

Notes.

Priceville Patriotic Fund reports contributions of \$1087.72.

Five hundred men worked all night at the Toronto Post Office sorting the Christmas mail.

A number of farmers around Lund are taking steps to secure Hydro Electric Power.

Automobile licenses are to be increased, and the revenue therefrom in Ontario will approximate \$500,000 for 1914.

John Palmer, a former resident of Hornings Mills and Shelburne, died on the 18th December at his home in Toronto, aged 83 years.

Christmas Traffic on Canadian Railways has been exceptionally heavy. Over fifty thousand left Toronto City to spend Christmas at home.

Fire-caused loss, estimated at one hundred thousand dollars, when the plant of the Martin Paper Co., in Toronto, was destroyed last Friday night.

The Empress of Japan brought to Vancouver a cargo of more than 4000 bales of silk, valued at more than \$2,000,000, the largest silk cargo ever brought to that port.

C. P. R. officials and the Owen Sound business men have been looking into the question of having the Walkerton train spruced from Saugeen Junction to Owen Sound and return instead of waiting at the junction several hours. The opinion is held that the cost to the G.O. would greatly exceed the revenue. Consequently no immediate change is likely to be made.

The Boston News Bureau says that about 500,000,000 pounds of copper was sold to-day, more than in any previous twenty-four hours in the world's history. Its gross value exceeds \$10,000,000, as the price was 20 cents per pound or better. The British Government bought 131,400,000 pounds in one block of the Anaconda Company. This metal will be apportioned among producers, mainly clients of the American Smelting & Refining Company. The market has now been swept bare of spot copper.

Fifty-two Local Option Battles

Local option repeal and license regulation contests will be held in 52 municipalities, towns, villages and townships on January 3rd. The local repeal contests will be held in Owen Sound, Ingersoll, Newcomer and North Gower. There are 284 municipalities that could hold repeal contests if they desired to do so.

Following are the places where contests will be held:

Cities—Belleville, Brantford, Fort William, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sudba, Stratford, Woodstock.

Towns—Aurora, Carlton Place, Dresden, Essex, Niagara, Oakville, Oshawa, Parkhill, Parry Sound, Petrolia, Thessalon, Uxbridge, Wallaceburg, Whitby.

Villages—Bimerott, Bath, Erin, Glencoe, Lucan, Merrickville, 91 Springs, Port Perry, Westport.

Townships—Amherst Island, Bangor, Wicklow, and McClure, Biddulph, Chapman, Glencoe, Fitzroy, Louth, McMurdo, Montague and Herschel, Sombra. License reduction—Ottawa.

HARKAWAY

To the Standard. Masters Arthur and Robbie Moore spent the holidays with friends at Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Halbert visited with friends at Mono over the holidays.

Miss Reynold is spending the holidays at the parental home.

Mrs. A. Barry is spending the holidays with friends at Milton.

Mr. S. Smith and sister Miss Nellie, of Sackville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson are on a month's holidays with friends at the old home, Port Perry.

Miss Edith Gahert, of Hamilton and Miss Bessie of Toronto, are holidaying at the parental home.

Mr. Sid Hawken arrived home recently after spending the summer out west.

NEWS FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS
BY STAFF REPORTERS

KIMBERLEY

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. Lyndess Fawcett of Smith's Falls is spending the Xmas. week at his parental home.

Mr. Wm. Banks of Moosejaw, Sask., is visiting at Rufus Wickham at present.

Dalton Ferguson met with quite a serious accident on Monday. It seems while cutting down a small tree in the bush, that the axe caught on the limb of a tree behind him, with the result that when the axe descended, it split his big toe on the left foot. It will necessitate his laying off work for a week or so.

Mr. J. E. Hammond, Commercial Specialist of the Meaford High School is visiting at his parental home.

Mrs. John Plews and daughter, Maude, also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham, are on a visit this week with friends in Collingwood.

Mr. Geo. Hutchinson occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last.

Otto Baker of Vandeleur, is visiting this week with his cousin Fawcett.

Mr. Wm. Fawcett received a telegram from Ottawa, one day last week, apprising him of the fact that his son Ezra, who is at somewhere in Belgium, was wounded in the neck and arm.

Whether the wounds are of a serious nature or not is not known. This brings the war much nearer home to us.

Harold Proctor of Collingwood, accompanied by Gordon McGee, visited at the former's parental home one day last week.

Sergeant Kirbie of Markdale was a caller in fire, bugle on Monday. He proposes to open a recruiting office in our village.

Our Public School principal Miss McVee, is visiting friends in Syracuse, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stuart of Parry Sound, are renewing old acquaintances in our burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ellis of Beauford, are visiting at W. T. Ellis' at present.

Quite a number attended the nominations at Rocklyn on Monday last. The council were elected by acclamation. Jas. Murray and J. M. Davis will cross swords for the Deputy Reveship; John T. Miller and W. T. Ellis will contest the Reveship.

HEATHCOTE

(Special to The Standard.) A Happy New Year.

Miss Jean Milne, of Toronto, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milne.

Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw of Brantford, spent Christmas vacation with the former's brother, the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw of this village.

Mr. McArthur of the west is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Albert Skipper.

Mrs. Edward Fiegehen and family spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Herb Kerr, of Duncan.

Mrs. Spalding, our room school teacher, spent his Christmas vacation at his parental home at Aurora.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Robert Kerr is improving.

Mrs. Dr. McBride of St. Catharines, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Flynn, who is ill.

The Presbyterian Sunday School held a Christmas Tree and concert in the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening, which was a splendid success.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Myles of Lanigan, Saskatchewan, accompanied by the latter's brother, Mr. Fred Perry, are visiting at the parental home here. J. A. Myles.

