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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, December 27 1928



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Calendar for December 1928 showing days of the week and dates.

Editorials

THESE BANK MERGERS

The announcement was made last week that "Barclay's Bank, Canada" an English concern, has decided on the formation of a Canadian bank and is to apply for a charter under the Bank Act.

There is little argument to the fact that a few good strong banks are to be preferred to a multitude of smaller institutions, but the Canadian banks are a lot different from any other combine we have ever known if they fail to take certain advantages once they get the finance of the country in their hands, with no opposition to worry about.

Talking of banks, we have one town in mind where a little opposition would work a change, and that is no other than Holstein, ten miles from here, where the Bank of Montreal is supreme.

It is asking too much to suppose that Holstein should have two banks, but our experience is that the village branch of the Bank of Montreal wields a whole lot bigger stick than if there were a good live opposition to compete with.

We had occasion to cash a cheque made on the Holstein bank the other day. It was for \$13.25, and we were amazed to learn that it would cost us twenty-five cents, or approximately two per cent for the service.

Bank managers and employees may argue that this is not an excessive charge in view of the labor entailed, but it is a funny thing that the same cheque, issued on the same bank on a branch where there was opposition would be cashed for the usual minimum bank charge of fifteen cents.

In our business dealings with the banks in Durham neither can say we ever objected to paying the necessary exchange on cheques, but we certainly did kick on being asked to cough up twenty-five cents for having this small Holstein cheque cashed, when had that same cheque been drawn on Toronto it would have gone through without question at the fifteen-cent tariff.

This may be a small thing to bring before our readers, but if it is true that coming events cast their shadows before we have every reason to believe that the Canadian public will pay for it when the money of the country has to pass through a very few of the stronger financial institutions.

NOT GUILTY, YOUR HONOR
Charles Creech, the aged Huron Township farmer, was acquitted by the jury last week when he appeared before Judge Owens at Walkerton charged with unlawfully wounding two young men who were ringleaders in a halloween party that had visited Creech's premises and commenced cutting up dices. They finally commenced throwing apples at the farmer's front door and he retaliated by firing a charge of shot into the gang, wounding two.

We do not wish to appear blood-thirsty, nor are we hoping for a return of those wild and woolly west days when the best shot was the judge and jury, but we surely do congratulate that jury on returning a verdict of "not guilty". The laxity with which some of the young people nowadays are being brought up and their behaviour on occasions such as halloween have become problems but if these young hoodlums who are not satisfied with decent fun can but learn that they will receive little sympathy from a jury they will quickly desist.

We like a little fun as well as anyone, but there is little use arguing with a gang of these halloween celebrators. They are out to raise trouble and intend doing so. Then let them have it. If they have no respect for the law that is supposed to protect us from the hoodlumism of the dark ages, then they can complain but little if their victim takes the law into his own hands to protect his property.

We like to blow about the British Fair Play in our laws, but really, we fail to see it in the case of law-abiding citizen who is trying to save his property from the mob. We believe in British fair play to protect the innocent, not the kind that makes it too hard to convict the guilty.

Melchett Defends Merger of Nickel

Announces That Provisional Agreement Has Now Been Completed.

Lord Melchett, chairman of the Mond Nickel Company, announcing the terms of the \$600,000,000 merger between International Nickel Company of Canada and the Mond Nickel Company, said that confirmation of the provisional agreement was reached only Friday last.

The new company, he said, is to be Canadian, registered in Ontario, where its main properties are situated.

After announcing the terms under which stock in the old companies is to be exchanged for stock in the new company, he continued:

"Owing to the board of the company having necessarily to function in Canada it was impossible for me to take a very active position, but I shall, through my position as chairman of the advisory committee, look after the organization of the company, and its interests."

Lord Melchett emphasized the importance of the nickel industry in Canada and said that from all indications the industry is likely to develop on a very rapid and large scale in the near future, adding that, as a matter of fact, there is some difficulty at present in keeping the market supplied.

Referring to criticisms which have been made of the terms of the merger, he went on to say, "I can only state that I am by far the largest individual shareholder of the company, and am most intimately concerned with its future as well as its present."

