

# FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE

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**GLENDOWER.**  
Dec. 19.—There is not quite enough snow for sleighing. Quite a number attended the entertainment at the school house last Friday evening. School will soon close for the holidays. John Barbeck bought a cow last week from William Wilson. The lilies have frozen over.

**DONALDSON.**  
Dec. 20.—Wedding bells are about to ring in this vicinity. T. Sproule, who has been on the sick list, is able to be about again. Mrs. Samuel Allan, and Master Joe returned home Thursday afternoon, after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Martin McPhee, McLaren's Depot. A baby girl has come to brighten the home of Mr. R. W. Sproule. Neil Morrow made a business trip to Kingston recently. Mr. and Mrs. T. Thomas and Mrs. C. Davis of Ampah, spent one day this week at Henry Morrow's, sr., Robert W. Sproule is ill with grippe.

**KEELERVILLE.**  
Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Andrews are visiting at Lyndhurst. Miss Letta McLroy is spending a few weeks in Watertown, N.Y. J. E. Anglin attended the funeral of the late J. M. Stinson at Perth Road on Sunday. Miss Thompson and Miss Jennie Clarke at Battersie on Saturday. Some of the farmers got high prices for their turkeys at Elgin and Lyndhurst. Charles Patterson is here from the west looking for hait and yeast. Robert Tiche and Samuel Yatenam are at Battersie. John Robert and James McLroy and Alexander Jackson were at Kingston last week. Miss Mamie Sleeth returned from a visit to Kingston on Saturday.

**FLORIDA.**  
Dec. 18.—A number of farmers are getting up their supply of wood. Alfred Standen, after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Standen, has returned to his home at Brewer's Mills. Mrs. D. Martin, ill of grippe, is somewhat better. K. Martin and Stewart Martin spent Thursday in the city. J. Wallace is still confined to his bed. Mr. Wilson, Yarker, passed through on Wednesday buying clover seed. Mrs. E. Martin, ill with grippe, is somewhat better. Miss Dolly Standen is spending a few weeks at Brewer's Mills. A number from here expect to be taking in the Christmas tree entertainment at Wilton next Friday evening. Roy Walker spent a few days at Odessa last week.

**THE RIDGE, WOLFES ISLAND.**  
Dec. 19.—A successful concert was given in the Ridge school on Saturday evening, December 16th, by Miss E. Glen and Miss A. Horne. An excellent programme was rendered by the scholars and young people of the neighborhood. It consisted of choruses, recitations, dialogues, etc. The school was beautifully decorated, and the scholars were delighted with the Christmas tree, from which they received numerous presents. Part of the proceeds goes for Red Cross work, and the rest for school purposes. The school was packed to the door, and the audience preserved good order during the performance. The good sleighing brought out many people. Many of the young people attended the concert given by the continuation of the school on Friday last. Mr. Abbott purchased three head of cattle and Mr. Allan four at the recent sale. A great many have disposed of their turkeys at good prices. Mrs. Briggs, Gananogue, is visiting Mrs. Horne. Maurice Walker is at T. Spence's.

**CATARAUGUS.**  
Dec. 20.—The Anglican Sunday

school held a Christmas tree entertainment in the village hall on the evening of the 19th. Corals, disques, etc., were well given to an appreciative audience. The ladies also conducted a sale of candy and fancy goods. The public school teachers are getting ready for their school closing. Mrs. (Dr.) Edward is staying for a few days in the city. Rev. Mr. Curry occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning and Mrs. Douglas Pound, Kingston, rendered a pleasing solo. Dr. Frank Graham, Brockville, was the guest of J. Gordon for the week-end. J. Gibson and W. Cooke took in the excursion to Toronto. Miss Geraldine Purdy is convalescing in Kingston General Hospital. Mrs. Harold Simpson held her post-nuptial reception on Thursday last. Many old acquaintances welcomed her back to the village. Miss Northmore, New York, and Miss Munroe, Rideau Ferry, who have been visiting Mr. Simpson's, have left for their homes. Mrs. W. B. Smith is leaving to spend Christmas and New Year's with her children at Cornwall, Lancaster, and Ogdensburg.

