



"God Save Our Queen, and Heaven Bless the Maple Leaf Forever."

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WELLESLEY VILLAGE, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1900.

J. W. GREEN, Editor and Prop.

St. Luth. St. Paul's Church—Divine service at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Sunday School from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Catechumen class meets the first three days of each week at 8 a.m. Singing School Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Rev. Daniel Lochner, Pastor.

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Gold and Silver Medalist. Late House Surgeon Toronto General Hospital. Office Hours: 8 to 10 a.m. 1 to 2 p.m. and evenings.

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Dentist,
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Will be in Millbank every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

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Merchant Tailor.
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Ready made suits and ulsters to sell off at cost.

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Every accommodation for the travelling public. Tables, parlor and bar supplied with the best. Telephone in connection.

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AND
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Sawing and Planing done to order. First class lumber always on hand. Sash and Doors Furnished to order.

FURNITURE
A Pine Stock of Parlor, Dining Room, Bed Room, Hall, and Kitchen Furniture at Lowest Prices.

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Large supply of undertaking goods on hand. Also furnish hearse where required.

Lowest clubbing rates with all the leading Canadian journals.

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TOTAL ASSETS 3,000,000

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FITTED throughout on the most modern plan and well lighted and heated by every room.

LARGE SAMPLE ROOMS * * *
Every accommodation for the Travelling Public.

CHOICEST LIQUORS AND CIGARS at the BAR.
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WELLESLEY, ONTARIO

All kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats, Sausage, etc., always on hand.

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Highest Cash Price paid for hides.

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We have now in stock a full line of boots, shoes, rubbers, overshoes, felt goods, etc., at the lowest prices.

Ordered work a speciality.

Highest price for hides.

C. Hammer & Co.

LEADERS IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

The subscription price is \$1 per year.

LISBON.

Dec. 17th, 1900.

A merry Christmas to the Maple Leaf and all its readers.

Mr. A. Schmidt, spent Sunday in New Hamburg.

Mr Samuel Axt, of Doering's Corners, was the guest of Mr. G. P. Schmidt, here, on Sunday.

Our public school will close for the holidays on Thursday.

DOERING'S CORNERS.

December 17th, 1900.

Mr. Thos. McDermott has moved his gang of timber men to the place of Mrs John K. Snyder where they are working at the present time.

Mr. Arch Poire, of Stratford, was around measuring the timber in this neighborhood. The farmers are well pleased with the treatment they are receiving at the hands of these timbermen, and Mr. McDermott will be able to do business with our farmers whenever he calls again.

Mr. V. G. Effer is back from the N. W. Territories. He is looking hardy and is a jolly as ever.

Mr. Andrew Axt has finished his work as collector. He reports that he had no trouble in getting the tax money.

Butchering is all the go just now. Miss Lizzie Paff, of Wellesley, is visiting at her home here this week.

Mr. John Handstein, of Unionville, who has been laid up with an ulcerated stomach, is improving slowly.

BAMBERG.

December 19th, 1900.

Mr. Henry Schlegel sold his blacksmithshop and house to Philip Moser for the sum of \$925. Mr. Moser will take possession on Jan. 1st, 1901. It is not yet told what Mr. Schlegel intends to do. Mr. Schlegel was in the blacksmith business in this village for the last seventeen years.

Mr. David Hirschberger is under the parental roof for a few days. He intends to leave for Muskoka in the near future.

Messrs Jacob and Simon Gies of Berlin were visiting at Mr and Mrs. Kieswetter's on Sunday.

Mr. Mike Moser is under the parental roof at present. On Dec. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Dorsch were presented with a baby boy.

LINWOOD.

Dec. 17th, 1900.

Those who spent Sunday in town: Mr. V. M. Berlet, of Waterloo; Dr. More and his mother, Hawkesville, at Mr. Boomer's, the guests of Miss Shier; Mr. D. Williams, of Newton; a number of visitors at Mr. Charles Schlutter's, and Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Crosshill, at Mr. Kerr's.

Mrs. G. Manser and Mrs McEachern went to Elmira to-day on a business trip.

Among those who attended Miss Fleming's public examination last Friday, were Miss Shier, Miss Boomer, Miss Schnurr and Mr. and Mrs. Monsinger. They report having had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. R. Y. Fish went to Emsdale on a business trip last week.

Mrs. McEachern and Miss Dollie McKay visited friends in Listowel last Wednesday.

