LTHOUGH many of the old customs have been dropped and almost forgotten, New Year's parties are not out of date. A nice one is a pantomime of an enchanted girl.

across the room or between the folding doors of the parlor. First fasten the corners of the sheet, next the center of each of the four sides in order that the cloth may be perfectly smooth; then | city of Brussels has had new penalplace a lighted candle on the floor ties imposed upon it by the German about four or five feet from the cen- authorities" It is stated that the ter of the curtain. When the lights in | Belgians are giving new manifesthe room occupied by the company are turned out shadows of the actors behind the curtain may be seen on the screen, some one, standing outside the curtain and facing the audience, should relate the story of the play-of how a young girl while walking out on the last day of October meets Halloween. who presents her with three gifts to try her fortune, and how, when she is about to do so, a witch enchants her. etc. After the story is finished and a lively overture has been performed on some musical instrument the pantomime is played as follows:

Halloween Appears. The young girl personating the enchanted one comes gayly forward from the side. When almost across the curtain she meets Halloween, who approaches from the opposite side, arrayed in a short dress, with wings made of newspaper folded fan fashion and fastened on the shoulders. In ber hand she carries a cape with a silhonette of a cat or two or three stars and a crescent cut of stiff brown paper and pasted on the end.

Halloween shows the maiden three gifts-an apple, a hand mirror and an unlighted candle. Instead of the mirror a crystal ball may be used.



Seeking the Future In the Crystal Ball

Before presenting them she illustrates by gestures the use to be made of each. Holding the mirror or globe in front of her face, she bites the apple, then looks quickly around, as if expecting to see some one, and, again holding up the mirror or globe in one hand and the candle in the other, she takes a few steps backward. When a boy or young man enters by jumping over the light, which gives the appearance of his baving fallen from the sky, Halloween looks around, and

the boy or man quickly disappears. All this time the girl stands transfixed with her hands raised and all the fingers spread out in astonishment. She receives the presents, which are given with many nods and gestures.

The Old Witch Enters. As the maiden then takes up the apple and mirror or globe her hand is stayed by a witch with flowing hair. who has approached unperceived, carrying under one arm a broom and wearing on her head an ordinary hat with a piece of newspaper rolled up

and pinned on to form a peaked crown. The poor girl looks anxiously around and discovers she has been enchanted. for there are three girls instead of one. This effect is produced by two more lighted candles being placed on the floor on either side of the first candle. The candles are removed, and the Old

Year, an old man, instantly appears. Discovering him quickly, the girl runs forward to tell her sorrows and finds that it is only when alone that she is enchanted, for when she attempts to tax, which amounts to \$13,727, and point out her other selves they have disappeared. Making many guesses. she looks here and there for them, but in vain. Then as the Old Year leaves she bids him a sorrowful adieu.

The Little New Year.

crowned with a paper star and wear- 70; Darling, \$782.07; Drummond, ing wings of paper. The young girl \$8,850.97; N. Elmsley,\$4,158.14; and bronchial tubes. It is of chosen by President Wilson and Secrushes to meet the New Year with a Lavant, \$742.62; Lanark, \$5,158.hearty greeting. She then tells him 64; Montague, \$6,235.92; Pakenof her enchantment and kneels down, and the little New Year raises both hands above her head, then, kissing his hand to the maiden, departs.-Nellie F. Morris -

### \$200 WORTH OF NETS BURNED

Game Protectors Make a Big Haul at French Creek, Clayton, N. Y.

Clayton, N.Y., Dec. 26. Game Protectors Martin VanBroklin, dams, John Dollinger, Redwood and G. E. Humphrey, Cape Vincent, burned ten pike nets at Clayton. valued at about \$200. The nets were set in south bay at the mouth of French Creek, and when the nets were taken, about 1,400 pounds of pickerel, perch and bull heads were berated. It is believed that the wetting has been going on for about

It is a violation of the conservaion law to place any nets in the St .awrence river.

"LIKE ROARING OF A PEOPLE."

A damp sheet must be fastened up | Thrilling Scenes of Patriotic Enthusiasm in Belglum.

> According to a dispatch from Havre, news has just been received there of the offence for which the tations to support the old saving that they are the most obstinate people in Europe, and that patriotism is exalting the country more than ever.

