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It was not without carefully considering the matter in all its bearings, and arriving at the conclusion that it would be more satisfactory both to our subscribers and ourselves, that we adopted the plan of printing all subscriptions to the Free Press to be paid in advance.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

South Carolina has for long time held unique position as the only State in the Union which refuses to grant divorces for any cause whatsoever.

It is interesting to note the fact that the new constitution does not alter the state's policy in this regard. Marriages between the two races are absolutely forbidden.

A. B. Foster, of the Oakville Star, was re-elected at the head of the poll in his ward.

John Duff who was five votes behind J. Reid for the 1st Deputy Repealer of Erin last year, defeated the same opponent on Monday by over 100 majority.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Duties During the Week.

Mr. H. P. Switzer, Town Clerk of Midland, is dead.

Ottawa was visited by a severe earthquake shock Monday morning.

Col. Prior, M. P., was returned for Victoria Monday, by a small majority.

There were six suicides and one accidental death in New York at Christmas tide.

Mr. F. W. Clark, of Kingston, was killed by falling off a sidewalk. He was 80 years of age.

A bill is now before the United States Senate to raise the lake levels by damming the outlets.

Mr. Albert Moore, of Harley, was found dead in a railway coupe near Burford, on Christmas.

Herbert Milrod, a Wallaseburg newsboy, has been jailed at Chatham for raising a cheque on the bank of Montreal.

It is reported that a syndicate is being formed in London and Berlin to take up the United States loan of \$200,000,000.

It is said that the two rebel generals, Cuba has 25,000 men massed under them, and that Havana is in a state of great excitement.

The latest combine is for the purpose of keeping the price of sole leather upon a par with best and restricting its possible output.

Cuban rebels equipped dynamite under a train on the Novedades Puerto line, containing 800 passengers, several of whom were injured.

The writ for the North Westworth election for the Legislative Assembly has been issued. Nominations takes place Jan. 17 and polling a week later.

The announcement of Rev. H. G. Boyle's resignation as pastor of the James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, was a surprise to the congregation on Sunday.

Elmer Ensign, of Pontiac, who was confined in the Mora castle at Havana, Cuba, for 20 years, died at Washington at the age of 80, leaving a fortune of \$100,000.

The Walland branch of the Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo railway is now completed, and a regular train service has commenced between Waterford and Hamilton, and a regular train service has commenced between Waterford and Hamilton.

The Government engineer made his inspection on Saturday.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Chairman Williams Retires—Two Old and Two New Men Elected.

The annual election of the municipality is over. All the candidates who were nominated went into the contest to win and they all appeared but one.

The fact that only one candidate could be defeated rendered the election a keen one. This battle was fought, however, in the best of a very cordial and friendly spirit.

Each candidate was given a very cordial vote and all the candidates were well received by the voters.

Mr. Williams, who was retired by a minority of only seven votes, has the satisfaction of knowing that five more friends came to his support this year than in 1905.

Last year Councilor Howell had the poll with 153 votes; on Monday candidate Matthews won this distinction with a vote of 103-30 in advance to his credit.

He had a close second in Mr. Higney who secured the franchise of 100 electors.

In this, as in the past, it will be seen that the new men led in the contest. Messrs. Francis and Nicklin, who served in the Council last year, polled good aggregate, and were within five of each other.

Mr. Matthews, who has served for three years as Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Parks, said as the nomination he would not feel hurt if left at home. He retires philosophically, but no doubt the voters will be more satisfied with the new men.

The following is the official result of the poll:

No.	No. of	Total
1. MATTHEWS	103	103
2. HIGNEY	100	100
3. FRANCIS	82	82
4. NICKLIN	75	75
5. HOWELL	153	153

The Council for the present year will be composed as follows:

Reeve—George Howell.
Councilors—J. H. Matthews, William Brown, Isaac Francis and A. E. Nicklin.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. J. W. Haer, Dr. Uren and Mr. James Brown no poll was necessary for School Trustees.

Messrs. W. H. Storey, Geo. Hynds and Robert Holmes were consequently elected by acclamation to serve for the next two years.

The personnel of the Board at present is as follows:

James McLam, T. H. Harding, Robert Wallace, W. H. Storey, Geo. Hynds and Robert Holmes.

SECTIONS AT OTHER POINTS.
BURKINSHAW—Councilors—J. C. Smith, E. H. Cleaver, J. B. Allen, W. H. Finmore.

GRONOWYK—Reeve—Joseph Barber, by acclamation. Councilors—J. B. McLeod, John Gane, John McKinnon, Neil Hunter.

MILTON—Mayor—J. H. McCollum, by acclamation. Councilors—J. F. Little, G. A. Henshaw, J. M. Haselton, E. P. East, W. J. Armstrong, J. H. Penick, Thos. McEwen, R. L. Hemstreet, J. S. Deacon.

