THE OLD FARMER'S ELEGY

- On a green, gracey knott by the banks b! the brook, That so look and so often had wat ered bis flock.
- The old farmer rests in his long and last sleep, While the waters a low, lapping
- lullaby .cop. He has ploushed his last furrow has reaped his But grain. No more shall awake him to labor
- The bluebird sings sweet on gray maple bough . Its warblings oft cheered bin
- while bolding the plough. And the robins above him hop light on the mould For he fed them with crambe
- when the season was cold.
- So rich with its blossoms, thrifty and fair.
- By his own hand was planted, an well did be say
- It would live when its planter mouldered away.
- There's the well that he dug, with its water so cold. With its wet dripping bucket
- mossy and old, No more from its depths by patriarch drawn.
- For its "pitcher is broken. old man is gone.
- 'Twas a gloom giving day when the old farmer died. The stout-hearted mourned, the
- affectionate oried, And the gravers of the just for his reet did ascend,
- For they all lost a brother, a man For upright and hopest the
- His God he revered, he respecte His laws.
- Though fameless he lived, be gone where his worth Will outshine like the gold all the dross of the earth.
- He has ploughed his last forrow, has reaped his last grain. No morn shall awake him to labor again.

-Josish D. Canning.

Notes and Comments

THE OAKVILLE PAPERS are say ing that that town will likely be entitled to a second deputy-reeve in the near future. That will add cone more to the county council and enhance thereby the voting power of the southern municipalities, and then they will begin to think they will be able to get pretty nearly anything and everything they want from the county council. The spirit of the times, however, appears to be in the direction of lessening the number composing such bodies as munici pal councils instead of increasing them, and rightly so. And this might apply to parliaments as well The country is paying altogether too much for being governed. The county council of Halton is composed at present of 14 members, when half that number could do the work just as well, perhaps better. and with more expedition. Now when a guestion comes up for discussion each of the fourteen members must have a sap in the matter, and by the time the last member has spoken much valuable time has been taken up, sometimee which means double pay for that session. Fewer, instead of more members, is what is needed .- Mil-

ton Beformer.

WHATEVER THE CAUSE, it is noteworthy that the crime wave is increasing. Present laws do age left the tor department and ennot appear to have the effect of tered the motorcar and were some terrorizing the perpetrators, hence whirting through the east skie streets. it is evident that more severe mathods of punishment' must be made to fit the cases of men who live by entering other people's homes and places of business and hold ups. In Montreal a few days. ago the members of a commercial organization went on record in maming a resolution calling prop parliament to amend the Criminal Code by adding a section which would establish the whipping post as a means of punishment calcu lated to rectoe the wholesale nomber of thefts recorded in every part of the Dominion. Such drastio measures are necessary, since bardened or professional criminals do not hesitate at the thought only of serving short jail sentences or prison terms. They regard their lives as parasites, anyway, and if they get away with it, if not, they get their living anyway, and many of them with pull, get out and candy and regetables, and back to on parole after short incarcers. the big department store where they tions, so that the present dread is bought comfortable clothing for grandnot much of a determnt : but give them a taste of the cat 'o nine tails and it's safe to say the victim will not care for the second term with the whipping conditions attached.

Chain Letter Hear A new form of chain letter going around, asking the recipient to send contributions to the "Trustees" of Christie street Hos pital, Toronto. Inquiries at the hospital bave elicited the fact that the letter is absolutely manthorized, that the officials see no need for such contributions, and that it is evidently a boax, as the hospital has no board of "Trustees."

Chosen Friends Increses Rates The large increase which has been announced in the insurance rates of the Canadian Order Chosen Friends is a bard blow to many members of the Order. The new rates have been put in force under the finding of the readjust ment committee named some time ago by the minister in charge of the administration of the Ontario Insurance Act. The new rates come into force on January lat. They are based upon the age of appeal the judgment. entry into the Order and the cal-endar year of such entry.

By CLARISSA MACKIE



Mrv Christman and the big department with people bur gifts at the very last winute Ethel Mason and ber Upcle Peter rolled up to the store to a

car, for the Masons were sery rich and fired in bad promised Ethel &

gold watch to a Christman present. and now they had come to buy it; but, first, they were going up to the toy department so that Ethel might see all the wonderful playthings. Up in the toy department little Addie Simpson ran to and from bundle counter to busy clerks every time one of them called "Eprty-three!" Addie's number was "Forty-three



ONE TO TAKE CARE OF GHANDMOTHER."

knew her real name. "Hurry along there. Forty-three! said the clerk. "What's the matter with you tonight?" Ethel watched Addle go to the bundie counter and come running back [42]

with the parcels, and Ethel laughed. "What are you laughing at, Ethel?" asked Uncle Peter. Ethel told him. "She jumpe like jack-in-the-box, Uncle Peter."

