

ALLAN PARK

Mr. David Goodwin, Jr., of Owen Sound, is visiting J. W. Leitch this week.

Mr. Thomas Brigham spent a few days at Henry Cross', of Louise, last week.

Mr. James Little and D. Campbell, of Durham, swapped horses last week and both were well pleased.

Mr. B. Sharp, of Durham, has the contract of building Mr. G. Schenk's barn which is to be erected next summer. He was taking out the timber last week.

Mrs. Wm. Porter returned home to Hepworth on Friday after spending a few weeks visiting friends in that part.

The Xmas tree held here on Friday evening was a grand success; everybody went home well pleased. The collection taken up amounted to nine dollars.

We wish you, Mr. Editor, the Chronicle staff and the readers of your valuable paper a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

We think, like many other, that your system of printing your paper a grand affair and that you are entitled to much credit for the pains you take in trying to give the people good value for their money.

GLASCOTT.

There was a public examination at Sowerby's school on Friday, the 20th. The parents didn't turn out as well as they might have, but a good time is reported. At the close of the program Miss Simpson (the teacher) was presented with a handsome lemonade set, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the school. Miss Simpson has only been one year in the school, and has gained a good reputation. She is succeeded by Miss Lackie, of Orangeville, who comes well recommended.

The school entertainment at Townsend's Lake school on Friday evening was a decided success, and reflects much credit on the teacher, Miss Fettes. The outside talent consisted of the Johnston family, of Durham; Mr. and Miss Fettes, of Yeovil; Mr. Wilson and two other gentlemen, of Markdale; and several others. As we were not present we cannot give full details.

Mr. Johnny English, of Hill's store, Markdale, is again under the weather. Johnny is having a hard time of it, but is improving nicely again.

Mr. Richard English has finished drawing brick for the venerable of his house next summer.

Mr. Charles Boyle has also finished drawing brick for his house.

There will be service in Townsend's Lake church next Sabbath; it being the last Sabbath in the old year.

Well, I guess I will close my epistle this time, wishing the Editor and the whole Chronicle managerie a happy and prosperous New Year.

NORTH-EAST NORMANBY.

Our teacher, Miss McCannel, deserves credit for the way in which she has her pupils trained. On Friday last she held a Public School Examination, which showed to the trustees and parents the careful manner in which she has taken to increase their knowledge.

Mr. T. Gadd intends returning to the West next Thursday morning, accompanied by his sister, Louisa, as far as Guelph, where she intends spending the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morice came home from the West last week. Glad to have them to our neighborhood again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fee had a family reunion last week on the return home of their daughter, Mrs. Morice. Mr. and Mrs. McCalmon, of Varney, Mr. and Mrs. Morice and Mr. Samuel Caldwell.

Mr. A. McDonald and Miss Byers were the guests of Mrs. M. Donnelly, of Bentinck, on Sunday last.

Miss Mary Wallace was the guest of Mrs. Will Grant one day last week.

Miss McCannel is gone to spend her holidays at her home near Priceville.

MULL CORNERS.

Mr. D. McCormack, Baden, Ont., is spending his holidays at his home here.

Miss Ogden, of Ottawa, visited Mr. Neil McLean and family last week.

Miss C. Peterbough is holidaying at her home here.

Miss B. McLean visited Dornoch friends recently.

Miss Jessie C. McDonald succeeded in obtaining the Diploma from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, also a beautiful Bible from her pastor, Rev. Mr. Graham, for repeating the 107 questions in the catechism without making one mistake. She deserves great credit being only 11 years of age.

The children, who took part in the Xmas tree entertainment, did exceedingly well under the careful training of their teacher, Miss McLean.

Mr. D. McLean, councillor, took part in the entertainment at the Rocky church Thursday evening.

A happy New Year Mr. Editor and staff.

THE OFFICIAL TALE.

NOT EAGER FOR A CHANGE IN COLONIAL COURT OF APPEAL.

Story of the Failure of the Negotiations Between Representatives of the Colonies—Meeting of the Colonial Experts in London at the Request of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain—Lord Milner's Part.

