

**TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT.**



**FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.**

THE Brethren of Minden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 233, are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Annual Communication of the Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall, King St., on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at the hour of 8:30 p.m., for the installation of the Worshipful Master and the investiture of the officers elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, and for the transaction of general business.

By order of the Worshipful Master, J. P. ORR A.M. Secy.

The Brethren of Ancient St. John's, Cataract and Minden Lodges will dine together at the British American Hotel on the evening of St. John's Day at 9 o'clock.

**AUCTION SALE**

**10 FRAME BUILDINGS, WITH STORE,**  
On Corner of Yonge and Division Sts.  
**ALSO 4 PLASTERED DWELLINGS**  
On the West Side of Gordon Street.

I will sell single or in lots to suit purchasers. This is a rare chance for any one to secure a cheap home. The above buildings are all in good repair, and will be sold by Public Auction **ON JANUARY 5th,** at 12 o'clock, on premises, Division Street, by WILLIAM MURRAY, Auctioneer. Terms of sale easy, and will be made known at time of sale. For further particulars apply to W. SNOWDEN, 232 Gordon St.

**MARTIN'S - OPERA - HOUSE,**

**COMMENCING MONDAY, DEC. 19th.**

**WILSON DAY'S THEATRE CO.**

**"ROSEDALE!"**  
Or "THE RIFLE BALL."

Matinee Saturday at 2:30 p.m. An Elegant Ball will be given away.

**NEW CITY HALL AND COURT HOUSE**

FOR THE **CITY OF TORONTO.**

TENDERS for the erection of New Municipal Buildings for the City of Toronto will be received up to noon on **Tuesday, the 3rd Day of Jan., 1888.**

Specifications and other conditions may be obtained upon application to E. J. Lennox, Architect, south-east corner of King and Yonge Streets, Toronto.

JOHN JONES,  
Chairman of the Committee,  
City Hall, Toronto, Nov. 29th 1887.

**STOCK OF THE LATE JOHN A. GRIFFITH,**

OF PARHAM, amounting to \$3,331.68, consisting of **Dry Goods, Groceries, Ready-Made Clothing, Hardware, Etc.**

TENDERS for the above stock will be received by the undersigned until FRIDAY, 29th DEC., at Noon.

Terms—One third cash; balance, 2, 4 and 6 months' endorsed notes with interest.

Stock Book can be seen at the office of Macnee & Minnes.

JOHN HLETT,  
P.O. Box 1100,  
Dec. 17th, 1887.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

MR. DANIEL J. GARBUTT'S authority as Agent at Kingston for the **London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company**

Was withdrawn at 22nd November, 1887, and no contract with or payment to the said D. J. Garbutt subsequent to that date will be recognized.

W. A. SIMS,  
Manager,  
Dec. 20.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**READING COMPETITION**

**CITY HALL,**

**FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 23rd.**

Admission—25 cents. Seats may be reserved at Henderson's Bookstore without extra charge.

**RESIDENCE FOR SALE.**

TENDERS will be received addressed to the undersigned up to the 20th day of January, 1888, for the purchase of that elegant residence on Mac St. of, opposite Victoria Park, Kingston now occupied by Professor Carr Harris. The premises are open for inspection any afternoon, and the plans can be seen, and any information as to terms given at the office of the undersigned, Ford's Block, Brock street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Envelopes to be marked, "Tenders for house on Mac street."

A. R. MARTIN.

**CRAWFORD'S**

For GENUINE SWEET CIDER and LABATT'S PALE ALE.

CRAWFORD'S is the headquarters for Oranges, Dates, Malaga Grapes and Figs, and Sweet Cider.

CRAWFORD'S for Sugar Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Fine Table Celery and Cranberries.

CRAWFORD'S for Apples, Oranges, Nuts, Table Raisins, Canned Fruit, Vegetable and Sweet Cider.

**AUCTION SALE of BANKRUPT STOCKS**

**125 - PRINCESS - STREET,**

(Lewis Bros', Old Hardware Store),  
Consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Fancy Goods, Fur Robes, Coats and Caps, Furniture, Mattresses, Oil Paintings, Mirrors, Crockery, Glassware, Silverware, Piano, Organ, Toys, Etc.  
Sale on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.  
Great Bargains at 260 PRINCESS STREET by Private Sale.