Miss Town of Collingwood, is visiting with her friend; Miss Gifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bosworth of Toronto, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Strigley.

HOLLAND CENTRE

(Special to The Standard.) A Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Standard and all its readers.

Mr. Joseph Hall, who is home from the west, spent a day with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Smart recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Shears and children of Owen Sound, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leitch.

Glad to report Mr. Geo. Walker on the mend again after his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pedlar and two daughters of Markdale, spent Christmas with Mr. A. Ferguson and family.

Misses J. and T. Averill of Allendale are visiting with their sister and brother here.

Miss Stone of Stone Settlement spent Christmas with her cousin, Miss Clara Chard.

Maggie. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a dainty lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiltz and family are away for a weeks holiday.

Mr. Alex Telford spent Christmas with friends in Kingstone.

Mr. Bert Campbell of Point Edward is holidaying at his home here.

Mrs. M. J. Rolston went to Toronto on Friday morning.

Miss Maitland left on Friday for her home near Kingston.

We are pleased to have the soldier boys, who are training, in Owen Sound, home for the holidays.

The Anglican Sunday School held their Christmas entertainment in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

RIVERDALE

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wyville of Markdale, spent Xmas. at the latter's parental home in this vicinity.

Mr. Kenneth Johnston is spending Xmas. vacation with friends at Caledon.

Mr. Robert Gibson of Meaford, visited friends in our burg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Irwin, of Beaverdale, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson on the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Torrie of Stratford spent Xmas. in this vicinity.

The Beaverdale Young People's Eleven Thirty Club met at the home of Mr. Cowan, Main Street, on Xmas. evening.

BERKELEY

(Special to The Standard.) Wishing the Standard a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wiggins and Master Clarence, spent Xmas. in Owen Sound.

Mr. A. Boyd spent Xmas. in Toronto.

Miss Ellen Bradley and girl friend of Toronto, spent holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

The Misses Lackey of Toronto, spent Xmas. with their sister, Mrs. Edward Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Priel arrived from Saskatoon on Thursday to visit their friends in this part.

Mr. John Ritchie an employee of the Hydro Commission is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hannan and Miss Manji spent Xmas. in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson of Owen Sound, spent Xmas. with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson.

Don't forget the Xmas. Tree in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening.

GORING

(Special to The Standard.) The Ebenezer Ladies' Aid sent a well-filled box of good things to the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto.

The Christmas Tree for the Sunday School held on the 22nd was well attended. The children gave the program; Mr. Alonzo Renfrew, Superintendent, acted as chairman. Miss Thompson, who had given much time in training the children, was obliged to leave the school, for home. Each child received a present and other good things.

BARRHEAD

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TRAVERTON

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor of Allendale are guests at the home of Mr. Wm. Greenwood.

Miss Myrtle Hunt of Oxford, Mich., and Mr. Tom Smith, soldier-in-training, of Hamilton, paid a flying visit to A. G. Blair's the first of the week.

Misses Myrtle McLaughlin and Mina Edwards left on Monday for a fortnight's visit to Miss Clara Nelson in Penetanguishene.

W. R. Wallace, teacher of Public School S. S. No. 5 is spending the holiday season at the old home in Normandy; Miss M. Burgess of Townsend Lake School at the parental home in Collingwood; Miss May Robson of Dunnville at the Robson homestead on the 6th.

News came to Mr. John McNally last week announcing the marriage of his eldest son, Roy, of Alsask, Sask., to a winsome young maiden of the same locality. They are spending the honeymoon in Calgary, Edmonton and with his sister, Mrs. Hugh McArthur, near Bruce, Alta. They were wedded Dec. 15th. We wish this old Glenelg boy every happiness.

Despite the storm on Christmas Day, very many happy family gatherings took place. We are aware of only the following—Mr. and Mrs. John Cliffe and family of Durham at the Darcy home; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ryan, and family, at Mr. Will Jack's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes and family at Mr. Wm. Firth's; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCadden and baby Gladys of Egremont at W. J. Cook's; Mr. and Mrs. A. McFadden at their home; Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess of Townsend Lake School, assisted by the young people of the neighbourhood held its most successful concert on Tuesday evening of last week. The school tastefully decorated, was crowded. The pupils were carefully trained and did their parts well. Special mention should be made of the song "I'm a Soldier" and the recitation given by Mr. A. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan of Toronto, also Mr. W. Buchanan of Owen Sound, are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rawley of St. Marys, also Mr. and Mrs. John Cranahan of Colbourne are spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLean.

Miss Kate Davis of Guelph spent Xmas. at her parents' home. Mr. Gordon McLean of Guelph, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George.

Miss Nellie Smith of Toronto, was with her mother for Xmas.

Miss Margaret Young came up from Toronto last week and is spending the vacation at her home.

Miss Florence Lemon of Markdale is with her parents.

Miss Georgina Bonnell of Owen Sound spent Xmas. at her home here.

Miss Agnes Thom of Owen Sound spent Christmas at her home. Welland, B.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McQuaker, of Markdale, are spending the winter with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCullough of Toronto, are at his home here for the holidays.

Mr. Clifford Prod, who has been attending the Collegiate, is the guest of his parents.

Mr. Herbert Seabrook, of Meaford High School is visiting with his parents.

Mr. Harvey King came out from the Sound and ate Christmas dinner at the home of his mother, Mrs. Wm. King.

Mr. Neil McArthur from Regina, is the guest of Mr. Russell Thom.

Mr. R. H. Quinton of Whitby, was here last week attending his mother's funeral.

Born on the 22nd to Mr. and Mrs. Walter