

At the home of Mrs. A. T. Brown, on Friday, December 11th, Mrs. Brown will be the first to receive the Christmas tree.

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#### CHRISTMAS—1914

For the fortieth time the Free Press extends cordial Christmas greetings to its large circle of readers. This season of "Peace on earth, and good will to men" finds the British Empire involved in a disastrous war. Our own beloved land is rightly taking a fair share in assisting the motherland in the great struggle. The Christmas spirit is being fittingly demonstrated by the generous contributions of food and clothing as well as financial help to the families of the soldiers and to the people of Belgium, whose land and homes have been so wantonly destroyed by the cruel and destructive hordes who perpetrated the war as a result of their unprovoked militarism and desire for national expansion. But, while the war brings sadness to many hearts, we in Canada have still great cause for gratitude. As a result of the year's operations we are enjoying many comforts and are in the possession of sufficient material means to enable us to be glad and contented. After the year's hard work of getting, there comes this hallow Christmas season of giving, for never more than at Christmas time does one realize the great truth of the words: "It is more blessed to give than receive." This is the time when the hearts of those that are well-to-do, and strong, and well, go out to those who are poor, and sick, and in need. Hearts are touched by the sorrows of others, and the rich and the poor come closer together than at any other time of the year. How can anyone professing faith in the Christian religion let his thoughts go back to the days of Babylon who was looted in the manger because there was no room in the inn, and then turn a deaf ear to the cry of the little children, or the moan of the sick and suffering and needy? In these days of rush and haste such a season comes like a benediction to turn our thoughts from the material things of earth to the higher ideals for which too many of us try to persuade ourselves we have no use. This is a time for reflection—a time to measure our services by the measure of love and in too many cases it will be found that some sufferer is being neglected with-in easy reach of our own door. The fun and jollity of Christmas are good. The drawing together of members of a household and of friends in a close union, is also good. The sharing of our plenty with the poor is essential. But all these things together are not enough, unless Christmas is kept as the birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Free Press wishes all its readers a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

GRAND BRITAIN today prohibited the exportation of tea to all continental ports, except those of the countries of the allies, and of Spain and Portugal. This is due to indications that Germany is receiving large supplies of tea through the Netherlands.

In 1903 the exports of cheese from Canada were 210,000,000 pounds, valued at \$24,800,000. In 1913 the exports had decreased to 143,000,000 pounds, valued at \$10,000,000. Stocks of cattle on the farms of Western Canada have, however, been almost doubled during the past 11 years. In 1901 there were 1,050,627 and this year there are 2,014,235.

The British forces on the firing line in France and Belgium now number from 400,000 to 450,000 men. The British centre is at Ypres with the right and left wings extending south and north from that point. Fresh troops, the pick of the Territorials, are continually going to the Continent.

The year just closing will show considerable increases in many lines of commerce and business. An analysis of conditions will, however, show that the contraction has been largely due to caution and thrift. Exports to the United States and to Britain will show up well, and imports will be greatly less. The latter fact is not all bad, because the less we purchase from outside the less we will have to pay for.

HALLOW COUNTY COUNCIL is determined that this County shall have good roads, and that they shall be continuous at convenient distances apart, and extend from South to East to West throughout the County. A splendid beginning has been made. In fact the sum allotted by the Government, which the previous year had paid one-third to now one-half, has been paid one-third to now one-half, and proceeded with far enough to show the great advantage of roads constructed under Government supervision. It is now the Government's responsibility to see that the Government was requested by the County Council, through the deputations which waited upon them last week, in order to be proposed to continue the grants upon the present basis of providing one-third the cost up to an aggregate sum equal to five per cent of the assessment. Hon. Mr. McMillan, the Minister of Public Works, congratulated the County upon its aggressive policy in regard to good roads, and it is hoped will favor the proposal. Halton is perhaps the first County in the province to expand the whole of the original allotment for good roads.

#### HIGH COMPLIMENTS TO WAR-DEN HYND

Went at the Warden's Dinner at Milton Wednesday Evening, 10th Inst.