S. WEAVER.

**CITY AUCTION ROOMS,**

**260 Princess Street.**

I am prepared to attend sales in the city and county. Goods sold on commission. Returns promptly made.

E. R. MARTIN, Auctioneer,  
Agent for The Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Co.

**HAY FOR SALE.**  
PRESSED HAY FOR SALE at the Atlantic Wharf.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

THE BRITISH WHIG is published every evening, at 336 King Street, Kingston, Ontario, AT SIX DOLLARS PER YEAR.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**

For four lines, one or two insertions, \$30 35  
For four lines, each subsequent insertion, 10c per line  
Each subsequent consecutive insertion, 5c  
Once a week, subsequent insertions, 10c  
Twice a week, subsequent insertions, 8c  
Three a week, subsequent insertions, 6c  
Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths 50c, each, unless when "booked," when \$1 is charged.  
Special notices in reading columns are charged at extra rates.  
Officers of unincorporated Associations or Societies will be held personally responsible for all orders they give.

The WEEKLY BRITISH WHIG, 8 pages, 36 columns, is published every Thursday morning at \$1 a year.  
Attached to the paper is one of the best Job offices in Canada; rapid, stylish and cheap work; 8 improved printing presses.  
EDW. J. B. FENNER, Proprietor.

**THE DAILY WHIG.**

"Opifer per Orbem Decor."

There is a confusion of reports in regard to Queen's county, N.B. One is to the effect that Mr. Baird has resigned the seat, and that a new election is to take place on January, the 12th; another is to the effect that he has not resigned and has no notion of doing so. The public has some hesitation as to which report to accept. A man who could monopolize a seat to which he had really no right, and who could collect and appropriate to his own use a sessional allowance which should have gone to another, is mean enough for anything. He may not, however, continue the usurpation.

Give the government plenty of rope and wait till it hangs itself. And we hope that our excellent contemporary, the WHIG, will endure and prosper long enough to be present at the suicide. We cannot hope to be there—Hamilton Spectator.

We are sorry, real sorry. We have heard that since Judge Sinclair refused our contemporary the little pickings it demanded in connection with the Franchise act it has not been in its wonted condition of health and vigour. But we had no idea it was so near a collapse. We can now understand the eagerness of the editor to secure a place upon the labour commission.

The success of the government candidate in the East Northumberland contest is not assured. Of this fact we judge by the utterances of the Toronto World, which though supposed to be independent, is usually more interested in the success of the government than the most pronounced conservative paper. It notes that Dr. Mallory wrested East Northumberland from Mr. Cochrane last February by a majority of thirteen, indicating that the electors of the riding are pretty well divided in their political opinions. But it says there is considerable dissatisfaction in the conservative ranks with Mr. Cochrane personally, which is the reason that Dr. Mallory expects to be able to hold the fort. Is this not "a surrender to the enemy"? Is it a preparation for excusing the defeat of Mr. Cochrane on some other ground than that the people want commercial union? It seems so.

Judge McDougall, of Toronto, in his decision in the \$15 a bushel seed wheat case of Dennis vs. Temple, holds that the farmers must pay the money for the grain guaranteed by their notes. If they think themselves aggrieved they can proceed against the company which has got ahead of them. The bond received by the farmers, however, is likely to be worthless, as the company has gone out of business, and the majority of its members are believed to have left the country. It is an expensive lesson, but one about which the parties concerned cannot complain. The farmers' class have been victimized unmercifully, but they will treat with pernegating traders and canvassers, and they will sign documents about the legal meaning and possible uses of which they know absolutely nothing. The Dennis vs. Temple case should be a warning against crookedness of every kind. But will it? We have our doubts.

Capt. S. Fraser, commandant of the propeller Scotia, from which the schr. Oriental broke away and was lost, was surprised yesterday to learn that an investigation had been begun touching the condition of the wrecked vessel, and without his knowledge. What sort of a way is that to deal with a man? Is it according to the average idea of British fair-play? The commission not only aims at ascertaining the manner in which the craft was lost, but her seaworthiness and care by the crew. No one is more interested about the results than Capt. Fraser, and yet the first he knows of the inquiry at St. Catharines is communicated to him through the press. He might not have been represented by counsel at the preliminaries, not deeming such necessary, but the responsibility should have been cast upon him of neglecting to do so. The case is different when the government does not give a man a chance to enter a defence. The circumstance is without a parallel, and would not be sustained in any court of law.