Miss Edythe Boomer visited her sisters in Berlin last Wednesday.

Mr. Robt. Crooks, attended the funeral of his brother's wife in Wallace last Wednesday.

Miss Whaley of Milverton is visit-

ing at the home of Mr. Carnochan.

Mr. R. B. Hamilton went to Elmira to-day on a business trip.

Violet May, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lantz, was buried in the Hesson cemetery yesterday.

Mr. Parr, of Seaforth, is endeavoring to make arrangements to start our cheese factory moving during the coming summer. We trust that he may meet with sufficient success as the farming community around Linwood are certainly wide awake enough so not to allow so suitable a building to be idle any longer.

Mr. Jacob Walters has sold his two hundred acre farm. The west hundred to Mr. Karley and the east hundred to Mr. Friedmann. He bought the corner lot on Main and Mill streets and immediately sold it to Mr. C. Schlutter. Real estate is booming here. Not an empty house in town.

Rev. Mr. Monsinger was given the pleasure of uniting in marriage last Wednesday evening, Mr. Albanus Myers of Crosshill and Miss Annie Fetter of Linwood. After the ceremony (at the personage) the bride's mother where the night was spent in dancing.

The funeral of the late David Petch took place last Friday to the Hawkesville cemetery. Deceased was eighty-nine years of age. He was one of Wellesley's pioneers and was very widely known throughout the county. His aged widow survives him.

An unusually large congregation assembled in the Lutheran church on Sunday to witness the confirmation services.

CROSSHILL.

Dec. 17th, 1900.

Another landmark is gone, in the death of Mr. David Petch, an Englishman by birth from Yorkshire, who just died in his 90th year. He came to this country very young. The early part of his life was spent near Toronto in those noted McKenzie rebellion times. He moved from their with the Hawke family to the Township of Wellesley and settled on the 9 Con, east section. Some years ago he gave up the farm to one of his sons and moved to what is called Hawke's corners. He was for a number of years a leading and active director of the North Waterloo Agricultural Society, and a breeder of Cotswolds. In politics he was a Reformer, in religion somewhat a Quaker. For some time he was nearly blind, although he knew most people by their voices. A week ago the family celebrated his birthday. He had been in poor health for some time and the other day a choking spell took him which he could not overcome. The funeral took place last Friday to the Hawkesville cemetery. Mrs Petch survives him, she also is very feeble.

Mrs Oakley is home again to Crosshill.

Mr. Stauffer, of Waterloo, was here on Monday in search of a hired man.

Miss McDonald, of Dorkin, is visiting at Mr. John Rennie's.

Mr. Alex. Meyer and Miss Feather became man and wife last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moe are moving to Heidelberg station.

Mr. Israel Snyder's oldest daughter, who resides in Michigan, is paying her parents a visit at present.

Our Township Council held their final meeting here on Saturday last

and wound up the business of the year.

A very large amount of taxes unpaid and the collectors are complaining about the people holding back.

Mr. Wm. Harris and Mr. Alexander were in town on Monday after apples. Green apples are rather scarce.

HAMPSTEAD.

Dec. 17th, 1900.

Messrs. D. Stewart and A. McGillawee were visitors at the Guelph fat stock show last week.

Mrs. Millen, daughter of Mr. Jas. McDonald, left on Saturday for her home in Missouri.

We are glad to report that our venerable citizen, Mr. Peter Hofman, is able to walk about again, and hope that his useful life may be spared for many years to come.

The slater will have the roof of the new school completed by Wednesday. If the contractor had as much grit in him, he might have had his part of the job farther ahead by this time. Although the school will not be completed for the commencement of the new year, we hope the good people of Hampstead may have a Merry Xmas after all, and remember the bible injunction of "Peace and good will towards men."

It is whispered that Santa Claus is coming to our neighborhood with an ample supply of Xmas presents, and no doubt many of the "bairns" will pass a sleepless night, waiting for the first peep of Xmas morning, in expectation of the good things that may be found in their stockings.

ST. CLEMENTS.

Dec. 17th, 1900.

Mr. Adolph Ruf, of Chicago, and family, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. Simon Hell, of Chicago, is in town visiting old acquaintances.

Mr. Wm. Spielmaker and family of Big Rapids, Mich., are spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Ed. Forler and a friend spent Sunday in Berlin.

Mrs. Jos. F. Stumpf and mother spent Tuesday in Elmira.

