

MARRIED.
HARRY TAYLOR—At the family residence, 47 State Street, Galt, on Thursday, December 25, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hyndman, son of the late G. R. Smith, Esq., of Valriev Place, Acton, married Estelle, daughter of John Taylor, Esq., Galt.

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HALTON DAILY

ANOTHER BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

The Park Lane this morning, wishes every reader a merry, merry Christmas, and extends best wishes for joy to every home. All over land thousands do the absent hastened homeward with the coming Christians. The Babe of Bethlehem, who was born in a manger, and lived a honest life upon earth, has set the solitary families and given us homes. No country, has so many houses as ours. During the past month, happy schoolboys have been eagerly counting the days until the holiday comes, when they could go home carrying many dainty gifts of their dear handwork to the loved ones there. Boys from college halls have come back to the friends where anxious prayers have been daily for their safety since they first went away. Young men from the ranks of commerce and the paths of trade have put the city with its manifold temptations and care behind them to find rest and strength in the old country home. Middle-aged men and women will to-day go to the homes of their childhood to meet again brothers and sisters in family gatherings, and to cheer once more with their presence the belated pilgrims that still tarry below, divided between the children who have gone before and those who still meet now a year around the parental hearthstone. What joy, what memories, what hopes the Christmas time will waken.

But to some the merry season will bring new pang of sorrow—they never knew before. Hines last Christmas dear old parents have gone home to God and children who used to gather about them will not go to the old homestead this year, because so much of the home that was there has vanished into flames. Aged mothers will watch for sons who will come no more. Bereaved husbands will walk alone the round of the children's rooms, trying vainly to be both father and mother in preparing the surprises for the little ones on Christmas morning. And stricken mothers will do their best to keep little ones from feeling so keenly this first Christmas since the husband died, that "papa is dead." Thousands of little ones will know as they have not known before the losses which the year has brought about.

Good men and women will thank God for the homes behind them and for the good homes before; and wayfaring wanderers will stop to think of golden days gone by, and to wonder if somehow they will not one day find a resting place. And so with all others the season should be one of tenderness and love and thankfulness. Above all let us be thankful that our country contains so many homes to which the people may go. These are the citadels of national strength, and instantly the Merry Christmas we trust all will enjoy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At the County Court and General Sessions of the Peace held here last week, Judge Gorham, departing from the usual custom, had associated with him on the bench Geo. Hume, J. P. We believe His Honor intends that the innovation shall be a permanent one so far as his incumbency of the office is concerned.—By order.

The Inspector of Prisons has issued a circular to all sheriffs and persons in charge of jails, prisons, and lockups in the Province to impress all guards with the necessity of vigilance. In the case of known desperate criminals it will be regarded as especially culpable to neglect and surround them with such violence and conditions of severe detention as cannot be avoided. Dismail is threatened as a reward for carelessness in the matter.

The Milton Champion says: "The selling of liquor on Sunday, at prohibited hours, tends to drunkenness, has been and is too general. The inevitable excuse made by the liquor sellers when taken to task for law-breaking, 'If I did not do it others would,' proves that it is not exceptional. If it were liquor dealers who have no cause for anxiety now, it is not too late for them to organize for the better observance of the license act, and the sooner they do so and the more effectively they make their organization the better for themselves. The Champion hopes that they will take advice in good part from a newspaper that has fought prohibition to the hilt and is strongly opposed to it as ever, in the interests of temperance, morality and good order, if not for the trade."

CHURCH'S CONNEXION.

Quite a number have been attending the special services at Churchill during the past few weeks.

About thirty young people from this vicinity and Galt have been very zealous workers, and are to be congratulated on their success. They have organized an amateur support of the hymn-sing and Mrs. A. Murray, on Friday night last. The meeting was spent in vocal and instrumental music and various games and it is needless to say that the general heat and humor and their family did all in their power to make all feel happy. The party broke up in the early hours of the morning all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Murray and their estimable family Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and voting it was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

Mrs. and Mrs. John G. Cripps attended the marriage of Miss M. E. McPherson and Mr. N. Blacklock at Galt on Wednesday evening. A. S. Murray, Acton, spent Sunday at Mr. J. Murray's.

The compliments of the season to the Acton Free Press and staff.

A despatch from Hyndman, N. H. W., says the Federal Government has decided to send a contingent of 1,000 men to South Africa.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

AN UNFORTUNATE CASE.

Owing to circumstances of the Toronto Junction Medical Health Officer Action is due to inconvenience and expense.

THE CASH WELL CARE FOR HERE.

Acton, like some of other municipalities in the province, has a cash and small post office, which, owing to the proximity of land and provincial Boards of Health, and the isolated location of the home, is likely to be the only one in town.

On the 3rd of December, Mrs. A. Vane, daughter of Mrs. James Hyndman, has her former home in Victoria, Man., and came east to Galt, Ontario, and spent a couple of weeks with her husband's friends there.

On Wednesday evening of last week she went to Toronto to visit friends, though not feeling very well at the time. On Thursday morning appeared on her face and though still feeling unwell she had a slight cold and a sore throat.

On Saturday afternoon she left Galt, Ontario, for cleaning ditch, lot 25, 7th line, \$3.00; James Price, for moving bridge from creek line to lot 26, 5th line, building bridge and drawing plank from "Action," \$1.00; Alex McKay, for 1 day assisting in surveying road allowances between lots 27 and 29, con. 10, \$1.00; St. Joseph's Hospital board and attendance for Betty Treasby from August 3d, 1901, to December 5, 1901 at \$6 per month, \$4.00; Austin Hawkammer, for building abutments to bridge, lot 25, 5th line, lot 26, 5th line, Margaret Miller estate for lumber supplied to path in 1900, \$6.00; John Glendy for clearing ditch, lot 27: 5th line, \$2.00—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses: Agricultural Society the annual grant of \$50.00—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the following sum be paid by the Treasurer for loss and damage to their sheep by dogs: Hen Robertson, 1 sheep, \$4.00—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Treasurer pay the amount of the loss account of James Brown, \$10.00; John Hingham, for building new stone culvert in North Road, \$100.00; John H. Hines, \$100.00; John Glendy, lot 26, 5th line, \$2.00; Gino Mino, for putting in new culvert, lot 24, 7th line, \$5.00; James Price, for cleaning ditch, lot 25, 7th line, \$3.00; James Price, for moving bridge from creek line to lot 26, 5th line, building bridge and drawing plank from "Action," \$1.00; Alex McKay, for 1 day assisting in surveying road allowances between lots 27 and 29, con. 10, \$1.00; St. Joseph's Hospital board and attendance for Betty Treasby from August 3d, 1901, to December 5, 1901 at \$6 per month, \$4.00; Austin Hawkammer, for building abutments to bridge, lot 25, 5th line, lot 26, 5th line, Margaret Miller estate for lumber supplied to path in 1900, \$6.00; John Glendy for clearing ditch, lot 27: 5th line, \$2.00—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay Augus Ferguson, Road Commissioner, the sum of \$10.00 being committee Hants labor Tax in Glenwilliams division—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGibson, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Clerk be instructed to have 300 copies of the Annual Statement and Minutes and By-Laws of the Council for the year 1901 printed for distribution—Carried.

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