There is an appropriateness about the interest of the women in the school elections. Most men appear to be quite indifferent as to who represents them on the board of education, and what kind of work that board engages in. They are sublimely careless as to whether temperance, sanitation, religion or any other subject is taught in the schools; it is only occasionally indeed that they will read the reports of the school board's proceedings. Now all this is creditable to the male electors, and as there is no hope of a reform in their customs it is gratifying to see the women active in their effort to elect to positions of responsibility those who have an ambition to hear them and serve them. The women are doing right in wading up to the necessities of the hour, and in canvassing their sex who possess the franchise to vote in a manner calculated by them to do the most good. All honor to the women. They are actuated by the deepest regard for the education of

the children. They really know best what education is wanted, and they are entitled to see that it is imparted to the "future hope of the nation."

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.**

The Epistles From the Little Children—And Will They Have Any Effect? New York Morning Journal.

Here are some of the most notable letters that may be printed, for some of the most interesting effusions are written by artless baby fingers that have not yet learned to write the simplest words:  
Santa Claus—Please bring Harry a goat and waggon and harness and a new overcoat.  
HARRY.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like to see you very much. I know Christmas is very soon. I would like to have a doll, a blackboard, a double slate, a table, a chatter box.  
Yours truly,  
MAY MULLEN.

Do your best, your very best, And do it every day.  
Santa Claus—Please do not send my sister Ida anything, she always hits me. Bring me a waggon, horse, candy, mitts, rubber boots and sleigh and everything else. Do not bring Sophie either. She, always fools me and never lets me alone. I am good. Believe me, Santa Claus. Good-by till Christmas eve.  
PAUL PROLOW.

Santa Claus—Will you please give me a kiss for I cannot be happy without one? and oblige  
EDDIE YOCKERS.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a rocking horse and a fairsly and a express and a big spring horse and a boy's school bag? Will you please bring me some candy and oranges in my stocking? Yours truly,  
WILLIAM DIXON.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like to tell you what I wanted. I want ashleigh, fishes, reins and a steam car and a cart for Christmas. Yours truly,  
JOHNNY MULLON, six years old.

Good by, dear old Sant Claus. I hope you will bring them to my house Christmas. You know my name.  
Mr. Santa Claus—Please bring Lottie and Eva and myself lots of toys as we will be good girls; don't forget the dolls. Yours truly,  
LIZZIE KLEBSY.

Dear Sanday Class—Please send tillie a little carrak and a doll  
LILLIE REYDEL.

Dear Santa Claus—I wish you a merry Christmas; a doll's carriage, a table, a rock chair, a doll's carriage, a doll pillow, a story book, a sofa, a looking glass, a blackboard, a pencil box and a desk. Your truly,  
EDITH MAWHINNEY.

Dear Santa Claus—Santa Claus, I want a bed for my big doll and want the little stove and a sofa and a table, and I want the set of dishes and, Santa Claus, I want so many things that you couldn't count them; and I want a coffee pot and the tea-pot, satin dress, pink, mind; I forgot to put pink in the middle, and the box of writing paper and the new slate, and I want the little clock and a little castor and the kettle, and I want large book, and I want a little frame for a picture. Good by, Santa Claus.  
LIZZIE KEYS.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like to have a nice dolly. And pretty hair. And no shoes. And no dress. Some nuts and oranges, candies and nice Christmas tree. Yours truly,  
AMELIA HILLBRAND.

Please, Mr. Santa Claus, please bring me and my little brother Phillie lots of Christmas toys and a big doll for me.  
LIZZIE DIEHL.

Dear Old Santy Clause—I want you to come on next Christmas night to my house and I want a nice volosiped on a hobby-horse and when you come bring a good stick to whip my bad brother Henry. He says he will knock you out on the first round if you give him a good show. No do not forget me now. From a happy child to you.  
EDWARD YOCKERS.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a game of lotto, a desk, a sleigh, and a blackboard, a ring for my brother Janie, don't forget me. I will ask you again a pretty doll and those things what I ask you.  
YOUR LITTLE GIRL.