But Uncle Peter did not laugh. "She is very tired." he said gravely. "Per hape she wishes that she was going to have a Christmas tree in the morning and have a nice dinner afterward." "Perhaps she is, Uncle Peter," said Ethel, pouting, for she tild not like to be reminded of poor people. "Shall we find out?" be asked, and

he walked right up to the bundle counter and naked Forty-three where she lived and what was ber real name. Addle looked frightened. "I haven" done anything wrong," she said pitifully. "If I lose my job there will be no one to take care of grandmother." "Don't worry, Addie," smiled Uncle Peter. "We're just going to call on

grandmother; that's all." So tall Uncle Peter and the little girl less with crippled hands and feet, but even theumatism could not prevent ber from making the room clean and neet. But there were no signs of Christman "Addle will be half dead with wearlness after this Christmas rush." sighed

"And bow about Addie's Christman" unked Uncle Peter. Grandmother shook her silvery head We are thankful if we can keep warm for Christmas," she sighed. "I wanted to get something, but I could not." "Do you mind if we help?" asked Ua-

cle Peter. "Bless your kind hearts, I shall be de-Highted!" And grandmother smiled so beautifully that Ethel could not belp but think that Addie Simpson was rich in just having such a grandmother. Uncie Peter and: Addle had such a busy bour after that. The big auto took in the queerest load-a small Christman tree and a box of ornaments -a bir basket of rood things, a chicken and oranges and nuts and rateins mother and Addle and some books and

toys and a big doll, and back to the "Now for your gold watch, my dear!" said Uncle Prier as they went out "Please, Uncle Peter, I don't want the watch," said Etbel soberly, "Take the money for Addie Simpson.

Christman Presents That Last We have a choice assortment di Azaless, Cyclamen, Freesias, Begonias, Cherries, Primulas, Ferne etc., at very reasonable prices. Call garly and get your choice. - Georeetown Floral Co.

Pailed to Affix Stamp

A case arising from failure to affix a two cent revenue stanin to a receipt came up in the afternoon Police Court in Toronto last week Meyers. York St., bad the attehtion of the Revenue Depart ment brought to his omission, so it appeared[by a man for whom be had done some work, and who had objected to the charge there for. The department wrote him that on payment of \$10 within 80 days he could svoid the larger penalty, but Meyers defined baving received such a communication. He was fined \$25. Meyers will

-Coal seems to be plentiful in town just now.

Give him something for his car for Christmas SEE OUR DISPLAY OF

Christmas Gifts

Radio and Car batteries charged times

Anti-freeze for sale

J. N. O'Neill & Son Georgetown

Hirschorn's Ladies' Wear & Tailoring

SPECIAL PRICES ON

Fall & Winter Suits, Coats & Dresses

Our customers will find a choice selection in the above lines, Call and see what we have to offer.

Men's Clothing and Furnishings

I have just put in a choice stock of the latest Men's Clothing and Furnishings which will be sold at most reasonable prices. Your inspection invited

A. HIRSCHORN Main Street

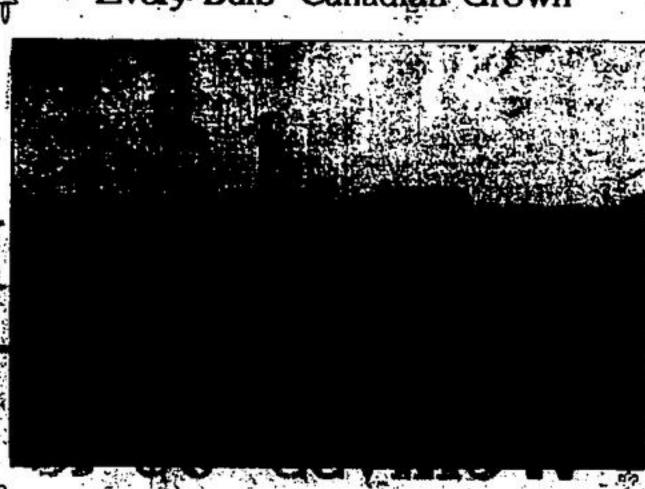
Georgetown

Christmas Gifts ---That Last---

Majorde algorde algorde algorde Majorde algorde Majorde Majord

For three years in succession awarded First Prize a the Canadian National Exhibition; Toronto, for the best display of Gladioli. Silver Medal at Western Fair, London, 1923.

Every Bulb Canadian Grown



Waste a choice assortment of Azaleas, Cyclamen, Friesias, Begonias, Cherries, Primulas, Ferns, Artificial wreaths etc., at very reasonable prices. CALL EARLY AND GET YOUR CHOICE

Georgetown Floral Co., Ltd.

