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# Local Services Disrupted By Storm

Hydro and Telephone Out of Commission Temporarily, While From All Over Ontario Come Tales of Destruction in Wake of New Year's Wind and Sleet-Storm.-Back to Normal

Last week we stated in our editorial column that from all indications Old Man 1931 was leaving us like a gentleman. We were right. It is lucky for our prophesying abilities that we stopped there and said nothing about the incoming of 1932. Had we known it, we would never have had the heart to predict what really did happen, for shortly after the midnight hour the weather changed. First it started to snow, which later turned to sleet, and before morning all this section of Ontario had passed through the worst New Year's we were "just right" for a visitation.

morning, local trouble causing the important committees, and the selective their own and adjacent sub-divisions, switch to throw; about 6.45 fifteen tion of a warden for 1932 is not going to with those in the "neutral" zone fairly poles on the hydro line at Corktown be an easy matter. hill south of town toppled over, and as a result Holstein and Mount Forest were thrown in darkness. While the Durham line was cut south of town and ROYAL BANK NOW Durham line was cut south of town and made possible for renewing the service from the Eugenia system, town trouble prevented and it was well after dinner before the power came on. Since then Now Occupy Premises in Hunter Block, it has been quite steady, only a couple of interruptions while the high tension lines were being cut in. To accomplish this the power was off Sunday afternoon and for a time during the noon hour on Tuesday, but everything is back to normal and the damage repaired with the exception of a few odds and ends that can be looked after by the local patrolman. Gangs of men from the outside as well as several local men, soon made the repairs, working all New Year's day in the cold and damp.

Telephone Service Out damaged by the storm and for a time cated until they came up town and it was impossible to get anywhere by saw business going on as usual Saturlong distance. This is being gradually day morning in the new premises. Mr. repaired and two or three days will see W. Laidlaw, who for many long years the lines working again. Just north of was the landlord of the bank, was the town eight poles fell, there were 15 first to make a deposit, and in a few out between here and the Rocky, three days it will be difficult to realize that miles north, and 32 out in the vicinity the new premises has not been the of Aberdeen. Six poles were also re- regular home of the institution for ported out in the Egremont district some time. around Wilder's Lake, and some damage done near Holstein. Westerly premises to suit the requirements of Hanover and Walkerton also suffered, the bank is not completed, it will be and for a time it was impossible to get finished in a few days. Harriston or points north.

While the damage in this section was widespread, we are informed it was worse in the Stratford-Mitchell area and every available man on the system have been wondering where our fish is at work to facilitate return of the dealer was keeping himself, as we missservice. It was a bad storm for the ed his usual call every Friday morning. hydro and the telephone and telegraph We also missed the fish. This week we service, although little damage was learn that Mr. Wilson has been confindone elsewhere.

will be rushed with all possible haste.

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Local Congregation Their Held Annual Christmas Gathering, and Held a Watch Night Candle Service to Usher in the New Year.-Excellent Programmes Presented at Both Gatherings.

The Baptist annual Christmas gathering of the members and adherents time was enjoyed. was all that could be desired, in the way of festivity and fellowship. After LAND ONCE CONSIDERED the church supper each class contributed a number to the programme. The ercise; Miss Redford's class a dialogue; once was considered a degrading oc- It is dicicult to discover how it all Misses Ada Holmes and Ethel Jones cupation, unfit for "gentlefolk". The happened. Surnames are a comparagave appropriate readings. Miss Joy ambition of the mercantile class of the tively modern institution, for in the old Priest's class gave a star drill and the Sewenteenth and Eighteenth centuries days there were none. To distinguish primary class a bell song exercise. was to become landed proprietors. Thus between two Williams, one might be Miss Sadie Osborne and Miss Thelma investment of their surplus funds al- referred to as William, Robert's son, Priest each recited from memory the most invariably ran to landed estates to and the other William from Handley. measure, 5,280 feet long as we learned 103rd Psalm and were each rewarded which they or their heirs eventully in course of time this was shortened in school, a fine old Latin word meanwith a new silver dime. Santa Claus, might retire and, as one historian puts to William Robertson, and William ing the equivalent of a thousand paces. very tall and very fit filled everyone it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade and william by the lit, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it, "shake the slime of trade from their known by his trade it." with laughter and gold cheer by the feet." he dispensed his Christmas tree Gradually there came a change, howgifts. Christmas hymns were inter- ever, as trade became more and more spersed throughout the programme.