Dear Santa Claus—I will write you these few lines to let you know what I want for my Christmas. I want a story book, a little desk filled with paper, you know the kind I mean, and a box of chalk and besides a nice pencil box.—Yours,  
CELIA FRISSE.

Please send it to me on Christmas morning, please, please send it to me.

**Gone to the Dead Letter Office.**

A great many Canadians who have friends in the United States may be surprised to learn that the Christmas gifts forwarded have not reached their destination. If they do so the reason will be plain by reading this paragraph:  
"Owing to the recent ruling of Postmaster-General Vilas any writing on the wrapper of a package of third or fourth class matter renders it liable to letter postage. It has been the habit of people from time immemorial to indicate the contents of a package by writing "merchandise," "photograph," "printed matter," etc., for the information of postal clerks, on the outside, but it is no longer allowable, and unless letter postage is paid upon articles marked they go to the dead letter office."

Derry Lodge, No. 7, Stella.  
At the regular meeting of Derry Lodge No. 2, P.R.S., in the Orange hall, Stella, on Dec. 14th, the officers were installed for the ensuing year:

W.M.—D. McCaugherty.  
D.M.—Samuel Glenn, jr.  
Chaplain—Wm. Preston.  
Secretary—James Montgomery, jr.  
Treasurer—E. Scott.  
D. of C.—Robt. Caughey, jr.  
Inside Tyler—Robert Filson, jr.  
Outside Tyler—Samuel Miller.  
Committee—Chas. Bailey (foreman), Geo. Fleming, A. Burleigh, Geo. Gane, John Taylor.

Everything Cheap for Xmas.  
Malaga Grapes, 12c; Valencia oranges, 20c; a dozen; 14 lbs. new raisins for \$1; choice dairy butter all this week for 20c; a pound; turkey, geese, and poultry away below the market price; 4 pounds new dates for 25c., and 8 pounds of candy for \$1. Buy your Xmas groceries where you can get them cheapest and best.—Henderson's cheap grocery house, Brock street.

Gentlemen, the finest display of ties, silk handkerchiefs, gloves and cashmere mufflers you can see is now at Spence & Crumley's. If you want something useful, ornamental and cheap, for a present, buy our fancy platform rockers, from \$2.50 to \$7.50, at James Reil's.  
Cheapest underwear at Rattenbury's. Real "Josephine" kid gloves at Laidlaw's.

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Off DRESS GOODS 20c and over at

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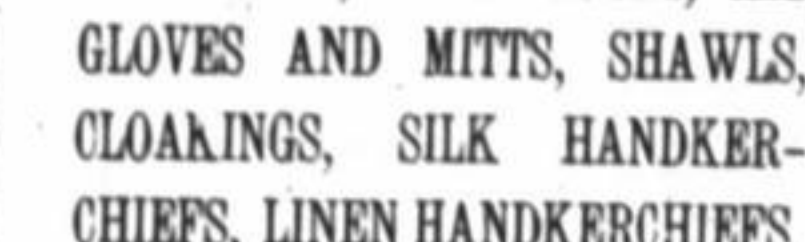
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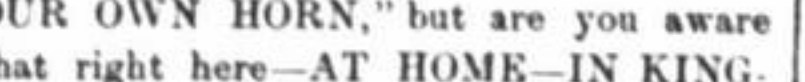
Of course there are stores which carry more complete stocks in any one line, but taking them as a whole what we state is beyond doubt a fact.

A visit then to such a place ought to interest Kingston's Citizens, and again we invite every one to come at any time and see what we offer. You will not be pressed to buy, and particularly at this Christmas Season you can spend half an hour pleasantly.

Store open every night till eleven o'clock.

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Raisins at 5c lb.  
New Valencia Raisins 8c lb.  
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Quart Bottles Pickles for 25c.  
Mushroom Catsup, in Bottles, at 10c.  
Worcestershire Sauce at 13c.  
John Bull Sauce at 10c.  
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