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Gilbertson Bros. have moved their  
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where they will cut logs for Duncanson,  
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and Children at reasonable prices.

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## GOV. HARDING'S RESPONSE

A response to Col. McCrae's im-  
mortal poem, taken from the memorial  
address delivered by Gov. Harding of  
Ohio, at Camp Sheridan, in memory  
of the soldiers who died from influenza.

On eastern plains will roses grow  
Among green mould which, row on  
row,  
Shall mark our place. From the blue  
Eagles of Liberty deny  
Our marching myriads below.  
We also died. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
On western plains.

You're war our quarrel with the foe,  
And from your hands the torch below  
We took to briefly bear on high;  
Upon the faith although we die  
Where roses bloom, not poppies blow,  
Then shall we sleep—and we—for to  
Columbia's fields while we shall lie  
On western plains.

## Andrew Pratt's Race to the Rescue

By Frederick E. Burnham

THE long live cable across the  
Tedesco wire at the point  
where the Hamilton Mills  
crossed the mill for the purpose  
of sending various articles from the  
mill to the storehouse, or vice versa,  
was broken for the purpose of  
being by the intrepid employees who  
were in a hurry to get home from  
work. It was a short cut to the village  
and likewise a short cut to idleness—  
for any employee caught using the  
cable for the purpose of self-trans-  
portation was instantly discharged by  
the company.

Hamilton depot, located an eighth  
of a mile north of the mill, was in  
charge of Andrew Pratt. It was only  
a way station, and Pratt was ticket  
agent, baggage master, and telegraph  
operator. While at work one after-  
noon late in October, Andrew listened  
to Mike Sullivan's tale of woe.

"I've been across on the wire half  
a dozen times and nothing came of it,"  
grumbled Mike. "To-day the super  
nubbed me just as I was getting at  
the car. 'Come down Saturday and  
get your money,' he says; 'you're  
out of luck.'"

"You know the rules, didn't you?"  
questioned Andrew, looking keenly at  
his former schoolmate. "I know them  
well. 'If I hear of anything, I'll send  
you word.'"

"For half an hour after Sullivan went,  
Andrew busied himself about the  
station preparatory to going home for  
the night. He had a great deal to do  
from the north was due to pass—  
and then his day's work would be finished.  
"I don't know what I'll do," he  
said to pass that night, a general  
idea of the lay of the railroad in  
Hamilton, and a great many of the  
main lines from the north fol-  
lowed the west bank of the Tedesco  
river. At seven-thirty the express  
about five miles below Hamilton. A  
bridge spanned the river at that point,  
and the train, still under way, had  
crossed the bridge and was on its  
course and again passed  
Hamilton station on the opposite side  
of the river. From there the road  
curved to the east, striking a moun-  
tainous region. It was a single track  
road with occasional sidings. The  
train, which was now a long one,  
crossed another bridge and I was  
another the first who climbed on  
the train. I was everywhere  
with cries of 'Good old Army!'

In the name of the Salvation Army in Canada  
I bade all the boys on board a hearty  
welcome back to their own country.

"If I then went back to the dining-  
room, where most of the women and  
children were waiting. It would have  
done one good to have seen the look  
of pleasure with which this fine body  
of women greeted the uniform. Our  
first encounter was with a big Cana-  
dian soldier, who came to us and said,  
'You are just the people who can help  
me if my difficulty.' 'What is your  
difficulty?' 'Well, my wife has twins  
and I have to get the baby out  
on deck, and would like some one to  
help her to look after the babies on  
shore. If you can't do it, I'll look after  
them.' Then there was another woman  
who was not at all well, and she had  
children, and unfortunately her  
husband was not with her, so we took  
the whole lot under our wing.

"The next mother we had  
was a young woman who had  
a very pretty baby, and she  
was very anxious to have it  
Regular 45c. Sale price 35c.

## ARMY GREET'S NEW BABIES

Warm Welcome on Deck for the Wives  
and Children of Returning  
Soldiers

The problem of providing for the  
comfort of the many English brides-  
to-be and their relatives, who were  
returned soldiers, until they are  
settled in Canada, is engaging the at-  
tention of the Salvation Army. Re-  
cently at St. John, N. H., a transport  
arrived with a large number of women  
and children, and many of the  
latter being infants.

The Chief Secretary, Colonel Mc-  
Millan, said that the arrival of so many  
women and children, he called to  
the attention of the Army, and he  
made arrangements for the meeting  
of this boat. Mrs. Ensign Condit took  
charge of the women and children,  
and the children were taken to the  
cabin. "We decided," writes the Colonel,  
"that we would procure a good supply  
of baby bottles, and a supply of nappies for bottles,  
and also of comforters. Then, too, we had  
a quantity of oil of peppermint, vas-  
eline, and other small articles, such as  
toilet powder, a number of strips of flannel,  
and in addition tapes, safety pins, etc.,  
and a supply of soap, and a supply of  
cups and saucers and a dozen big tea-  
pots and boilers for making tea."  
The next morning at the morning  
about nine o'clock. It was snowing a  
wet, gippy snow. The decks were  
crowded with soldiers, and standing  
amongst them were many young women  
with their babies. As soon as the ship  
was at anchor, the women were taken  
across another Salvationist and I was  
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## BE INDEPENDENT

Be independent! The one who wins is  
self-reliant, trusting to himself rather than  
to others. Sympathy is a good thing, but  
it does not do to let ourselves grow to  
depend on it. Influential friends are an  
advantage only so long as we trust to our  
own efforts first, and their influence  
second. The youth who is alone in the  
world, and full of well-groomed self-con-  
fidence, stands a better chance than an-  
other who is surrounded by helpers and  
trusts to them.

