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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1914

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—A happy New Year to you.
 —Practice writing it "1914" to-day.
 —Real old-fashioned winter weather now.
 —Knox Sunday School entertainment to-night.
 —Blights and cutters ran freely a few days last week.
 —The mercury got down to zero for the first time this season on Saturday morning.
 —The **PACIFIC** has been welcoming numerous new subscribers the past week or so.
 —"Wasn't it a jolly Christmas, with the grass and trees covered with pretty snowflakes?"
 —Owing to the "continued dry weather many wells and cisterns are short of water."
 —The tanneries have been closed for a couple of weeks for stock-taking and needed repairs.
 —Good morning! Happy New Year! Have you renewed your **PACIFIC** subscription for 1914?
 —St. John's Church, Oakville, was seriously damaged by fire last week. The loss is between \$1,000 and \$1,500.
 —Corporation Fund has been illuminated with electric lights the past week and skating has been much enjoyed.
 —I enclose \$1.00 for **PACIFIC** which we always enjoy, especially the "Year Ago" column."—Miss B., Windsor.
 —A New Year's resolution, like Christmas shopping, deserves early attention. It will need attention both early and late.
 —The annual meeting of Hutton Fire Insurance Company will be held in the town hall, Acton, on Monday, 26th January at 1:30 o'clock.
 —James Steele, President Quilp Wire Works, passed away Tuesday morning at his residence only three days after an illness lasting only three days.
 —Collector Harvey states that, notwithstanding the financial stringency, he has a much smaller amount of taxes in arrears than was the case at the end of 1912.
 —Messrs. Orr & Ebbage, two of Acton's boys who have made a success of real estate in Vancouver, B. C., have remodeled the **PACIFIC** Press with a very attractive calendar.
 —Mr. Cockburn, of Toronto, sang with much acceptance the solo "Face to Face" in Knox Church on Sunday evening. His rich baritone voice brought out the number with splendid effect.
 —"With my subscription I wish to enclose just a line of appreciation of the house paper. Truly it is like a letter from home each week. I read it thoroughly. Best wishes."—Miss B., Toronto.
 —With the conclusion of the holiday rush many who have felt the strain of long hours, with the necessary volume of holiday business, will give a sigh of relief and relief, now that it is over.
 —Last Sunday two young men were skating on the pond and a constable was sent to warn them off the ice, with a possession of the pond by the law of the town, passed in an old by-law at an alternative. The young man took off his skates and went home.—Champion.
 —The remains of the late Joseph Maud, of Exeter, who died in Hamilton on Monday, were brought here on Tuesday morning and conveyed to the home of his brother, Mr. J. H. Maud, town line. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at Exeter.
 —If the payment of taxes can be taken as an indication of the money market the hard times must be easing up. Up to Wednesday evening, December 10th, there had been paid in taxes the sum of \$27,419, leaving a balance of only \$2,823.75 unpaid, an Oakville Record.
 —It is too good many years since Acton saw such horde of drunks as have paraded the streets day and night during the holiday and past week. "This is the result of bringing back the liquor license," said an observant young lady to the **PACIFIC** man on the street on Saturday morning.
 —The congregation of the Methodist Church was delighted with the solo rendered by Miss Queenie Smith, on Sunday. She also very kindly assisted the choir in their special anthem, and sang at the Sunday School review service in the afternoon.
 —The License Commissioners met Friday to consider the proposed renewal of the license of the New Royal Hotel upon Fred Garbutt to Edward Donald, of Brantford. The two had not completely agreed on the terms the transfer was not put through. Mr. Garbutt will not leave Milton.—Champion.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Narrow Escape of Lady Driver
 A couple of younger ladies found themselves in rather serious predicament on Saturday when driving down the third line. A truck became unfastened and the horse got frightened and ran away. Both of the ladies were thrown and badly shaken up.

Expensive Christmas Entertainment
 The Sunday School of the Baptist Church enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas evening, on Tuesday of last week. A Christmas tea was provided for the scholars early in the evening. Later a very creditable programme of choruses, recitations, etc., was given. It was much appreciated by the large audience. Rev. Mr. Howarth was the chairman of the evening and he kept matters moving in a most satisfactory manner.

