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Xmas Neckwear,
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The Farmers' Binder Twine Company of Brantford has just paid the astonishing dividend of 60 per cent. on its capital stock for the year ending October 15th last.

Local News.

NOMINATIONS for members of the county council will be made in Halton's four divisions next Monday.

HALTON Sunday School convention for 1899 will be held in Milton on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2nd and 3rd.

FRANK GREENLEES, of Greenlees Bros., returned last week from that firm's sawmill and timber limit near Falding, Muskoka.

JOHN W. HAMBURGH, of Buffalo, N.Y., was here this week to attend the funeral of his sister, as was also his uncle John Burtch, of Toronto.

A proclamation will appear in the next issue of The Canada Gazette declaring Monday, Dec. 26, a public holiday, as Christmas comes on Sunday.

KNOX CHURCH S. S. intend holding their annual entertainment in the school-room on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th. A good programme is being prepared for the same. Free-will offering taken at the door.

ROBES! ROBES! ROBES!—All kinds of robes lined, trimmed and repaired (no matter how torn) cheap and in quick order; also all kinds of skins matched and made up. Dogs, coons, buffalo and cow hides.—MRS. HUGHES, opposite Milton Public School.

WILLIAM HILSON was probably the oldest citizen of Halton to poll his vote on election day. Mr. Hilson was born in Nassagaweya and is now at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Notwithstanding the severe weather he drove five miles to Campbellville to vote for the member elect, John R. Barber.

WM. LANDSBOROUGH, C.P.R. brakeman, of London, is visiting relatives and friends in town. He accidentally put one of his ankles out of joint about a week ago while working on his train at Campbellville, necessitating him to take a rest for a few weeks. Mr. Landsborough has been an employee for the above road for the past 17 years.

EAST END MEAT MARKET.—Attention is directed to the following announcement of F. Wales of the East End meat market, that he is prepared to supply prime fresh meat by the quarter or in large or small quantities at special terms for cash. Mr. Wales's is an old established business. It is always his aim to supply meats at moderate prices for cash. 30 1y

NO LITIGATION.—The general sessions for this county were held before Judge Hamilton on Tuesday. There were no cases to be tried, civil or criminal. The grand jury, in their presentment, expressed their approval of the proposed improvements in the court-room suggested to the county council by the Judge and reported that they had found the jail in its usual satisfactory condition.

REWARD PAID OVER.—The $20 reward offered by the county of Wellington for the conviction of the man who stole the horse from John McCallum, Everton, the harness from Fred. Hillis, Eramosa, and the rug from Frank Simmons, Guelph township, was handed over Wednesday to Capt. Merewether and Constable John Lawson, of Acton, each getting a ten spot. By the combined efforts of these officers the chain of conviction was fastened around James Walker. The officers worked harmoniously together.—Guelph Herald.

DOG LOST.—Lost from the Wallace House, Milton, on Thanksgiving Day, a tall, straight-haired collie dog, black body, white strip on face, white breast, both front paws white, bob-tail, head rather coarse, answers to the name of Jack. The finder will be rewarded on leaving him at the Wallace House, and anyone keeping him after the publication of this notice will be prosecuted.—A. E. Rowcliffe, Meadowvale P.O. 3t.

TWO WEDDINGS.—There has been a matrimonial boom at the jail this week. On Monday morning Charles Crane and Margaret Hilson, a young Nassaweya couple, who were alleged to have "loved not wisely but too well," were married in the sheriff's office by Rev. A. Mahaffy. The bridegroom had been committed for trial under sec. 182 of the Criminal Code, on the information of Thos. Hilson, father of the bride. Both the groom and the bride denied that there was any foundation for the information, but the groom said he was willing to marry the girl to avoid further trouble, and the latter did not say him nay. Yesterday morning Thomas Bradstock and May Wood, of the neighborhood of Burlington, were married by Rev. D. W. Snider at the same place and under similar circumstances. Both brides were under sixteen years of age and both grooms were released after marriage.

ERWIN LAVERY and bride, of Clinton, are visiting relatives in town.

THE annual entertainment and Xmas tree of Grace Church Sunday School will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 5th, 1899.....The entertainment and Xmas tree of Christ Church Sunday School, Omagh, will be held on the evening of the 27th inst., in the Grange hall.