YOU  
Your success depends upon you.  
Your happiness depends upon you.  
You have to shape your own future.  
You have to educate yourself.  
You have to do your own thinking.  
You have to live with your own con-  
science.  
You mind is yours and can be used  
only by you.  
You must take the consequences  
of your acts.  
I cannot make you well unless you  
make yourself well, an eminent doc-  
tor often tells his patients.  
You alone can regulate your habits  
and make or unmake your health.  
You alone can assimilate things  
mental and things material.  
Said a Brooklyn preacher, offering  
his parishioners communion one Sun-  
day: "I can not give you the blessings  
and the benefits of this holy feast. You  
must appropriate them for yourselves."  
You must take your own medicine.  
You may be invited to a feast  
where the table is laden with the  
choice of foods, but unless you par-  
take and assimilate them they can do  
you no good. So it is with the holy  
feast of life. You must appropriate its  
blessings. I can not infuse them into you.  
You have to do your own assimila-  
tion all through the life.  
You may be taught by a teacher, but  
you have to imbibe the knowledge. He  
can not transfer it into your brain.  
You alone can control your mind  
and your own brain cells.  
You may have spread before you  
the wisdom of the ages, but unless  
you assimilate it you derive no ben-  
efit from it; no one can force it into  
your brain.  
You alone can move your own legs.  
You alone can use your own arms.  
You alone can utilize your own  
hands.  
You alone can control your own  
passions.  
You must stand on your own feet,  
physically and metaphorically.  
You must take your own steps.  
Your parents can not enter into  
your skin, take control of your mental  
and physical machinery and make  
something of you.  
You can not fight your own battles;  
you must do for yourself.  
You have to be captain of your own  
destiny.  
You have to see through your own  
eyes.  
You have to master your own facul-  
ties.  
You have to solve your own prob-  
lems.  
You have to form your own ideas.  
You must choose your own speech.  
You must govern your own tongue.  
You are life in your thoughts  
and your thoughts are of your own mak-  
ing.  
Your character is your own handi-  
work.  
You alone can select the material  
that goes into it.  
You alone can reject what is not fit  
to go into it.  
You are the creator of your own  
personality.  
You can be disgraced by no man's  
hand but your own.  
You can be elevated and sustained  
by no man save yourself.  
You have to build your own record  
—or dig your own pit.  
Which are you doing?  
—I. C. Forbes.

## The Bell Piano

**Guelph Business College**  
GUELPH, ONT.

You know the nature of our  
work. You know the demand for  
our graduates. You know it is  
to your advantage to get our  
training.

COME—Don't Procrastinate

A. L. BOUCK - PRINCIPAL

## McKee's

The Retail Drug Store  
GUELPH, ONT.

475 yards Dark Shirting Flannelette, 27  
inches wide. Regular 40c. Sale price 28c

5 pieces Fancy Kimona Cloth. Regular  
45c. Sale price 32c

175 yards Stripe Galatea. Regular 45c.  
Sale price 33c

2 pieces White Costume Drill. Regular  
40c. Sale price 28c

40 yards' Shepherd's Check Dress Goods.  
Regular 50c. Sale price 42c

## BANK OF HAMILTON

ESTABLISHED 1872

It is not necessary to visit the Bank of Hamilton  
personally in order to open a Savings Account.  
Send your deposits by mail, in cheque or money  
order. Do not keep money in the house. It  
does not earn interest and it is not safe.

GEORGETOWN BRANCH  
W. N. McKay

**Notice**—This store will be closed all day Thursday, January 16,  
for remarking and arranging stock for quick handling.

The limited space will not permit mentioning Hundreds of other lines which will be sold at Greatly Reduced Prices—Come  
early and get your share of the Bargains while they last. Terms of this sale are STRICTLY CASH OR PRODUCE.

## DAY BY DAY

I heard a voice at evening softly say,  
Hear not thy yesterday into to-mor-  
row;  
Nor loathe this week with last week's  
load of sorrow.  
Lift up thy burdens as they come, nor try  
To weigh the present with the by-and-  
by.  
One step and then another, take thy  
way.  
Live day by day.

Though autumn leaves are withering  
I count the way.  
Walk in the sunshine, it is all for thee.  
Push straight ahead, as long as thou  
mayest see.  
Dread not the winter weather though  
But when it comes, be thankful for the  
snow.  
Onward and upward—look and smile  
and pray.  
Live day by day.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of  
Thursday, January 10, 1890

If business is worth having, it's cer-  
tainly worth going after.  
A great many citizens of town and  
country are down with the grippe.  
At the annual meeting of the Acton  
Fire Brigade Mr. John Harvey was  
elected chief for 1890. The officers  
with him are: Captain Hooks and  
Ladders—J. A. Speight; Captain  
No. 1 Hose Reel—D. McIntosh; Sec-  
retary—Treasurer—Duncan McDonald;  
Assistant Secretary—Thomas Lee;  
Foreman—John Evans.