Mr. Donald Mann in Chicago
 A Chicago visitor of this week was Sir Donald Mann, Vice-President of the Canadian Northern Railway. He was a guest at the Blackstone Hotel and was accompanied by T. A. Hays and G. G. Hurl. It is understood he met with officials of the Canadian Northern Railway, including those of the Queen's Hotel. Sir Donald Mann was born in Acton, Ont., in 1852. He attended for the industry but became a writer on editorials and columns in the Dominion and the Toronto Globe. Sir William Mackenzie planned and built one of the Dominion's Transcontinental. —Chicago Canadian-American.

The 20th Regt. Did Good Work
 Referring to the passing of the 20th Regiment, Lt. Col. H. H. Hutton, the Champion, whose editor, Major Patterson, was for a score of years a member and officer, says: "For many years the 20th was one of the most efficient of the royal corps, particularly in rifle shooting. It had many good marksmen yearly to the Ontario Rifle Association matches at Toronto and those of the Dominion Rifle Association at Ottawa. In 1903 they carried off the two principal team prizes at Ottawa, the Cameron and Landowne cups. Year after year the 20th had one or more men on the Blaisy team sent to England. How disorganization came about is hard to understand."

Charges and Countercharges
 Last Friday three young men in town were charged before H. P. Moore, J. P., by the chief of police, L. J. H. J. P., with assaulting the lady while he was skating one evening on Corporation Pond. The young man alleged the punishment was inflicted because the boy had spoken insolently to a young lady. The defendant was released on the assurance of a surety of one of the aforesaid young men walked upon the magistrate and laid information for assault against the lady with assaulting his sister. The cases were set for hearing Friday afternoon. Each of the four defendants as they were called pleaded guilty to the charge. The magistrate laid each with a fine of \$10.00 and costs, and the town's cheque is endorsed by \$10.00. Of course they all had satisfaction.

A Note from Yorkland Market
 The **PACIFIC** is in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. E. McGarvey, of Yorkland, dated December 18th, containing his paper for the next two years, in which he says: "For several months our utility from the outside world have been very irregular and uncertain. However, we usually get our letters and papers, and though several weeks late, I assure you we appreciate the news from the outside world more than ever we did. All foreign mails now come via Vera Cruz. This poor country is in a terrible state and it seems nothing better in sight. Something must be done soon by the powers or there will be nothing left to save. Business is paralyzed and many of the bills of the banks here are not accepted by the banks here. We foreigners are waiting each day for something to happen and we don't care what it is so long as there is something of a change for the better. The situation has been getting steadily worse since the fighting in this city last February."

A Pretty Lake Avenue Wedding
 At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, Lake Avenue, a quiet but very pretty wedding was celebrated on Christmas afternoon. Promptly four o'clock the eldest daughter of the happy home of seven daughters, Miss Jessie, leaning upon the arm of her father, entered the parlor, and took her place by the side of her betrothed husband, Mr. Carlton H. O. Wilson, B. A., performed the ceremony which united the happy pair in the bonds of holy wedlock. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of cream satin marquisette over crepe and with white tulle. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley. Miss Margaret, sister of the bride, of Calgary, was maid of honor, and was daintily gowned in pink marquisette with tulle of shadow lace. Miss Rose played Edegar's wedding march, and during the signing of the register Miss Annie sang very sweetly the popular solo "The Cause." The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch, to which she wore a band bracelet and to Miss Rose a pearl ring. The bride couple were the recipients of many valuable tokens of esteem. Immediately after the wedding repeat Mr. and Mrs. Banks took the 6:30 train for their new home in Moose Jaw. The best wishes of the community follow them.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

Fullness in performance of public contracts, loss of weight, and fullness in administering public business, without loss or favor, are very necessary to the safe-guarding of the public weal. In these days when papers are so full of wrong doing in office, and wrong doing in service, it is refreshing to read of the rugged sense of responsibility manifested in the Province 100 years ago, as found in that interesting volume "Report of Archives" giving records of Upper Canada Assembly, 1813.