On King Albert's dedication day, November 15th, they carried out great patriotic celebrations. All over the city of Brussels the Te Deum in the churches was the occasion of thrilling enthusiasm, and immense crowds sang with the organ the Belgian national song, concluding with the shout, "Long live the King: Long live Belgium."

The same scene occurred in other districts. Indeed, according to witnesses these scenes were "like the roaring of a people, momentarily captive, but indomitable, stronger than its adversary, sure that the cause of justice will overcome falsehood and iniquity." It was for these patriotic celebrations that new penalties were put on the city of Brussels.

It is in the spirit of this wonder- NEWC ful people that Germany is trying to break by a deliberate scheme to ILITO starve the nation. The organized ruin of Belfian industries, accom- SUCCESSFUL SEASON OF THE er, Mr. Cosgrove, was read by Richpanied by a slave trade such as flourished in the time of Ninevan. have greatly accentuated the want of the people during the present winter. Thousands of families have had their men-folk taken away in these slave-raids, and the mothers! Wolfe Island, Dec. 23. The and the Home.

the Belgian Relief Commission. Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Amherst Island netted her \$170 Street, Montreal.



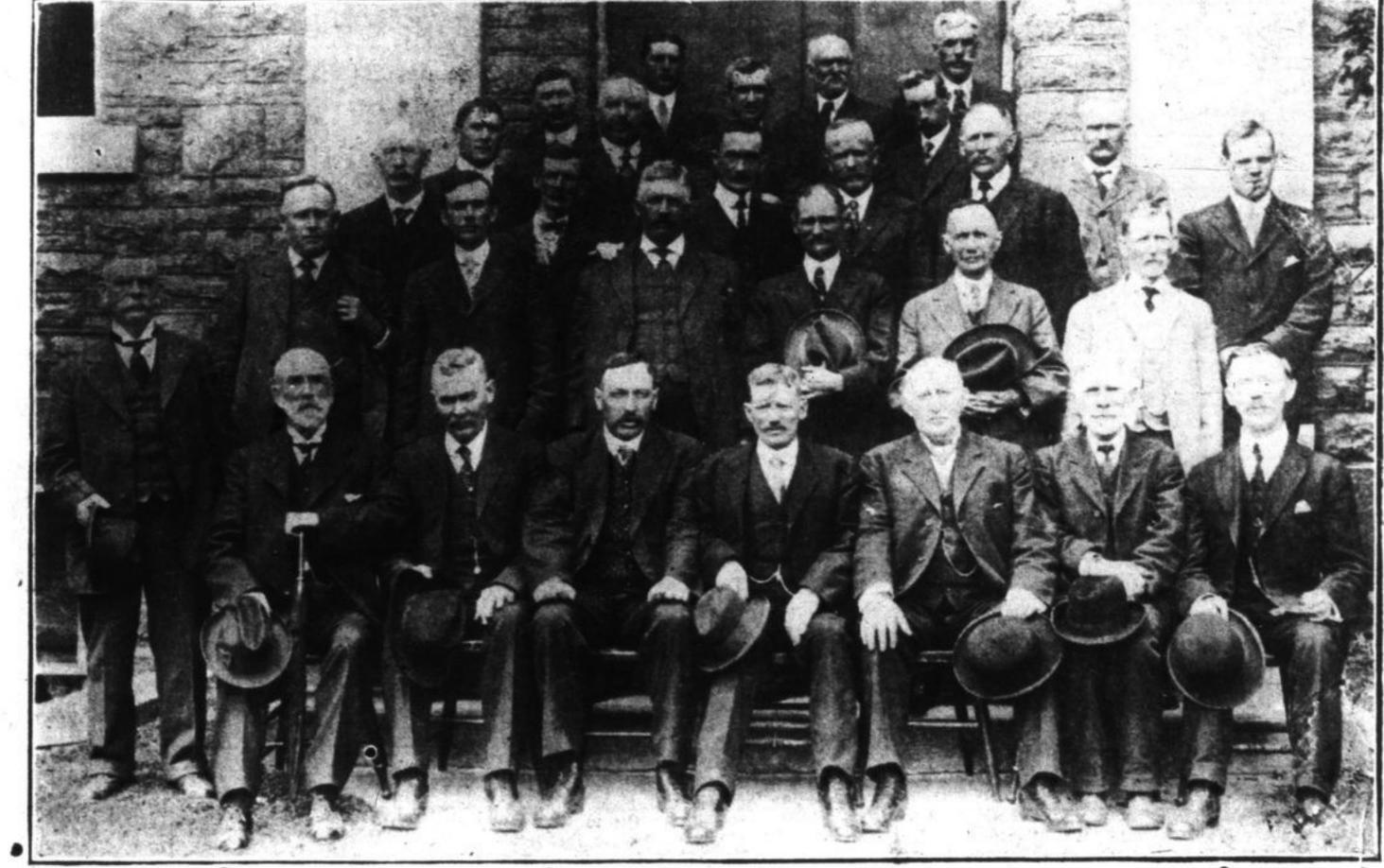
Who has been dangerously ill neumonia. He has been temporarily elieved of his duties, as Governor eneral of Belgium.