GEORGETOWN, ONTARIO Ädamelade damelade da

AUTOMOVIES BY BAILEY & STUARTS GARAGE

A Merry Christmas And A

Happy New Year To All





A Merry Christmas

and А Нарру New Year

J. L. THOMPSON

Druks' Tobaceo Store

Merry Xmas and Ontario Happy New Year

Don t wait until the last minute. Get busy and

We have a good stock of cigars, specially wrapped for gifts 10s, 25s, 50s, 100s; Cigarette Cases; Cigar Cases; all kinds of pipes from 50c up to \$10 00

Fresh Boxes of Chocolates for Xmas

We have Chocolates in bulk

Tasty mixtures reg. 50c for 39c a lb.

Maple Buds 60c; Burned Almonds 75c; Brazil Nuts 90c; Maraschino Cherries 80c; Pineapple Liquer \$1.00; Walnut Tops 50c.5

We have the goods, you have the money Let's

Fruit and Mixed Nats for Xmas

H. Druks 40

Georgetown



Xmas Gift Suggestions

CALL IN

French Ivory Stationery Church Books Kodaks

Military Brushes Cigara, (Xmas wrapped) Lunch Kita Waterman's Pens

14,259,744.89

129,984,817.90

63,185,030.88

2,328,051.22

44,911,059.10

281,888,581.74

9,800,000.00

9,471,690,01

1,384,628.14

\$635,850,249.94

361,593.00

Phone your offer 16t Laura Second Candice. Ring 76

W. R. WATSON, Phm. B. Phone 76

BANK OF MONTREAL Established over 100 years

Summary of,

Assets and Liabilities 31st October, 1923

Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin Deposit with Central Gold Reserve Balances due by Bunks and Banking Correcpondonts elsewhere than in Canada..... Call and Short-loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks Dominion and Previncial Government Securi-Railway and other Bonds, Debeutures and Stocks (.....

Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian Notes and choques of other Banks United States and other foreign currencies Loans and Discounts and other Assets Bank Premier

credit (se per contra)

Letters of credit outstanding

\$692,382,109,42 LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Other Enhilities, Excess of Assets over Liabilities to

...... \$56,531,859.54

DABY EDGAR MACLANE)

fallen from a ladder and broken his the cottage, and the two little beys, ltichard and itobin, whispered together that surely Santa Claus would not find them this year. In former years he had been good to the two little bern, but this year things would be different On Christmas eve, after the little pered to his wife that Santa Claus might leave some nuts and candles for Richard and Robin and that he himself

bandsomer than those in the shops, and Mrs. Judd had boiled some molasses and made a big panful of wainut taffy from the store of black walnuts in the Just at that moment Mr. Judd saw a piece of paper planed to Robin's stock-

ing. It was written in the little lad's "Robin's letter to Santa Chana.

had whittled them two boats that were

asked Mrs. Judd as she cut the taffy into nice squares and prepared to wrap it in the wated paper. Mr. Judd read the paper, and his eyes twinkled. "He asks Santa Claus to bring him a little sister. He doesn't | Wishing Our Customers and want anything else. He says he can be happy playing with her all the year

around." "The dear child!" sighed Mrs. Judd. "What is that?" they both spoke to gether, for from the porch outside they beard a funny little sound that sounded strangely like a baby's cry.

"It sounds like a baby," said Mr Indd, going to the door and turning th knob quickly. "It can't be!" said Mrs. Judd. follow:

When Mr. Judd opened the warm Happy the whiteness and then down and tift ed something that was buddled against

"It's a basket and there's a baby inside." he cried as he closed the door and set the basket and its contents on Bakery and Groceries Sure enough, in a nest of warm clean

blankets was a six months old beby girl; blue eyed, golden baired, dimpled. Her clothes were course but clean, and pluned to her white frock was a note saying that the baby's mother was dead and that her father was going to a far country and made a present of her to the kindest people in the town

And there was some money in the enspare. It was very little. "Shall we keep ber?" asked Mr. Judd for they were quite poor and his illness had brought many beavy bills t

