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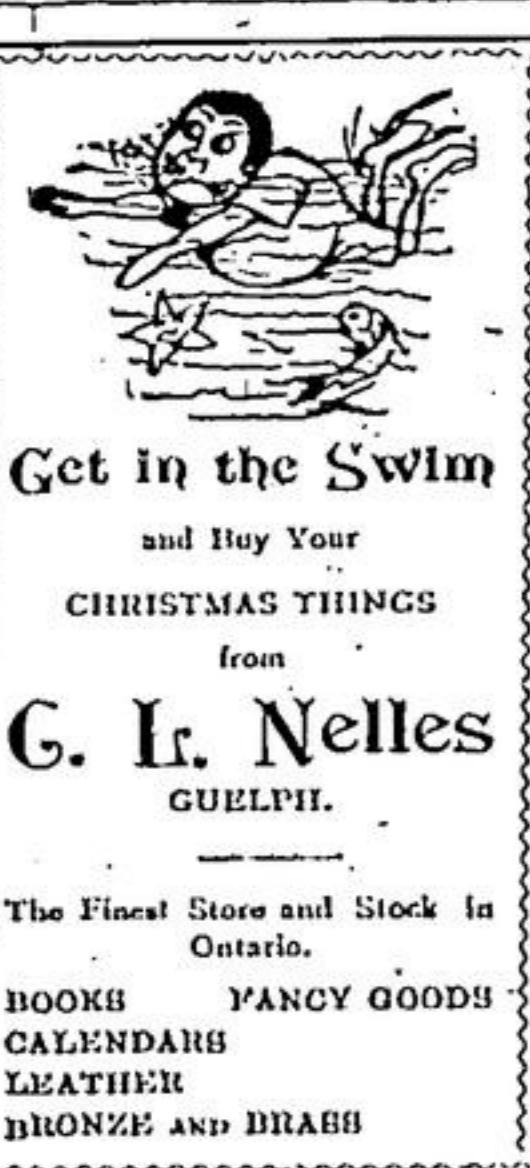
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The Finest Store and Stock in Ontario.

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The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

I wish for you the gladness
That conquers pain and suffering,
The peace of a sense of feeling
That Christ is always near;
That the promise, lasting ever,
To you is broken now;
And that the wish for you
The gladdest, happiest year.

Marianne Farnham.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

The schools re-open next Monday,
4th inst.

The Puck Prince wishes you all a
happy New Year.

Your subscription expires
with this number?

Santa Claus was certainly generous
this year in all homes.

To-morrow will end the holidays.
Then for a new year's business.

The roads were badly blocked after
Sunday's blow and Monday's fall of
snow.

Knox Sunday School entertainment
in the town hall to-morrow night.

The School Trustees elections next
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NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

A Halton Boy of Prominence. 3-2

In his series of articles on prominent
men of Norfolk, the *Blizard Reformer*
last week published a splendid por-
trait of Rev. R. J. Elliot, pastor of
the Methodist church of that town.
From the sketch we learn that Rev.
Mr. Elliot was born in Georgetown
was ordained in Milton and was a
pastor at Burlington for five years.

Esquinton Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of Esquinton
Agricultural Society, will be held in
the town hall, Georgetown, on Wed-
nesday, 13th January, at one o'clock
for election of directors, fixing location
of fair of 1904 and other business. It
is now admittedly Acton's right to the
fair for two or three years. If our
citizens and the members of the
Society in this section are anxious
for to be held here it will be desirable
that a general representative delegation
be sent to the annual meeting.

The King Edward Stake.

After long and tedious effort the
new skating rink between the Clark
House and Donelson Hotel has been
completed and put into first-class con-
dition. It is commodious and conven-
iently arranged both for skaters and
spectators. A platform guarded with
wire netting surrounds the ice and this
will be very satisfactory to all
concerned, especially during hockey
matches, skating exhibitions, etc.

The rink was opened on Christmas
Day with a good attendance, and has
been well patronized since. An exciting
hockey match with the Moundies of
Guelph is expected for New Year's
afternoon.

Baptist S. Christmas Concert.

The Baptist Sunday School held
their annual Christmas entertainment
last Wednesday night in the church.
A very fine program of singing, readings of
Christmas, recitations and dialogues
was given, much to the credit of the
scholars and those who had the
work in hand. One of the most
pleasing features of the evening was a
"clock drill" given by ten little girls,
conducted by Mrs. A. C. Chapman,
Mrs. Chapman as accompanist, assisted
by Miss Chapman with the violin. The
silver collection taken at the door was quite liberal.
The Baptist School is able to look back
over a very successful year. Mr. A. A.
Worden, who for ten years has been the devoted Superintendent,
joys the confidence of all and his
efforts have been of great advantage
to the school.

A Pretty Holiday Wedding.