**MOUNTAIN GROVE.**  
Dec. 18.—An interesting Women's Institute meeting was held at Mrs. A. Hayes' on the 15th inst. The roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Dish and How to Make It," also a question drawer. Red Cross work was discussed, and it was decided to sew at the next meeting, which is to be held at Mrs. Roland Coulter's on Jan. 19th. The W.I. realized \$27 for paper, etc., collected for Red Cross work. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held on Friday. The afternoon meeting was taken up in judging heavy draught horses and dairy cattle. The evening programme consisted of an address by W. D. Black, M.P.P., on "What the Agricultural Department is Doing For Farmers." Mr. Ness, of McDonald College, talked on "The Dairy Herd" and Mr. Schuyler on "Poultry." The programme was interspersed with music. Mrs. A. W. Thompson returned from Kingston General Hospital on Saturday. Miss Agnes Price, Peterboro, Normal, is at home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood and baby are visiting friends here. Mrs. W. H. Cowdy, ill for a few days, is somewhat better. David Drew, Long Lake, has purchased the store occupied by T. Hayward from P. Ritchey. D. J. Cronk has purchased a farm from G. Boomhower. Word has been received that H. B. Sanderson, undergoing treatment at the Hotel Dieu, was, suffering from a stroke.

**LEEDS.**  
**PURVIS STREET.**  
Dec. 19.—Mrs. Orville Bain and son spent a few days visiting friends in Brockville. Alexander Heribson made a flying trip to Merrickville last week. Mrs. Wellington Earl and Miss Hazel Earl spent one day last week in Brockville. Miss Florence Quinsey is spending a few days visiting friends in Brockville. Mrs. Cross, of Gananoque, spent a few days, the guest of Mrs. Frank Chiek. Mrs. William Graham, Caintown, spent Sunday and Monday at H. B. Graham's.

**PORTLAND.**  
Dec. 18.—The cold weather has frozen the lake so that the young people are enjoying skating and ice boating. Mr. Junel of the Union Bank, and Mrs. Junel are visiting the Rev. Mr. Junel, Vanhook Hill. Russell Rose and W. Haw are working in the munition works at Trenton. Farmers are hauling wood to the village in wagons. A number from here attended the council meeting held in Delta on Friday. Mr. Heath is spend-

ing a few days in Brockville. The village cheese factory is still running, and the farmers from other factories and have closed are drawing their money here. Mr. Graham has sold her house to J. Polk. W. H. Bolton and Clara Freeland were collecting for the Red Cross last week in the village.

**SAND HAY.**  
December 18th.—The patrons of Sand Hay cheese factory held their annual meeting on Saturday and reported a great year. Mr. Wood, Phillipsville, has brought the cheese factory from J. J. Lappin. Lynn V. Goff has purchased the saw mill. Miss Vera McDonald spent a few days with Miss Madeline O'Connor, Long Point. Philip Patience Taylor, at J. A. Lappin's. Mr. and Mrs. "Sandy" McDonald, Melcombe, at C. McDonald's. Aviona Heribson has returned from the west. Raymond Vanorman, Ebenezeer, at V. Goff's. Miss Marsella McDonald at A. McDonald's, Melcombe. Miss Peach Griffin, and Elmer Cross were married in Gananoque on Wednesday the 6th. Miss Bertenna Green is at George Slack's.

**WESTPORT.**  
Dec. 18.—The marriage took place on Monday, December 11th of Miss Muriel Victoria Butler, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Butler, to Frederick George Forrester, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Forrester, of Westport. The ceremony was performed very quietly at the home of the bride by Rev. Ernest Teskey Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McKee are leaving for Cobalt to reside. T. A. Kennedy, of Winnipeg, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. William Kennedy. John Cawley is this week placing cement blocks on the residence of H. R. Derbyshire, C. M. Chamberland, of Renfrew, spent the week-end in town. Miss Effie Ripley spent a few days of last week with Elgin friends. Mr. and Mrs. Myers, of Portland, and Mrs. T. J. Garvin, of Toledo, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. J. Mulville. J. P. McGuire, I.P.S., was in Brockville on Tuesday.

**CAINTOWN.**  
Dec. 18.—On Friday evening, the 15th, a number of the little girls of Caintown and Ballycrao gathered at the home of James Cobey, it being the third birthday of their daughter, Rosalind. All were pleasantly entertained. Miss Alma Dickey, who has spent the past month at Lillie's, has returned home. Miss Florence Quinsey has gone to Brockville to take a course in the dressmaking trade. Mrs. George Turkington, Yonge Mills, spent last week the guest of Mrs. Thomas Mills, Ray White, Rockfield, spent Sunday last at his home here. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held their annual meeting on Tuesday last in the church and it was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trussalid, Malloytown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hageboom one day last week. Miss Edna Stearns, Poole's Resort, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. B. Poole.