"She came to us," whispered Mrs. Judd as she hugged the baby they had found in the snow. "We can spare enough for her. And the boys will b so happy to have her!" "That settles it!" said Mr. Judd, and

be went up into the attic after the lit. tie cradie in which Richard and Robin nsed to sleep. When Christmas morning dawned Richard and Robin crept out of bed

and tiptoed into the sitting room. They always did this on Christmas morning so as

not to awaken their parents. It was barely daylight v They could see hanging from ed mailbonts foot

bonts there were WHISPERED RES. LOTING Hingers,

delicions walnut taffy wrapped in wax ed paper and some red apples. And fest as they reached the red o ples the little boys looked down and saw the old cradle with the snow b by's bright and blue eyes staring up

at them. How the cottage rang with their cries of joy! How they bugged the new baby sister, whom they thought Santa Claus had left at their door! But we all know that sometimes when Santa Claus is very busy be has to ask grownup feits to belp him distribute the good things at Christmas tide since he cannot get around to all the homes of all the good children in one evening without tiring his rejudeer too much. "Hurrah!" cried Richard and Robin running to awaken their parents. "Merry Christman, father and mother! Come out and see the beautiful baby sister Santa Claus has brought us! Why, this is the best Christmas we ever had!"

Many stores in neighboring towns have been burglarized this fall, entrance being made through back doors and cellar windows In some cases goods in value amounting to over a thousand dol lars have been stolen. The rol bers use fine discretion in select ing what they carry away, and where they get furs they ween to make a good haul. It is just as well for merchants and household.

Better Look up Carefully

ers to see that their premises are secure before retirion, for the automobile and good roads are an easy way for burglars to escape by. - Do your Christmas shopping early and patronize your home merchants. They have a choice selection of gift goods read; now for your inspection.

- Halton Council refused to consider the request for an increase of \$300 per abnum in the salary of the Superintendent of the House of Refuge for Peel and Halton. Halton.



FRÉE

A bandsome Flint Glass Tum Tea, black or mixed 75c pkg. Red Rose Orange Peker tea per

Pana Orange Pekoe Tea per bern Flaken 3 pkgs.

Bran Flakes 8 pkg......

Finest rade Boan Chips lb.

Castell Somp 6 for.

Poste Bran 2 pkgs..... Calsup, cans..... Bird's Blanc Mange Custard, reg 20c, 8 for..... Robon Egg Substitute, reg. Apple Butter reg. 40c, 2 for esunt Butter per lb......

Pairy Soap, 8 for Jelly Powders 8 for..... Figs, Dates, Priffies, Penches, Apricots, Raisins, etc., at prices

Beauty Complexion Soap 4 for 25c

Clark's Bread is the best flavored bread on the market, it is made with the best flour, pure shortening, and plenty of good milk, it is as sweet as a nut and as pure as spring water. Our bakery is light, well ventilated, and sorupulously clean, and is open for your inspection at any time.

Friends

AND A

MARK CLARK PHONE 229.

Snyder's Cartage After Travelling All Summer

we have never had better service than you have given us were the parting words of the Chautauqua Crew this summer. They were satisfied and we are sure you will be too: if you refer your teasming or trucking wants to us. We do anything possible to do with teams or trucks and will be pleased to give you estimates

COLLEGE ST. TORONTO

on any work of this kind.

great service rendered by an up-todate hospital through facilities pro-vided for research. Probably few laymon appreciate the amount of: this work conducted under the auspices of the Hospital for Blok Children. Yet it is only by intensive study of the causes of children's diseases that the hospital staff has been able to establish a worldfamous record for curse. Statistics show that the rate of lafant mertal. fly in this Province has been steadily decreasing, until it is now among the lowest in the world. What that means is that hundreds of Ontario.

parents owe their children's lives to: the research work in the laboratories of the Haspital for Slok Children. Although the dentors give that services freely, the bills for equipment, add up annually to a good many thousands of dollars. But in view of the results estained, I feel that not one of your readers will onvil at the money so spent, and confidently venture the hope that many of them at this Christinas season will wish to enrol themselves in the Hospital's campaign on behalf o

Outario's childhood. To carry on this research world there is not one cent except what comes in from voluntary subscriptions. For the care of the children occupying hospital cots there are certain statutory grants, but these represent scarcely more than half what the Hospital needs. Last year. for instance, the Hospital doctors looked after an average of 252 inpatients and 192 out-patients daily Quite a colony of ailing youngiters! And the expenditure - although whittled down to the minimum commensurate with efficiency - was \$218,917. The income to the extent of at least \$100,000 depends upon the regard which the people of Onand the generosity with which they

express that regard. May I ask you, Mr. Editor, to point out to your readers that since the establishment of the Hospital for Sick Children, at least four more Ontario youngaters in every hundred have survived the trials of childbood? For with that simple statement of fact brought to their attention I feel sure that many of them will bestow their benediction upon the work of the Hospital for Sick Children by sending some Christman gift, according to their means, in care of the Secretary-Treasurer, at .

67 College Street; Toronto. - Faithfully yours. IRVING & ROBERTSON.

Chairman of Appeal Committee. Since the .Hespital Opened Its Doors In 1875, 65,23 In-Patients Treated - 803,055 Attendances