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Thus are the signs of the times interpreted in an eloquent editorial which adorns the first page of reading matter in the handsome 1910 Christmas number of "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine." Answering the question, what shall preserve this galaxy of nations from the decay and dissolution that plain warnings of history, concludes, "Would Canada flower and reproduce herself in national greatness, this sublime achievement will not be by armies nor navies, nor railways nor waterways, nor acclaiming multitudes, nor palaces nor pageantry, but by Men—the product of a vivified church, regenerated schools and Christian homes—Men who know their duties and maintain their rights. The vastness of her problems, the rigor of her environment and the complexity of her people stimulate the travail of self-sacrifice and high endeavor, out of which a nation destined to live gloriously has been born."  
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**DECEMBER ROD AND GUN.**

A Christmassy flavor, with an abundance of light reading, marks the December number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ontario. Included are some notable articles, Mr. Bonnycastle Dale telling of the contrasts to be found at this season on the Pacific Coast as compared with other portions of Canada, while the delights of a canoe trip in New Brunswick with the exhilarating experiences of days of rapid water are well described by Mr. S. B. Bustin. Then there are fishing stories recalling the pleasures of rod and line. Mrs. Charlotte C. Talcott giving voice to the feelings of many who are inevitably led to engage in the proper season in a recreation that has filled some of the happiest hours of their lives. Big game hunters are not forgotten and a paper by Dr. Edward Breck on European and American methods is calculated to give all interested in the game problems in this country much food for thought. Crisp, bright verses, with an Old Time story, and many other good things complete a number that for variety and interest is the equal of any that have ever gone before and well sustains the reputation which the Magazine has achieved.

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES**

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**CANADIAN MAGAZINE.**

The Christmas number of The Canadian Magazine contains a good representation of work of foremost Canadian writers and artists, the list including the following writers:—Arthur Stringer, Goldwin Smith, Newton MacTavish, Marjorie L.C. Pickthall, Robert Barr, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, Virna Sheard, S. A. White, John Boyd, Theodore Roberts, W. S. Wallace, Jean Blewett, Katherine Hale, Jean Graham, and Peter McArthur. There are drawings by the following artists:—J. W. Beatty, C. W. Jefferys, Estella M. Kerr, Jack Ham, Maud McLaren, Helene Carter and A. J. Clark. The colour work in the reproductions is most effective and altogether the number is a fine example of the magazine construction.

**RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.**

A large number of ratepayers attended the Public Meeting in the Council Chamber Tuesday evening.  
Reeve Pugsley, who was chairman, explained that the meeting was called to meet the wishes of many ratepayers, who thought that an association of some kind should be formed to look after the interests of the village and make suggestions to the Council from time to time.  
After an informal discussion it was moved by Mr. P. G. Savage, seconded by Mr. Geo. McDonald that we form ourselves into a Rate-payers' Association.  
After another discussion in which Mr. Allen, Mr. Pratt, Mr. J. H. Sanderson, Mr. W. Innes and others took part the above resolution was carried without a dissenting voice.  
The following officers were then elected:  
President—W. Pratt.  
1st Vice-Pres.—W. Innes.  
2nd " "—A. G. Savage.  
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The President, on taking the chair, explained that every rate-payer in the village is a member of the Association. It was decided to hold monthly meetings in the Council Chamber on last Tuesday in every month, at 8 o'clock.  
The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws.  
Messrs. Allen, Lamon, N. Glass and A. E. Glass were appointed a committee on Publicity.  
The subject to be taken up at next meeting is "Water and Sewerage," the discussion to be led by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Innes and Mr. Hill.

**DECEMBER ATHLETIC WORLD.**

The Athletic World by its December number more strongly than ever establishes its position as the best athletic and sports magazine in Canada. Its exhaustive treatment of the whole national and world aspects and occurrences in the realm of outdoor and indoor sports fills a long felt want. The illustrations are many and excellent, depicting the happenings in universal athletics, especially presenting to Canadians everything of sporting moment in the Dominion, giving a complete resume of the past month's seasonable sports. It is a national monthly of world scope for Canadian followers of athletic sports.

**Oats at the Winter Fair.**

From the latest agricultural statistics we learn that last year for every 1000 acres of cleared land in York County over 225 acres were devoted to the growing of oats. This is equal to the total area sown with winter wheat, spring wheat, barley and peas. We also see that our average yield was 38 bus per acre while that of the province was only 38.5 bus. The quality may be judged from results of the judging at the Winter Fair.  
One hundred and sixty-one winners in the Standing Field Crops Competitions throughout Western Ontario entered samples of their threshed oats at Guelph fair. While York made but eight entries, five of these were among the best fourteen lots; three of these winning \$54.00 out of the \$175.00 for this class.  
The above five were:—  
1st prize—W. G. Rennie, Ellesmere, for Lincoln oats.  
2nd prize—Jas. McLean, Richmond Hill, for Lincoln oats.  
3rd prize—R. M. Loveless, Agincourt, for Lincoln oats.  
4th prize—M. Boyle, Richmond Hill, for Prince Royal oats.  
5th prize—W. A. Patterson, Agincourt, for White Cluster oats.

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