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## The Chronicle Wishes Everyone A Happy New Year

### NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$8.15. A large number of horses and buyers are expected at the horse fair here to-morrow, Thursday.

So far, we have had a most delightful winter. We are not aware that we have had any zero weather during the present winter.

The Public Library has added a number of new books, of which a list appears in this issue.

The Division Court is in session as we go to press to-day, Wednesday.

Dr. Brown, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at the Hahn House, Durham, on Saturday, January 18 from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Eyes tested and glasses supplied.

The annual treat for Trinity church Sunday school will be held in the basement of the church on Friday evening of this week. It will take the form of a social evening.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, who has been ill since she took a paralytic stroke some three or four months ago, is not gaining much in health. Two nurses are constantly in attendance, and she is being well cared for.

In Kincardine, 296 votes were given for local option, and 195 against. The Reporter, of that town says it was carried by one and two-fifths votes. He's wrong. The majority is three and one-half, but no doubt the Reporter man will be loud in contending that he is right.

On Monday last, we learned with regret of the death of Mr. W. F. Cowham, of Jackson, Mich. We have not had any particulars, but as Mr. Cowham was the chief promoter of the cement industry in this town, he was well known to many of the citizens, and his name is still familiar to all who have stock in the industry. He was a keen business man, a king among promoters of cement mills, and a very affable gentleman to meet personally.

Rev. W. L. Newton left on Tuesday for Goderich, after spending about three weeks with friends in Durham and vicinity. We understand he intends to visit with a brother in Goderich for a time, and may go south to Texas to visit with his son, Carl. Since the death of Mrs. Newton, he has felt somewhat unsettled, and for part of the time has not been very well. He has our best wishes for a speedy restoration to his usual health, both of mind and body.

Dr. Jamieson is looking forward to spring and summer. On Monday last, he had a new Russell automobile, with a Knight engine, delivered here. It is a magnificent machine, and we hope the doctor and his friends may enjoy it during the approaching season. This year, however, it isn't necessary to wait as a number of cars are in use these days on the fine roadbeds in town. The doctor simply must take us out for a joy-ride sometime, not one of those little shortjaunts around a block or two. Wonder if he'll be able to take the hint?

On Sunday night, a runaway livery horse, owned by J. Schutz, caused quite an excitement on the main street shortly after the churches were let out. The horse had been hired by a lady employee of the Middaugh House, and, when coming down the steep hill just south of where McKechnie's old planing mill used to stand, the animal got away. It started on a run for the stable, and never stopped till it reached its stall. The cutter was somewhat damaged, though not so bad as it would be expected, everything considered. At Macfarlane's corner, the runaway ran over Willie Speers, a young lad employed by C. P. Kinnes, harness-maker, knocked him down, tore his overcoat from top to bottom, but otherwise leaving him uninjured. It was a narrow escape for the little fellow, who, though badly scared, was up and ready for work bright and early next morning.

Wingham council is considering the advisability of reducing the number of hotel licenses.

Beginning next Sunday, Trinity church Sunday school will be held at 2.30 p. m. The Bible class will meet at 7.30 Saturday evening, in the basement.

The Duchess of Connaught, whose serious illness in the hospital in Montreal has caused much anxiety throughout the British Empire, is reported on the mend.

Prices of printing have gone up recently, but the counties of Grey and Bruce are much lower yet than in many other parts of Ontario.

The Durham Poultry Show is now on, and is well filled with choice birds from local breeders, and a number of entries from outside towns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright are celebrating their Golden Wedding as we run off this week's issue. We tender our congratulations, and will tell more about it next week.

Lost.—On Saturday night, between Burnett's store and Glaser's, a small parcel containing a pair of boy's serge pants. Finder will oblige by leaving them at The Chronicle office.—Thos. Grady.

Call at W. J. McPadden's and ask about those sanitary closets that are giving such satisfaction. Quite a number have been sold in town and vicinity, during the past few weeks.

The steamship Uranium stranded on a reef at the entrance of Halifax harbor, but a Government steamer went to the rescue and took off 880 passengers in safety to Chubucto Head. No lives were lost.

The Burns meat packing plant in Calgary, the largest institution of its kind in the west, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The loss is estimated at two million dollars. Low water pressure prevented effective work on the part of the firemen.

