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## The Chronicle Wishes Everyone A Merry Christmas

### NEWS AROUND TOWN

Do your shopping early.

Get the boy a kodak. \$1 and up at Macfarlane's.

Bias corsets, the best made for the money. At Grant's.

Boy wanted.—To learn hardware business. Apply to W. Black.

See our fine display of handsome china, suitable for Christmas gifts. —Miss Cochrane.

Service will be held in Trinity church at 10.30 a. m. on Christmas Day. All are invited.

Macfarlane's can suit you with something for "him" or "her" at right prices.

A dainty bit of china is always sure to please her. See Macfarlane's display.

The annual Varney Christmas Tree entertainment will be held as usual on Christmas night. Good program. Admission 20c. and 10c.

On Thursday, at the close of the Model school term, the Model students presented Principal Allan with an address and a handsome library table as a token of appreciation.

James Borden, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, was baptised in Trinity church last Sunday morning.

Books are a joy to all in the house. When in doubt, give a book. Large and choice selection at Macfarlane's.

Dr. Brown, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at the Hahn House on Saturday, December 21st, from 12 to 5 p.m. Eyes tested and glasses supplied.

The Kean property near Traverton was sold by auction last week for \$2100. James Ross, who owns the sawmill there, was the purchaser.

The Methodist Sunday school entertainment, consisting of songs, choruses, recitals, and a cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Double" will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, December 20th. Don't forget that it is Friday evening of this week, and don't forget to attend. Admission 15c. and 10c.

Mr. James Crawford, of Unity, Ont., arrived home Saturday night. We referred a week or so ago to his loss by fire, but having no particulars, we could say little. We learn that his loss amounted to about \$6000, with only very small insurance. The fire originated, we learn, through the explosion of a gasoline lamp.

We'll see the New Year yet before we see the completion of the new bridge. There was a lot of delay in getting in the abutment and retaining walls, but we don't know on whose shoulders the blame should be placed. Some members of the council appeared indifferent, and the good-natured leniency of the citizens kept them from getting in a hurry. It was understood generally that the network would be put in shape on the ground here just as soon as the foundation was ready, but instead of doing so, the material all shipped to Stratford. Now we'll be forced to wait the pleasure of the bridge builders there, it may be weeks, or months, before the superstructure will be in position and the bridge made ready for traffic.

After a long illness from pernicious anaemia, Mr. W. J. Adams died away on Friday last at the home of his uncle, Mr. James Adams. The deceased gentleman about fifty years of age and resided in Egremont and Durham being the greater portion of his life. He was a man of kindly disposition, of good habits, honorable in his dealings and always industrious until forced a couple of years ago through ill health to abandon most kinds of labor. His death was not unexpected, indeed he was surprised that he lived so long as he did. Many a time he seemed to be at death's door, buoyed up by an iron constitution, he again rallied, and was to be about in a fair condition of health. Interment took place Sunday afternoon to Amos cemetery, Dromore.

Live hogs are \$7.75.

Choice candy and perfume at Macfarlane's.

Dolls and picture books at Macfarlane's.

The Star Theatre has moved into its new premises in the old Mockler building.

Thomas McGrath, the shoeman, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors.

Special values in Christmas groceries for the next two weeks, at Morlock's.

All Christmas goods marked at the lowest figures, at The Central Drug Store.

Dainty Christmas cards and booklets, at the Central Drug Store.

See our stock of fancy boxed stationery. A very suitable Christmas present. At the Central Drug Store.

An important regular meeting of Ben Nevis Camp, S.O.S., will be held on Friday, December 20th.

Ladies wanting a fur-collared coat should see S. F. Morlock's lines. All sizes. \$18 to \$23.

Wanted.—Along C.P.R., from McWilliams to Walkerton, track ties, switch ties, poles, piling and posts. For particulars, apply to J. N. Murdock, Durham.

The Sunday school Christmas Tree entertainment in connection with Ebenezer church will be held on Monday next, December 23rd. Admission 10c. and 15c.

Local option meetings are being held in Ailsfeldt, Hampden and Ayton on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Rev. Wm. Kettlewell and others will speak at each meeting.

Little seems to be said so far about a council for 1913, but it is highly probable there will be a contest for the honors. On account of the debenture By-law, an election will be held anyway, and the cost of a council election will make very little additional expense. It seems that municipal aspirants should come before the people with some policy for town improvement. We need additional industries if we are going to hold our own, or even to make a fair comparison with other places where municipal enterprise is resulting in material prosperity. Even if we have lost money in the past, we are showing poor pluck to give up in despair. Most of the money expended in industries have repaid the town for the outlay, and we believe a liberal and progressive council would do much to increase our industries. We believe it is poor policy to bicker over tax exemptions, or even the granting of a loan, if reasonable concessions on the part of the town will give our citizens employment and increase our population.