John Nichol and his son Bert, were in town on business last Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Gies, of Chepstow, was visiting relatives in town last week.

Our Junior hockey team had their first practice on Saturday last. They will soon be in fine fettle to tackle some team from one of our neighboring towns. Why not join the Western Ontario hockey league.

John Boegel's new dwelling is about completed. It makes quite an improvement on King street.

Our merchants have prepared themselves for the Christmas rush, they having a big assortment of toys, candies, etc., on their shelves.

Butchering is the order of the day.

RATZBURG.

Some from this vicinity took prize at the Guelph Fat Stock show. In Leicester sheep, John Kelly, Shakespear, took 4 seconds, two thirds and a fourth; in Hampshires one first; in Leicester specials, one second; in sweepstakes, Hampshires and Suffolks, one first; in grades and crosses, one fifth. In swine Geo. Green, Fairview, took 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 3 fourths and a fifth for Berkshire.

THE WELLESLEY



ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY

Office: — Next North of Reiner's Factory, in the Village of Wellesley.

Subscription \$1.00 a year in advance. Otherwise \$1.25.

INDEPENDENT.

ADVERTISING RATES:

	One	Six	Three
Year	Months	Months	Months
One Column	50	27	15
Half Column	27	15	9
Quarter Column	15	9	5
One-Eighth Column	9	5	3
Professional Card (3 in.)	4		

Business Locals five cents per line each insertion.
 All changes of copy for advertisements must be in the office not later than Monday noon.
 Retray advertisements for three insertions.
 Legal Notices (measured Normal) 8 cts. per line for first insertion; 10 cts. per line for each subsequent insertion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The village of Ayr is making a lively struggle to get electric lights. On the 7th of January the electors of that village will vote on a by-law for that purpose. The assessed value of Ayr is \$26,000, and the News says it will only cost 14c per \$500 of assessment to put in the lights. Ayr and light should be joined.

An exchange has discovered that the new Dominion parliament contains sixty lawyers, thirty-three merchants, twenty-nine farmers, eighteen doctors, eleven newspaper men, eleven manufacturers, nine lumbermen, seven gentlemen, five notaries, three grain dealers, two bankers, two traders, two distillers, two ministers of the Gospel, one printer, one rancher, one real estate agent, one oil operator, one miners' agent, one mill owner, one cheese dealer, one contractor and farmer, one financier, one ship-owner, one fruit grower, one cattle exporter, one accountant and one surveyor.

The peace term respecting China are now a out arranged. Compensation is to be given for foreigners murdered; degraded officials are to hold office again and the emperor responsible for the massacre is to be executed.

China is somewhat like the United States and Canada in not wanting "foreigners". But there are two differences: China wants to exclude all foreigners while we only want to exclude Chinese. The other difference is that we have the power of guns to enforce our point while the Chinese haven't.

Already the mails and express companies are beginning to feel the throb of the Christmas trade. Parcels and packages are being hurried forward in all directions containing gifts of remembrance and love. Mothers are wondering "what to get" for presents, while fathers are wondering where the money is to come from. Children are practising elegant lessons in deception by pretending they have no knowledge of what the secret conclave of their parents portend; the days and the hours are getting longer, and drag slower, as the time approaches for the long-coveted holiday trip. Impulses for good are quickened as the anniversary of the Giver of all Good approaches. So mote it be. So it was when the white-headed grandfathers of to-day was a "dear little dimpled darling who ne'er saw Christmas yet," and so it will be when the little cherub who don his first Christmas stockings next Tuesday becomes old and hoary. So we hope it may be until every nation, every tribe celebrates Christmas for the same great reason.

The election in Welland was held last week when the Reform candidate was elected by a somewhat reduced majority over the last voting in that constituency.

Public Sale
 OF
FARM STOCK and IMPLEMENTS.

MR. Joseph Mickus, Auctioneer, has received instructions from the undersigned proprietor to sell by Public Auction on Lot 5, Con. 2 Township of Wellesley (Two and one half miles west of Wellesley village) on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1900.

The following property:
 LIVE STOCK:—1 mare 6 years old, 1 mare 8 year old, 1 mare in foal 11 years old, 1 colt rising three years old. (The above horses are especially good); 5 cows supposed to be in calf; 2 heifers in calf; 3 heifers rising two years old; 1 steer rising two years old; 4 spring calves; 5 pigs five months old; 1 pig three months old; 1 cow supposed to be in pig; 1 sheep; 8 hens; 2 dog.