After long and careful analysis and consideration of all the factors on which only those inside the industry can form an opinion, I and my Board considered the terms of the merger reasonable and fair."

HORSE VS. TRACTOR

(Experimental Farm Note)
Although the tractor is being used successfully for a great many operations, the work horse may still be considered as the principal motive power on the great majority of the farms of Canada, consequently, practically every farmer should be interested in the actual cost of feeding horses, particularly horses that are working most of the time.

At the Dominion Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario, records are kept of the amount and cost of feed consumed by all the work horses.

The average figures obtained over a five-year period are as follows: number of horses fed, 144; hours worked per horse per day, 8.7; hay per horse per day, 19 pounds; grain per horse per day, 15.5 pounds; and cost of feed per horse per year, \$156.65.

It may be noted that the average cost of feed per horse per year of \$156.65, would equal about 86 cents a day for a two-horse team. It should be pointed out, however, that this figure represents conditions where the horses are employed almost every working day in the year at reasonably heavy work and, therefore, the cost of feeding is much higher than it would be for an idle horse, or even one that was working for only a part of the time.

In arriving at these figures, the hay was charged at local farm prices, that is, the amount it would sell for on the farm without being pressed or hauled. The grain was charged at local market prices.

THE CAUSE OF INSANITY

A North Dakota farmer whose wife had become insane was questioned. He could not understand why his wife should be insane, he said. She had not been subjected to any excitement.

"Why, for 40 years," he said, "she has not been out of her back yard or her kitchen."

CHURCHES

WEEK OF PRAYER FIRST WEEK OF YEAR

January 7-11, 1929

The ministers of the town have made arrangements for the services as follows:

Monday, January 7 in the Anglican church, address by Rev. W. H. Smith on "Christ's call to Repentance."

Tuesday, January 8, in the Presbyterian church, address by Rev. H. S. Fiddes on "Christ's Call to Confession."

Wednesday, January 9, in Knox church, illustrated address by a representative of the Bible Society.

Thursday, January 10, in the Baptist church, address by Rev. B. D. Armstrong on "Christ's Call to Confession."

The services will begin each evening at 8 o'clock and it is desired that all our church people should keep their week free of other meetings and attend in such numbers as to fill all our churches.

The offerings, as in former years, will be sent to the Bible Society.

QUEEN STREET MISSION CIRCLE

The Queen Street United Church Young Ladies' Mission Circle was held Thursday, December 13, at the home of Miss Irene Elliot, Lambton St. Mrs. R. Padfield presided over the programme which commenced with hymn 307, "Oh! Come All Ye Faithful". Mrs. (Rev.) Fiddes offered prayer and Mrs. Padfield gave the Bible reading. In the absence of the secretary, Miss S. Holmes, Miss Elliot read the minutes of the November meeting, which were adopted.

Miss Mary Metcalfe gave a concise account of the last chapter of the Study book which was much appreciated. Miss Margaret Lawrence favored the Circle with a beautiful sacred solo. Miss Ball from Hanover gave a very vivid description of the Missionary work among the Ruthenians, or as they are now known, Ukrainians, living in the province of Alberta. These people belong to the Slavic race of Austria. This work commenced in 1920 and has now greatly developed, the two missionaries there, living in a large home equipped with two furnaces and the waterworks, and accommodating nearly thirty children. These are taught public and Sunday School work and assist in the house work. This is a splendid training for them, learning our customs and religion. The missionaries use a team of horses to get around the country and visit the homes. Here they help the women in every way possible and get into very close touch with them. The greatest difficulty the missionaries have to contend with is the antagonistic, Bolshevistic spirit prevalent among the Ukrainian men. Miss Ball visited the Mission Schools in Edmonton and La Monte and commenced her work in Wastras in 1922. Miss Ball had very beautifully embroidered dresses as worn by the Ukrainian women.

Mrs. Fiddes gave several points in her appreciation and knowledge of this work, and a hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Ball.

Vice-President, Mrs. Padfield, then called on Mrs. Fiddes, Honorary President, to take charge of the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Each officer was called upon for a report of her work for 1928. Treasurer, Miss E. Kinnee, stated that in the past 11 months \$183.15 had been raised. Expenses amounted to \$23.70. The amount already remitted to the missionary activities, \$75.00 leaving the satisfactory balance of \$84.45. Our allocation was set at \$35.00. The Circle voted that the remaining \$24.45 be also sent to the missionary cause.