service. The first hour from 9 to 10 teenth century the efficiency of united was one of social festivity in which effort and capital had become demongames and stunts and sing song and strated and the organization of such refreshments kept a well-filled room in great companies as the Levant, the a state of interest and happiness. This East India and the Hudson's Bay was followed by a candle service in proved that fortunes could be made in which twelve young ladies dressed in something besides land. These comwhite and representing the unsullied panies; developed principally by the months of the coming year, told, each mercantile classes, soon became emin turn how the months of the new pire in themselves—in which even royyear could best be spent for Christ. alty hight participate without courting
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the could be spent for Christ. The usual stigma attached to trade. all present participated, there was a consecration meeting, and with approriate hymns and thoughtful mein they sang the old year old and the

nesday evening, January 13.

WILL BUILD RESIDENCE Mr. Cliff. Ritchie has the brick of the nd on his lot on Elgin street e erection of a residence, w is to commence at one recently sold his resid

dictning lot to Mrs. Josephia already in personation.

### FIVE IN FIELD FOR GREY WARDENSHIP

County Council Meets January 26, When Election of Warden Will Be One of Important Items of Business.-Reeve Bell of Durham a Candidate.

Tuesday, January 26, is the date set for the first meeting of the Grey County Council in 1932, and if the crop of candidates for the wardenship increases, and it is said it will, the election of a member of the council to fill this important position will not be the least of the many things that are to come before the body.

To date the candidates for office are Reeve Bell of Durham, Reeve McDonald of Bentinck, Reeve Brodie of Glenelg, Reeve Taylor of Osprey and Reeve Thompson of Euphrasia. That others will be in the field when the time comes is almost certain, but these are the ones most prominently mentioned so far. Reeve Taylor of Osprey would have

# IN NEW QUARTERS

Convenience of Staff and Public.

The Royal Bank branch in Durham moved with the waning of the old year into their newly-fitted quarters in the Hunter Block, after an occupancy of the building north of the post office, of approximately 25 years, where they will probably remain for some years to come. The moving was done without undue display and many on the front street busy with troubles of their own The telephone service was also badly did not know the old premises were va-

Although the work on changing the

### MISFORTUNES NEVER SINGLE

For the past two or three weeks we ed to his home with an attack of influ-It may be a few days before all enza and was unable to leave the house local lines are working as activities are until a few days ago. Shortly after bebeing centred along the main lines, ing allowed out by his physician, he but the public is assured the repairs commenced attending his stock, and one evening this week visited his stable about 9 o'clock in the evening and found everything in apparently good shape. He received quite a shock the next morning when he discovered his best horse dead in the stall. The loss, coupled with his period of illness and loss of business, is a serious one.

### RED CROSS DANCE

The Red Cross Society held New Year's dance last Friday night in the showrooms of the Durham Furniture Co. The affair was well attended, the music good, and an excellent

Trade, the great adventure of today, found.

On Thursday evening, December 31, explorers opened up ever greater and the B.Y.P.U. held a watch night candle richer territory. As early as the Six- Bits.

### "HE WHO KNOWS"

"Men are four: who knows not and knows not he knows not, he is a fool-shun him; the annual business meeting on Wed, He who knows not and knows he knows He who knows and knows not he knows, he is asleep-wake him. He who knows and knows he knows, he is wise-follow him!" Lady Burton in her book on the life her husband, Sir Richard Burton,

slator of the "Arabian Nights"

what similar lines occur

Aristotle, Cicero and

# Hunter, Philp Win In **Egremont Elections**

Big Majorities Piled Up by Last Year's Representatives at Grey County Council.-S. M. Patterson, Newcomer to Municipal Politics, Headed the Poll.