IMPLEMENTS:—1 binder, 1 power, 1 hand roller, 1 wagon, 1 nearly new hay rake; 1 new Massey Harris seed drill cultivator, 1 sleigh, 2 plows, 1 harrow, 1 scuttler, 2 furrow gang plows, 1 hayrack, sling with rope, 1 farming mill, 1 turnip pulper, 1 stone boat, 1 pig rack, 1 pea harvester, 1 gruel stone, 1 turnip slicer, 1 grain rack, 1 crowbar, 1 logging chain, 1 leading chain, 1 grave box, 1 set double harrow, 1 set plough harness. All the implements are nearly new. Also about 10 bushels of oats, 80 bushels of peas and a lot of other articles too numerous to mention.

All to be sold without reserve as the farm is sold.
 Sale begins at ONE o'clock p. m. sharp.
 TERMS:—All sums of 25 and under, cash. On sums over that amount twelve months credit can be obtained on furnishing approved joint notes, 5 per cent. off for cash on credit amounts.
 Pigs, oats and peas to be sold for cash.

JOS. MICKUS, CHRISTIAN K. N. LIGHTY
 Auctioneer. Proprietor.

JNO. YOUNG
Merchant
Tailor,

Wellesley.

Has his shelves filled with the most elegant lines of Winter Suitings in all the Up-to-Date Patterns. The very best methods are used in cutting and fitting, and every article that goes out of my shop is guaranteed.

My PRICES are as Low as the Lowest.

My WORK is as Good as the Best.

CHOPPING MILL.

Best work always done.

Cash or Toll.

Running every day.

COOPERING.

All kinds of new work and repairing in the line of coopering.

First-class cider vinegar for sale.

JOHN S. ZEHR,
 Weismiller's oil stand.
 WELLESLEY.

PETER GLEBE,
 Dealer in Staple and Fancy

Family Groceries.
 WELLESLEY.

My Liquor Store

Is well stocked with the Choicest Brands of Wines and Liquors of all kinds.

—FOR YOUR—

Fall Suit
 and
Overcoat

—TRY—

Koehler,
The Tailor.

Always a good assortment on hand.

C. D. KOEHLER,
 Merchant Tailor,
 Wellesley.



We Want
Your Trade

and think our stock large enough and prices low enough to make it interesting for you to trade here.

You know the lines we sell. Fancy China and Glassware, Tea, Chamber and Dinner Sets, Lamps of all kinds.

Silver plated ware and cutlery. Just now the store and basement is full of goods suitable for holiday gifts.

When you come to Stratford come to the China Hall. You are always welcome.

J. L. BRADSHAW.

CHINA HALL.
STRATFORD, Ont.

Five doors east of the Postoffice.

IMPROVED
Yorkshire Pigs!

FOR SALE.

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Reasonable Prices.

JOHN HILL
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Eight pages of summarized and classified news.
 Eight pages of practical agricultural and live stock articles.
 Eight pages of interesting fiction and magazine features.

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\$1.00 Per Year.

Balance of 1900 free with subscription for 1901.

THE MAPLE LEAF and Weekly Mail and Empire, (balance of this year free) \$1.70.



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GREEN & CO'S

—ART STUDIO—

BERLIN ONTARIO.



Right in to
the Xmas Trade.

Before you buy come and see us whether you buy or not.

This year our stock of china ware, fancy goods, toys, albums, toilet cases just suitable for Christmas gifts is bigger than ever.

Also candies, nuts, figs, and dates will be sold at close prices.

Don't forget our bargain day, Saturday.

Highest price paid for all kinds of produce.

Bring your fowl in Mondays or Tuesday.

A CALL SOLICITED.

WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS.

Yours,

WM. KELTERBORN

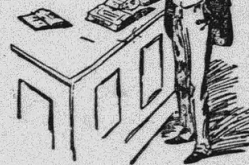
General Merchant,

WELLESLEY.

DOERING'S OLD STAND.

The Customers on our Books are a Proof that

Here's
Proof



the clothing we offer you for Spring is not Ready-made Clothing as is generally understood, but

SHOREY'S

Ready Tailored

Fully
 Guaranteed Goods.

All anyone can get out of this life is contentment, as a proof that you will be contented with one of our Spring suits, you will find Shorey's Guarantee Card in the pocket which says

"Satisfaction or your Money Back."