MISS JENNIE HAMBURGH, second daughter of David Hamburgh, died on Monday night of consumption, after a long illness. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and her parents and family have the sympathy of their neighbors. Her father has been seriously ill for some time.

REV. A. KENNEDY DUFF, M.A., of New York, will preach in the Mansewood United Presbyterian Church next Sabbath, and has consented to deliver one of his popular lectures in the church on Friday evening of this week, commencing at 7.30. The subject announned is "Train Up a Parent in the Way He Should Go" There will be no admission fee charged at the door. Everybody invited.

A BENEFIT CONCERT and bazaar will be given in the town hall on the evening of Dec. 22nd. Miss Anna Edwards, pupil of Martin Cleworth, of the Hamilton Conservatory of Elocution, will give several selections, one of which will be "The Soul of the Violin." The sale table will be in readiness at 7. Concert will begin at 8. The proceeds will be applied towards relieving the necessities of the poor of the town. Admission 10c.

SPECIAL SALE OF FURNITURE.—A fine assortment of Rattan Rockers, Oak and Birch Fancy Tables, Oak Cobbler-Seat Rockers, and every article in the shop will be offered cheaper than departmental store prices for special Xmas sale; also a fine lot of Lounges and Couches at $4 to $8, Mattrasses and Springs, Bedroom Suits—bargains for any persons that want them. A fine stock of Picture Mouldings.—CHAS. JONES, Milton.

DISMISSED.—The charges of forgery and perjury laid against F. J. Roche, barrister, of Toronto, by R. E. Porrit, of this town, were heard by D. Robertson and E. F. Earl, J. P's, on Friday. The prosecutor, who was the principal witness, attempted to show that the evidence which Mr. Roche had given at last spring assizes here, when Porrit was convicted of forgery, was untrue, and that documents produced at the trial by Mr. Roche were forged by him. After hearing Porrit's evidence the magistrates dismissed the case without putting Mr. Roche on his defence.

CURLING.—The Milton curling club re-organized on Monday evening and changed its name to Minto curling club. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Judge Hamilton; Patroness, Mrs. J. M. Hamilton; Hon. Pres., Geo. Hume; President, A. Duff; Vice-Pres., George Storey; Sec.-Treas., Chas. S. Johnson; Committee of Management, D. S. Robertson, J. W. McGibbon and W. I. Dick; Skips, J. T. Hannant, A. Duff, W. Panton, Geo. Storey, Duncan Dewar and S. Hannant. The prospects for the season are good, and though few of the old players are available, but a number of promising new ones joined the club. The rink opened on Tuesday evening and the ice was excellent.

THE Georgetown Fire Brigade will hold their annual Ball on Friday evening, Dec. 30th. Tickets, $1.00.

OAKVILLE.

The silent messenger of death has been the means of removing from our midst one of Oakville's oldest and most prominent citizens, in the person of Robert Balmer, who quietly passed into eternal rest at his residence, Fernhurst, on Church street. Deceased had been in failing health for some time and was gradually weakening, and, being of an advanced age, finally succumbed last Sunday evening, after having reached his 78th year. Mr. Balmer was a native of Roxburyshire, Scotland, but came to Canada early in life and settled near Oakville, where he worked on a farm for a time, and later in a store. He made rapid progress in life and in 1857 was appointed postmaster of Oakville, which position he held at the time of his death, although for a few months past he was unable to look after the office. He was clerk of this town for 45 years, a term of service seldom equalled in this or any other country. He resigned this position about a year ago, on account of failing health, and was succeeded by W. S. Davis. He was highly esteemed by residents in both town and vicinity and his demise will be much regretted, and he will be much missed by the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member. He leaves a widow and grown-up family. The death of Mr. Balmer makes the fourth in the family during the past couple of years and the third in the last few months, two of his daughters, the wives of Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., of Woodstock, and Sheriff Watt, of Brantford, having predeceased him by a short time. The deepest sympathy of the entire community is tondered the grief stricken family in their naturally sore affliction. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

The bye-election in Halton is now settled and John R. Barber has again been returned by an increased majority. The election in this town was unusually quiet, and the usual excitement attending an election of this nature was absent. It was generally thought that the heavy snowfall of last week would materially affect the vote by hindering a large number of electors in the rural districts from voting, but such was not the case. In Oakville there was almost a full vote, and this time it gave Col. Kerns a majority of 9 against 38 last time. This decreased majority may be accounted for by the immense turn over in Ward 2, where Mr. Barber got a majority of 11 as against 18 for Kerns last March. Ward 1 gave the Conservatives 21, exactly the same as last election, and Ward 3 gave Barber a majority of 1, but gave him 6 on the last occasion. Owing to the damage done to wires the full returns were not received Thursday evening, but it was soon known that the Liberals had carried the day. The Reformers received the returns at their committee rooms in Anderson's hall, where some stirring speeches were delivered. Very little enthusiasm was manifested at the result of the election.