Egremont had a battle royal on Mon-

as there is nothing that will work more harm in any municiplity than sectional combats for municipal honors.

In the contest for the council Mr. S. M. Patterson headed the poll, with William Aldcorn second, but 105 votes behind him. Hugh McEachern, a Nodern Forthern Makes For the locder the loc Modern Equipment Makes For the leader. The loser in the contest, Mr. George Seaman, was 288 votes behind the lowest man to be elected.

### Normanby Township

hot contest for the positions of reeve and deputy reeve, with Charles Holm, head man in the township for some years being opposed by Henry Seim, last year's deputy. John Aitken, a ham churches is being held this week, and was well known to many Durhammember of council, crossed sticks with and commenced on Monday, when the ites. found in another column.

### SOME TRUTH ABOUT "RACKETS"

Jim Londos, a very ordinary wrestler, cleaned up over a million dollars in the worst year this country has ever known. And Schmeling and Micky Walker are haggling with promoters over a \$200,000 purse for a fight that would not have been tolerated half a dozen years ago. Londos is a good showman-hardly as good as Barnumand Walker is a fading boxer who has often been soundly thrashed. The one object lesson in the success of such men as Londos, Walker, Schmeling and Sharkey is that good management overcomes many terrific hurdles. In the meantime lack of really good boxers and wrestlers has reduced these once great sports into mere farces. Sports seem to thrive on rackets. If a real wrestler or boxer should suddenly arrive it is doubtful if he could secure recognition.—Chicago Referee.

#### SIMILARITY OF SURNAMES IN OLD ENGLISH VILLAGE

Northamptonshire can boast of a village in which one-third of the inhabi- Mahatma Gandi) in the next year. tants possess the same surname. This is Bozeat, which has a popultion of just of British royalty in April. over 1,000. Nerly 300 of them have the surname of Drage.

Many villages and small towns can show surprising numbers of a few surnames amongst their inhabitants, but ONLY SOURCE OF WEALTH nowhere else is such a large percentage July. of people with the same name to be

coming John Smith.

### BIG TREES NEVER DIE

The giant redwoods of California are famous as the oldest living things in the world. The age of their senior member is estimated to be between 4,000 and 5,000 years. Their natural span of life is actually unknown, for authorities agree that none of the big trees dies a natural death.

They do not die of disease or old age, says a writer in the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden. They are immune from the attacks of fungus and insect pests which destroy many ents, they may live, and many have lived for thousands of years.

Lightning, fire, wind or the axe of the lumberman seals their doom. Every giant tree, if it lives long enough, is ning. Great age and enormous height is understood across all the boundaries bring another danger. Erosion of the soil or an unusully violent wind my topple over a tree whose roots are no verb. It has also been suggested that heir source. Persian, Chinese, or longer strong enough to anchor its topheavy bulk. The Sequoia family is a Titan race marked for death by violence. Only a forest tragedy keeps them from achieving the miracle of perpetual

### PUBLIC UTILITIES BYLAW CARRIED

Small Vote Registered in Monday's Voting, But of These Only Nine Voted Against the Public Utilities Scheme.—Very Little Interest Was Apparent.