Does this appeal to you?

S. R. ERNST & CO., BERLIN.

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The MAPLE LEAF Job Department is fully equipped for doing all kinds of Job Printing.

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ALL KINDS

Sale Bills
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Office
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Cards, Circulars or any
thing in the line
of Printing.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Merry Christmas.
No Maple Leaf next week.
Have you paid your subscription?
A bottle of perfume is always a pleasing present. Call at the Drug Store and see the assortment there.

Miss Hogg is seriously ill with pleurisy at the home of her father Mr. John Hogg, in this village at present.

The Wellesley Roller Mills are running night and day filling large orders for flour for the Eastern markets.

On Christmas day the Wellesley post office will be open from 11.00 a. m. to 2.30 p. m., and from 6.30 p. m. to 8.00 p. m.

Mrs. John L. Vance leaves to-day for Newark. This lady has resided here for the past four years and leaves a large circle of warm friends.

According to the Tavistock Gazette "Jack the huggler" was in that village for a day or so lately, but came disgusted with his job and struck out for Wellesley where the pretty girls are.

A lovely Christmas bouquet is made as follows: Take a small bunch of flowers from the house plants and insert a Maple Leaf subscription receipt, neatly folded in the bouquet to represent a billet doux.

A Wellesley business man who took a trip west of here last week says the sleighing in the neighborhood of Atwood has been excellent of late. He met one farmer drawing a load containing five "short" cords of wood without overtaking his team.

Mr. Isaiah Nahrgang, of Wilmet Centre, wheeled to this village and was the guest of his friend, Mr. Louis J. Koehler, over Sunday. Both these gentlemen are deaf mutes, but they can carry on as lively and intelligent a conversation as even a politician could wish.

Mr. Will Vance left last Monday for Norwich, where he will visit for a few days. He has accepted a position as manager of a large cheese and butter factory at Reed City, Mich., and will shortly go to take charge. Mr. V. has been cheese maker here for the past four years; the first year 25 tons of cheese were made, this season the output was 65 tons. His hosts of friends here wish him prosperity in his new home.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At their regular meeting held in Zinkann's hall on Monday evening, the Wellesley Lodge A. O. U. W. elected the following officers for the year 1901:

M. W.—Jno. Walton.
F.—Peter Glebe.
O.—John Lenhardt.
G.—Louis Koehler.
T.—Geo. Bellinger.
Recorder.—H. Altman.
Receiver.—Albert Mickus.
I. W.—C. Hammer.
O. W.—C. Albrecht.
Rep. to G. L.—A. Mickus.
Trustee.—John Meyer.
Auditors.—Alex. McDonald and John Lenhardt.
Lodge meets again first Monday evening in January.

Fresh oysters just in. H. E. Ratz.
New walnuts, strictly fresh, 15c per pound, at Zinkann's.
Messrs. H. Ratz and C. Koehler spent Sunday at Philipsburg.

Servant Girl Wanted.—Good wages. Apply at this office at once.

Changes of advertisements must be in this office not later than Mondays.

If you want Berlin's very best quotation for a winter overcoat you must call at S. R. Ernst & Co.'s.

A graphophone at Kelterborn's is giving considerable entertainment to visitors these days.

Buy your Christmas toys, candies, nuts, etc., at W. Kelterborn's, if you want the best and cheapest.

If you wish to send a friend a card, a callender or something of that sort you should see the stock at the Drugstore before purchasing.

The Douglas Comedy Company will perform in the Opera House here all next week. This company is well and favorably known here. Their posters will be out to-morrow.

Mr. G. R. Boyagian, A. M., of Armenia, will preach in the school room next Sunday at 3 p. m. He is an escaped Armenian from the late massacres. He will sing in one or two different languages. He is a graduate of Oberlin college and therefore speaks English fluently.

A largely attended meeting of business men and ratepayers was held in the Opera House last Saturday evening to consider the question of having the village lighted by electricity. After some discussion a canvasser of the meeting was made when subscriptions were given for 100 lights, which will be more than doubled if the village is canvassed. The prospects for electric light are very hopeful at present.

Mr. Henry Berlet, of Bloomingdale, had the misfortune to lose a fine driver in this village on Tuesday. He had got this far on his way to Merklinger's sale when the animal became too ill to carry him further. Mr. Greenwood, V. S., was called in but found the horse suffering from a fatal internal rupture from which it died a few hours later. Mr. Berlet secured an animal from his brother, on the 5th line to drive home with.