#### A MOST ENJOYABLE FUNCTION

The complimentary banquet tendered the members of the County Council, County officials and a number of invited guests by Warden Hynde, of Acton, at the Hotel Metropole, Milton, on Wednesday evening of last week was a highly successful event. The menu was all that could be desired, was a credit to the hotel's chef, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

The toast list, though quite a comprehensive one, was well arranged and it was pronounced with thoroughness and well-sustained interest, and the entire company remained until the singing of Auld Lang Syne completed the proceedings.

In introducing the first toast "The King," Mr. Hynde expressed the genuine pleasure it afforded him to have for the guests of the evening his colleagues of the County Council who had worked so harmoniously with him during the year, and a number of his personal friends who he prized for their long-continued friendship and loyal support in his municipal life.

The following toasts were honored and responded in highly interesting speeches: "The County Council"—A. R. Foster, Oakville; Mr. Hynde, Trafalgar; Duncan Campbell, Niagara; and M. C. Smith, Burlington.

"The Bench and the Bar"—Judge Elliot, Milton.

"Army and Navy"—Major Grant, Georgetown; and Dr. Gray, Acton.

"The Press"—J. M. Moore, Georgetown; H. P. Moore, Acton; and R. White, Milton.

"Education"—J. F. Little, Milton, and J. M. Denney, County Inspector.

"The Warden"—Warden Hynde, Acton.

During the evening many words of appreciation of the able administration of the affairs of the county during the year by Warden Hynde were expressed. The toast, "Warden Hynde," was responded to by his numerous friends who he prized for their long-continued friendship and loyal support in his municipal life.

The Warden's friends from Acton who attended were: Mr. Gray, Councillor McDonald and Cooper, John H. Kennedy, J. H. Mackenzie, Robt. Root, and J. P. Moore.

INLAND REVENUE figures for the month of October show a considerable decline despite the increased taxation on spirits and tobacco. Canada is evidently striking and sinking lower and lower. The increase in revenue is about \$310,000.

A CANADIAN authority on horses, speaking of the state of the horse industry in the present time, says that there is no room in the inn, and then turn a deaf ear to the cry of the little children, or the moan of the sick and suffering and needy? In these days of rush and haste such a season comes like a benediction to turn our thoughts from the material things of earth to the higher ideals for which too many of us try to persuade ourselves we have no use. This is a time for reflection—a time to measure our services by the measure of love and in too many cases it will be found that some sufferer is being neglected with-in easy reach of our own door. The fun and jollity of Christmas are good. The drawing together of members of a household and of friends in a close union, is also good. The sharing of our plenty with the poor is essential. But all these things together are not enough, unless Christmas is kept as the birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Free Press wishes all its readers a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE REVIEWSERS of the county must cordially approve of resolutions carried by the County Council last week. The first established a County Patriotic Fund. The dependants of Canadian soldiers and sailors will be provided for as long as the war lasts on practically the same plan as that of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Local committees will be appointed to take up the collection of contributions. The second was a grant of \$1000 to the Belgian Relief Fund, payable on January 20th.

ALL RESIDENTS of Canada who are not naturalized will be denied the franchise at the coming municipal elections. They may be qualified so far as property or residence qualifications are concerned, but will be denied the privilege of voting. Deputy returning officers will be instructed to accept all voters of foreign nationality whether they are naturalized or not. All who are German, Austrian or Turkish will be refused the ballot in any case, leaving no civil rights as citizens, because of the fact that they are subjects of nations at war with Great Britain. The returning officers will refuse the ballot to all such.

A STRONG PARAGRAPH is now in progress in Acton to secure the municipal franchise for married women. In Ontario the determining of who shall and who shall not vote at municipal elections rests with the Provincial Legislature. About thirty years ago widows and widowers were granted the franchise, but it is still withheld from married women. In British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, married women vote at municipal elections. Why not in Ontario? Widespread the idea of excluding the widows and widowers of our Province from participation in municipal government (except to pay taxes) that so vitally affects the home and family? The Council of many municipalities is now granting of this right. Early this year a letter was sent out to the municipal representatives of cities, towns, villages and rural municipalities of Ontario, requesting that they should pass resolutions in favor of enlarging the existing municipal franchise so as to include married women tax payers. Seventy-four municipalities replied to this, saying that they were sending such a resolution to the Government. This record is fair proof that if a few interested men or women would get together and petition their various municipal councils to hold a referendum on this question they would meet with general success.

