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From our Issue of Dec. 21st, 1899
The Standard Bank of Canada, with head office in Toronto, will open a branch here on or about the 1st of February in the Grand Central building, which has been secured for a term of years. As the Standard is one of the leading banks, we bespeak for them the hearty co-operation and endorsement by the banking public. Mr. Nicholls will at once engage in extensive alterations in the building to fit it for the reception of its new occupants.

The Board of Education met Monday afternoon to consider applications for the position of teacher in the second department of the Public School. The Board had inserted an advertisement in the daily papers for a teacher whose qualifications were not to be lower than a second class professional, and salary not to exceed \$275. Fifty-one applications were received, and after a careful reading the choice fell on Miss Sara Dobbie, of Niagara Falls, Ont., at

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the salary named. The new appointee has had experience as a teacher, she has a first class professional certificate, and among her testimonials was one from the Hon. R. Harcourt, the present Minister of Education.

The Eckardt family gave an interesting entertainment in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. The hall was comfortably filled, and the proceeds amounted to \$34.65. Every one of the six members of the family is a natural musician, and the various selections which they gave on Saturday evening were well received. Between the first and second parts of the programme about 30 volumes of good magazine literature were disposed of by auction, Mr. J. T. Saigeon acting as auctioneer. The bidding was lively, and \$5.20 was netted for the Public Library from the sale of the magazines. The Public Library's share of the door receipts was \$13.86, less the rent of hall.

At the Good Roads Convention held in Toronto last week profitable discussions took place which will likely bring about changes in the manner of road-making within the Province in the near future. It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of all present that the leading roads of a county such as York must be under the management of county officers, and not controlled by the various townships as at present. The Ontario Legislature will no doubt be asked to give a grant for the maintenance of leading county roads.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Dec. 16th, 1909
The Reeve and members of the Village Council have been given an option by Mr. Isaac Crosby on a piece of land near the C.N.O. station in which are a number of fine springs, which it is hoped will give an ample supply of water for all Village purposes. The council will get the water analyzed, and hope to have a waterworks engineer here in a few days and get his advice as to the best means of collecting the water and pumping it into a reservoir. If the water proves to be first-class this will be a safer process than boring.

For some time past, the need of an organization of some kind where the young people of the Presbyterian congregation might profitably spend their time and lend their talent has been felt, and on Thursday, December 2nd, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Currie, called a meeting of the young people interested in organization. It was unanimously decided that a young people's society, guild or debating club should be organized, and on Thursday evening last another meeting was held, at which a good representation of the young people of the church was present. A few explanations were made by Rev. Mr. Currie, and brief discussions on the subject followed, after which an organization, to be called the Presbyterian Guild, was formed, and officers were elected. It was decided that Friday night be the meeting night of the Guild, and the first meeting will be held shortly after the New Year.

The Masonic Hall was packed to the doors Wednesday evening when the High School gave their annual entertainment. The program was carried out to the letter, and proved very interesting to the large audience. Mr. D. Hill made an excellent chairman, and the order was all that could be desired. Mr. Witheril, Principal, explained the class of work that was being taken at the High School, and referred to the numbers receiving certificates, and those promoted from one form to another. Short and appropriate addresses were given by Rev. A. P. Brace and Rev. E. C. Currie, each speaking of the good work done in the school and a splendid musical programme was enjoyed by the large crowd.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Dec. 18th, 1924
The barn and outbuildings on the Cook farm, near Carrville, occupied by James Woods, were burned to the ground Saturday evening, with their contents. The cattle and other animals were saved. A lantern explosion is said to be the cause.

A barn on the rear of Mr. Garnet Duncan's farm, lot 40, was burned Tuesday night between nine and ten o'clock. In the barn were about twenty tons of hay, and ten loads

General News & Views

A Merry Christmas

Only two shopping days left.

Nomination meetings in the district will be held Friday, December 22nd.

During the next few days many a fellow will be promoted from being just the "old man" to being "some man" as young folks realize that without him the old saying "there ain't no Santa Claus" would be too close to being true.

"Cheer up," said a shipwrecked sailor, as he gazed from his raft to the sky. "We can't be far from civilization. There go two bombers."

Commenting on the problem as to whether Naziism should be spelt with one "i" or two the Alliston Herald suggests that both eyes should be knocked out.

British taxpayers declare that they would not mind the heavy war time imposts so much if the government would take the income and leave them the tax.

"We hate war," said Mrs. Gould, chairman of the British Women's Labor party, "but we hate injustice, persecution and tyranny more. That's why we are fighting."

Judging from the utterances of some extreme isolationists the proper thing for Uncle Sam to do when trouble threatens anywhere in the world is to dig himself a good sized hole, crawl in, and pull the lid after him.

The will was opened and read by the lawyer, as the widow listened in rapt attention.

"To my beloved wife I bequeath all my property, both real and personal," read the lawyer, "including my pants, which she has wanted to wear for thirty-five years."

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!

The Star still shines, as on that night divine,
And happy children sing their carols sweet;
The tall Cathedral candles softly gleam,
And we still worship at the Christ-Child's feet.

Through misty light and wreaths of evergreen,
Trees trimmed with tinsel, silver, gold, and red,
All I can see is Mary's flower-white face
And on her breast a tiny baby head.

—Dorothy Sproule.

of wheat. It is thought that some person went into the barn to sleep, and carelessly dropped a match.

Santa's First Visit

With so many fine stores in the Village, beautifully decorated in their holiday attire, Santa Claus, who arrived from the north Saturday afternoon, was, for a time puzzled to find his headquarters in Davies' store. He turned his car, however, a little south of The Liberal Office, and had no difficulty in finding the place as a large crowd had collected outside the store. Santa soon got busy, and in the next couple of hours, he talked and visited with hundreds of his young friends, giving each boy and girl a little Christmas gift. There was naturally great excitement, parents bringing their children many miles from Markham and Vaughan to see a real Santa Claus in toyland.

At a meeting of the Richmond Hill Women's Institute, the organization went on record as being in favor of having women elected to School Boards and on other public bodies. A special committee was appointed under the convesorship of Mrs. A. L. Phipps, to report on the advisability of selecting a candidate to put up as School Trustee to fill one of the vacancies on the Board of Education this year. It is understood that this committee is now ready to report, and that a woman candidate will be brought forward on nomination day who, it is hoped will also be endorsed by the W.C.T.U., Home and School, Council, and other bodies of citizens interested in educational matters.

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