AUCTION SALE.

On Friday, Dec. 21, at lot 9, con. 2, Wellesley township, farm stock and implements. Chris. E. N. Lichty, proprietor, Jos. Mickus, auctioneer. (See advertisement in another column for full particulars.)

SQUARE TIMBER.

Messrs. McDermott and Poire are in this section at present paying for square timber which the former has been having cut during the fall. They got some splendid sticks hereabouts which are to be shipped to England for use in shipbuilding. Among the farms where timber was cut were those of Messrs Adam Doering, Alex. Crerar, Robt. Hyde, Paff, Cook and others, nearly \$300 having paid in some instances. These buyers have made many friends in this neighborhood by their gentlemanly bearing and fair dealing and their return next fall will be welcomed.

A PLEASANT SERENADE

On Friday evening last the fine Wellesley Orchestra gathered at the residence of Mr. J. W. Green and treated the editor's family to a splendid program of orchestral music, including overtures, valse, marches, popular airs, etc., and showing a high proficiency which one could scarcely expect to find in a village of this size. Mr. Woiwade is a skilful instructor and performer and he is justly proud of his musical and gentlemanly boys, who watch his every movement like veterans. The serenade was intended as welcoming the newcomers to the village, and, indeed, we know of no more delightful way of making strangers fall in love with Wellesley.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

Following the usual custom the Maple Leaf will not be issued next week. The office will, however, be open for business as usual, and we hope to get the routine work of the office settled down so that after New Years the Maple Leaf will be issued on time without the irregularities which have so far been unavoidable.

Dont forget that Saturday is bargain day at W. Kelterborn's.

Miss Lavina Zinkann, who has charge of a millinery house at Clifford, has returned to her home here for the holiday season.

A canvasser has been quite successful here this week in soliciting aid for a new Can. Evan. Luth. church to be erected at Port Elgin.

The skating on the mill pond has been excellent the past week or so and our village youths and maidens are enjoying it to the fullest extent.

When you want a first-class smoke ask for a "G and B" cigar. It's one of the most enjoyable and easy smokers on the market. They all sell it. KNAPP BROS., Berlin.

The Wellesley Orchestra goes to Millbank on the evening of the 26th inst. (not on the 22nd as stated in a recent issue) to take part in a Christmas tree entertainment. The audience is sure of a musical treat.

The woolen mill was closed down for a day or two this week while the boiler, engine and machinery were being overhauled. It is now again running. Kaspar is proud of his boiler cleaning brigade, Messrs. Will Dingwall, Geo. Forler and Hy Ziegler, and says they are the best cleaners in the county. It is said they worked so lively that they heated the boiler.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

The Wellesley Roller Flour Mills will be closed down on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th, while repairs and improvements are being made to the machinery and water wheel. As there will be no facilities for elevating no grain will be bought on those days. J. G. REISER.

OBITUARY.

CAMPBELL.—At his home, near Crosshill, on Monday, Dec. 17th, John Campbell, aged 53 years, seven months and 13 days.

In the death of Mr. Campbell this section loses one of its most highly respected pioneers. Although not in good health for a few years past he was always able to be around until last week when he suffered a stroke. He remained in a semi-conscious condition until Monday when he was visited by a second stroke under which he succumbed in a few minutes. Deceased lived on that farm from his earliest childhood and was known to all as a sterling man, a genial, kind-hearted neighbor of the highest honor. He leaves a sorrowing wife to whom the sympathy of all is extended in her great loss. The remains were laid away to rest in the Hampstead cemetery yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, a very large number attending.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

The Wellesley public library has received another consignment of new books which will shortly be placed in circulation. Among them are the following:

NAME.	AUTHOR.
Franco-German War.....	Von Moulthke
Soldiers at the Front.....	Thompson
Moosawa.....	Fraser
Sing of Shield.....	McGee
One of Buller's Horse.....	Johnstone
She Stands Alone.....	Ashton
Ten Nights in a Bar-Room.....	Arthur
Cann-Fires of Napoleon.....	Watson
The Hudson Bay Co.....	Byce
Across the Sub-Arctic.....	Tyrrill
Ian Hamilton's March.....	Churchill
Life of Lives.....	Farrar
Herods.....	Farrar
Lane that had no Turning.....	Farrar
Treasure of Canadian Verse.....	Rand
Origin of the World.....	Dawson
Byron's Poems.....
The Isle of Unrest.....	Merriman
Dream of a Throne.....	Eubrie
Footsteps of a Throne.....	Pemberton
Her College Days.....	Thompson
Winning Her Way to College.....
Son of Erin.....	Swan
Rue with a Difference.....	Carrey

WELLESLEY MARKETS.

Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1899.

To-day's quotations are:
Wheat (standard)..... 60c & 61c
Oats..... 24c
Barley..... 00
Peas..... 53c to 54c

	Undrawn.	Drawn.
Chickens, per lb	5c	6c
Geese, per lb	5c	6c
Ducks, per lb	7c	8c
Turkeys per lb	8c	9c

Other products are bought at these prices:
Butter, p lb..... 18c
Eggs, p doz..... 17c
Lard p lb..... 8c
Tallow, (rendered) p lb..... 5c
Dried apples p pound..... 4c

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I wish my customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. C. D. Koehler, merchant tailor.

SHEEP LOST.

From the premises of the undersigned, on Erb's farm section, near Crosshill, about the 16th November last, six Leicester sheep—three ewes and three lambs. Part of the left ear had been cut off to mark them. A suitable reward will be given for their recovery.

SAMUEL BRENNEMAN,
Crosshill, P. O.

BORN.

On Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gingersich, Josephburg, a son.
On Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lips, 5th line, Wellesley, a daughter.

WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

HAMBURG BRANCH
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Subscribed	500,000
Paid Up	400,000
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WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Municipal Council of the Township of Wellesley met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, the 2nd day of Dec., 1900, at the Township Hall, Crosshill, at the hour of 10 a. m. All members, excepting Mr. H. McCulloch, who was absent on account of sickness, were present. Mr. Alex. Rennie, the Reeve, occupied the chair. The minutes of the preceding session, held the 5th of November, were read and, being found correct, adopted.

Communications, accounts and bills were presented, read and disposed of in the following manner, viz:

It was moved by W. J. Beggs, seconded by Henry Scheifely, that the following amounts be paid as compensation for sheep killed by a dog or dogs to the parties whose names appear below, viz:

Chas. Schlueter, 1 lamb.....	3 25
David Wray, 1 sheep.....	3 25
Wm. Miller, 2 sheep.....	10 00
Thos. Miller, 1 sheep.....	4 00
Joe Nurse, 2 sheep.....	8 00
Thos. Rennie, 2 sheep.....	10 00
Jacob Brunner, 1 sheep.....	3 00

Carried.
It was moved by Thos. Short, seconded by Henry Scheifely, that the following accounts be paid and that the Reeve issue his orders for the same, viz:

A. Frechorn, filling in gravel for four days.....	4 00
Joe Cote, balance on gravel.....	4 00
Wm. Voinin, 12 loads of gravel.....	11 00
Rittinger and Motz, advertising the held farm for sale.....	1 50
Berlin News-Record, advertising the held farm for sale.....	2 50
David Bean, adv't putting of Voters' Lists.....	2 40
David Bean, adv't farm for sale.....	1 44
David Bean, adv't Court of Revision.....	1 50
Chas. Schlueter, use of temporary road-way.....	2 00
Chas. A. Schmidt, binding notes and receipt books.....	1 00
Chas. A. Schmidt, binding of Voters' Lists.....	3 25
John Hammond, teaming and work, putting up railing at Kelly's bridge and spikes.....	11 82
J. Kallisch, printing per contract.....	72 00
do do, adv't held farm for sale.....	4 00
Thos. Short, rep. bridge at Kelly's bridge and spikes.....	2 25
Bert Green, rep. culvert and drainage gravel H.P.....	8 18
Robt. Parson, drawing of Kelly's stone bridge.....	22 00
Henry Vicker, lumber, 1 load.....	1 25
Alb. Jones, 1 load gravel (H.P.).....	8 00
Noah Gillet, rep. culvert and drainage gravel contract.....	1 25
Noah Gillet, rep. two bridges et al. line.....	8 25
Geo. Schultz, 26 loads gravel.....	4 28
Wm. Gise, grading and travelling per contract H.P.....	38 00
Thos. Donaherty, graveling and putting in sewer pipes.....	2 00
Joe Ger. Jr., rep. culvert and timber.....	2 00
Albert Preiner, timber and work on culvert.....	8 00
M. Ruther, grading ditch, etc.....	5 00
A. Moser, graveling per contract, H.P.....	9 25
Joe McCormick, graveling and filling approaches to Hetcher's bridge.....	44 25
Robt. Howe, work on bridge and making temporary road.....	5 50
O. Tabbert, sr., spreading gravel three days, 2 pay.....	3 00
P. Hoppe, blacksmith's account.....	7 75
A. Kuebel, Jr., filling approaches and drainage gravel.....	17 00
John Clark, spreading gravel and rep. culvert.....	5 00
J. L. McKay, blacksmith's account.....	4 00
A. Plyford, grading, etc.....	28 50
Wm. Martin, gravel supplied pathmasters.....	25 40
Geo. Forster, ditto.....	19 20
Robt. Lintick, building new culvert at Wellesley and Mornington, H.P.....	5 00
Ditto, rep. culvert 7th con W.S.....	7 00
Alex. Wigwag, plank account.....	18 75
A. Knight, attending court of appeal and selecting jurors.....	6 00
John Benharit, ditto.....	6 00
Peter F. Schummer, ditto.....	6 00
Alex. Rennie, ditto.....	4 00
N. S. Ball, ditto.....	6 00
Geo. Allen, 14 loads gravel.....	7 25
H. Zimmerman, rep. culvert etc.....	1 25
J. Heimpel, 65 loads gravel H.P.....	1 35
J. C. Brenner, rep. culvert.....	1 50
T. Hilliard, 24 loads gravel.....	2 40
Thos. Pearce, award of U.S.S. No. 11.....	10 20
Th. N. Easthope, use of r'd machine.....	4 50