**DELTA.**  
Dec. 18.—On Dec. 11th Rev. R. H. Parker, united in marriage Robert Chant and Mrs. A. Toppin, both of this village. Mrs. Susan Godkin is very ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. George Morris. Pte. Harold Russell is home from Toronto, spending the Christmas holidays. On Thursday death came to Mrs. Pennock, mother of Sterling Pennock. She died at the age of ninety-five years of age, and till her death had possession of all her faculties. Her genial and kind disposition made her everyone's friend, and she was commonly known as "Grandma" Pennock. The funeral services were conducted at the church on Sunday last by Rev. R. H. Barker, of whose church she was a member. S. M. Seaman, of Toronto, has been spending a few days in the vil-

**ODESSA.**  
Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Millin of Vancouver, who have been visiting her parents here, have returned home. Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas visited their niece in Ottawa last week. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fraser have gone to Montreal to spend Christmas. Mrs. G. H. Remion en-



**TROUBLES OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER.**  
Customer (whose temper has been ruffed)—"My dear, you'd think that girl had nothing to do but stand there and be impertinent to me."

lage. Mrs. S. Horton has been ill with grippe. The Baptist church is having its Christmas entertainment on Friday evening and the Methodists on Saturday evening.

**NEWBORO.**  
Dec. 20.—It looks as though Newboro will, in the near future, be lighted by electricity, as the poles are nearly in position for being set. Miss Eleanor Bowden has returned from Ottawa, where she has been visiting friends. For the first season in many years Newboro will be without a hockey team. About a year ago we remarked that the young men of our village cared more for the hockey stick than for the rifle. We were wrong and apologize. Most all of the old team are now overseas serving their country in the great war game. Joseph Butler, one of our oldest, if not the oldest citizen, of Newboro, died Monday p. m. aged eighty-one years. Mr. Butler was sick only a few days with pneumonia. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church, of which he was a prominent member, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday. Thomas Gray has bought the grocery business of James Nolan, and has taken possession. Mrs. James Nolan received a letter from her daughter, Marion, New York, saying she had the misfortune to fall and break her ankle. George Bilton, who has been confined to his bed through sickness, is slowly recovering.

**STELLA.**  
Dec. 18.—The island is now enshrouded in a heavy coat of snow. Sleighting was never better at this time of the year. The tug Ray Stanton and barge Hay Boy loaded a cargo of pressed hay here on Friday for Kingston. The steamer Wolfe Islander is making a special Christmas trip to the island today to take the islanders down to the city to do their Christmas shopping. W. H. Preston, tax collector, has been making his rounds. Charles Fleming has moved into J. Phidday's house just east of the village. The house he vacated in the village was purchased by Mrs. Cronkille from W. Cochrane. The annual Presbyterian bazaar, oyster supper, and concert was held on Friday afternoon and evening last. Miss G. Wemp and Miss L. McMullen have returned home after attending the Kingston Model school. The Misses A. and H. Glenn, have also returned home from the Peterboro Normal school. Two offenders of the Ontario Temperance act were called to Napanee last week. Miss Bessie Montry, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. P. Drummond, Emerald, spent Sunday at J. A. McMullen's.

**LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.**  
**NEWBURGH.**  
Dec. 18.—Mrs. William McHoull of Midland, is visiting her son, H. R. McHoull of the Standard bank. J. B. Aylesworth has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chant of Webwood. Messrs Ramsay and Winter have purchased the old hotel property and intend building in the spring. The Methodist Christmas entertainment is to be held on Wednesday evening. Rev. W. R. Younk, D.D., Toronto, spent a couple of days here last week. The Newburgh Red Cross Society has forwarded the supplies for the year ending Oct. 1st, and received receipts for the same. Mrs. Rev. Thompson and Marjorie visited for a few days last week at Rev. J. Gandiers'.

**VENNACHAR.**  
Dec. 19.—The changeable weather and also extreme cold is beginning to show that winter is approaching. Many of the men have left here to work in the lumber camps. Services held in First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening conducted by Rev. Simpson and in the Methodist church Sunday evening conducted by Rev. Harrington. A number of young people from here attended the box social and concert held in Matawatchan on Friday last. All report a good time. George Pike, who has been working at Black Donald mines, returned home for a few days. Stanley Greig and Alexander Jackson lumbering near Buck Shot Lake. Geo. Hughes and Herbert Ball made a business trip to Denbigh on Monday. R. W. Connor, general merchant, made a business trip to Lavant Station, accompanied with Daniel Patterson, who left for Lansdowne to visit relatives. Mrs. Solomon Bebee made a business trip to Denbigh on Monday. Mrs. Marshall Bebee at the "Busy Corner" on Monday. Visitors: L. E. Gendron and Miss Ball spent the week-end with friends in Matawatchan. George Ball, Denbigh, passed through here, returning from Matawatchan concert on Saturday. Thomas Dool, Denbigh, spent Sunday evening at James Jackson's. Miss Eva Jackson, Glenfield school teacher, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bebee, renewing acquaintances in the south neighborhood on Monday. Mrs. Robert Grigg and daughter spent Monday at Mrs. Ball's. Masters Clayton Greig visiting H. Bell on Sunday last. Miss Eva Jackson at Mrs. George Hughes' on Sunday. Miss Nora and Minnie Hughes at Mrs. N. J. Ball's on Sunday evening.