The following officers were elected for 1929: Honorary President, Mrs. Fiddes; President, Mrs. Padfield; 1st Vice-President, Miss Etta Twamley; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Metcalfe; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Kinnee; Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. Charles Moore; Finance Committee, Misses Margaret Lawrence and Clara McCrear; Stranger Secretary, Miss Maimie Storey; Supply Secretary, Miss Violet Snell; Press Reporter, Miss E. Hutton; Pianist, Miss Norma Gagnon; Assistant Pianist, Miss M. Lawrence.

Note—Will Circle members please make this clipping for future reference.

BURNS CHURCH W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Burns Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. D. MacQuarrie on Wednesday, the 12th of December, with Mrs. John Boyd presiding.

The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs. Dougald Clark led in prayer. Splendid papers were given by Mrs. John Vessie and Miss Helen Watson. Enjoyable solos were given by Mrs. Vessie and Mrs. J. P. MacLean.

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: Mrs. James Ewen, president; Mrs. John Boyd, Vice-President; Miss C. Fletcher, Secretary; Mrs. MacQuarrie, Treasurer; Miss B. Smith, Secretary of Home Helpers; Miss Banks, Organist; Miss Helen Watson on the Visiting Committee; Miss Dougald Clark, Sec. of the Home Helpers.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

PRICEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. Corry, Minister
We have come to the last Sabbath of another year, and it behooves us to look back for a little and see how many times Almighty God has manifested Himself to us during 1928.

Let us meet for worship at 11 and 7:30. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock. We will have a "Watchnight Service" on Monday evening commencing at 11 p.m.

As the New Year dawns on our

land let it find us bowed before God in His house.

SWINTON PARK

Make the last Sabbath of the year a record attendance day at Church. Service commences at 2:30. Let us have a fine rally next Sabbath.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The Sunday school concert of the Durham Presbyterian church was held last Friday evening in the church basement with the school superintendent, Mr Gordon Geddes, in the chair. The school presented a good programme of recitations, choruses, the pageants, "The Nativity" by the older pupils, "Follow the Glean" by the Y. P. S. and the play, "The Dolls Take a Hand" by the Juniors. The programme committee was composed of Misses Weir and Kathleen Firth and Mrs. C. H. Darling. The performance was well attended and was quite successful. At the close Santa Claus visited the gathering when each and every child in attendance was remembered and made happy by old Kris Kringle.

THE QUIP COLUMN

Ouch!

1923 Ford Coupe. For sale cheap, by a man, has been bumped on rear end.—Ad in the Denver Post.

Beatrice: "Joe's new speedster is awfully cute." Betty: "Yes, you ought to see it play dead on a lonely road."

Waiter: "Would you like to drink 'Canada Dry' sir?" Customer: "I'd love to, but I'm only here for a week."

Waiter: "How did you find your steak, sir?" Diner: "Oh, quite easily. I just moved a pea and there it was."

Pedestrians, Salute Teacher—"Now James, name America's greatest general." James (the son of a broker)—"General Motors."—Lampoon.

Fond parent—"So you desire to become my son-in-law?" Young man (bluntly)—"No sir, I don't; but if I marry your daughter, I don't see how I can get out of it."

Bobby: "Dad, a boy at school told me that I looked just like you!" The Dad: "That so?—and what did you say?" Bobby: "Nothin'. He was bigger'n me."

Expensive

Abie: "Vot is de idea of raising de price of gasoline all de time?" Garage Man: "What do you care? You haven't got a car." Abie: "No but I got a cigar lighter."

Word Painters

Visitor—How does the land lie out this way? Native—It ain't the land that lies; it's the real estate agents.

"How is your brother after his operation?" "Complications have set in." "Serious?" "Very. He has become engaged to his nurse."—Kasper, Stockholm.

"The best thing for you to do," said the doctor, "is to give up smoking, drinking anything but water at your meals, late hours—"

"Wait," entreated the patient, "What's the next best thing?"