The recital in the town hall on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League, was somewhat slimly attended, notwithstanding the excellent talent that had been procured. Miss Marietta LaDell, the well known Toronto humorous and dramatic reciter, fully established her reputation as an elocutionist, and was vociferously applauded. Miss Terryberry, of Hamilton, no stranger to Oakville audiences, rendered several solos in her excellent style, and charmed the audience.

The annual "at home" of the young bachelors of the town was held last Thursday evening, and all who were fortunate enough to secure an invitation were unanimous in expressing the good time they had. The spacious town hall, the scene of the pleasant event, was handsomely decorated with flags, etc., and presented a beautiful appearance. About forty couples took part in the dancing, music being furnished by an orchestra from Toronto, which had been engaged for the occasion. Refreshments were served during the evening. The large gathering spent the time in tripping the light fantastic until the early hours of the morning

Rev. S. S. Craig, the well-known divine, and former pastor of our Presbyterian Church, delivered a profitable and instructive lecture to a crowded house in the town hall on Tuesday evening on "Present Day Problems in Politics, Ethics, Economics, Sociology and Theology." The address was a stirring denunciation of the evils of the present day. It is generally understood that Mr. Craig has, since his resignation of his Oakville pastorate, severed his connection with the established church, and he is now preaching in Toronto on the independent pulpit. His meetings are attended by large congregations, and his doctrine is evidently appreciated by the people.

Mrs. Street, teacher in the second department in the public school, one day last week, met with a bad accident. The sidewalks being icy, she sustained a severe fall and hurt herself considerably, and as a result pupils of that department enjoyed three or four holidays.

AN ONLOOKER.

Their Golden Wedding.

Guelph, Dec. 10.—To-day is the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. James Goldie, their wedding having taken place in New York on Dec. 10, 1848. Mrs. Goldie's maiden name was Frances Owen. After their marriage they lived in Patterson, N. J., and Utica, New York State, and in 1860 they came to Guelph, when Mr. Goldie purchased Pipe's mills and inaugurated a business career remarkable at once for its sterling honesty and continued success.

The town of Barrie has bought the plant of the Barrie Electric Light Co'y for $22,501, and thus the town owns both the waterworks and electric light plants.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has been notified that American companies are taking large quantities of fish off the coast of British Columbia.

The permanent infantry schools of London, Toronto, St. John's and Fredericton will be concentrated at Ottawa under command of Lieut.-Col. Otter for a course of instruction next summer.

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We have a complete stock and cut prices prevail. Hamilton prices and our prices are identical.

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We can give 50 sheets of paper or 50 envelopes for 5c. We have some splendid values in writing tablets, 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c. and 25c. Inks, pens, pencils, blotters, paper series, visiting cards, playing cards, etc., etc.

Crokinole Boards (Special).
We can show you some good values in these. 25c. for a combination board; other games from 5c. upward.

Xmas Cards.
We have a new line arriving this week; all prices. Hand-painted notions are popular for Xmas and New Year's gifts.

Xmas Perfumes.
We lead in these lines. All in fancy boxes, suitable for mailing, 25c. each and upwards.

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" " Jewel Boxes.
" " Pin and Ash Trays.
" " Puff Boxes.
" " China Pieces.
" " Fancy Mirrors.
" " Photo Holders.
Fancy Work Baskets.
" Ink Stands.
" Trinket Boxes.
" Cups and Saucers.
Silk Mufflers.
Silk Handkerchiefs and Ties.
Purses and Pipes.
Silk Embroidered Goods.

And hundreds of other beautiful and desirable articles suitable for old and young.

We have just added a lot of *New Frieze Ulsters and Pea-Jackets* for men and boys.

HEAVY UNDERWEAR—Best value in Canada.

Boots & Shoes, Rubbers and Socks, in great variety.

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