ies Commission to run its waterworks his friends realized how serious his yesterday morning and as a result Mr. and hydro. This ws decided on Mon-condition was, until learning of his William Nicholls of Garafraxa street day for the distribution of municipal day at the election, when those electors demise. honors, and when the ballots were who did turn out registered an over- Mr. Chatreau came with his parents, bullet wound through the muscles of summed up it was found that W. H. whelming majority of 101 for the by- the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Chatreau, one of his lower limbs. Hunter, reeve for the past four years, law. This, however, is not so large as to this locality when a child six years The gun, a .22-calibre rifle, had been and W. J. Philp, deputy reeve, and also it appears, as only 119 voted, and of old and continued to reside here until used Tuesday by Mr. Nicholls when out with a good deal of municipal exper- these 9 cast their ballots against the his death. In the home, which has been hunting and, while thought emptied of ience, had been returned by the elect- bylaw. Had the vote been heavier, so suddenly bereaved, remain his wife, all ammunition, contained one cartors as their representatives in the however, it is more than likely the formerly Miss Mary McKinnon, who, ridge. Yesterday morning Mr. Nicholls county council for 1932. Despite rumors majority would have been proportion- with their son Alex mourn the loss of was handling the gun, pulled the trigthat both were slated for defeat, their ately larger as we have heard no one a loving husband and father. majorities were among the largest ever express their opinion against the mea- There also survive two sisters and leg. given aspirants for office in this town- sure. Possibly the knowledge that it one brother. The late Mr. Chatreau The wound was not a serious one and ship, where close contests are the rule. would carry with a big majority was was a devoted member of the Presby- after being dressed by a physician, the Previous to the election it was moot- one of the reasons for the lack of inter- terian church since early manhood, patient will suffer no more inconvenied in some quarters that the "Old est, and as only about twelve per cent filling the office of secretary-treasurer ence than an enforced idleness for a Usually we are lucky, as we appear too far north for this sort of thing, but on while it is not sure be will be in the was to be a veritable township civil selves of their opportunity. Another field, the odds are that he will allow war, the north against the south. A reason might have been that there was Public School board and secretary- ents. his name to stand when the time comes. perusal of the votes shows this to not no election for council, and minus this treasurer for many years. As a result, the hydro was off in All the candidates have been prominent have been the case, although, naturally many of the voters thought there was The funeral services, held in the

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North Ward		18	3
East Ward		38	3
West Ward		54	3
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# **Annual Week of Prayer**

Society.

be host to the gathering, and Rev. J. T. Priest, Baptist, will preach the sermon The series closes Friday night with a service in Knox church, when Rev. E. Hayes, Anglican, will preach.

This year the sermons consisted of four addresses on "Some Supreme Things." The first was on "The Supreme Need," the second on "The Supreme Experience," the third, tonight, on "The Supreme Person: Christ," and tomorrow night, "The Supreme Force: Christianity."

### PREDICTIONS FOR 1932

tilence in Russia in the next two years field cemetery in that village. are predicted in the "Old Moore Almanac" for 1932, just issued in London. The famous almanac, which correctly forecast the formation of a British coalition government in its 1931 edition, predicted the following events-

"More settled conditions in India and the downfall of some of the Nationalist leaders, (presumably some such

"A grave naval disaster at the end of "An outbreak of hostilities early next

summer. "A British Government crisis in mid-

British exports.

### SMILE, SYMBOL THAT HAS NEVER CHANGED MEANING active part for many years.

A mile seems a steady, dependable known by his trade, John the smith be- in the Geographical Journal, points out relatives and friends. A short service that a mile means whatever it is held mystery, for there is no mention of Dover was 12 miles from Canterbury; St. Paul's Lutheran church, Normanby them in the old records.—London Tit- in 1633 the same Dover was 15% miles where service was held, with interment from the same Cnterbury; the mile has in St. Paul's cemetery, Rev. H. Binchanged. And a widely traveled Enchanged. And a widely traveled his There were many beautiful floral trib-day night when the transport truck "five Italian miles, or three French, or utes from family, relatives and friends. and trailer moving the effects of Bishop Dutch mile, and that one Dutch mile the deceased, Messrs. Robert Feick, in London, Ontario, took fire from an and a halfe makes a mile of Sweitzer- John Hehn, Charles Weber, John Mort, overheated engine and enveloped the

land, the miles are longer." But then, as a matter of fact, almost was well known, and from many other Hope at 9.30 p.m. Saturday night, when ordinary forest trees. Barring accid- all words are like that. They do not outside points. Twentieth century as in the sixteenth, or in England as in America. The only symbol which seems to survive the ings without change is a smile. That ing for the janitor to come back with

### JAPANUSE FARMING

Sixteen per cent of the total area of Japan is farm land and 48 per cent of all of the families of the nation are engaged in agricultural pursuits. Individual land holdings are small, 79 per cent of the farms being under two and one-half acres in size.

