

The Trent Canal.

MOST IMPORTANT EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS AT THE CLOSING SESSION.

PETERBOROUGH, Dec. 7.—The Trent Valley canal commissioners yesterday received the most vital evidence that has been forthcoming so far. Mr. J. P. Dunn, C.P.R. station agent, was the first witness, and gave evidence regarding freight rates in summer and winter, a comparison of which showed a lower rate in summer time, owing, it was supposed, to the boat competition. Mr. W. H. Meldrum, of the firm of millers of Meldrum & Davidson, was the next witness. He said he was engaged in importing and grinding wheat. His firm bought from 75,000 to 100,000 bushels from the North-west, and if they had cheaper means of transportation they would bring more. Places with water communication got cheaper rates on freight. It cost them 30 to 35 cents a barrel on flour to Montreal, while it was shipped from St. Catharines at a cost of 23 cents. The railway rates were arranged so as to shut off shipping to the lake ports. They could certainly ship by the canal unless the railway rates were lowered. Their experience was that there was no competition between the railways here. With the canal they would bring wheat from the west and grind in transit, a privilege they could not get from the railways. The facilities for transportation would be better on this route than on the Erie canal, owing to the water stretches. The bulk of the North-west grain would come by this canal, as no Manitoba wheat came by the Welland, and it was carried by rail even to Lake Ontario ports. He had not the least doubt that it would pay the country to build the canal, even if it cost \$10,000,000.

Mr. R. C. Strickland, lumberman, said that if the canal were built the Northern and Georgian Bay lumber trade would be diverted from Tonawanda and New York to Montreal. The benefit to the lumber trade alone would pay for the canal in five years. He referred to the minerals, hardwood, paving and monumental stone that would be given an outlet by the canal.

At this morning's session Mr. George Hilliard, ex-M.P., lumberman and miller, told how the milling and lumber industries would be benefited by the canal, and gave statistics showing the loss on the lakes which would be avoided by this safer route. He referred to the way Ontario millers were injuriously affected by the railway rates discriminating in favor of long hauls, and to the local benefit that would be derived from the canal.

At this afternoon's session Mr. Ranney, C.E., gave particulars of extensions that could easily be made on the Gull, Burnt and other rivers. He thought less expensive locks than those at Burlington would serve the purpose.

Mr. J. M. Irwin, lumberman, gave testimony regarding the lumber trade and minerals and the extensions, and other valuable information as to the benefits of the canal. Mr. Brundrett gave rates of freight on the Grand Trunk.

The commissioners then adjourned to meet at Lindsay on Jan. 2nd, 3rd and 4th. They will also hold sessions at Barrie on Jan. 14 and 15, Orillia on Jan. 16 and 17, and Midland on Jan. 18 and 19.

A Western inventor is endeavoring to interest capital in his electrical magic lantern for casting or reflecting advertisements in the dark clouds that often hang low over a city. The inventor claims to have secured contracts from several well-known firms for displaying their cards in this manner.

The smallest, simplest and best protected postoffice in the world is in the Straits of Magellan, and has been there for many years. It consists of a small keg or cask, and is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape, in the straits opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. The postoffice is self-acting and unprovided with a postmaster, and is, therefore, under the protection of all the navies of the world. Up to the present time there has not been a single case reported in which any abuse of the privilege it affords has been taken.

T. P. Smythes, who has made important geological discoveries in Indiana, says there is a great lake under part of that state. He adds: "I was sinking a well on my place in Orange county when suddenly the drill knocked a piece out of the bottom and disappeared. Through the opening cold, clear water rushed, filling the well to the depth of twenty feet. At this level it stands. I have pumped water for hours, using a steam engine once, and the water does not lower an inch. One day I drew up a fish in a bucket of water." The section where the lake exists is hilly, full of gulches and caves. It is there that Lost river sinks away and finally disappears altogether.

REMOVED!

S. NEVISON
has removed his business to the store
**2 DOORS SOUTH OF HEARD'S
HARDWARE STORE,**

where he has opened out the largest stock of
Christmas Goods
ever brought into Fenelon Falls, consisting of
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S CARDS,
DOLLS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
STATIONERY, PERFUMERY & TOILET
ARTICLES,
A FINE LINE OF PLUSH GOODS,
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
PICTURES AND PICTURE FRAMES,
GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES,
WALL PAPER,
OIL PAINTED WINDOW SHADES,
PICTURES FRAMED TO ORDER A
SPECIALTY.
Don't forget the place,
2 Doors South of Heard's Hardware Store.

S. NEVISON.



Christmas Cards

Stock Large.

Variety Endless

W. T. Junkin's.



BE SURE

TO CALL AT
MRS. HEELEY'S

WHEN SELECTING
Christmas
AND NEW YEAR'S
PRESENTS.

LARGE STOCK, LOW PRICES.

SALESMEN

Wanted for our complete line of Nursery Stock. All new, choice and fast-selling SPECIALTIES. I can furnish PAYING POSITIONS to workers. My large experience in the business enables me to offer special advantages to beginners. I can make a Successful Salesman of any one who will follow my instruction. Permanent employment. Wages paid each week. Outfit free. Apply at once, and secure choice of territory.
Edward P. Snell,
Nurseryman, ROCHESTER, N. Y.
Mention this Paper.

