,000 sack order for China and Japan.

Islay, Alta., reports yields of 80, 90 and even 100 bushels of oats to the acre.

Victoria City Council has enacted a by-law closing saloons from midnight until 4 a.m.

Magrath, Alta., has already marketed 20,000 bushels of wheat and 172 cars of beef.

Fur Buyer Davis is buying an abundance of coyote hides in the Wetaskiwin district.

Edmonton has plugged its hydrants, is ready for winter, and bids the climate do its worst.

Lethbridge Board of Trade is to wrestle with a proposal to raise its initiation fee to \$10.

B.C. Government has been asked to stock Queen Charlotte Island with deer from the mainland.

A few peaches and apples were still on the trees at Peachland, B.C., in the early days of December.

Wa-ying Tat-po is the name of Vancouver's Chinese daily, of which Paul Chow is chief reporter.

Vancouver Orangemen, 50 strong, paid a fraternal visit to the L. O. L. at Blaine, State of Washington.

Spruce Grove municipality, B. C., was the home of 201 assessed property owners in 1903 and 399 in 1907.

Dominion Copper Company made a clean sweep of its employees at Boundary Falls, even the watchman being laid off.

Edmonton fixes \$1,800 as the maximum salary for High School principal, and \$1,500 the maximum for assistants.

C. P. R. is being prosecuted for having started and allowed to run at large prairie fires near Sceptre and Ernold, Sask.

Eight cars of 22-inch steel pipe were unloaded at Okanagan Centre for the irrigation system to be installed by April 1st.

A few hours hunting and A. E. Smith bagged two fine deer and an immense cougar on the north fork of Kettle River, B. C.

Land titles office in Calgary took in \$4,000 the first year. W. Roland Winter was in charge, as compared with \$700 this year.

Prince Rupert Empire suggests that its home is a good place for all kinds of strangers to keep away from for months to come.

Over 30 gallons of whiskey, brandy, wine and beer were seized within four miles of the G. T. P. and poured into the Kenora town sewer.

American freely pay 25¢ to \$1.50 per \$100 to Winnipeg banks that cash cheques on which American banks will not pay out currency.

A yield of 551 bushels of Alberta red wheat threshed out of the crop on John Kennedy's eleven acres, ten miles south of Red Deer.

Liberal candidate for M. P., McLeod, is A. B. McDonald, a Glenary man, who has ranched on the foot hills of the Rockies for many years.

East end P. O., Vancouver was closed by R. A. McCullough, P. M., slamming the door rather than work for \$200 per and no commission.

Bituminous coal, in 25 seams, 2 of them 8 feet thick, has been discovered in the Cariboo on line of G. T. P., 100 miles north of Barkerville.

"If I had money," said Pat Burns, Calgary Cattle king, "I'd buy up every head of beef stock in Alberta and hold for top prices in the spring."

"Redwing," a steamer, 39 feet long, 13 feet beam, was brought from the west on flat cars and launched on the Lake of Woods at Kenora.

Don't look much like hard times when one issue of the Calgary Herald reports 119 Albertans sailing for a winter holiday in the old country.

Principals of Edmonton eight-room schools and over get \$100 raise per annum until \$1,500 is reached; junior teachers \$300 per annum up to \$780.

Vancouver is up in arms against the City Council that gave an option on \$1,500,000 of bonds at 8%, when the old securities are selling in London at 9%.

Vancouver Board of Education has ordered that the Union Jack be raised in every school when the classes open and lowered when the session is ended.

Calgary Land Titles Office collected \$7,000 in fees at the rate of one-half of one per cent on the value of the property involved. Thus the November transfers must have aggregated over \$1,000,000.

McFarland & Co., Markdale

Christmas Gifts For Everybody

Come everybody and let us help you solve the Christmas Gift problem, or we know its a hard proposition at best. Doesn't matter how much or how little you wish to spend. Makes no difference who your Gifts are for. You'll find this store stocked as never before. This week we take practically the whole space to make a few suggestions to you viz:

Suggestions for Ladies Wear.

Fancy Collars, 10, 15, 25, 35, 50 and 75¢.

Lawn Handkerchiefs, 25, 50, 100, 125, 150 and \$1.00.

Mitts, 50, 55, 75, 90 and \$1.50.

Sweaters, 50, 75¢, 90, 1.50 and \$1.00.

Way Mufflers, 36 and 50¢.

Quilted Mufflers, 3¢ and \$1.25.

Fancy Suspender, 50¢.

Plain Handkerchiefs, 5, 10, and 15¢.

Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 18, 2