The bazaar conducted by Trinity church Ladies' Guild last week was a most gratifying success. When the sale began on Thursday afternoon, Mr. McIntyre's store, in which it was held, was a very attractive sight. The bunting and decorations, together with the large display of fancy work, all artistically arranged, was certainly very pleasing to the eye, and drew much favorable comment. The weather on Thursday was not contributory to the success of the enterprise, and no doubt prevented even better results. However, on Saturday afternoon, the affair was continued and the ladies managed to dispose of almost all of their material. In the glow of success, the ladies do not forget the help given by friends, and the liberal patronage received from the public in general, for all of which they are very grateful. As a result from it all, the Guild's treasury is in a most satisfactory condition, and they will be enabled to reduce the balance of debt on the new basement to such a small amount that the congregation intend making a special effort to wipe it out, so that when the basement is ready for use it will be free from incumbrance.

Have you renewed your sub.?

Bibles, prayer books and hymnals, at the Central Drug Store.

Pipes, cigars and smokers' sundries at Macfarlane's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laidlaw, of Durham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie, to Mr. Shirley McIntyre, of Durham. The marriage will take place the last of December.

Laura Bartman, a little girl about nine years of age, was operated on for decayed bone on Monday last. This is the fourth time the poor child has had to undergo the frightful ordeal.

Local option meetings have been arranged for in Bentinck as follows: Ebenezer Methodist church, on Thursday, December 26th; Aberdeen Union church, Friday, December 27th; Allan Park school, on Monday, December 30th and Hutton Hill school, on Tuesday, December 31st. A number of prominent speakers are expected to be present. Each meeting will begin at eight o'clock.

To those using stamps for raising funds for anti-tubercular or other benevolent societies, the Post Office Department directs that such stamps be placed on the backs of letters or other mail matter as sealers.

Unless there is strong reason for believing in a miscarriage of justice, we have generally considered it unwise to interfere with legal penalties imposed by the courts. Where a prisoner admits his guilt, or is proved guilty beyond any doubt, a judge would be condemned from one end of the land to the other if no penalty were imposed. On the other hand, where punishment is administered, and that punishment tempered with mercy, it renders the law useless to grant the prayer of petitioners to reduce the penalty. Certain crimes deserve severe punishment, but ordinary confinement in a jail, or inside the walls of a penitentiary is not much of punishment to a certain class of wrong-doers. To shorten the term and apply the last would touch the spot more effectually.

The suit for damages against the town, instituted by J. G. Wilson, was heard at Owen Sound on Tuesday last. Some weeks ago, Wilson with his horse and buggy drove down the steep bank at the Lambton street bridge, which was then undergoing repairs. He received some bodily injuries and sued the town on the ground that the approach to the danger spot was not properly protected. Considerable evidence was heard on both sides, but the judge decided against the plaintiff, who has to pay all costs in connection with the suit. The decision went the way we expected, and while we regret to hear of any man losing heavily in law, we must say we believe Mr. Wilson was ill-advised in pursuing the course he did. Many of the ratepayers had grave doubts about the result, and felt that the town was dangerously near a big outlay if it of a penitentiary is not much of had been neglectful of its duty.

The ratepayers will be asked to vote on a debenture by-law at the municipal election in January. It will authorize the council to raise \$4000 for the Lambton street bridge, extending the payments over a period of ten years, the annual amount required for principal and interest being \$530.67. There is nothing for it apparently but to vote the amount, and every ratepayer may as well support it as do otherwise. It will be something new in the history of Durham by-laws if votes are not recorded against it. Whatever blame may be attached to the expenditure of this outlay, the present year's council can hardly be saddled with it. It is true there was much delay in getting on with the work, and some unnecessary expense was incurred through the many difficulties encountered during the season. The onus of the burden dates back, we think, to the construction of the old bridge which, no doubt, was placed on an unsafe foundation. Though everything is now ready for the superstructure, it may be some time before traffic will be resumed by way of Lambton street.

Do your shopping early.

The Model school term came to an end last week, and the teachers-in-training have gone to their respective homes in different parts of the province. There were over fifty in attendance. The results are not yet public.

The cement works closed down Tuesday after a big season's output, and we hope a good season's profit. No use talking about dividends for at least another year or two. The days of big dividends in cement making have passed, and are not likely to return.