Trifling Deposit

She—"There's Madge Bahr. I understand she bought that dress by instalments." He—"I suppose that's the first instalment she's wearing."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dunning Her Dad

Father: "Young man, I understand you have made advances to my daughter." Young Man: "Yes, I wasn't going to say anything about it, but since you have mentioned it, I wish you could get her to pay me back."

In Ye Olden Tymes

It was back in medieval times. "It's no fun trying to live in this coat of mail," complained a cootie. "No," agreed the second parasite. "Heaven help a fellow on a knight like this."

"George," said her husband's wife, "I don't believe you have smoked one of those cigars I gave you on your birthday."

"That's right, my dear," replied his wife's husband. "I'm going to keep them until our Willie wants to learn to smoke."

The Mayor: "You are charged with running your car sixty miles an hour, smashing a telegraph pole, going through a plate glass window and injuring six people. What do you say?" Lowly Young Lass: "Don't the fifteen dollars I pay for my license entitle me to any privileges?"

The First Him Has No Chance Traveller: "My firm has just engaged 10 men to do nothing but pump water to damp stamps. Our business is so large." Rival: "That's nothing. Our business is so huge that the bookkeeper has to go by motor from debit to credit in his cash book."

"I wouldn't drink out of that cup," said little Willie to the well-dressed young visitor; "that's Lizzie's cup and she's very particular who drinks out of it."

"No!" said the young man, as he drained the cup dry. "I feel honored to drink out of Lizzie's cup. Lizzie is your sister, isn't she?" "Not much! Lizzie is my little pet pig."

"Waiter, we want chicken. The younger the better." "Then hadn't you better order eggs, sir?"—Wahre Jakob, Berlin.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS FOR PAST MONTH

IV A—May Braithwaite, Margaret Sibbald, Verdun McDonald, Jean Moffat, Louise Jamieson.

IV B—Edith Erwin, Reta Graham, Margaret Dunsmoor, Will Renwick, Iona Johnston.

—J. A. Graham, Principal. Sr. III A—Jean Atkinson, Arthur Koch, Norman Elliott, Susie Bell, Mary Pickering.

Sr. III B—Sadie McEachern, Jack Gagnon, Florence Havens, Nathan Ritchie, (Gordon McGirr and Harold Trafford) equal.

—Kathleen L. Firth, Teacher. Jr. III A—Oleida Hahn, Marion Moore, Jean Rowe, Carman Noble, Olivene Ylirs.

Jr. III B—Ian McDonald, A. Watson, Norman Tucker Edna Elliott, Bert Trafford.

—Clara McCrae, Teacher. Sr. II A—Clark Saunders, Robert Milne, George Prew, Gordon Kennedy, Laurine Campbell.

Sr. II B—Gordon McComb, Delbert Moore, Percy Murdock, Edith Miles, Dorothy Ashley.

—F. Oscar Moon, Teacher. Jr. II A—Ruth Nichol, Jean Murdock, (Jesse Grant and Betty McIntyre), equal, (Margaret Sparling and Harry Falkingham), equal, Alex Wells.

Jr. II B—Emily Cornwall, Lois Wilson, Ross Lauder, Clyde McCallum, Hilliard Schenk.

—Mary E. Morton, Teacher. I Class A—Isabel Fiddes, Jack Atkinson, Willie Elliott, Janet Robb, Ottilie Pearce.

I Class B—Earl Vanslyke, Kathleen Renwick, Cecil Vanslyke, Reita Glenholme, George Ball.

—Daisy Mather, Teacher. Sr. Pr. A—Catherine Rowland, Margaret Armstrong, Jimmie Braithwaite, Violet Dunsmoor, Ross Kearney.

Sr. Pr. B—Allan Wilson and Phillip Sparling equal, Starr Jamieson, Willie Noble, Iva Sibbald, Clarence McLean.

Sr. Pr. C—Helen Gerber, Harry Schenk, Willie McGirr, Gilbert Trafford, Lloyd Elliott.

—Elma L. Ball, Teacher. Jr. Pr. A—Helen Atkinson, Albert Webb, Lorne Long, Jessie Lake, Bob Caswell.

Jr. Pr. B—Fred Town, Emily Pinkerton, John Kent, Catherine McMeekin, Evelyn Aljoe.