county Taxes.

Perth, Dec. 26 .- The county treasarer, John Code, has received the taxes from the townships throughout the county, which total the sum of \$83,537.07. From this amount one blood-enriching oil-food in mill on the dollar is collected as war for debenture purposes \$10,808.93. Interest payable on the debentures totals to \$6,759. The amounts paid in to the treasurer by the different townships were as follows: Bathurst \$7,782.91; Beckwith, \$6,054.95; Burgess, North, \$2,743.77; Dal-Immediately little New Year enters, housie and N. Sherbrooke, \$2,982 .ham, \$5,780.68; Ramsay, \$8,395.43; berculosis camps for that purpose. Wyoming, who resigned recently.

John A. Knox, a wholesale jeweller, of Toronto, died suddenly.

MUNICIUAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE.



## MEMBERS RUN FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, STARTING AT BOTTOM ROW.

R. G. Harvey, Rear Leeds and 1 8 M. B. Holmes, Athens. Lansdowne.

2. Dr. Preston, Newboro. William Holmes, Edwardsburg 11. William Gray, South Crosby.

Warden Ferguson, Rear Yonge 13. Esley Tallman, Merrickville. and Escott. Thomas A. Kidd, Oxford.

FERRY STEAMER.

Island Hotel Closed to the Public

-Bobert Smith Died on Friday.

fic, made a total of \$186 for the day.

another trip to the above place

upon the mud bank.

ling public.

reach the wharf.

Weak Lungs and

Chest Troubles

respond more quickly to the

than to any other one medicine.

7. N. H. Stinson, Kitley.

James A. Sanderson, Oxford.

12. A. J. Bissell, Augusta,

9. Caspar /Speagle, Westport.

14. David Darling, Gananoque.

and Lansdowne.

address by the pupils to their teach-

the various pieces by the different scholars was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience. An

ard Larush, engilizing his efforts on their behalf. He was then presented gift of the pupils. Before closing. Rev. Father Fleming gave a short address on "Education, the Teacher Crop.

and children are left without in steamer Wolfe Islander, owing to John Weir has taken possession of come, without means of subsistance, the ice has been unable to reach the the store occupied by Hugh Horne, family have moved into the Fitzwith nothing between them and a Island for the past few days. As formerly the Charles Cumins store. miserable death but the charity of the ice is strong enough for light The latter occupant has moved into horses and ice plants to convey the William Woodman's house. Michael returned to Port Hope again owing There are local committees all produce to her, not much inconvent- O'Bi en, owner, has taken possession to the illness of his son-in-law, Forover Canada for collecting funds to ence is felt. Thursday she made her of the property known as the Island, burn Pettit. W. Staley is home from help on the noble work of this com- usual trip to the foot of the island Hotel, but will not, it is stated, cater Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Robert mission. A contribution from you and carried an unusually large num- to the travelling public, as it is his Young of Consecon, were at M. B. would be welcomed, contributions ber of passengers, also freight from intention to live private. The hospi- Munipour's over Sunday. Miss Munmay be sent to the Central Belgian the above places. Her recent trip to takty and menu that this house has igan, teacher, will spend the holidays offered to the public is well known to at Lindsay. Donald Gulbet is home This, with \$16 for Wolfe Island traf- have been of the best. "Jack" Brice from Toronto for the holidays. Mrs. land, who has just vacated it after a C. E. Bowerman has purchased the If the weather permits she will make number of years, had built up a trade Nelson Benson property. East Welfor himself that was second to none in lington. the province. Accommodation will be The recent Thursday trip in which

