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Men's Heavy Mule-Lined Gloves 50 cents	One Finger Leather Mitts 25 cents	Heavy Wool Socks Six different kinds 25 cents	Remnants A bunch of ends, Flannelettes, Cottons, &c. At about Half Price	Raincoats Men's and Women's Get yours to-day 6.50 to 13.50	Special sale Of Heavy Worsted Hose, all sizes 25 cents
Children's Rubbers All Sizes in Stock	Women's Over-stockings With Rubbers attached Regular price 1.25. On sale this week... 79c	Boys' Heavy Shoes Size 11, 12, 13. On the bargain list this week .89c	Bring in your Dressed Poultry NOW Get our price before you sell	Children's Tams and Winter Caps Regular price 25 and 35. On sale..... 10c	Ladies! Let us sell you A WARM COAT. We have a splendid assortment. Prices to suit everybody.
Dress Goods Whipcords, Bedford cords, Serges, etc. All the wanted shades. 50c, 60c, 75c & 1.00 Special 19c	Stocking Caps and Toques The twenty-five cent kind	Men's Suits All prices 4.95 to 16.50 Hundreds to choose from	Furs Fur coats Fur lined coats Ruffs, Muffs and Stoles. All prices.	Yard Wide Silks 1.00 Two yards makes a waist Six yards makes a dress Black and in colors. Special in quality at \$1.00	This is the cheapest place to buy Groceries Don't pay the long price—Come here.

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Always save your cash checks. We buy them back from you. Get the Habit.

Equality in Taxation.

From a circular dealing with the recent notable meeting of representatives of over thirty Counties in the province we make some extracts. The idea of the meeting originated with Mr J. R. Philip, Reeve of Egremont and he was made chairman and he is also chairman of the permanent committee. The extracts are from the speech of Mr. W. D. Gregory. The circular should have a wide circulation as the information it contains is a revelation of inequalities of taxation.

The equal taxation of railroads is a matter of great importance to the people of Ontario. The value of railroad property situated within the Province is estimated to be between one quarter and one-third of the total value of all property in Ontario) railroads included. If, therefore, the railroads

pay less than their share, the other taxpayers have to pay their own taxes, together with an amount equal to that which the railroads evade. In Ontario the railroads, instead of being assessed upon the value of their property, pay to the municipalities in which they are situated the taxes on the value of their land and buildings without reference to any improvements or equipment and they pay a provincial tax of \$0.06 per mile of single track, and an additional \$0.10 per mile for all additional tracks, the maximum tax being \$1.00 per mile. In territories without municipal organization the tax is \$1.00 per mile for one track and \$2.00 per mile for all additional tracks. Railroads are thus put in a class by themselves. The result of taxing them in this fashion, instead of taxing them upon the basis of value, is that the rate on each dollar of value paid by the railroads, is about

one-third the rate paid by the ordinary taxpayer.

MAKE TAXATION EQUAL

Those who demand equal taxation do not desire to confiscate railroad property, or to lay upon the railroad companies burdens which they should not be called upon to bear. All that they ask is that taxation be made equal. They urge that railroads be placed upon the same footing as the humblest taxpayer. It is this demand is called confiscation, it is clear that education upon the subject is required in this Province.

GROUND FOR HIGH RATE

Is there any reason why railroad taxation should be on a different basis in Ontario than in the adjoining States? If there is any ground for a higher rate rather than a lower one? In no country in the world have railroads been dowered by the public to the extent that they have been in Canada. We have donated to them in cash \$14,022,012.80. We have loaned them \$30,731,031.95 and it might be remarked in passing that these loans have not been particularly profitable to the lender, as little, if any, of the money loaned has been returned to the public treasury. In fact, one of our railroads at the present time owes the Dominion Government, in principal and interest, more than \$50,000,000. In addition to the donations and loans, we have subscribed for shares in the railroads to the extent of \$3,139,500. We have given millions of dollars more in the form of completed road. We have given them the right to import much of the material required for construction, duty free. We have given for many years exemption from taxation on millions of acres of prairie lands.

