

# From the Countryside

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**MISSISSIPPI.**  
Dec. 18.—Mrs. William Steele returned home from the United States where she was visiting her daughter who is seriously ill. Thomas Dowdell attended the funeral of his brother William at Althorpe last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fair motored to Perth on Thursday last. Mrs. E. U. Walroth, Sharbot Lake, spent last week visiting friends here and at Balderson. Mr. and Mrs. D. Olmstead went to Maberly on Friday last. Joseph Steele, Tichborne, is visiting with his brother, William Steele. Robert Gibson purchased a new Dodge car last week. We extend to the editor and his staff Christmas greetings. W. A. Geddes attended a meeting of council on Monday of this week.

**ARDOCH.**  
Dec. 13.—The recent snow storm has improved sleighing conditions. The concert and box social given by the pupils of S.S. No. 3, on the 15th was a success, the sum realized being \$66.50. Mr. and Mrs. M. Weber spent a few days in Kingston and Perth recently. Alex. Gilmour, Rednerville, a former resident of this place was renewing acquaintances here last week. Guy Watkins is visiting his brother Donley, near Picton. Death claimed the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hermer on Dec. 8th. Service was conducted in St. John's Anglican church Sunday morning by Rev. J. Cantrell, Sharbot Lake. Miss Florence Koeley, Ralton, who spent a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Myers, returned to her home today.

**MOUNTAIN GROVE.**  
Dec. 19.—Sleighing is very poor. Rain is badly needed as water is very low.

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low. A number are on the sick list suffering from colds. The Christmas entertainment at the Union School on Friday night was well attended and a good programme was much enjoyed by all. The members of the W.I. met at the home of Mrs. D. J. Cronk on Wednesday and quilted a quilt for the benefit of the northern fire sufferers. They are preparing to send a New Year's box to them. The Young People's Club met at R. Coulter's on Friday evening and spent an enjoyable time in dancing. R. Beverly made a flying trip to Kingston on Monday to see his brother, George, who is ill in the Hotel Dieu with appendicitis. A "Social Evening" was held at S. Dawson's on Monday evening in aid of the Anglican church.

**ARDEN.**  
Dec. 18.—The recent snow storm has made good sleighing. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and two sons, Oso, spent Sunday at Mrs. W. Loyt's. Mrs. Huffman, Mt. Grove, spent week-end with Mrs. William McGregor. Mrs. John Steele at Mrs. Fred Gendron's on Thursday. Mrs. Hiram Card spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Wood. Misses Dorothy and Doris Woodruff returned to their homes at Sydenham after visiting with Mrs. Edward Barker for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. John Scott at D. L. Park's; Fred Greene at John Sepp's; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall spent Sunday at Mrs. Simeon Loyt's. Mrs. John Steele and son Cecil at Mrs. Wm. Steele's; Alleen, Euphemia Williams, Oliver Hall and James Wormworth, Tamworth high school, are spending their holidays with parents here. Miss Helen Pringle, of St. Agnes College, Belleville, spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Pringle. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stub at G. Steele's on Sunday; James Thompson, a Sunday visitor at John Clark's, Borden Wood.

**WAGARVILLE.**  
Dec. 18.—The school children are practising for a Christmas entertainment to be held on Friday. Earl Cronk, who underwent an operation in Belleville hospital, is recovering nicely. E. M. Storms attended the turkey fair at Perth on Thursday. E. Cronk attended court in Kingston last week. Mrs. R. Howes spent a few days at Belleville at her uncle's, Dr. Cronk's, and visited her brother, Earl, at the hospital. Rev. Dr. S. W. Dyde, principal of Queen's theological college, Kingston, held sacramental service on Sunday. Earl

Howes, on the sick list, is somewhat better. Owing to the absence of rain, most cisterns are dry and also some wells. Fox hunting and cutting wood is the order of the day. Tom McCumber is at his father's, William McCumber's. Misses Mary and Laura Yeoman's Petworth at their uncle's Clinton Wagar's. Hugh Leslie at E. Cronk's; Mr. and Mrs. A. Wagar and family spent Sunday evening at Tichborne. Mr. and Mrs. M. Cronk and Mr. and Mrs. G. Cronk, Parham, spent Sunday at F. G. Kirkham's.

## Leeds

**ADDISON.**  
Dec. 19.—The children of the Anglican Sunday school are busy practicing for a Christmas event in Ashwood Hall, Addison, on Dec. 19th. Miss Bertha Moulton is visiting her sister at New Dublin. Miss Carrie Edwards, Jellyby, spent a few days recently at R. Hill's. Mrs. Bumblebridge, Jasper, and Mrs. Boyd, Brockville, spent last week at Levi Hewitt's. John Pattimore and son, Lawrence, spent Sunday in Harlem.

**CHARLESTON.**  
Dec. 17.—Our school has been closed for the past week on account of the illness of the teacher. Miss Norma Young is home from the Normal school, Ottawa, to remain until after New Year's. Mr. and Mrs. Forde Moulton, Jones' Falls, were visitors here last week. Mr. and Mrs. T. McConnell, Lyndhurst, were visitors here on Sunday. Mrs. Glenn, Westport, is visiting Mrs. T. Hefferman. Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster spent Saturday at Wilestead.

