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James Harvey Hartney, Ontario representative of Manitoba government, died in Toronto.

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BY AHMED ABU-LALAH
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Arab soldiers tumbled out of their barracks, strapping on their weapons as they ran. They went down before the Mongol lances as ripe wheat before a reaper's blade. The scourge passed on. Gates shook. Walls crumbled. The streets ran red with blood. Flames licked over roofs with yellow tongues.

They tore through the peaceful town with the swish of the sword, the scream and bray of war trumpets, the rasp of bamboo lance butts, the thud of broad blades; here and there like a scarlet typhoon of destruction; blazing up and down the streets and alleys with the leap of their lean knives; already, from desert and forest and mountain, the carrion-hawks wheeled and dipping to the feast and paralleling the Mongols' progress on eager wings; looting, burning, killing.

"An easy thing to write about," comments the ancient Arabic chronicler—"a horrible thing to picture. For the sabre was the only god whom these accursed, dog-faced Mongols worshipped. May their souls burn in the lowest depths of perdition for a thousand eternities to come!"

Looting, burning, killing. Treasure smashed and torn and trampled on, because found useless or too heavy to carry away. Priceless rugs slashed. Priceless porcelain shattered to pieces. Priceless lives—of children and poets and philosophers—sacrificed to the god of the sabre. Broken doors. Gutted shops. Shivered walls. Huddled in frightened heaps, crawled into the darkness of cellars and cisterns, where the wounded a remnant of the living, crazed with anguish and terror. Out in the open streets and alleys, was stench of festering flesh, loathsome, a crimson, sickening mush of what once had been useful, contented human life.

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(To be continued)

LETTERS To The Editor

Personal Views on Liquor Traffic. Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor): I learned this lesson when I was a boy of eleven years of age—that intoxicating liquor was not good for me. How I came to learn this lesson I will now endeavor to explain as briefly as possible.

It was through the death of my uncle, my dear mother's brother, who came to this country from the north of Ireland, and at that time was a man of clean habits, young, with a good education and giving promise of becoming a very smart man. Shortly after he came to this country he obtained a position as head engineer on one of the large steamers plying on the big lakes.

One day he was enticed to take his first glass of intoxicating liquor. He took his second glass, and so kept on tampering with it, never for a moment thinking that it was going to be the ruin of his body and soul. My mother died when I was but twelve days old. My uncle kept on drinking, which by this time had got the best of him and he could not quit it. The rest of the family disowned him, and then there came a day when death came to claim him. He died a drunkard. He was buried by those who were not any relation to him; at that time I was a lad of eleven years of age. I went to his funeral, and as I stood by that open grave and saw my dear mother's brother's body lowered into that grave, and being old enough to realize that it was all brought about by the use of that accursed liquor, I there and then, with tears streaming down my face, made this resolve, that I would never drink a glass of intoxicating liquor of any description as long as I lived.

I am now forty-seven years of age, and I have yet to take my first glass of any kind of intoxicating liquor of any description. Thanks be to the Almighty God for preserving me from this awful habit. I have travelled considerably in my day; I have made a close study of the liquor question, and I stand to-day more firmly convinced that the liquor is the worst curse that humanity has to deal with to-day. It is the devil's most destructive weapon of soul and body. In whatever capacity it may be drunk it has its effect upon the human system. It goes to the head and causes weakness of the mind and leaves a person in such a position that they do not know what they are saying or doing, consequently causing people to commit crimes and offences that never would have happened if they had never come in touch with it.

After being tampered with the habit becomes formed for the liquor, and this cannot be overcome by the individual. It has been proved by the greatest learned men we have in the world to-day that intoxicating liquor in any form has no good effect upon the human system and it has been proved by these same men that it is absolutely destructive to the human body. Now, let me ask you one question. Supposing there was a food being manufactured and allowed to be sold throughout the country, which after close examination by experts was found to contain a certain amount of poison, and once taken into the stomach left its effects upon the whole human system, to such an extent that all railroad companies issued orders to the effect that they refused to engage any employee who ate this particular kind of food. Do you not think that once the government of our Dominion got to hear of this they would at once set about to prohibit the manufacture of such food at once, and severely prosecute any company which would attempt to manufacture or have for sale this particular food. Now, the question is why do they not as a government take the same course in regard to the destructive drink as they would in regard to destructive food? Is one not just as bad as the other? This, I claim, is a question that needs to be answered by our Dominion government, and that without delay. The time is ripe, I claim, for this government to act by placing this matter squarely before the people of this fair Dominion. The plea—"it is the case that they as a government are in favor of national prohibition throughout the Dominion. Go to the country on this issue, as to whether or not the majority of the electors want to do away with the manufacture and sale of this destructive product though-out this fair Dominion of ours, or whether they desire to continue the manufacture and sale of this accursed, poisonous destructive product. And I go so far as to say that I place faith in my fellow man that once given a chance to make his decisions as to whether or not this rat poison shall be manufactured and sold to our little kiddies, both boys and girls alike, and so cause them to be drawn down into the gutter of degradation, crime and wickedness, or on the other hand to be wiped out entirely from existence for all time, they will give their answer."

Noble men and women of our fair Dominion, I believe with all my heart that it will be swept clean out of existence from our country, thanks be to Almighty God, and may this be the prayer of every mother's heart that the Lord will hasten the day when our Nation will be free from this curse.