WOULD RATES BE RAISED?

We are told that the railroads were to pay their share of taxes they would have to raise their rates, and the public would pay them just the same. Has that been the result in the States, where railroads are taxed on the same basis as the private individual? Compare the rates of the Canadian West with those of the Western States, and a comparison will show that the rates north of the boundary line are considerably higher than those to the south of it. Compare the railroad rates paid by the Michigan farmer, who sends his cattle to the Buffalo market, with the rates paid by the farmer of Ontario, and you will find that the advantage is with the Michigan farmer every time. Buy a ticket at Detroit or Windsor for Toronto, and you will be charged three cents per mile for the entire distance. Practically in all the leading States of the Union two-cent passenger rates prevail. Reduced rates—not higher ones—and railroad taxation have gone hand in hand.

I have endeavored to speak with reason and moderation. Am I using words too strong when I say that the present system of railroad taxation in Ontario is a political scandal? Is it not high time that the matter were taken up and equal taxation established? Your presence here to-day as representative of the county councils of Ontario shows that you realize

the importance of the movement and how largely it affects the interests of those whom you represent. May the rest of your convention be so still further aroused public interest, and lead to legislative action. Remember that, powerful as the railroads are, the public is far more powerful if it acts unitedly and intelligently.

Hands across the Sea.

Not a volume of the Youth's Companion is published that does not contain a number of contributions by British children.—Mr Gladstone, the Duchess of Sutherland, Ladybird Kipling, Lord Teviotson have in years past written for this great family paper.

During 1914 the Duke of Argyll, for nearly Governor-General of Canada, will have something to say about "The Scot"—his character and characteristic: Jane Barlow will tell of the "Big Houses in Ireland"; Sir Ernest Shackleton will describe the qualities which lead to success in an explorer; Sir William Ramsay, the great chemist, will talk upon "Waste and Recovery to Kennedy Island"; Sir John Evans will tell about "The Deepest Part of the Sea"; Dr. C. W. Slesby presents the English physician, who mourns for "the one" who is not.

This tells very little of what The Companion will bring its readers in 1914. As it is to-day, The Companion is as entertaining as you may remember it. But it is larger now, with special Family Pages, Boys' Pages, Girls' Pages. There are fifty-two issues in a year, not twelve.

If you do not know The Companion as it is to-day, let us send you sample copies containing chapters from Frank Leslie's great Canadian serial, "The Timber Treasure," with the announcement for 1914.

Every new subscriber for 1914 in Canada will receive free all the issues for the remaining weeks of 1913—from the time of subscription until January 1915—all for \$2.25.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass. N. W. Subscriptions received at this Office.

Hymeneal.

MCRAE-WILSON.

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening, 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilton, Boothroyd. Maud was united in marriage to Mr. P. B. McCrae of St. George. The Rev. J. G. Leese officiating.

The bride who was unattended entered the drawing room on the arm of her father to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Agnes McAuley of Galt. The bride wore an emerald green gown of silk trim with an embroidered net and lace lace and with it she wore the groom's gift, a necklace of pearls, a carried a lovely bouquet of bridal roses and maiden hair fern.

After the usual congratulations the guests including chiefly the relations of the bride and groom sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner.

The happy couple spent a few days at the bride's home before leaving for their future in St. George. They travelled in a tailored outfit of navy blue serge and large sailor hat with ostrich trimming. Warmest good wishes of a host of friends follow.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr C. Drummond received the sad news of his son's death, who having died in the west. The body was brought to Waterloo for interment. Mr Drummond and Misses Irene and Pearl, left on Saturday for Waterloo to attend the funeral.

The Social in the Methodist church Friday evening last was well attended. The address on Japan by Rev. Mr. Holmes were well received, after which all repaired to the basement, where ample justice was done to the lunch provided by the several ladies attending.

Mr Will McGowan, Miss May McGowan and Miss Petty, of Durham, were visitors in Holstein Sunday.