Ladies in town who wish to publish their reception days may do so by advising this office in time for next week's issue. We fancy it would be a great convenience. The list will be left in for a couple of weeks. There will be no charge.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Cecil White of this place hired a rig from liveryman J. McDonald, to visit with Mr. Gideon Johnson, in Egremont. Returning home, he took a short cut over a road near the base line, and drove into a bog-hole. Though he made desperate efforts to save it, the animal gradually sank, and was drowned, the buggy and harness being saved. The horse was valued at \$100, and this amount has been paid over to Mr. McDonald by Mr. White, who, throughout the whole transaction acted in a most honorable manner. Whether or not he will take action against the township remains to be seen.

The county council will soon meet for the transaction of business, and the election of a Warden will be one of the first matters of interest. It isn't at all strange to think that the honors should be passed round, and as a generation has passed since Durham was honored, we think it our turn now, and we feel that Mr. Calder would be a capable man for the position. We understand there are men in the council who are after the coveted seat, and in fact have been after it since before the election. Mr. McKinnon was the last Warden who was at all connected with Durham, but that was during the period when county commissioners were a separate and distinct organization, and represented wider divisions of the county. Durham has a right to a share of the honors as they go round, and we think it is our turn this year. Hanover had the Wardenship a few years ago, in the person of Mr. Ball, and it is only a couple of years since Mr. Agnew, of Meaford, carried the honors to the lakeside town.

### THE COUNCIL OF 1913

The council for 1913 held their inaugural meeting on Monday night last, and from now on they are targets for all sorts of criticism by virtue of their offices. But is it fair or reasonable that councillors who render their services free and in some cases have to be begged to accept the office at the first of the year, should be criticized for their inaction or inefficiency during the whole twelve months of their services? In our opinion, and we have been governed by our opinion in this as in many other matters, a councillor who is coaxed or begged to accept office, in some cases against his will, should be regarded with a certain degree of leniency if he fails to make good. It seems to be strangely out of order to beg or coax a man to take office, and then kick him because of his imperfections, when he enters on his duties, and in some cases discharges them to the best of his ability.

Criticism of a man's inefficiency is quite in order when he runs after the office and injures the progress of the municipality by crowding out a more competent representative. The town councillors get no pay for their services, and we see no reason why they should not stand on an equal footing with rural municipalities, and be paid for their time. It is not our intention to advocate the payment of our town council, but while they render their services free, we feel that we haven't the right of criticizing their actions as we would under other conditions. They are working for the honors of office, without the emoluments. There are some who seek the honor in order that certain desired improvements may be made near their own property, and in the absence of any other inducement, we can hardly blame them, if, on some occasions, they show a little spirit of selfishness.

### PERSONAL

Mr. Wm. Kearney left Thursday for Sheridan, Montana.

Mr. F. S. Buckingham, of Kincardine, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Levine is in Toronto on business.

Mr. John Rose has taken a position in Mrs. Beggs' grocery store.

Mr. R. R. Duncan, of Winnipeg, brother of Mr. Alex. Duncan, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Barbara Watt, of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watt.

Mr. Kenneth Seaman, of Clifford, was in town Wednesday on business, and gave The Chronicle a brief call.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Glass left Monday morning for Calgary, where Mr. Glass has secured a lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber, of Georgetown, visited over Sunday with her brother, Mr. Search, and sister, Mrs. J. A. Glass.

Miss Dorothy Burns, of Cleveland, arrived home here on Saturday last for a visit with her brother and sister.

Mr. Peter Crawford, of Eyebrow, Sask., arrived home last week on a visit to his parents and other friends.

Miss Viola Colling, of Wortley Road, left this week to spend the winter months with relatives in Alberta.—London Advertiser.

Mr. Michael Wilfred McAuliffe left Thursday morning for Jacksonville, New Ontario, where he intends to remain for some time. We wish him every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Hamilton, and little daughter Donald, of Langdon, N. D., returned on Monday, after spending a month with friends in Durham and vicinity.

Mr. Wm. Chapman, of Calgary, gave us a call last week, and placed himself good on our books for some time. It is four or five years since his former visit in this locality.

Mr. Arthur Allan, who went to the bank at Elora a few weeks ago, has been compelled to give up work for a time. He was in a hospital in Toronto recently, where he underwent a minor operation for some ailment.

### NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The following new books have been received at the Public Library and will be issued Friday evening, January 17th:

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| 410 A  | The French Revolution.             |
| 411 A  | Irish Nationality.                 |
| 412 A  | Changing Chinese.                  |
| 413 A  | The Last Frontier.                 |
| 414 A  | South America.                     |
| 415 A  | Pioneers of the Cross.             |
| 513 B  | My Life in Prison.                 |
| 514 B  | Conservation.                      |
| 515 B  | Liberalism.                        |
| 516 B  | Selkirk Settlers in Real Life.     |
| 517 B  | Brock.                             |
| 518 B  | Tecumseh.                          |
| 519 B  | Robinson Crusoe.                   |
| 520 B  | Cartwright's Reminiscences.        |
| 521 B  | English Story Tellers.             |
| 139 C  | Rhymes of a Rolling Stone.         |
| 377 E  | 10,000 Miles Thro' Canada.         |
| 378 C  | Christopher Columbus.              |
| 1023 F | Socialist Movement.                |
| 1023 F | With the Indians in the Rockies.   |
| 97 H   | Nonconformity.                     |
| 496 D  | Profitable Poultry Production.     |
| 497 D  | Gardening Indoors and Under Glass. |
| 498 D  | Making Home Profitable.            |
| 262 K  | The Mountain Girl.                 |
| 263 K  | Corporal Cameron.                  |
| 264 K  | Tempting of Tavernake.             |
| 265 K  | In the Hollow of Her Hand.         |
| 266 K  | Black Creek Stopping House.        |
| 267 K  | Satan Sanderson.                   |
| 268 K  | The Net.                           |
| 269 K  | The Midlanders.                    |
| 270 K  | Valiants of Virginia.              |
| 271 K  | The Long Patrol.                   |
| 272 K  | Fire in Stubble.                   |
| 273 K  | When There's a Will.               |
| 274 K  | Chronicles of Avonlea.             |

### JUVENILE.

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| 1 A | Children's Canada.               |
| 2 A | The Boy's Parkman.               |
| 1 F | John and Bett's Scotch H. Visit. |
| 2 F | Adventures of Nils.              |
| 1 K | Black Beauty.                    |
| 2 K | Quarter Back Reckless.           |
| 3 K | Mr. Responsibility Partner.      |
| 4 K | Through the School.              |
| 5 K | Captain of the Crew.             |
| 6 K | Lulu and Alice Wibblewobble.     |
| 7 K | Jackie and Petty Bow Wow.        |
| 8 K | The Birds' Christmas Carol.      |

### MARKDALE'S LOCAL OPTION VOTE

The Markdale Standard man is away out in his local option calculations. He said last week the vote for local option was 113 and the vote against it 132. He then informed his readers they were 34 votes short of the required three-fifths. If the total vote remained the same, and thirty-four of the anti's had voted on the other side, then the local optionists would have the three-fifths of the total vote and be winners in the contest. But supposing the anti vote remains at 132, the optionists would have to poll 198 votes in order to have three-fifths of the whole vote, and get a glimpse of the water wagon. As it now stands, they fall short by 85 votes, and not 34 as the Standard man says. He is wrong again in referring to three years ago, when the local optionists got 150 and the anti-optionists 115. He says they were then only nine short of the required three-fifths. To win at that time they should have polled 173 votes in favor of the measure, but they polled only 150, or 23 short of the required number. It is a duty the Standard owes the people of Markdale to make the necessary corrections. The misleading statement that they were only 9 short three years ago, instead of 23, may have had some influence in bringing on the contest just closed. If the temperance people know now that to break the present opposition vote they'll have to increase their strength by 85 votes, they'll hesitate before going into another contest. To help the Markdale man in his future calculations we may say that in voting on local option the temperance vote must be one and one-half times the opposing vote in order to get the three-fifths of the total. To reveal, under the three-fifths requirements, the anti-optionists have to poll one and one-half times as many votes as the temperance people.

The old year flickers, splutters and soon dies out, the light of the new year comes to take its place clear and beautiful with its promise of new and better things.

### Supplying the Needs

You will find this store with its stock of dependable up-to-date dry goods in a position second to none to meet your requirements.

### A New Range

Of White Blouses Just Received

The variety and choice in white blouses this year surpasses anything previous seasons have had to offer. This week's new arrivals are very choice. Dainty styles at all prices.

Among the new arrivals here this week will be found a choice assortment of new Dress Goods also new Prints and new Gingham.

## S. F. MORLOCK

### Extra Value & Rush Offer For January

#### Men's Heavy Tweed Coats

In Velvet or two way collar, regular \$10.00 to \$14.00, your choice \$8.50

#### Men's Overshoes

New 1 buckle, any size, \$1.25

#### Felt Boots and Slippers

Now is the best time for this cosy footwear. Men's all felt sole, \$2.00. Misses and Boy's Heavy felt, \$1.25

#### Rubbers

A few sizes left in Heavy Lumberman's Rubbers, at reduced prices.

## J. & J. HUNTER