Captain McDonald was caught with his steamer in the snowstorm and re-Thomas Moran has returned homeported as being lost for hours, was after an extended trip to New York. very much exaggerated. The cap- Miss Helen Brown, Madoc, is home for week. Mrs. Greer, who spent the tain, upon being interviewed, stated her holdays. Miss Margaret Shields, summer at the Mondivills, has gone has sold his beautiful farm, better that he was not lost, and well aware Toronto, has returned home to spend of his position at all times, but fear- her vacation with her mother. Miss ed attempting to make the Wolfe Is- Mabel Hogan, nurse-in-training in land wharf owing to the bank on Hotel Dieu Hospital, is enjoying her Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and daueither side of the narrow channel. He holidays at home.

in the blinding snowstorm than take spending Christmas with relatives at ton, and daughter spent Sunday with a chance of grounding -his steamer Watertown, N.Y. Lewis Larush ar- Mrs. K, Demill. Miss Gertrude Capt. McDonald is now closing on N.Y.

his fourth year as commander of the | Congratulations are being offered Darling, Ross Platt, G. Noxon and has for a couple of weeks been visiabove steamer. His motto has al- to Lieut. F. O'Rielly, who recently W. Peters spent Sunday in Picton. ting friends here, returned to his ways been "safety first," and to his graduated in medicine. This talented Miss Marion Stinson spent over Sun- I home on Wednesday last credit it can be said that during that young doctor, who has spent a year at time not a single accident has oc- the front, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. curred, and he has earned more Patrick O'Rielly. It is his intention money, which the boat's receipts will to shortly resume his duties at the

show, than any captain who preceded frot him. John Markey, second in com-Landers who had occasion to get mand, is a very capable officer and out early on Saturday morning report the roads in some places as being enjoys the confidence of the travelcompletely blocked. In 1904 James O'Brien crossed to the city on Dec. At the time of writing ice is quite 24th with a team of horses. On Dec. strong in the Batteau channel. Mail 26th the Cape Vincent stages started has been taken on foot to Simcoe Island for the past few days. Ice is first team crossed to Cape Vincent on somewhat broken up between Wolfe Jan. 5th. The year 1904 the ferry and Garden Islands, but it is not steamer Lorn Fawcett made her last expected that the boat will again trip on Dec. 30th. The first horse

crossed on Dec. 22nd. The greater number of the schools | The present council has again been before closing, put on concerts. The returned by acclamation. This is the writer is not in a position to state third year for the council to be rewhich displayed the best talent, but turned, which speaks well for the enin point of numbers for attendance tire body.

at concert, Mr. Cosgrove's surpassed The ferry steamer has to her credit them all. C.M.B.A. hall, which can in the bank over \$5,000. Stone easily seat four hundred, was packed crushing operations ceased a couple to the doors. Rev. Father Fleming of weeks ago. About three hundred acted as chairman. Dr. Spankie gave tons have been placed on the roads a short address and touched briefly this year. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene on some of the heroes and heroines Reitzel, Kitchener, Ont., are spending who have played a prominent part in Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Canadian history. The rendition of Greenwood.

Robert Smith, a well-known resident of the foot of the island, died yesterday after a short illness. Deceased was a batchelor and was born

Mrs. Patrick O'Reitly was taken suddenly ill to-day. Her life was disher condition was somewhat improved. Mrs. O'Reilly, city, and Mrs. Boyd, Gananoque, are at her bedside.

LANSING'S NEW AIDE

Reported St. Louis Lawyer Becomes Assistant Secretary.

SCOTT'S is a rich, nourishing ridge Long, a young lawyer of St. Louis, is understood to have been Washington. Dec. 27.-Breckinpeculiar benefit to the respiratory retary Lansing for appointment as tract and is liberally used in tu- Assistant Secretary of State to succeed ex-Governor John Osborne, of

Mr. Long comes of a family of high standing in St. Louis and has 16-22 means,

gess (S.) Lansdowne 10. Edward L. Joynt, South Elmsley 17. John Arnold, Wolford. 18. J. R. McDonald, Front of Escott

19. George S. Duncan, North Crosby. 20. James White, Augusta.

gess (S.)