Death came very suddenly to Mrs. Allan McGillivray Saturday morning. The deceased retired Friday night about eleven o'clock in good health and before 2 a.m. in calm sleep passed into the great beyond, heart failure being the cause of her sudden demise. The funeral to Reid's cemetery on Monday was largely attended by friends and neighbors. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr McGillivray and his two sons who mourn for "the one" who is not.

The work of gravelizing on the front street has begun. Several hundred yards of gravel will be on and the trustees intend making a fine job of the part undertaken.

Cleaning prices on trimmed hats, shirts and mounts at J. W. Hunter's. Our stock is well assorted in all lines. Come early and get first choice.

Anyone wishing to take a course of Fine Arts lessons will receive prompt attention. Apply to Mrs F JORDAN, Holstein

Holstein School Report.

Those marked x were absent for one or more examinations.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Sr 3rd—T. 700, Sadie Hamilton 500, Gertrude Peck 521, Irene Dunn 510, Florence Main 488, Harold Baird 371x, Allan Aitken 324.

Jr 4th—Total 720, Willie Main 451, Peart, Duncan 124, Annie Irene 380, Mabel Reid 330x, Arthur Kerr 294, Ruth Reid 232x, Milford Rice 153x.

Sr 3rd—T. 700, Sadie Hamilton 500, Gertrude Peck 521, Irene Sutton 490, Maudie Waugh 450, Mary Bye 550, Ada Rice 233x.

Jr 3d—Total 700, Edna Haas 437, Alex II a 432, Arthur Irvin 400, Merritt Clegg 400, Violia McCloud 373x, Walter Farrell 177x, Geo Brown 150x.

W. R. BURNETT, Principal.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Sr 2nd—Total 350, Louis Wood 263, Melville Hunt 250, Jack Sutton 258, Florence Reid 230, Katie Baird 203, Agnes Orchard 195, George Baird 195, Manie Pettigrew 191, Madeline McClocklin 175, Clinton Rice 150x, H. F. 140x.

Jr 2d—Total 350, Ruby Kerr 202, Frank Dingwall 185, Martin By 245, Pearl Dingwall 185, Burrows Smith 151, Muriel O'Connell 110.

Sr 1st—Total 350, Annie Hamilton 228, Ethel Matthews 227, Bertie Waller 203, Joe Elles 161, Austin O'Conor 150.

H. R. KEE, Teacher.

Dromore

young cattle from Jacob Hoeflin. We are pleased to know that J. Stewart is able to be around again.

Hopeville.

Hallowe'en is over once more a number of our young people were out for a lively time with their Jack-O-lanterns.

Council met on Saturday in our burg and had quite a busy day.

Mr. Sam Murdoch was in our burg Friday and Saturday.

The Institute will give a table demonstration at the manse Wednesday Nov 11 at 2:30 p.m. All ladies cordially invited.

Mr. Dan Wiedeman moved into Mr. Geo. Fetters' house last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Ferris and D. S. McDonald sold a bunch of cattle last week to Mr. Russell of Mt. Forest and delivered them in Conn Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haw are home again, their house being vacated during threshing season.

Mrs. Geo. Riddell is visiting her old home at Woodbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill, London, visited last week with their daughter Mrs. Bill Dingwall.

Mrs. Herb Campbell and babe left a week ago Wednesday for their home in Brook, Alta.

Our western harvesters are returning home after the busy season.

Geo. Christie and Geo. McVicar arrived Thursday evening.

Notice and Warning

All parties are hereby warned against trespassing for the purpose of Hunting, Trapping or Fishing on the following lots in the Township of Exmore:

Lot 10 and 11, Concession 14.

Lot 11, Concession 15.

Lot 11, Concession 16.

The first of Mrs. Pat Smith took place last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson visited Sunday at Mrs. Nelson's.

Mrs. Cornish visited her parents on Sunday at Holstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kirby visited Sunday at J. Main's Holstein.

Cal. Baker has bought another horse. Look out girls.

Mrs. Cornish bought a number of

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Dr. Faughran was present at the annual meeting of the Exmore Agricultural Society.

Dr. Faughran took part in the discussion on the subject of the proposed bridge over the Grand River at Exmore.

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