The annual meeting of Acton Branch  
Bible Society will be held in the  
Methodist Church on Friday evening  
and will be addressed by Rev. J. W.  
Rae, of Toronto Junction.

The annual meeting of Haldimand  
County held during the past year,  
W. H. Storey, Acton, Robert Halmer,  
and John Husband, of Oakville, Abra-  
ham Simons, of Nelson and William  
Moore, of Esquimaux.

## NEED OF ATTENTION TO IMPLE- MENTS

Undoubtedly many mowing machines  
have been or are about to be scrapped  
throughout still capable of doing several  
years of useful work. The machine  
percentage of their original cost were  
expended upon them for repair. The  
recollection of the past season's dif-  
ficulties in during their period of in-  
activity and before the rush of spring  
work, the farmer is reminded of the  
incident to getting repair parts promp-  
tly, press of other work, and the busy  
recollection of the past season's dif-  
ficulties with that machine may hinder  
the efficient prosecution of this work.  
It is not the farmer's work with  
any machine it is a plan well worth  
while to make out a schedule of needed  
repairs and adjustments for that par-  
ticular machine and file it in a con-  
venient place, so when opportunity  
arises the work may be taken up and  
proceeded expeditiously. The machine  
itself represents capital invested. It  
should be honored property and not  
left in a corner or other out of the  
way place for wooden parts to rot  
and metal parts to rust, which even  
for short periods, may result in  
deterioration than the season's use.

When putting away, see that the  
knife bar is left clean and bright with  
a greasy rag and stored in a dry place.  
Also place a block of wood or other  
material under the point of the  
tongue so that it will not acquire a  
permanent set. If stored with the  
knife bar in left clean and bright with  
a block of wood under the shoe to  
take the weight off the frame. All  
oil and grease should be removed, and  
matter, dirt, and grease should be  
removed, and the bright parts oiled  
or greased.—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## "THE FLYING DUTCHMAN"

This is the story of the "Flying  
Dutchman" as told by an English  
writer:  
"About three hundred years ago,  
when the Cape of Good Hope was in  
the hands of the Dutch, a vessel laden  
with precious metal set sail from a  
port on the stormy coast of  
London. The following day the ship  
was caught in a terrible storm; for  
hours she buffeted about in a  
furious wind, while huge waves broke  
over and threatened to swamp her.  
The terrified passengers and crew went  
to the captain, Vanderdecken by name,  
and implored him to put back to  
port before the vessel became a total  
wreck.  
"Vanderdecken was a recklessly  
wicked fellow, who feared neither God  
nor man. He flew into a furious pas-  
sion at this request. He stormed and  
blameed in such a way that even  
the sailors shuddered to hear him;  
and at last with a terrible oath, he  
swore that sooner than put back to  
port he would be aboard 'until the  
day of judgment.'"  
The vessel went down with all  
hands; but sailors say that in stormy  
weather the phantom of the ill-fated  
ship can still be seen boating about,  
on the vessel which sight has been  
doomed one!"

This is only one out of various  
legends of the "Flying Dutchman."  
Others say that God's judgment fell  
on the vessel because a horrible crime  
had been committed on board in  
punishment of this the plague broke  
out and would receive the  
punishment.

## "HAS DRINK EVER DONE YOU ANY HARM?"

Clarence Darrow, the "labor-lawyer"  
who defended the McNamara brothers,  
the California dynamite men, a few years  
ago—threw a bomb into a labor meet-  
ing the other day, where he spoke  
under the auspices of a local bar-  
tenders' union against the prohibition  
movement.

"Has drink ever done you any  
harm?" he asked his audience, and he  
waited a moment for a reply.

"It killed my brother," volunteered  
a voice in the pit.

"It killed my brother, too!" said an-  
other man a little further back.

Darrow was barbecued! He did  
not know the real sentiment of the  
audience. He probably supposed that  
he was talking to a bartenders' crowd,  
and he had not decided through the  
medium of the day when he spoke  
"harm!" The workmen of America  
are coming to believe it has. It isn't  
safe to recklessly throw into a crowd  
of workmen a challenge which  
may so easily be answered! For they  
for whom we know facts. And the  
light of the liquid light  
far 30c.

## CARPETS

14 dozen Jelly Powders. Regular 15c.  
Sale price 2 for 18c

200 lbs. uncolored Japan Tea. Regular  
65c. Sale price 48c

300 lbs. Baking Soda. Regular 8c. lb.  
Sale price 3 lbs. for 13c

150 lbs. Epsom Salts. Regular 15c. lb.  
Sale price 3 lbs. for 25c

5 cases Laundry Soap. Regular 9c.  
Sale price 8c

## CROCKERY

Plates, Cups and Saucers, Platters,  
Sugar Bowls and a quantity of Fancy  
China at less than Half Price to clear.

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