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The Acton Free Press. THURSDAY, DECKMBER 28.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

-Happy New Year to all. -No zero weather yet this winter. -A bright New Year. May we al make it better than the year just

Kindly supply the FREE PRESS with the names of your visitors to and from town.

... The merchants report a bumpe Christmas trade, notwithstanding the -It's 1913 after this work. Itemen

ber when you date your letters and .- Well, there wasn't much sleighing, but it could hardly be called a green

Christmas, after all. -Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., will hold preparatory service in Knox Church this evening and communion services on Sanday.

-The was some rather venturesome skating on thin los on Fairy Lake on Tuesday. Four young people went in to the neck.

-The past week was the businet the post office here ever experienced. The amount of Christmas matter handled was unpredecented. -The Baptist Sunday School enter

talnment last Friday evening was very recoverful and gave much pleasure to all who participated.

-Knox Sanday School will provide a delightful entertainment for New Year's night. The Lawrie Boys, of Hamilton, and an excellent scholars' prògramme will be given.

-Of course, the old Council will re-elected. Give them an opportunity to finish their work and bring in Hydro-electric power and light. -The induction of Rev. J. Milne to the pastorate of the First Prosbyterian Church, Eramosa, will take place to-

paorrow. Rav. J. C. Wilson, B. A. Moderator, will preside. -Mr. Allen Smith's new cemen double dwelling on Lake Avenue is about completed. Mr. Smith moved into the cast side last week. This new

building is quite an improvement to the street. -B. J. Kerr. suctioneer, beld Cows sold as high as \$115.00; steer calf, 9 months old

\$67,00's oats, 960. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$4,500. Have you renewed your FREE have done so during the week and conderable number of these have

sent the paper for a year to friends a a distance as a Christmas or New Year's token. -Mesers. Caster & Co. have disposed of their dry goods, millinery an clothing business to Gerbig, the hust ler, from Toronto. Mr. Gerbig will re-open the store on Wednesday, Janu

ary 3rd, and will offer special bargains to clear out the present stock. Installation of I. D. F. Officers At the last regular meeting the

Moure of Court Office Branch were installed as follows: O. R .- T. Gamble. V. C. R.-Mrs. R. M. McDonald. Rec. Sec'y-J. Lacky. Fig. Sec'y-O, O. Speight.

Trees. B. H. Speight. Chan.-Mrs. S. Gunton. S. W.-H. Brown. - A. S. W.-W. M. Orlpps. J. W.-R. Lavens.

A. J. W .- Mrs. J. McArthur. B. B.-H. Bardett.

J. B .- G. Hall. C. D.-J. McIntosb. P. C. R .- J. Plant. Physician-E. D. Ault, M. D.

Mr. J. N. Stinson, who came back speat and returned to the west on

"BOCKWOOD" ---

Monday. The Young Men's Bible Class of the Mathodist Church assembled at Mr. ~ Arthur Bulton's residence the other evening, and after some conversation, Mr. C. H. Harris was called to the chair. An address appreciative of the pervices of Mr. A. F. Johns, their mother, was presented Mr. Johns, also Albie and two other volumes.

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Building C. M. O. Railway Stations Mr. Hiram Swackhamer, who is home for the bolidays, is now engaged as foreman of the carpentering gange who are building stations and watertanks on the Canadian Northern Ontario Hailway. His men are at work on buildings at the "end of the strol" in the gold mining region beyond

Fathers, Children and Grandohildren A happy family re-union was held on Christmas day at the house of Mr. (i. W. Murray, lot 30, con. 2, Kequesing. The Murray, Kingsbury and Manu branches of the family assembled to the number of thirty-two, and ex Deputy-Reeve Andrew Murray was

interest. Large number of farms the proud grandfather of eleven of for sale, cheap. Dwellings and those present. A very joyous day was spent and artist Bauer arrived in the town. We have every facility for afternoon to take a group picture of A Gallant Reseus

On Tuesday afternoon while skating on Fairy Lake Herbert Masales and Jeele Matthews went through thin ice and for a few minutes were in very precarious position. Rolph Swackbamer, who was not far away rushed up and jumped in to the rescue of Miss Matthews, and two or three young fellows gut Massles out to solid ice. It was also necessary to assist young Swackhamer out. Beyond and scare and a very loy bath there

vers no serious consequences.