OSVELLS—Mayor—W. H. Young, Reeve—E. B. Anderson, Deputy Reeve—Geo. Andrew, Councilors—Ward I—A. D. Chisholm, C. P. Duff, W. H. Morton, and Ward 2—M. Bigler, P. Kelley, H. Williams, Ward 3—A. S. Foster, J. Kelley, H. Shaw, etc.

NYREKTVILLE—Reeve John Graydon, Councilors—W. G. Condon, Dr. Hutcheon, James Miller, W. Robinson.

REPEALERS—The Old Council by acclamation.
ERWIN, Beattie, McGibbon.

TAFARA—By acclamation, Dr. Brock re-elected Reeve, John McDougall, 1st Deputy Reeve, W. Hall, 2nd Deputy Reeve, D. Featherstone and W. H. Speers, Councilors.

REAR—Reeve—C. H. Walker, Councilors—H. B. Martin, C. H. Collier, J. C. Blackwell, G. G. Scott.

EXAM TOWNSHIP—Reeve—Howe, Irving, by acclamation. Deputy—John Duff, 2nd Deputy—A. McLaughlin, Councilors—George Beer and Thos. Deering, by acclamation.

R. E. Nelson is again an Alderman of Grandview with a big vote.

In Toronto Planning was elected Mayor by nearly 1800 of a majority over Ald. Shaw.

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A CRISIS AT OTTAWA.

Seven Cabinet Ministers Desert—Premier Bowell—Their Resignations Accepted and the Cabinet Being Filled.

THE BOLLERS WANT TOPPER.
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The opening of Parliament last Thursday was very much like a coronation. It was a grand affair, and the streets were thronged with people.

The cabinet members who were present were: Mr. Bowell, Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Galt, Mr. Huggart, Mr. Lacombe, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Neill, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Poirer, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tupper, Mr. Wainwright, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wood, Mr. Young.

Mr. Bowell, who was Premier, was very much pleased with the result of the election. He said that the people had shown their confidence in the government.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, who was Minister of Finance, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Fisher, who was Minister of the Interior, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the Senate.

Mr. Galt, who was Minister of Agriculture, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Huggart, who was Minister of Customs and Excise, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Lacombe, who was Minister of Militia and Defence, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

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Mr. Neill, who was Minister of Marine, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. O'Brien, who was Minister of Justice, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Poirer, who was Minister of Education, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Ross, who was Minister of Lands and Surveys, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

Mr. Tupper, who was Minister of Trade and Commerce, was also very much pleased. He said that the government had a strong majority in the House of Commons.

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THE LADY VANGUARD.

For the first time in the history of the world, a woman has been elected to the office of Mayor of a city.

The woman in question is Mrs. J. W. Haer, of the city of Toronto. She was elected Mayor of the city of Toronto on Monday, January 5, 1908.

Mrs. Haer is a woman of great ability and energy. She has been active in many of the city's affairs, and has done much to improve the city's government.

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A WONDROUS CHANGE.

THE STORY OF A YOUNG LADY IN SMITH'S FALLS.

Her Health Was Badly Shattered—Suffered from a Bad Cough and Consumptive Pain in the Side—Painful Attacks of Asthma—Her Health Again Restored.

It is a story of a young lady who was born in Smith's Falls, Ontario. She was a very beautiful and intelligent girl, and she was very popular among her friends.

But her health was very bad. She had a very bad cough, and she was very weak. She was very thin, and she was very pale.

She was very unhappy, and she was very sad. She was very lonely, and she was very alone.

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OF THE

Great Sale

AT

FRANK DOWLERS

This event has stirred the community to its very centre. Day after day the crowds increase, and as the time grows shorter, the necessity for a speedy clearance becomes more apparent.

It takes a lot of selling to clear \$1,000,000 worth of dry goods. It is only a few weeks till down comes the walls and out comes the front. It will not be long till the Great Cash House in the future, as we expect to have the best and most convenient store for home comfort and family use, but we have got to clear the stock first.

Ladies' Mantles.
We sold more Mantles in two months this fall, than we did last winter, because the price and goods were right. But now we will clear the balance at nominal prices. Don't buy a mantle till you have seen our stock. Compare our \$4.00 mantles with what they ask \$10.00 elsewhere, and pretend to give you a discount. Compare our \$2.00 Mantles with any \$4.00 Mantles in the city. 14 Fur Capes, some as low as \$7.00, some beautiful of long one for \$12.00. Ladies' Fur Mantles from \$22.00 to \$40.00, and such beautiful. Fine Fur are a special line of ours and will be more so in future.

You may want clothing. Every Suit and Overcoat in our stock has been marked down in price. We have too many Boys Overcoats. They come in for a heavy cut. Men's Fur Coats, we have less left yet. This is a chance for you to get one cheap.

Millinery Department
We do the best trade in Guelph in this line, because we get up the best and most stylish Millinery. The sale gives you a chance here also. Ladies' Felt Hats were \$1.00 and \$1.25 now 25c. Our 2000 yards of ribbons were placed on sale last month at 10c and 12c, the balance will be placed on sale at 8c and 10c