Murders are of very common occurrence when we read the reports from the world over, but in looking back over the past, they do not occur in very rapid succession in this county. The first, last and we believe the only person hanged for murder in Grey County up to the present time was Cook Teat a blind man who poisoned his wife about thirty-five or forty years ago, near the village of Eugenia. He suffered the extreme penalty of the law by hanging in Owen Sound. We have no knowledge of any other similar occurrence.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Norman Lenahan, of Toronto, is holidaying with his parents here.

Mr. A. Duncan, of Hanover, spent the week end with his family here.

Mr. W. Johnston, of Markdale, spent Sunday at his home here.

Miss McDonald, of the Toronto school staff, is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. W. Campbell.

Mrs. E. W. Wildman, of Hamilton is visiting her brother, Mr. E. W. Limir and family.

Miss Inno Davidson, milliner during the past season at Orangeville, visited Miss Flo. Limin for a few days last week.

Miss Jessie Dugan, of Eden Grove, is visiting her cousins, Mrs. Adam Brown and Miss Lizzie Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradley returned to their home in Winnipeg after spending a week with relatives and friends here.

Mr. James Burk, who spent the past ten months in Dawson, Man., arrived in town Saturday last, and intends to remain in the vicinity during the winter.

### MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS AWARDED

The Commencement Exercises in connection with the Durham school were held in the town hall on Thursday evening last. The building was packed to overflowing, many being unable to get inside the door. A May-pole drill by seven or eight girls, was a pretty, spectacular number, and a play, in four acts, was well presented and showed a large degree of talent that will count for something later on. Dr. Jamieson acted as chairman and discharged his duties very acceptably. Medals and prizes were awarded to pupils as follows:

Form III—Principal Allan's medal awarded to Miss Nellie Burns, of Hampden.

Form II to III—Scholarship, by School Board, awarded to Ray Farquharson, Durham.

Form I to II—Scholarship, by School Board, to Alix Edge, of Edge Hill.

Entrance examination—Dr. Jamieson's medal to the pupil taking the highest standing in South Grey, was awarded to Norman Lenahan, of Durham. Miss Mary McLraith, of Durham, was awarded a Scholarship by the School Board for taking the highest standing from Durham school.

It may be noted that Norman Lenahan and Mary McLraith are both of Durham School, and the custom of the Board in such cases to give Dr. Jamieson's medal to the candidate standing first, and the School Board scholarship to the winner of the second position.

Miss Kelsey presided at the piano, and during the evening was presented with a handsome bouquet in recognition of her services.

Miss Fritz had charge of the drill, which was quite creditable to herself and those who took part in it.

### Five more Shopping days only

With Christmas just around the corner. It is none too early to select your gifts. We confidently submit to your most critical inspection the articles now on display in our store.

#### The Handkerchief an Ideal Christmas Gift

The first and last Mecca of Christmas shoppers is our handkerchief counter, always suitable and acceptable, always dainty and different if selected from our complete stock.

#### Novelties for the Neck

In Robespierre Collars Dainty Jabots and Ties

Our stock in neckwear is well assorted and includes pretty collars, boxed separately, fancy lace jabots, as well as silk and wollen mufflers.

### FURS

A set of furs! what a truly delightful Christmas box this would make, and to make the choosing easy, we have just received a fresh assortment in many of our best selling furs, and by comparison with recent price lists from the raw skin markets, our values are exceptionally low consistent with the best quality.

#### Is it Gloves?

Each pair carrying a guarantee of wear and a prominent makers name is our idea of the glove question.

The Rouillon are assuredly the best, and why not give the best. Short Kid Gloves all sizes \$1 Long 24 inch Kid Gloves, black and white \$2.50 Long Silk Gloves \$5c and \$1.

#### What about a Barette or Back Comb?

As necessary to the hair as hairpins and yet worn in a much more prominent place is the barette. An immense range of new shapes, plain or fancy has just arrived, also an assortment of pretty back combs, 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c.

### LINENS

Next to the handkerchiefs in popularity come the fancy linens, not only in the new lace edge doilies, and centrepieces, but in linen cloths, napkins or handsome towels.

You will be surprised at the pretty towels 50c or 75c will buy, while the doilies range in price from 20c up. Table napkins and separate cloths to match make a most suitable gift. We have them at all prices.

## S. F. MORLOCK

## Ho For Christmas Buying Now!

Our Store is Full of Dainty Goods Suitable for Christmas Gifts

NEWEST IDEA in Ladies Silk and Nett Waists, Scarfs, Neckwear and Belts.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Pretty Gifts in boxes to suit Misses, Ladies or Gentlemen.

GENT'S FURNISHINGS.—Newest Styles in Silk-lined Gloves, Ties, Scarfs, Neckwear and Caps.

Christmas Candies, Nuts, Dates, Oranges, Figs

## J. & J. HUNTER