A White Paper issued yesterday (Cd. 846. Price 3jd.) contains the correspondence relating to the proposed establishment of a Colonial Court of Appeal, with the recommendations of the Conference of Colonial delegates who met in London in June and July last, and the final decision of His Majesty's Government. It will be remembered, says The London Daily News, that a proposal to strengthen the representation of the self-governing colonies on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was made known by Mr. Chamberlain during the debate on the Australian Commonwealth Bill. The project was dropped at the time of the representation of the Australian delegates, and it was decided to take an early opportunity of consulting the Colonies on the subject. On February 14, therefore, Mr. Chamberlain telegraphed to the Governor-General and Governors of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Natal that "it is earnestly desired to deal with the matter this session, and His Majesty's Government desire assistance of Colonial legal experts to discuss matters with Lord Chancellor, law officers, and myself," and asking in each case that the names of the delegates proposed as early as possible.

As at first formulated, the plan was that the number of delegates should be confined to a single representative of each of the three great groups of colonies, viz., one from Canada and Newfoundland, one from Australasia, and one from South Africa—though Mr. Chamberlain was prepared, if desired by the colonies in question, to agree to separate representatives from New Zealand and Natal. The manner in which the original suggestion was regarded by these colonies is indicated in their replies. On March 1st, Sir W. F. Hally-Hutchinson telegraphed: "The Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland."

(b) The Commonwealth of Australia. (c) New Zealand. (d) South Africa. (e) The Crown Colonies. (f) India.

3. A member so appointed should vacate any judicial office which he may be holding at the time of his appointment to the Judicial Committee. 4. The selection of such members should not be restricted to judges and ex-judges.

5. Every such member should be appointed for life or for a term of years. In the event of it being decided that such appointments to the Judicial Committee should be made for a term of years, suitable pensions should be provided for all members who complete such term of office, and the term which may be decided upon should be sufficiently long to be an inducement to properly qualified men to accept appointments to the Judicial Committee. 6. Although the question of salary is not apparently one of the matters for the consideration of which the conference has been assembled, it is suggested that the salary to be paid should be sufficiently ample to induce men possessed of suitable qualifications to accept appointments to the Judicial Committee.

7. It is desirable that arrangements should be made for securing a larger attendance of Lords of Appeal at sittings of the Judicial Committee. 8. That, with the view to the avoidance of delay, and the lessening of costs, each colony should be invited to suggest such alterations or amendments as it may desire in the Orders in Council, restricting or regulating appeals from such colony and the General Rules of Practice including those as to costs of appeal. These recommendations are signed by all the delegates except Mr. Emerson (Newfoundland) and Mr. Henry Hodges (Australia) and Sir James Prendergast (New Zealand). In a letter to Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Hodges said that "in his opinion it was desirable that there should be only one Court of Final Appeal, which should have vested in it the appellate jurisdiction of the House of Lords and of His Majesty's Council; that this court should contain representatives from India, Canada, South Africa, and Australia, and should ordinarily sit in two divisions, though, in cases of exceptional difficulty, both divisions might sit together. He was of opinion that it was desirable that an entirely new court should be formed, which he considered would command the administration and respect not only of the whole British race, but of every race in the British dominions, and would be a powerful factor in the development of a closer union between all parts of the empire."

In a despatch to the Governor-General and Governors, dated August 10, the Colonial Secretary says that as "the result of the conference has been to show that no far-reaching alteration in the present tribunal is desired, or would be considered satisfactory by the colonies generally, and so long as the colonies are of that opinion, His Majesty's Government do not propose to make any material changes for the establishment of an Imperial Court of Appeal."

XMAS PHILOSOPHER

By Seaton Lord.

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ULKILY deplored the poverty which compelled me to come to work on Christmas day. I entered the office of the Daily Dozer and went to my desk. "Christmas enjoyment is only for the wealthy," muscled I.

"Jenkins," said the city editor, "here's five dollars a lady sent us to give a poor old chap up on Tenth street. You see, she wants to know if reached him and doesn't want to register a letter, for he must not know who sends it. So run up with it and get a receipt for it that we may send her."

I was soon on Tenth street. The number sought was a tumble down old rookery, and the children snowballing each other in the street stopped long enough to tell me that old Mr. Jones lived on the top floor.

"Come in!" piped a cheery, shrill voice as I knocked on his door. I did. Seated by the window, nightcap on head and spectacles on nose, sat a bright eyed, gray haired, much wrinkled old fellow, clean shaven and very tall and stouped. "Merry Christmas!" he piped as soon as he saw me and grinned affably, displaying a few large teeth that were still white.

I stammered forth the conventional answer. I could do no more than stammer it, for such a salutation in such a place quite staggered me. The rickety bed, the unlighted stove, the broken loaf of bread on the bare little table, the absence of carpet, the two chairs, told the story of deepest poverty at a glance. I hastily gave him the money and took his receipt.