On March 2nd, 1812, "read the petition of Daniel Spillman which is as follows: To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled. The humble petition of Daniel Spillman, Sheweth: That he having undertaken to build a bridge across the Grand River for a much less sum than he has found it possible to accomplish the work for he has thereby lost two years of the most valuable part of his life, and involved himself in debts which it may take a much longer time with painful efforts to pay. He therefore humbly begs leave to lay before Your Honorable House the facts following: That he has expended no pains in having the work executed in a manner, in doing which he has expended no less a sum than three thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, not including any charge for his own time. That in the expenditure he has observed the most parsimonious economy. That he has not taken place for the common necessities of life, which though not directly, are indirectly connected with the above, as he was prevented from doing for them by any other means. That between five and six hundred dollars of subscription money remains to be collected. That some of the subscribers have left the country, which makes a probability of non-payment. That though he has experienced difficulty in the prosecution of his work nothing can make him shrink from his duty. "Thus, with other concomitant circumstances, which the wisdom of Your Honorable House will better conceive than he can describe, with the humble submission, he lays before you. If the wisdom of Your Honorable House should think fit to remunerate him. As his duty binds he will ever give. DANIEL SPILLMAN."

Such a frank statement and reasonable appeal did not seem to move the hearts, or at least the heads of these honorable legislators. For Mr. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. John Wilson, that the petition of Daniel Spillman be referred to the Committee on the Contingent Accounts, which Committee passed in the negative."

THE CHRISTMAS DEVIATIONS

The Home Coming and Family Reunions and Out of Town Visits

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MANIFEST
 Holiday visitations were numerous and from town of which the **PACIFIC** reporters gleaned the following:
 Mr. Williams Cullen, of Heapsler, Mr. Jack Chapman was home from Toronto.
 Mr. E. H. McPherson was home from Toronto.
 Mr. Reginald Guntion was home from Toronto.
 Mr. and Mrs. McKee and daughter, Toronto.
 Miss Kestrick, of Galt, visited her mother here.
 Mr. Frank Hall, of the Merchants Bank, Oakville.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Taylor were here from Tilsonburg.
 Miss Dora Worden visited her brother at Fergus last week.
 Mr. Alonza Worden was at Georgetown for Christmas.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Melton spent Christmas at Galt on Tuesday, December 16th, at the home of her son, John Thompson, lot 22, con. 1, Esquesing. Deceased was a daughter of the late Robert Hiltch, who was born at Newburgh, Ontario, and was the only child she came with her parents, Naasagaway. In 1823 she married her late husband and they settled at Galt's Mills. Thirty-three years ago they moved to the farm where she died. Her husband died in 1870, ten years ago. There were seven children in the family all of whom survive: William, John and James and Miss Maggie in Esquesing; Joseph and Mrs. John Moore, in Ontario; and Mrs. Thos. Walsh, in Milton. They were all at their mother's bedside when she passed away. During the years of her active life Mrs. Thompson was a hard-working woman, and a kind obliging member of Knox Church, Acton. Her funeral on Thursday, 18th, was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A. Six of her old friends and acquaintances acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Alexander Wallace, Thomas Arthur, Thomas Storey, William Miller, John Stuker and Duncan McDougall. The remains were laid at rest in the family plot in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

OBITUARY
 After several months' of poor health, from heart trouble Mr. Samuel Rayson, of Hampton, on-in-law of the late John Kenny, Acton, passed away very suddenly at his home at week ago last Monday. He was born in Hurlok, Eng., sixty-eight years ago. For thirty years he was official bell-ringer and caretaker of the town hall. He was also for twenty years janitor of the Dominion Bank. He was a most faithful officer. In his early married life Mr. Rayson was for some time a resident of Acton. Mr. Rayson is survived by his widow, one son, William with the Copland-Chatwin Co., Toronto; and four daughters, Mrs. Wm. Bartlett, Hampton; Mrs. Williamson, Niagara Falls; Miss Rayson and Miss Winits at home.