Mr. Norman Maschall, with whom has
been the welcome addition of Mr.
Norman Maschall, of Guelph, by
Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., at the home
of Mrs. Robert Gavin, Peel Street, at
three-thirty on Tuesday afternoon.
As this esteemed young man looked
upon his betrothed Miss Louise Gavin,
in her unusually beauty, decked in beaded
robes of white silk, it was no wonder
he responded in the affirmative with
unusual ardor, even in the presence of
the fifty guests present. The nuptial
knot being firmly tied the company
proceeded to the dining room and partook
of the wedding dinner which was
most sumptuous. The bride was responded
to with the greatest cordiality. Mr. and
Mrs. Maschall left by the evening train
for a trip east. They will settle in
their new home in Hopewell in a
couple of weeks. The best wishes of
the community go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown will
spend New Year with friends in Mitch-
ell. Mrs. Brown has been there for a
week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. T. James Moore, of
Guelph, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert
McKercharian, of Toronto, were guests of
T. T. Moore.

Mr. Jacob Swackhamer, of Ham-
pton, and Mrs. Homer Swackhamer,
of Niagara, spent Saturday with Mrs.
(Rev.) Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore leave
this morning for Newmarket to
attend the silver wedding of Mr. and
Mrs. L. G. Jackson of the Era.

The condition of Mrs. Wm. Hem-
street is not improving. She has
been stricken with a second, but very
slight stroke, this past week.

Mr. William Graham of Detroit,
Mrs. Webster and Mr. Justice Web-
ster of Guelph, and Mr. and Mrs.
William Graham of Erin, spent
Christmas at R. D. Graham's.

A letter from Mr. C. Chester Mat-
thews, who is at Fonthill, Col., in the
heart of the Rockies, says: "It
doesn't seem a bit like the home
Christmas here. We have had no
snow here yet, though it is constantly
visible on the mountain peaks around.
The weather is warm and like sum-
mer."

—WHITE LOCAL ITEMS.

The display of Christmas meats
and fowls made by N. Patterson and
J. A. Whitham, butchers, last week,
was highly creditable and among the
best shown.

The attention of the Committee
on streets and walks is directed to the
disgraceful condition of some of the
pavements. No attempt to clear
them of snow has been made since
yesterday morning.

Miss Hayes, Beardmore & Co. and the
Action Tanning Co. treated their
mothers at the Friends' turkey on
Christmas eve. Every man in their employ
whether for a fortnight or a year—
recived a turkey.

The carrier boys will deliver the
Puck Prince calendar on New Year's
morning. "Small favors thankfully
received" is their greeting. We are
unable to get our copies of our
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THEIR SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Secord Celebrated
Auspiciously Their Twenty-
ifth Wedding Anniversary.

A delightful family gathering was
held at "Villanore," the pretty home
of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Secord, on
Bower Avenue, on Christmas Day.
It was in celebration of the twenty-
fifth anniversary of their wedding,
and proved to be a most auspicious
and happy occasion.

The rooms were beautifully decorated
with evergreens and holly and the
dining room with centerpieces of
carnations. The menu was recherche
and saucious, all the Christmas
dainties, which the forty guests fully
enjoyed. A Christmas tree formed
a very attractive background in the
hall and which its fruit was distributed
by a real live Santa Claus. It was
found that there were gifts for all
present.

In addition to the guests resident in
Acton the following were present from
a distance: Mr. Guy Marlett, of San
Francisco, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Young,
Oakville; Miss Marlett, Waterford;
Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Stannard Atkins,
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis,
Mr. T. E. Young, Oakville;
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurney, of
Georgetown, spent Christmas here.
Mr. Robert Nelles and Miss Nelles
are spending the holidays at Weston.
Mr. W. W. Wiggin, of Montreal, was
a guest friend in Acton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Arnold, of Guelph,
visited friends in Acton over Christ-
mas.

Mr. and Mrs. Secord were present at
the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Worden, of
Port Elgin, spent Christmas at the old
home.

Mr. Fred H. Brown, of St. Thomas,
spent Christmas at his father's home
here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davis, and Miss
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Gurney, of
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Mr. Frank Moore, of the Merchants
Bank, Guelph, was in town on
Christmas.

Mr. Pennell Smyth, of Merchants
Bank, Hanover, spent the holiday with
relatives in town.

Mr. J. P. Mulholahan, of Port
Elgin, arrived home to spend a few
weeks holidays.

Mr. Robt. Nicklin, of Brandon, Man.,
is spending a couple of weeks with
friends in town.

Miss Nellie Mullholahan, of Toronto,
came home last week to spend two
weeks' holidays.

Rev. Mr. Priest, missionary from
India, is a guest at the home of Mr.
W. J. Chapman.

Mr. A. E. Gurney, of Barrie, and
Mr. R. H. Gurney, of Exeter, visited
their Action friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Smyth and
children, of Toronto, were guests of
Mrs. J. B. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prick and
daughter, were guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Gilmour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart are
spending the week with relatives at
Atwood and Bluevale.

During her stay in Acton, Miss
Saywell, of St. Thomas, was the guest of
Mrs. Francis at Idylwild.</p