A Quiet Wedding Last Week A very quiet wedding took place last Saturday evening at "Windermere," the | S. P. S., Toronto. home of ex-Warden of Halton and Mrs. Swackbamer, when their only daughter, Gertrude Etheleen, was married to Mr. R. L. Smith-Unwin, of Stratford, London, England. The Rev. J. O Wilson, B. A., of Knox Church, offici ated. The bride was unattended and looked lovely in her bridal robes of ivory satin de chene with pearl and crystal embroidery and bridal vell and orange blossoms. After the ceremony a reception was held for the immediate

friends of the bride and groom.

Christmas Day Pleasures The Christmas of 1911 in Acton will be remembered as a very quiet one Family gatherings and re-unions were numerous and the members of these evidently found greatest pleasure in the home and bome surroundings. Skating was good both on Fairy Lake and Corporation Pond. A few cutters were running but most of the driving was on wheels and the roads were very fair. The Oddfellows concert in the town hall in the evening afforded a pleasant opportunity for putting in the closing bours of the day. The Christmas spirit was much in ev

Christmas Family Re-union A family re-union was held at the residence of Mrs. G. Campbell, Victor is Ave., on Christmas when twenty eight gathered to spend the day : Mrs E. J. Harper, of Toronto; A. F. Au derson and grandaughter, of Clan Lake, Mich. ; R. J. Anderson, of Oadillac, Mich.; W. H. Anderson and daughter, of Kewadin, Mich.; T. G. Anderson, of New York Oity; brothers of Mrs. Campbell; Harry Campbell and family, of West Toronto; Geo. Campbell and family, of Ballina fad ; Mrs. Collier and family, Mr. Ed. Gamble and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gamble, Mr. Holmberg, and Mr. Engle-

bart, of Acton .- OoM. Death of Rev. Christopher Cookman Rev. Christopher Cookman died at his home at Weston on Christmas day after a long illness. The remains will be brought to Acton on this morning's train, for interment in Fairview Cometery beside the remains of bis first wife. Bav. Mr. Cookman entered the Methodist ministry at Drayton in 1865 and for over forty years continued in the work, superannuating three years ago. In 1867 he was stationed at Acton, and a year or later married Sarah Jane, daughter of the late Asa Hell, E.u. Mrs. Cookman predeceased him about thirty years ago, several years after which he married his present widow. One son

and three daughters survive Remembered at Christmas Time Mr. Chas, W. Mason, who was for many years the leader of Acton Methodiet Sunday School Orchestra, and who recently removed to Wingham, was in town for the Christmas holldays. On Sunday be attended the Sunday School as usual and assisted the guest of her. sister, Mrs. Wm: the Orobestra with their Christmas Mason. innels. At the close of the session Mr. Mason was presented on behalf of the school, by Mesers, H. P. Moore, Super- | Murchy. intendent and A. E. Nicklin, associate Superintendent, with a sliver-plated folding music stand with leather: Ohristman. case, and an abony and ivory leader's baton, suitably inscribed. Mr. Masoo Harold were with Guelph friends on expressed his appreciation in fitting Christmas. terms, wished the school continued success and all the members a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year. L O. O. F. Christman Night Concert The Christmas concert provided by has received a Government appoint the Oddfellows Lodge was in all respects up to the merits claimed for .it. The programme was varied and of an enjoyable character. The quartettes Swackhamer. given by the Royal Male Quartette, of Toronto, were exceedingly well randered and were of a clase of selections Bach member proved himself a singerof ability. Mesers. Frank Bemroee-Albert Robinson, and Donald Linden p their respective solos elicited continued appleuse, While the duetts by Meers. Bemrose and Edmondson were much enjoyed/ Miss Bertie Smith excelled herself in her numbers; "Old Judes." The Harbor of Love," and "The Obocolate Boldler." She was repeatedly encored. Miss Lauretta Gray not only performed the part o accompaniet to the company of artists of the evening in her inimitable manper but contributed two plane numbers, which for perfect rendering and