"Sit down on that other chair and gladden my Christmas," said he. "This gift of money is nothing to your company. I deserve it," he added a little pettishly. "I have gladdened others' Christmas today."

"You have?" I was impolite enough to say in my bewilderment.

"The birds," said he, pointing out the window to where a few sparrows on the fire escape were pecking at a piece of his loaf.

"It is this that has made you happy today in spite of?"

"It is one of the things. That was my Christmas giving. It was all I could give until you came, but now I am under the necessity of seeking human objects for my bounty. The alms share of this is too big for the birds."

"Can you find any poorer than yourself?" I inquired.

"Yes, even in the palaces," he said solemnly. Rising and leaning on the long stick which he had kept beside him, he thus went on:

"I began my celebration of Christmas yesterday afternoon by going to the free library and reading Dickens' 'Christmas Carol.' For years I have read it on Christmas eve—that is, to fill myself with the true Christmas spirit of charity, love, peace and good will. It always succeeds. Has any millionaire in this great city begun more wisely?"

"Having finished my reading, I walked through the crisp, frosty air to the boulevard to enjoy the sleighing. It was very fine. Time was when I used to sit in one of those vehicles and go skimming over the snow. I lost half the sport. I could not see the cutters skim by, the rosy cheeks of the riders, and I ran risk of a spill. I could hear no bells but those on my own team, but, ah, standing on the roadside—how different!"

"The skating on the lake next interested me, and I enjoyed it greatly. Home to tea next, with a keen appetite. Had I a full larder and that appetite I would eat enough to be sluggish, and then I should not go out again. But a slice of bread, an onion and a cup of black tea—no glutony in that, yet enough."

"I went out to do my Christmas shopping. Oh, I saw everything—all the riches of the earth displayed in windows. Remember that the great delight in most of them is in looking at them, and that if they are personal ornaments you cannot very well see them after you put them on. I feasted my eyes fully from the outside of the windows. It was the best Christmas shopping I ever did, and I have done much shopping in my time, I can tell you."

"Midnight mass—grand, celestial! No, sir; not a Catholic, but I do not let that fact stand between me and epicurean enjoyment."

"I slept the sleep of the contented man, sir, dreaming of the beautiful, bright skies and green fields and pleasant waters of summer that are all mine, sir, as much as a king's."

"See my Yule log!" He pointed to a piece of cannon coal beside the stove. "I will light that by and by. I will roast a little joint of meat over it and make me a little wassail—bowl of cider with a roast apple in it—and when my pipe is lit and the street lamp shines on the ceiling I will recite for myself some of the old miracle plays of Christmas or sing an olden carol!"

"Pardon me," said I, starting up. "I must go. You tempt me to share your feast and lose my position. I must go. I wish I knew how to be as happy as you."

"Be content," said the strange old

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A NUMBER of Miss were entertained at her parents, Mr. and don, on Monday night pleasant time was sp

Mr. W. S. DUNSMO gave us a brief call way to attend the car, Mrs. John Collins Mr. D., is one of our advance subscribers pleased to see him.

COMPLAINTS HAVE of that some of our of Saugeen Sundays' tring, and threats or law will be brought, conduct is not sioignant of the per but give this as a w

WE ARE pleased James Carlson was day evening with a gold rimmed specta bers of the Method he has taken ane many years. g given in our church will not prevent us personal congratula

MR. GEO. LAMB has our thanks for places his subscri Jan. 1st, 1902. ond on our list, be behind Captain Ja who is credited to Mr. Lamb was also THE CHRONICLE, and enjoy it now more know he will if o correspondent at G the news ball rollin

ON CHRISTMAS Di ding was solemnizing Mrs. Orchard with daughter was unite Mr. Arthur McClock We expected a fo interesting event, f session of the infot say, however, that Clockin have our we trust they may enjoy the new relat they have entertain

THE CLARKSBUR sued a very cred Number, which, illustrations, mus quite a penny. Th ed by Mr. Carroll are particularly f and we think the shall, should meet al patronage, and in disposing of th modest figure he a 20c. The press w some of the half-t but there are evid the part of the edit

It is our sad c hronicle the dear Staples, daughter John Staples, of about nine month parents lost a brig about seventeen e age, and very sh older sister was the effects of a se veloped rapidly i disease, consump was thirty-one ye mas Day, the da and a woman, of acter, for whom word. For abou she was living i sister's illness b was thought un Mr. and Mrs. St the neighbors w to do what they trials through w ed. We exten this sad hour of