Moved by W. J. Beggs, seconded by Henry Scheifely, that the sum of six dollars be paid to John Petch as reward for killing two dogs in the act of worrying sheep and that the Reeve issue his order for the same. Carried.

On Motion of Henry Scheifely and W. J. Beggs the following accounts were passed and orders issued respectively to:

John Fleet, graveling per contract.....	41 50
John Boegel, plank account.....	18 75
P. Forster, 24 loads gravel.....	8 25
Geo. Fria, gravel and work on town line.....	2 00
Wm. Kuebel, culvert posts.....	5 50
Geo. Forwell, building two culverts.....	6 00
Thos. Gilliard, gravel to pathmasters.....	11 82
do watching state.....	1 50
Alb. More, culvert posts.....	1 50

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WELLESLEY - - - - - ONTARIO.

Joe Forwell, teaming gravel.....	3 00
G. Lockner, 40 loads gravel.....	2 45
Wm. Schlueter, spreading gravel.....	1 50
Alex. McKay, putting in two culverts.....	7 75
Jacob Bricker, 20 loads gravel.....	8 00
do work on road.....	11 75
do rep. culvert.....	5 00
Henry Peterson, work on road.....	6 25
John Haid, drawing gravel, etc.....	15 70
D. McCormick, spreading gravel.....	1 00
A. Kuebel, graveling per contract.....	25 30
J. P. Ziegler, posts and scantlings.....	2 00
Hawthorn Bros., 36 8 inch tile.....	8 00
Joe. Leis, 87 yards gravel at 8c, H. P.....	6 96
A. Gibbons, graveling per contract.....	2 00
Michael Gibbons, spreading and raking in gravel, 10000 rep. bridge \$1.25 total.....	11 25
Joe. Farrell, for one new bridge, 220.00, digging ditch, 22.00, new culvert, 415.00, 75 feet timber and repairing culvert, 45.00, balance on contract, \$1.25, total.....	611.25
Dr. McEachern, Medical Health Officer, expenses re the Wellesley Diphtheria epidemic, viz, A. Mickus, constable, and disinfecting houses, \$16.00; Dr. Glinster, antitoxine, 75.00, disinfecting apparatus and supplies thereto, \$25.00, express, 5c; 7 visits to Wellesley by M. H. O., 25.00, antitoxine vaccine, 50c; telegraphing and phoning, 84 cents, ordinary expenses of B. O. H. during the year 1900, 178.00, total.....	250 45

Moved by Thos. Short, seconded by W. J. Beggs, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again Saturday, the 15th of Dec., at the Township Hall, Crosshill, at the hour of 10 a. m. Carried.

PETER F. SCHUMMER,
Tp. Clerk.
St. Clements, Dec. 8, 1900.

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