—R. F. VanVolkmuth, 10122 10th Street.

TWAS A FINE EVENT
Community Christmas Tree and Entertainment Held at Bishop's Mills.

Bishop's Mills, Dec. 27.—The community Christmas tree and entertainment held in the town hall on Monday evening was well patronized, and proved a great success. The concert was given under the direction of Miss E. White, teacher of the public school, and the programme included recitations, choruses, drills, dialogues by the pupils, which showed careful training. Samuel Rander presided as chairman. Musical selections were contributed throughout the evening by the orchestra, which was well appreciated. The accompanists of the evening were Miss Helen Baker, and Mrs. C. Dool.

Brief and cheery addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Leach and Rev. J. McAvoy. Later Santa Claus arrived and helped distribute the gifts of the tree, everyone being remembered with the Christmas good wishes. Proceeds of the concert amounted to \$26.50.

A meeting of the patrons of the cheese factory was held, on Monday afternoon, and was well attended. The object of the meeting was to discuss the rebuilding of the cheese factory, and the prospects of the patronage of the coming season. The new proprietor, Mr. Reid, was assured of the patronage of a large number of the former patrons of the cheese factory, and he agreed to manufacture the cheese at the price paid last year. It is hoped the factory will be built so that cheese can be manufactured during the winter, and thus encourage winter dairying in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ennis, of this vicinity, leave for Florida, the first of the year, where they will spend the winter. George and Marion Ferguson, students of Queen's University, are spending the holidays at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keegan, Richard Keegan, Jr., Thomas Wilson, Smith's Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connell, Spencerville; Mr. and Mrs. H. Throop, C. Throop, Jr.; Maynard; Miss E. Powell, Brockville; Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Luther, Kempenville, were among the holiday visitors here. Mrs. Byers is visiting relatives at Newbliss this week.

PRODUCE MARKETS

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.
Toronto, Dec. 30.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, bay ports, \$2.01; No. 2 northern, \$1.95 1-2; No. 3 northern, \$1.90 1-2; No. 4 wheat, \$1.80 1-2.
Standard cleaned screenings, f.o.b., bay ports, per ton, \$27.
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 75 1-2c; No. 3 C.W., 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 73 1-2c; No. 1 feed, 71 1-2c; No. 2 feed, 68 1-2c.
Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.46 to \$1.48, f.o.b., No. 3, \$1.44 to \$1.46; No. 1 commercial, \$1.48 to \$1.44, shipping points, according to freights.
Oats—Ontario, No. 3 white, 50c to 52c.
Millfeed—Bran, \$35.25 per ton; shorts, \$37.25 per ton; middlings, \$42.25 per ton; feed flour, \$2.45 per bag.
Barley—Malting, 54c to 89c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24.
Manitoba flour—First patent, \$9.90, Toronto; second patent, \$9.55, Toronto.
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Peas—No. 1, not quoted.
Hay—No. 2, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 2, \$12.50; loose hay, St. Lawrence market, \$16 to \$18.
Straw—Car lots, \$9.
American corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.12 1-2, track, Toronto.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80c to 83c.

Montreal.
Montreal, Dec. 30.—No. 2 Canadian western oats quoted at 80c, No. 3 C.W., at 77c, No. 1 feed at 75c, and No. 2 feed at 71c; Ontario No. 2 white at 65c, No. 3 grade at 63c, and No. 4 grade at 61c per bushel, ex-tora.

Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.86; No. 2 northern, \$1.81; No. 3 northern, \$1.76; No. 4, \$1.64; No. 5, \$1.55; No. 6, \$1.44; feed, \$11.23; track, \$1.84.
Oats—No. 2 white, 68c; No. 3 white, 63c; extra No. 1 feed, 63c; No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 2 feed, 56c; rejected, 51c; track, 66c.
Barley—No. 2 C.W., 94 3-8c; No. 4 C.W., 87 7-8c; rejected, 84 3-8c; feed, 82 3-8c; track, 92 7-8c.
Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$2.65 3-4; No. 2 C.W., \$2.61 3-4; No. 2 C.W., \$2.47 3-4; rejected, \$2.47 3-4; track, \$2.51 3-4.
Rye—No. 2 C.W., \$1.44 1-2.

Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat, No. 3 red, \$1.90 to \$1.91 1-4; No. 1 hard, \$1.82 1-2 to \$1.83 3-4. Corn, No. 2 mixed, \$1.28 3-4; No. 2 yellow, \$1.24 1-2. Oats, No. 2 white, 63 1-4c; No. 3 white, 59 3-4c to 61 1-4c; Rye, No. 3, \$1.51. Barley, 90c to 98c; timothy seed, \$6 to \$7.15; clover seed, \$25.75 to \$33.

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Stratford council passed a new bill by-law raising the standard of butter-fat and compelling the bottling of all milk sold.
Needle ice at the intake pipe shut Windsor and Sandwich off from their water supply all Saturday night and will last Sunday.
Alfred Benwell, Simcoe, was seriously injured when a freight train struck the fire truck on which he was riding to a fire.
Hay proves profitable crop on Northern Ontario farms. \$50,000 acre occurs in Hamilton sugar factory.