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#### MORE GOOD ROADS DESIRED

Halton County Council Needs More Deputation to the Government

#### LARGER BORROWING POWERS

The County of Halton wants good roads, but they have expended practically all the money they are permitted to borrow for such purposes under the Act, which is two per cent of the assessment. A deputation consisting of Warden Hynde and a number of members of the township and village, waited on Hon. Finlay G. Macdonald last week to ask his assistance. They want power to use five per cent, instead of two per cent. They explained to the Minister that they already had numerous roads partly finished but were unable to complete them because of the shortage of money. The programme in Halton calls for the construction of about 10 miles of good roads and \$270,000 was raised for this purpose on the two per cent basis. It will need just about that much more to complete the work.

At a recent meeting of the County Council a unanimous motion was passed asking the Government to allow the county to borrow up to five per cent on the assessment for the purpose of constructing good roads. They asked for permission to raise the needed money without going to the people.

Mr. Macdonald said in reply that he would have to consider the matter. He said he could not say whether the Government would undertake the responsibility of raising the percentage to be borrowed under the Road Loans Act from two per cent to five. It might mean too heavy an outlay. He was greatly pleased at the evidence of the appreciation of the value of good roads which they showed by their proposal.

The deputation included the following: Warden Hynde, Acton; Rev. Fleck, Georgetown; Rev. Little, Milton; Rev. Porter, Trafalgar; Rev. Headhead, Nelson; and Rev. Foster, Oakville.

#### THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING

The business of the year is well finished up.

The last regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening of last week. Members present: Robt. Root, N. Fortna, Jno. H. Kennedy, and John Kennedy.

In the unavoidable absence of Chairman Johnstone, Mr. John R. Kennedy was requested to preside.

The Committee on Finance presented their thirteenth report as follows: D. A. Henderson, Treasurer for year ending... \$ 8.00 James Hymon, Auditor, 1914... 0.48 Wellington Fire Insurance Co., 3 year policy... 27.00 A. T. Brown, 1914... 8.31 The Secretary, postage, stationary, etc... 3.47 Gas Mutual Ins. Co., 1914... 8.00 J. H. Coleman, sundry repairs... .73 \$52.21

A letter from Inspector Denney was presented which paid the following compliments to the Board and School: "Gentlemen: In presenting my report for the current year upon the conduct of your school I congratulate you upon the continued high standard of efficiency which is being maintained. Notwithstanding four changes in the staff at midsummer the work of the school has not been at all retarded. The new members of the staff—all fully qualified teachers—are doing excellent work and the school's enviable record of success will be repeated, if not exceeded this year.

The addition to the school grounds made this year is an evidence of your wisdom and permits the better organization of the children's play and recreation, elements which form so important a part in their physical and mental training.

With truly yours, J. M. DENNEY, County Inspector.

The Board instructed the Secretary to order the list of books recommended by the Inspector for teaching the more comprehensive course in nature study. The Board then adjourned.

A CLEAN OUT OFFEN Take Liquor Question Out of Politics and Close All Bars and Clubs Until War is Over

1. To close all bars and clubs in Ontario during the war.

2. At the end of the war to submit to the direct vote of the people the question of whether the bars and clubs thus closed shall remain forever closed or be reopened, the question to be settled by a majority vote.

3. To impose such restrictions upon the residue of the liquor traffic as will most effectually limit its evils.

This is Mr. Rowell's proposal of a definite plan to deal with the delicate situation in Ontario arising out of the war. To accomplish these ends he has offered to co-operate with Hon. Mr. Hoar in bringing them about.

Mr. Rowell went further and said he now proposed to Mr. Hoar, the new Premier, the general offer he had made to his predecessor, namely, to lift the temperance question entirely above the realm of party controversy and to settle it by mutual action by wiping out all bars and all houses within the Province and by imposing such restrictions upon the residue as would effectually limit its evils.

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