Jr. Pr. C—Ralph Wilson, Annie McLean, Clifford Vanslyke, Jack Caswell, Dorothy Elliott.

—Lizzie Schafer, Teacher. S. S. No. 12, Egrement

IV—Clara Watson, John Matthews, Lewis Wells, Dave Daly, Willie Patterson.

Sr. III—Clara Falkingham, and Wallace Matthews equal, Fanny Hargrave.

Jr. III—Goldwin Nelson, Jean Brown, Lloyd Brown, Ray Adams.

Sr. II—Robert Hunter, Annie Andrews, Frances Daly, Reggie Wilson, Edgar Patterson, Verdun Watson.

Jr. II—Gladys Young, Howard Watson, Hazel Watson.

I—Roy Andrews, Kenneth Nelson, Orville Lee, Elmo Scott, Harold Hunter, Robert Nelson, Keith Hunter, absent.

A—Arthur Matthews, Dorothy Andrews, Clarence Watson, Goldie Hargrave, Thomas Hargrave, Bobbie Lee, Joe Daly.

No. on roll 41; average attendance 35.

—V. M. Mervyn, teacher. S. S. 1, Normanby

V—Lucy Robins, Jack Smallman, Jr. IV—Irene Petty, Susie Marshall, Tommy Watson, Elgin Petty, Wallace Marshall.

Jr. III—Allan Watson, Wilfred Marshall, Howard Marshall, Jessie Marshall, Melville Robins.

I—Milford Robins, Bernice Koenig, Pr.—Norman Robins, Clarence Caldwell, Florence Petty, Mabel Marshall.

* Indicates present every day. A. McAllister, Teacher.

U. S. S. 1 Normanby and Egrement IV—Velma Blyth, Dorothy Eagle, Marjory Kerr, Elgin Blyth, Clements Patterson, William Caldwell (absent for examination).

Sr. III—Matilda Bryans. Sr. II—Murray Morice. Jr. II—Playford Schenk, and Caldwell Kerr equal, Vernon Noble, Florence Bryans.

I—Edith Bryans. Sr. Pr. A—Cameron Kerr, James Wilton. Sr. Pr. B—Norman Eden Jr. Pr. A—Ross Kellar. Jr. Pr. B—Orville Bryans.

—C. R. Morrison, Teacher. THE LAW OF THE WILDERNESS

The law of the wilderness is the law of hunger and thirst. By that law the inhabitants of the wild take food where they find it; the owners protect it if they can. Wild animals have no other law to follow. But it is the glory of civilized man that he follows the law of the wilderness only so long as he must; he constantly strives to replace it by institutions based on justice, where life and property are safe, and where goodwill replaces the suspicion and ruthlessness of the forest and jungle. Human civilization is not perfect, but when ignorant or fanatical agitators criticize civilization, let us remember that the alternative means returning to the law of the wilderness, where there is no right but might.

FOUND THE CULPRIT

Some two or three weeks ago we received a copy of the Mount Clemens (Mich.) Times and thinking that there might be something in it of interest to our readers, we scanned it carefully but could find nothing. During the Christmas holidays we were talking to Morrison Smith, home on a visit with his father, Dr. Smith, and he pleaded guilty to sending the paper. The edition was one issued by the ministers of the town, all the editorials, news matter, etc., being supplied by them.

SPECIAL!

Saturday, Dec. 29

With a purchase of TWO VICTOR RECORDS we will give you an extra Record for ONE CENT

Get a supply of the new Records for the New Year. We take this opportunity of thanking our Customers and Friends for their patronage during the year just closing and we wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

full of splendid fellowship and good resolutions, fruitful effort, high usefulness, faithful work and joyful play, ends attained, sorrows overcome and all obstacles surmounted.

The Variety Store

R. L. Saunders, Prop. PHONE 4 DURHAM

The Season's



We see good things all hearts full of our friends' wishes. Yes, we think 1929 a pretty good

Henderson

MAY m a blessing health and good make 19 ner year and you

J. & J. General Merchants



Wishing you all A Happy and Prosperous New Year

J. S. McIlraith

The Cash Shoe Store Durham

Large advertisement for J. S. McIlraith shoe store with decorative border and text.