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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1884.

Merry Christmas.

Christmas! Tenderly, lovingly we linger on the word; no cyclopedia, no dictionary, no book of any form is necessary to define it for us.

As the sun rises this morning on every land wherein Christian men dwell, the song of gladness will arise, that will roll as the sun rolls round the habitable world.

Friends will meet again and renew their friendship.

Families will gather round the board.

All the influences of the day are good.

To many the festivities will have no meaning, but most will be better for the day and for its teachings.

The observance of Christmas is not an empty form.

It is a sermon addressed to all, teaching the highest truths in a language which reaches most hearts.

Christmas comes to us radiant with love.

It is full of the presence of joy.

It holds out to mankind the most blessed of hopes.

It is a rock for the feet of the weary pilgrim, whereon he may stand, and in the memories of the day, behold the beneficence which promises the universal brotherhood of man.

The star that shone from Bethelem is becoming the beacon light of all the world; farther and farther its rays are dispelling the darkness, and from the orient to the occident, from the arctic to the antarctic circle, the day is coming when the heavens will be illuminated with the intelligence, the kindness and love which breathe through the words:—

"Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."

In our happy Canada we have, on this Christmas day, everything to be thankful for and every good to hope for.

Plenty, prosperity and peace bless our country, and give large promises for the future.

All the near future is aglow with radiant promise, and there is hope as well as satisfaction to-day in everybody's cordial salutation.

As individuals it is our duty, and it should be our pleasure, to remember the exceptional cases of those amongst us whom misfortune may have afflicted, and to do something to make them feel that at this joyous season they are not forgotten of God or man.

Upon this happy and joyous morning we wish our readers all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"'Tis a greeting oft uttered,
Yet none the less dear."

Scott Act Trials.

Archibald Cunningham, hotel keeper, of Burlington, was brought before Police Magistrate Young at that village on Monday, charged by Inspector Frazer with three violations of the provisions of the Scott Act. He was acquitted of one of the charges, but the other two were sustained by the evidence of Norman Hanburg, John Bell and Walter Braham, who swore that they had bought whiskey from the defendent and paid him for it. Cunningham was fined $50 on one conviction and $100 on the other but as soon as the magistrate's decision was given, jumped into a buggy which he had in readiness and drove off. As it appears that all his property has been made over to his wife, it is not likely that either of his fines will be paid.

Inspector Frazer has again laid two informations against J. P. Roper for violation of the Scott Act. The charges will be heard to-morrow.—*Milton Champion.*

Notes and Comments.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio has adopted a resolution declaring it to be the opinion of the Lodge that the selling of intoxicating drinks should disqualify any one from initiation into or affiliation with any Masonic Lodge.

Philadelphia may be in name the city of brotherly love, but it is not in reality the city of conjugal love, if we may judge from the records of the divorce court. The suits for divorce in Philadelphia outnumber those in Chicago by 718 to 674. Heretofore Chicago has been regarded as the champion divorce city.

By pressing an electric button in the Executive Mansion at Washington, President Arthur set all the machinery in motion at the World's Fair in New Orleans. He formally opened an exhibition without being present. How wonderful this achievement is, but it is only one of a score such crowding upon the public attention every day.

We regret very much to chronicle the death of James Bethune, Esq., Q. C., one of the leading lights of the Canadian bar. He succumbed to an attack of fever last week at his residence, Toronto. Mr. Bethune was only forty-four years of age, he had won his way by hard and persevering effort to a front place in his profession.

Voting on the Scott Act in Leeds and Grenville (united counties) took place last Thursday, and resulted in a victory for the Scott Act party. The majority is not definitely known, but is somewhere about 600 to 700. Brockville gave 21 in favor of the act; Gananoque gave 168 for the act, while Prescott gave 253 against it.

The following suggestion from an exchange is good enough to be widely published and to be acted upon by many thoughtful people:—"At present the times are hard, and there is not much money in circulation. The only way to make them better is for each individual to pay off his little bills, and to keep the money in circulation keep it moving. Five dollars passing through the right hands and kept on the move can pay hundreds of dollars of indebtedness in a single month."

Rockwood News.

A Christmas Tree entertainment, in connection with the Methodist Sunday School, will be held in the Town Hall this evening. Addresses, dialogues, readings, music &c.

At the last meeting of the Royal Templers of Temperance, the Council of that body voted $10 of their funds in aid of carrying on the Scott Act campaign in this county. The junior Council also gave $5 for the same purpose.

Mr. John McQueen of this place had the misfortune to lose several of his fingers in the gearing of his threshing machine the other day.

Mr. Duffy, near Rockwood, had his house burned last week and all its contents.

Mr. Norrish and Miss Strachan having given such good satisfaction as teachers here have been reingaged.

Twenty degrees below zero last Thursday night, some record lower than that, but we're satisfied with the twenty.

Candidates seeking municipal honors now address their constituents thus:—"Ladies and gentlemen;—At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers, &c., &c." The ladies may expect to get considerable attention paid to them by those seeking their suffrages. How long will it be before the parliamentary candidates will have the same privilege as the municipal candidates?

WHAT IS CATARRH?

Catarrh is a muco purlent discharge caused by the presence and development of the vegetable parasite amœba in the internal lining of the nose. This parasite is only developed under favorable circumstances, and these are: Morbid state of the blood, as the blighted corpuscle of tubercle, the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxoema; from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back of the throat; up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

Many attempts have been made to discover a cure for this distressing disease by the use of inhalants and other ingenious devices, but none of these treatments can do a particle of good until the parasites are either destroyed or removed from the mucous tissue.

Some time since a well known physician of forty years' standing, after much experimenting, succeeded in discovering the necessary combination of ingredients which never fail in absolutely and permanently eradicating this horrible disease, whether standing for one year or forty years. Those who may be suffering from the above disease should, without delay communicate with the business managers Messrs. A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west Toronto Canada, and get full particulars and treatise free by enclosing stamp.—Toronto Mail.

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No other complaints are so insidious in their attack as those affecting the throat and lungs: none so trifled with by the majority of sufferers. The ordinary cough or cold, resulting perhaps from a trifling or unconscious exposure, is often but the beginning of a fatal sickness. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL has well proven its efficacy in a forty years' fight with throat and lung diseases, and should be taken in all cases without delay.

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HORACE FAIRBROTHER."
Rockingham, Vt., July 15, 1882.

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"While in the country last winter my little boy, three years old, was taken ill with croup; it seemed as if he would die from strangulation. One of the family suggested the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, a bottle of which was always kept in the house. This was tried in small and frequent doses, and to our delight in less than half an hour the little patient was breathing easily. The doctor said that the CHERRY PECTORAL had saved my darling's life. Can you wonder at our gratitude? Sincerely yours,
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" "	0 18	0 15
" "	0 20	0 17
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" "	3 50	3 00
" "	4 20	3 50
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" "	5 40	4 50
" "	6 00	5 00
" "	7 20	6 00
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" "	2 00	1 60
" "	2 25	1 90
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