### **OBITUARY**

GEORGE CHATREAU An esteemed resident of Riversdale,

in the person of Mr. George Chatreau, passed to the Great Beyond on Wednesday night, December 16. Deceased, who was 61 years and 9

months old, had suffered from a weakened heart condition for three years.

Durham from about 5 o'clock in the in county matters, have served on the all candidates polled heavy votes in no election at all. Others forgot all home on Saturday, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Forbes of Knox Presbyterian church, Teeswater, assisted by Rev. Mr. Taylor of Riversdale United church. There were relatives present from Toronto, Woodstock, St. Marys, Thorndale, Molesworth and Durham as well as a large gathering of friends and neighbors, showing sympathy for the bereaved family. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery.—Walkerton Telescope.

### JOHN CALVERT

John Calvert, a former resident of Durham, but for the past eighteen or monoxide poisoning is thought to have twenty years residing in Toronto, died In Normanby township there was a Services Being Held on Five Nights of at his home in that city on the 2nd inst. This Week in Different Churches— after an illness of some seven years Illustrated Lecture Wednesday Night. from failing health, and the funeral was held yesterday morning at 10 o'-The annual week of prayer in Dur- clock. He was about 70 years of age

voters decided two ways in this vote, Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox church tak- Orchardville, a son of the late Thomas He is survived by his widow and two Mr. Holm defeating his opponent by ing the meeting. On Tuesday the meet- Calvert, and spent a great many years daughters, Misses Katherine and Mar-213 votes, while Mr. Aitken was success- ing was in the Queen Street church, the in this neighborhood, where he con- garet. ful in defeating Mr. Miller by 25 votes. preacher being the Rev. B. D. Armstrong ducted an extensive drover business and The tabulated vote by polls will be of the Presbyterian church. Wednesday at one time owned a number of race the service was held in the Baptist horses. After going to Toronto he church, when a lantern lecture was was engaged with Rice and Whaley, given by a representative of the Bible commission stock dealers, and remained with them up to seven years ago Tonight the Presbyterian church will when failing health forced his retirement. So far as we can learn his last illness was merely a gradual decline, and a continuation of the ailment that forced his retirement.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. E. Hartford, Durham, and a married sister in Detroit.

### JOHN T. HARVEY

Mr. John T. Harvey, father of Mrs W. A. McGowan of this town, died Sunday at his home at Arthur after a 81st year, was well known here a few about the garden of Eden. Figs and years ago when he visited with his fig leaves as well as palm leaves of the daughter, and old friends will regret to The "renewal of world prosperity" held from the United church at Arthur of the Red Deer River evidence abounds and a wave of famine, disease and pes- on Tuesday, with interment in Green-

### MRS. WILLIAM IRVINE

sixth concession last Saturday night. east end district of southwestern Sask-She was about 84 years of age. De- atchewan can be found myriad traces ceased suffered a stroke on Christmas of prehistoric reptiles and vegetation. Day and since then had been failing in strength. Her husband, the late Wil- Mountains have been found shell fish liam Irvine, was for many years trea- and other sea creatures of an ancient "The illness and death of a member surer of Bentinck Township. After his period, and deep in the mines at Candeath Mrs Irvine remained on the farm, more have been taken fossilized ferns her daughters, Misses Cassie and Mar- and petrified fish—all to give their garet, residing with her. Later a son, testimony of the great sea of 100 mil-Mr. Duncan Irvine, came home and lion years ago. since his arrival has been farming the homestead.

reduction of taxation and expansion of tive worker for many years in the species to be found in the province. in the Elmwood United church. In the Lamlash Women's Institute she took an