MISS ROBERT THOMPSON
 A slight stroke of paralysis following many years of falling health, resulted in the passing away of Margaret Thompson, widow of the late Robert Thompson, on Tuesday, December 16th, at the home of her son, John Thompson, lot 22, con. 1, Esquesing. Deceased was a daughter of the late Robert Hiltch, who was born at Newburgh, Ontario, and was the only child she came with her parents, Naasagaway. In 1823 she married her late husband and they settled at Galt's Mills. Thirty-three years ago they moved to the farm where she died. Her husband died in 1870, ten years ago. There were seven children in the family all of whom survive: William, John and James and Miss Maggie in Esquesing; Joseph and Mrs. John Moore, in Ontario; and Mrs. Thos. Walsh, in Milton. They were all at their mother's bedside when she passed away. During the years of her active life Mrs. Thompson was a hard-working woman, and a kind obliging member of Knox Church, Acton. Her funeral on Thursday, 18th, was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A. Six of her old friends and acquaintances acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Alexander Wallace, Thomas Arthur, Thomas Storey, William Miller, John Stuker and Duncan McDougall. The remains were laid at rest in the family plot in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

THE CHURCH

The Sunday School of the Congregational Church held their annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Eve on Monday evening, December 22nd. A goodly number turned out to enjoy the splendid programme provided by the scholars. The church was prettily decorated, and materials to carry out the designs were provided by interested friends of the Sunday school. The Christmas Eve was provided by Mr. Thos. Hyder.

The programme was lengthy, and the warm applause of the audience showed that the quality was good. The scholars performed their parts well. The recitations, songs and dialogues were excellently rendered. Great credit is due to Mrs. Miller, who arranged and those who assisted her in training the scholars. The choir under the leadership of Mr. Harry Gibbons, also sang an anthem, "Teaching to Dances." Mr. MacDonald, also sang a solo, entitled "The Children's Home." Mr. Swackhamer gave a number of selections on "Worship."

With all his people, Santa Claus arrived at the house, and out of his usual bounty had presents for young and old. His quaint manner and witty expressions kept all in a state of laughter and good humor.

The Sunday School was re-organized some eighteen months ago by Mr. MacDonald and since that time the attendance has been very good. Eyes and hopes being for greater work in the future and the school of Uxbridge, visited Miss Ada Somerville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ebbage, and Miss Ebbage, spent Christmas with President Hallin.

Messrs. Joseph and James Mulholland, of Georgetown, spent Christmas at their home here.

Mr. Austin Swackhamer was at Ferry Road last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Lillian Swackhamer, and Mr. Charles, of West Toronto, visited Acton friends.

Mr. Angus Kennedy and his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Kennedy, spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeod and children, of Toronto, were guests of the Misses Hawthorn.

Mr. Alva Stafford, of St. Thomas, spent a day or so last week with friends in the old home town.

Mr. A. M. Smith was home from Toronto and spent the holiday with his mother at Fairview Place.

Mrs. W. A. Stewart and Miss Stella have been spending the holidays with relatives in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Woodward and babe, of St. Williams, were guests of Mrs. A. F. Smith, Lake Avenue.

Mr. David F. Brown, of Exeter, Alberta, arrived in town on Friday to make an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. William Waddie, Jr., is home from Manitoba and will spend a month or so with his father Alex Waddie, Esq., near St. Williams, Ontario.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin, of Toronto, spent Christmas at his home. His mother returned to the city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gregory, of Olean, N. Y., were Christmas guests of their son, Mr. R. L. Gregory, Church Street.

HOT CONTEST IN ESQUESING

Reeve Weiglesworth is Opposed by John Hingham

TERRIBLE MOMENTS FOR DEPUTY
 The nomination meeting in Esquesing on Monday was one of the hottest ever held at Esquesing. Personal attacks were freely indulged in. The old Council were hotly scored for their liberal policy in loosening the construction of wire fencing, which cost the township \$2,574.45. This was distributed among scores of ratepayers of the township in sums of \$23.50 for 250 rods to John Hingham, one of the applicants for the Township, to \$1.13 for 4 1/2 rods to John Hingham.

The nominations for the various positions were as follows:
 Reeve—Geo. Weiglesworth and John Hingham.
 Aldermen—Thos. Cox, James Newberry and James Brown.
 Councilors—Alex. Jos. William Cleaver, James Standish, James Lindway, Dan. Reed, John Elliott, J. W. L. Russell, James McMillan, and J. Russell. Several of the nominees for Councilors have declined to stand.

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