23. John F. Harries, Cardinal. 24. Albert Langstaff, Kemptville,

15. David Dempster, Front Leeds 21. Stephen Carty, Bastard and Bur- 28. Edward M. Smith, Elizabethtown died in Quebec of cholera in 1832,

MORE RECRUITS FOR THE 254TH BATTALION

Presentation to School Teacher-The with a beautiful eight-day clock, a Band Concert And Reception to Capt. Sergent G. Ryan spent Sunday, in K. D. Ferguson Who Was Pre- town. Alexander Tate has installed sented With Spurs and Riding in his bakery a new Wilson dough The following names have been

Wellington, Dec. 22.-The Demill gerald block. William Coliver has

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Clark were a greatly hampered over the closing of Toronto over last Sunday. Mrs Frank Welch of Belleville, was the guest of the McMahon family last

looked after Thursday afternoons, \$15,000. It was sold by Mr. Nixon ghter will spend Christmas at Port preferred to remain outside in safety Mr. and Mrs. William Laughlin are Hope. Mrs. James Hodgins of Trenrived home on Saturday from Buffalo, Elliott of Brighton, spent the weekend with Miss Thelma Demill. S. L.

day at Brighton, the guest of Mi

Corp. Leo J. La Fleur spent over Sunday in town. Mrs. Squier has returned to her home in Lindsay. Miss Meehan spent Friday and Saiurday with Miss Vera McDonald

added to the local platoon of the 254th: Harold Saunders, Jim Mondeville, Harry Demill, Perry Riddick and Kenneth Ferguson. The last two are from Ameliasburg. Kenneth Ferguson is a brother of Bruce Ferguson, a lieutenant of the 16th regiment and last winter with the machine gun officers of the 155th. The band concert and reception

held in honor of Capt. K. D. Ferguson on Friday night last was a success. The hall was filled to the doors and every body agreed that the band was the finest ever heard here. On behalf of the citizens J. MacClark, the reeve, who acted as chairman, presented Capt. Ferguson with a pair of spurs and riding crop.

Rev. Melvin Taylor of Renfrew. The Red Cross tea rooms are well a half miles east of Wellington for to Stephen Clark for \$9,100 and 1 sold it to Mr. Taylor for \$12,000 Mr. Taylor's sale took place of Thursday and consisted of produce implements and thoroughbred cattle The sale brought nearly \$5,000.

T. L. Hubbs of Indian Head, who

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CANADIANS DARING RAID NEAR ARRAS.

With the British Armies in 4 ◆ France, Dec. 26—North of Arras. ◆ ◆ certain Canadian troops have ◆ just accomplished what the Bri- 4 + tish officers declare marks a new + pha e in modern trench warfare 4 + In a raid, which, however, was + . much more than a rad. + succeeded in putting out

tire battallon of Cort try. They took 50 per ◆ cer, and estimated that the \* killed 150 German in due no witch were blown to ato:

\* their occupants refused to

◆ render. The Canadian

\* were extremely light.

**中华帝帝帝帝帝帝帝帝帝帝帝**帝令令令令令不不不 "GET\_ WISE , MR. PRESIDENT"

Blighty Weekly Editor Tells Wilson Some Plain Truths.

London, Dec. 27 .- The editor of the Blighty Weekly, a paper printed for the British fighting forces, in a cabled message to President Wilson, says: "You appear to be unaware that in 1914 Germany invaded Belgium, burning, murdering, looting and ravishing; that Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania have in turn been (invaded, ravaged and despoiled; that the men, women and children of these countries have been carried as slaves into Germany; that England and her Allies are fighting to restore the enslaved nations their bi-thright of freedom. Read your own newspapers. President, and get wise to the facts."

ESCORTED LORD ELGIN

16. Bruce Shaw, Front Leeds and 22. R. J. Seymour, Bastard and Bur- Captain Filgate, Aged 98, Has Unique Distinction,

Montreal, Dec. 27 .- Captain Fil-25. Omar L. Buell, Front of Yonge, gate, born in Little York on Dec 26. James M. Dobbie, Edwardsburg. 25th, 1818, the son of Sergt Filgate 27. Jesse D. Easton, Elizabethtown, of the British Light Infantry, who 29. Sam'l J. Bennett, South Gower. has just celebrated his 98th birthday. He is probably the only man left who was in the Jones Troop that escorted Lord Elgin from Monkkands down to the parliament buildings to sign the indemnity bill, and he says the story that the loyalists fired rotten eggs is a mistake. They pelted his excellency with stones.



sands of this type are batting fustily with the Germans despite the inclem-

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