### MORITZ WIDMEYER

The funeral of the late Moritz Widmeyer was held on Thursday afternoon last from the home of Philip Lantz, of Neustadt and was laregly attended by also sang two fine anthems, thence to Rt. Rev. C. A. Seager Loses Library,

seeme, and indeed are more short, father of Mr. Theodore Widmeyer, of great value; his extensive library, neere London, where the ways are faire treasurer of Normanhy township, and and plaine . . but towards the North and uncle of Messre Fare Schenk of including personal papers and sermons; and plaine . . put towards the Rolling and uncle of Messrs. Ezra Schenk of valuable paintings and cut glass. Durham and Norman Schenk of Egre- The huge truck, driven by Dave So when we read old English travel mont. The funeral was very largely Fisher, accompanied by R. Tracey, both books a mile may be a mile, or two attended, many being present from all of London, was crawling slowly up books a mile may be a lime, of two over the township, where the deceased Roseberry hill, six miles west of Port miles, or hardly a quarter of a mile.

### A Mouthful

over there?" "He ain't close-mouthed. He's wait-

TEMPERATURES	FO	B PAS	Min.	RAID
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Saturday	32	34	30	100
Sunday	30	40	35	100
Monday Tuesday	32	36	31	1000
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### Injured by Gun That Wasn't Loaded

William Nicholls Received Bullet in Leg While Handling Weapon That Had Been Used Previous Afternoon.

Another of those "didn't know it was Durham is to have a Public Utilit- Being of a cheerful disposition few of loaded" accidents happened in town is temporarily out of commission with a

ger, and received a bullet wound in the

# Died at Owen Sound

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Blamed For Death of Colin S. Cameron, K. C., Ex-M.P.P., Last Monday Morning.

Colin S. Cameron, K.C., ex-M.P.P., a former County Crown Attorney for the County of Grey, was found dead in his garage at Owen Sound shortly after 10 o'clock last Monday morning. Carbon been the cause of death.

Immediately on finding the body the fire brigade was sent for, but their services were of no avail, Mr. Cameron having been dead for some time.

The late Mr. Cameron was one of the best known members of the legal fraternity in the county and had been a Henry Miller for deputy reeveship. The service was in the Anglican church, the The late Mr. Calvert was born at resident of Owen Sound for many years.

### **MAYBE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS IN ALBERTA**

Petrified Apples and Bones of Prehistoric Monsters Point to Interesting History of Interior of Canada.

Petrified apples on a petrified branch broken and plucked from their age-long niche, have roused students of ancient history, for perhaps, after all, the garden of Eden stretched within the confines of modern Alberta.

The petrified apples and branch of the ancient tree just uncovered are not the only grounds for the supposition deep formations, and in the bad lands

around 70 million years ago. Even as far south as Cardston-After a brief illness Mrs. William Ir- where a lad with a shotgun recently vine passed away at her home on the dislodged a dinosaur bone—and in the

On the high tops of the Rocky

But the apples and the apple tree branch, discovered as a well was be-The late Mrs. Irvine was a woman of ing dug by a farmer near Olds, Alberta, fine Christian character, being an ac- are the first of the fruit of ancient the well has been refilled with dirt and the place marked to await excavation work.

### BISHOP'S POSSESSIONS **ARE BURNED IN TRUCK**

Art Treasures and Furniture.

The treasured possessions of a bish-. . Even in England the miles Julius Widmeyer and Valentine Feick. contents. These included Bishop Sea-

> attempted to make the top of he hill. but failed. The brakes would not hold "Who is your close-mouthed friend and the truck slid back with increasing speed, landing in the ditch. Fisher attempted to put the blaze out with an extinguisher, but in vain.

The moving of the bishop's effects had been entrusted to Abey Brothers, a London transport firm, and the heads of the firm themselves accompanied the truck for a considerable part of the

Two men alleged by police to be connected with the Communist party fonday night faced charges of defamatory libel in Winnipeg.