THE CHRISTMASTIDE VISITORS

Mr. John B. Moore, of Toronto. Miss Lottle A. Moore, of Toronto. Miss Mignie Bennett was at Ballina

Mr. Joe Glubons was here from T

Mr. Ray Watson was home from

A. B. Kenney is house from

Mr. Alfred Storey was home from Mr. Edward Murray was home from

Miss Myrtle Matthews is home from

Miss Margaret B. Bennett from

Mr. J. A. McMurchy from Turonte University. Mr. A. Kennedy was here from Bracebridge.

Mr. C. H. Moore, of the Dundas Star, Mr. Warren Brown, from the S. P.

from Toronto. Mr. J., Bayd, of Toronto, was here for Christmas.

Misses Margaret and Marion Brown were in Toronto. Mr. John Folster, of Hamilton, was with friends here.

here on Saturday. Dr. A. L. Hore, of Markbam, was here on Baturday. Mr. J. C. Leelle, of Calgary, was

fruit growers of Canada. Write for an agency. Brown Bros. Co. Nur town on Saturday. serymen, J.td., Brown's Nur-cules Mr. H. S. Nicklin is home Mr. C. W. Maron, of Wingham, was

here for Christmas. Mr. W. K. Moore, of Hamilton, for him to pass a grindstone. visiting friends here. Mr. Walter Posses, of Crochrane courage, the man who has a was with friends here. mighty udpopular.

Mr. Jas. Henderson is home from Toronto University. Mr. D. McMuschy, spent Christmas with Toronto friends. Mr. Will Forbes, of Turonto, was

home for the boliday. Mr. Ralston Brown, of Toronto, was home for the holidays. Mr. F. A. McLean spent Christman at his home in Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. George Soper

family, were at Preston. Mr. Park Dills, of Johnstown, N. Y. is bome for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNabb and

children were at Oreemore. Miss Una Kenney is home from Oreemore for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and babe, are here from Detroit. Dr. Will Somerville is here from

Halleybury for the bolidays. Mrs. Jennie Smith and Miss Edith were with friends in Toronto. Capt. and Mrs. C. S. Gamble, of Buffalo, were at the old home. Miss Leita Shields spent Christmas at ber home in Grand Valley. Miss Bessie Husband is home from

Toronto for a couple of weeks. Miss Nellie Porter, of Toronto, spent Obrietmas with relatives here. Mr. Anson Thurston spent Christmas with his sister in Toronto. Mr. Wallace Frankum, of Wingbam, was home for the holidays. Miseos Ettle and Myrtle Dills, of To-

ronto, are home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Lindsay and children were here from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntosh, Toronto, were home for Christmas. Miss Cormie, of Guelph, was the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason, and Master George, of Alton, were here. Miss Tens McArthur, of Toronto, spent Christman with Acton friends. Miss Grace Johnstone was at her home in Bracebridge over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Barrie, visted friends here over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McIntosh and babe, of Guelph, were at the old home. Mr. T. James Moore and Miss Laurs,

of Guelph, were at Mrs. T. T. Moore's. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Warden, of Fergus, were guests at the old bome. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore and baby Joselyn, of Toronto, were at Moore-

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald and children were with friends out o Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ebbage, and babe, of Berlin, were at the paternal

Miss Switzer, of Meadowvale, was Mrs. Whitney, of Luddington, Mich., le a guest of her sister. Mrs. D. Mo-

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McMurchy were with friends in Brampton over Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nicklin and Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and Miss Muriel, of Hamilton, were here for