**CROSBY.**  
Dec. 14.—The annual oyster supper was a decided success. The usual large crowd assembled to partake of the sumptuous repast, after which they repaired to the church where the programme was given. Rev. Mr. McCaul, Brockville, was the special speaker. Over \$140 was realized. A large supply of milk is being handled here through Laing's receiving station. Mrs. William Spaldal and three children from the Canadian west are spending the winter with Mrs. Bella Stout. Miss Bella Spaldal, Brockville, spent the week-end with her mother at Mrs. B. Stout's. Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, last week at the home of their son, W. E. Cooper. Ernest Barker is confined to his bed again. Mrs. N. B. Merriman, Mrs. L. Stout, Mrs. A. Baker, and Sexton Merriman, motored to Brockville on Tuesday. There is an extra crew of twenty Frenchmen employed on the C.N.R. as fence-men. The line from Crosby to Forfar Junction has to be fenced this fall, by order of the railway commissioners.

## Lennox & Addington

**BETHEL.**  
Dec. 18.—The school children are looking forward to a merry Christmas and a few holidays. School closes on Dec. 22nd. J. B. Alkenbrack, one of the most respected residents of Bethel, passed away very suddenly after a brief illness of pneumonia and heart trouble. The whole community will miss his presence as a good and worthy friend. J. Hamilton is improving rapidly after his lengthy illness. Mrs. Beattie Alkenbrack and daughter, Pansy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Pery Alkenbrack and Mrs. Edith Alkenbrack one day last week. Mrs. Garnet Jeffrey visited Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey, Glenvale, a few days. Mrs. William Allen, Moscow, is visiting her son, Clarence Allen.

**MOSCOW.**  
Dec. 19.—The public school pupils are practicing for their annual concert to be given on Thursday night. Miss Florence Huffman and friend came home from Peterboro normal school to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss G. Asselstine spent a few days in Kingston last week. The H.M.S. enjoyed a pleasant evening at E. Evans' last week. Major and Mrs. Amey went to Kingston, where they have been frequently, to be with their sister, Mrs. Charon, who has been seriously ill, but is slowly improving. Miss C. Darling is expected home from Ottawa, where she is attending normal. Ralph Huffman, Toronto, is coming home for Christmas. H. Leigh visited friends over the week-end. Ray Judge, of Queen's College, Kingston, is home for Christmas.

**VENNACHAR.**  
Dec. 15.—Another light fall of snow has helped the sleighing which is still poor. William Sallians, Plevna, is cutting pulp on his father's farm near Copeland Lake. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bebee made a business trip to Matawatschan this week. Alfred Bebee brought a load of freight from Lavant for R. W. Conner. James Jackson is cutting pulp. J. W. Johnston is residing with his son, Alex. Johnston. Fred Johnston and his brother, Alex., left here to work in the woods in Northern Ontario. Mrs. H. Wilson is visiting at Denbigh. Mrs. S. Ball, Denbigh, spent a day with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Conner. Miss Bertha Grant visited her aunt, Mrs. Charles Bebee. Frank

Grant, who is in Kingston Hospital, is getting along nicely. Mrs. S. Gregg visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. McNeil, Mallory Hill.

Mrs. A. Jackson and her son, George, are visiting at James Jackson's. Mrs. William Bailey and family are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Charles Bebee. C. Barton, balliff, Plevna, made a business trip through here this week. Alfred Bebee bought Felix Rudburg's farm and has moved onto it with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bebee, and his sister, Miss Jane Bebee. Mr. Rudburg and family have moved to Wolfe Island.

## Lanark

**MCDONALD'S CORNERS.**  
Dec. 18.—Miss Katie McBain has returned to Perth after spending a holiday at her home, Alexander Stewart and sister, Miss Katie, visited their brother at Elphin last week. William Dunlop who has been ill for several weeks is slowly recovering. Dunlop's school was closed all of last week owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss McIntyre. Mrs. Clifford McDonald is visiting at the home of her father. Ellis Little, student of Queen's University, returned home Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays.

**FALL RIVER.**  
Dec. 15.—The farmers are anxiously looking forward for snow, so they can draw their wood. A number from around here attended Perth Poultry Fair and received a reasonable price for their poultry. Archie Gray made a business trip to Mountain Grove. A number from around here intend going to the concert in Maberly on Christmas night. Visitors: H. Whittier at George McFarlane's; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conroy and also Jack Sargeant at J. Conroy's; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer spent Sunday at William Palmer's.

**FALLBROOK.**  
Dec. 18.—One of Fallbrook's esteemed residents passed away on Friday evening in the person of William Hunter. Mr. Hunter has been in poor health for about two years but was always able to be about doing tasks around his home until Friday when death came suddenly. Deceased was in his fifty-fifth year. He spent a great deal of his time in Perth, being employed with the Me-

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