**PRINCE EDWARD.**  
**BLOOMFIELD.**  
Dec. 19.—Winter is here with zero weather and good sleighing. By the upsetting of a straw stack in the barnyard of Harry Slaven, five head of cattle and one cow were killed. James Young lost a cow

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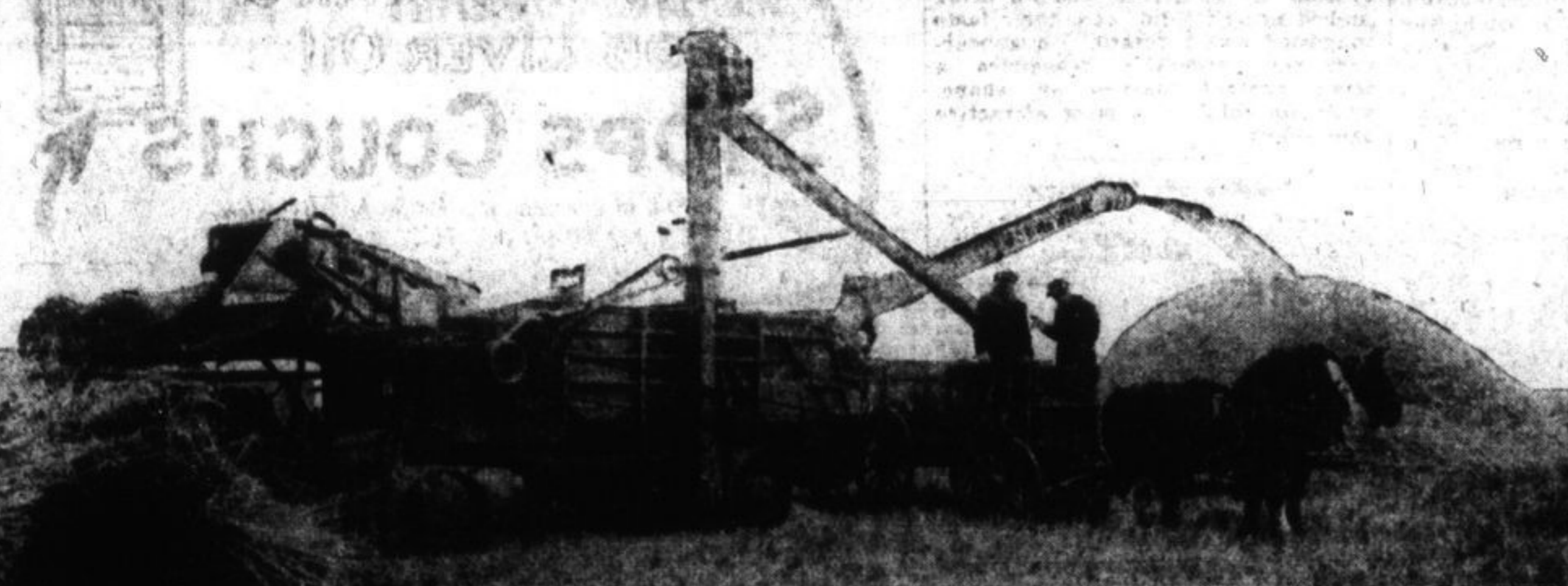
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Mr. Noble was born on a farm near State Center, Marshall County, Iowa, in the year 1873. His boyhood was spent largely on the farm. After reaching his majority he fled on a quarter section of land near Knox, North Dakota, where he lived until 1903. In that year he moved to Claresholm, Alberta, married Miss Margaret Fraser, of Hawkesbury, Ontario, and, in addition to farming interests, later enjoyed a successful real estate business with his present partner, Mr. T. C. Milnes. From this point his rise in the business world has been rapid. In the year

1909 he moved to his present location at Nohelof, Alberta, where he lives on Grand View Farm, with his family consisting of his wife, two sons and one daughter, giving practically all his attention to the farm. Thus it is seen that his life work has been that of a practical farmer.

His entire career has been marked by energy and foresight of an exceptional quality. His prominent mental characteristics being courage in meeting facts squarely, accuracy in figuring costs, and boldness and originality in making investments, coupled with the hardest common sense and shrewd insight into human nature, he has a gift of imagination which is constantly leading him on to greater things and to blazing the way for others to follow.

He is a total abstainer from the use of all kinds of narcotics, and takes his place at work with any of his men whenever occasion requires. He is a life long church member and an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Noble.