Ohristmas. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matheson, of Mrs. W. Barnes and children, of To-

ropto, visited at the home of Mrs. C. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bielby and babe, of Ingersoll, visited friends in Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Toronto, were guests of Rev. J. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Coleman and Mr. Robert, of Claveland, O., are visiting friende bere. Mr. Wm. Doff, of Drayton, was the guest of bla daughter at Knox Church Mansa

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Swackbamer, of for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Caldwell and children spent the holidays at the old home near Barrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noble, and Mr. F. J. OHREET & CO., Tolede, O. artistic techique have rarely been and Mrs. Gro. Warner, of Tolento, was evidently affected by the numer one family intheriogs in town, the members of which were lostly to leave the Ohrietman, night fireside with its Ocioman, pent Christman with friends of the christman with friends at Hispeler.

Fred McLaughlin is spending the

holidays at his home bere. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hmith we Acton, at Prince George Hotel, Fairview Place for the holiday. on Christmas Eve Mr. Joseph Orippe, of West Toroute, HE WAS PROM BRIM, HOWEVER spent Christmas holidays with hi

sister, Mrs. C. McLaughlin,

T. T. Moore.

relatives,bere.

aminations there.

left on Tuesday for Winnipeg.

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Welland Co., Votario.

the serious illness of his brother.

will likely be away four or five days.

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Mr. Herbert Allan, of Calgary,

visiting his grandfather, Mr.

McLaughlin, Wellington Street.

On Christmas afternoon Chief Law son received a telegram from Oble Grassett, Toronto, requesting blus to look up the friends of "Frederick . Mrs. H. R. McKerriben, of Toronto, McLeau," who was found dead in his and Mrs. Chas. Jenner, of New York, room at the Prince George Hotel, To-N. Y., are guests of their mother, Mrs. ronto, that morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Coleman, of Hamiota, Man., arrived on Tuesday evening to spend a few weeks with Mosers. Andrew and Michael () Brien are bome from North Bay. Both were successful in their Model School ex-Capt. Claude Gray, who has been in Military School, Kingston, for several months, was home for Christmas, He Dr. T. Gray was called auddenly to Rochester, Minn., yesterday owing to

hid not been touched. Nothing which would assist in the identity of the man was found in the Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Massles and baba, pockets of the clothing. He had a few Miss Auprey Mamiss, Mr. and Mrs dollars, a gold watch and chain, a pipe U. T. McLam and Mr. Rrio Garvin. and a few other trinkets. Dr. Winvisited at the home of Mrs. Robert neit, who was called, stated that death was apparently due to an over-dose of

A bottle found in the room had 's Porter, druggist, Acton. There never was a drugglet of the

name of Porter in Acton. A man o the name did, however, succeed Mr. Harry Frankum in Dr. Geer's drug store at Erin last fall when Mr. Frankum went to the College of Pharmacy, Toronto. It is believed this is the man who was found dead.

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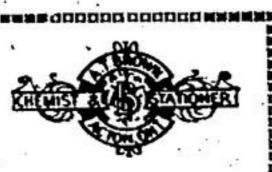
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deviation from this rule. This will be

a boon to hockey players engaged in games on the artificial los. Clever Way of Catching Menkeys. In tropical countries the natives have many unique ways of catching monkeys. One of them, as explained by a traveler, is this: The hunters walk about in short boots in sight of the monkeys. Then they take the boots off, place some gum in the bottoms and leave them on the ground, with-drawing themselves to a great distance. Presently the monkeys come down from the trees and try on the boots and when the hunters come after them the boots stick to the feet of the monkeys and they are unable to climb. Thus the imitative little

animals are captured. Engagement Rinks.

The custom of giving engagement rings ranks back to long before the Christian era. With the ancient Egyp. tlans engagement rings were always of iron, to indicate the mutual sacri-fice of liberty of the contracting par-ties. One of the very carliest adorn-ments of betrothal rings was a load-ritone, which symbolised the attractive force which drew a maiden from her own family circle into that of her husband. It is believed that the fourth finger has always been the bride's ring,

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