Goodhand's Livery,
East Francis Street, Fenelon Falls. I wish to draw the attention of the public to the fact that I have purchased the livery business lately owned by Mr. Wm. Routly, and have made such improvements as will meet the requirements of the travelling public. I am prepared to furnish first-class horses and comfortable rigs at the lowest living prices.
GEORGE GOODHAND

BIRTHS.

On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. John R. Time, of Fenelon Falls, of triplet daughters, all girls.

Something less than a year has elapsed since we chronicled the marriage of Mr. John R. Time and Miss Nina Clock. Happy as was that event, we believe it has been eclipsed, as seen from the above notice, by Mrs. Time presenting her husband with three PURE GOLD ALARM CLOCKS.

As a rule there is always a loud sounding of trumpets, beating of drums, clashing of cymbals, hoisting of flags, and a big parade generally, on the advent of the first-born. Now that Mr. Time is the happy father of THREE, a great deal is expected of him in the way of demonstrating to the world at large the precise state of his feelings along this line.

It would be quite natural, although very improper, for him to have a big blow-out with his old bachelor friends; or if he does not wish to show a bad example in his own person to his large family, he might donate \$10,000 to found a home for stray cats, or add another \$5,000 to that amount and present a granite skating rink to Fenelon Falls.

What he really will do, to work off his excess of feeling, remains to be seen, as he has not yet regained consciousness from the effects of the heavy shock, occasioned by the three alarms rousing him from his peaceful slumbers at a very unchristian hour on the 12th inst., nor is it probable he will be in a fit state for some days to concentrate his scattered thoughts on any definite mode of procedure. However, he is in duty bound to do something on a large scale, in fact he can present no excuse that will let him out, since the Times have so improved during the past year.

One thing that Mr. Time should be truly thankful for is that Christmas and New Years are so close at hand that he might "shake" with Santa Claus for old acquaintance's sake, and give hearty greetings to the year that will be younger sister to his beauties three, and he will undoubtedly avail himself of the grandest opportunity of his life to enable his firstlings to form a good opinion of their pa by investing in a gold watch and chain for each of them, and presenting them in the name of the old, old saint who is so dear to every child's heart.

He should also assist the good doctor in bringing his better half along "as well as can be expected" towards her usual state of good health, in raising her spirits, by shewing that although married to her he can still buy her as handsome and valuable jewellery as before he took her for B or W. We might remind him that a town clock would prove a boon to the place, and should he decide to show forth his joy in this manner, generations yet unborn will laud him to the skies and speak of him as the happy papa who made all his purchases of watches, clocks, jewellery, silverware, and in fact everything kept in a first-class jewellery establishment from

R. J. FROST, 'The JEWELLER,'
Opposite the Post-office,
FENELON FALLS.

DON'T

be led away by every puff of wind that blows.

STILL ALIVE

and able to compete in my own line of business and thank my numerous patrons for their kind support for the last ten years. I have withstood opposition five times in the last ten years in Fenelon Falls, and will still be able to give satisfaction, as in the past, after having had thirty years' experience.

J. SLATER,
Watchmaker & Jeweller,
FENELON FALLS.
2 Doors South of Mechanics' Institute.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the business hitherto carried on by Samuel Swanton as a dealer in

Railway Ties, Cordwood, Telegraph Poles, Cedar and all kinds of Timber, Lumber and Shingles,

will be continued on a much larger scale than formerly by the undersigned, who will pay, as hitherto,

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES, and payments will be promptly made on the 15th of every month for all materials delivered.

One of the firm will be regularly on the road.

For particulars apply to Samuel Swanton, No. 52 Victor Avenue, Toronto, or to J. H. Brandon, Fenelon Falls.

SWANTON, BRANDON & Co.
N. B.—Mr. Swanton thanks his numerous customers for their liberal patronage during the past ten years, and begs to solicit a continuance of the same for the new firm.
Fenelon Falls, Aug. 7th, 1889.—26-1f.

GOODNESS GRACIOUS!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

F. KEAN, SON & CO.

are going to leave Fenelon Falls.

IT MEANS THIS:

FOR THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS WE WILL SELL ALL GOODS AT PRICES THAT WILL KNOCK ALL FORMER PRICES INTO OBLIVION.

Our special effort made during the month of November was fully realized in our business, having sold more goods than in any other month this year, despite the low prices and the "keen" competition in our town, etc. We were kept booming right along, and why should it not be so?

We guarantee to save you from 25 to 50 per cent. on every dollar you spend with us.

CLEARING OUT.

Dress Goods 7½, 10, 12, 15c., worth 15 to 30c.
Plushes in all colors, 35c., worth 65c.
Cretonne 7½c., worth 12½c.
Sheeting, two yards wide, for 18c., worth 25c.
In Gent's all-wool Underwear we show the best value in town, and at prices you cannot touch elsewhere.
Heavy Top Shirts for 50c., worth 75c.
Heavy Cardigan Jackets 75c., worth \$1.
Terrible Slaughter in Men's, Boys' and Youths' Overcoats.
See these goods if you want good value for your money.
In all lines of clothing we will make a great reduction, now that we intend clearing.
Towels, Towelling, grey and white Cottons, at less than you can buy them for where they are manufactured.
Lot of Christmas Goods in Plush, Satins and Velvets, will be placed in our window and cleared out at half price.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

All staple lines reduced to cost, and all fancy goods at less than cost.
16 lbs. good bright Sugar for \$1; 4 lbs. for 25c.
12 lbs. A 1 Granulated Sugar for \$1; 3 lbs. for 25c.
16 lbs. new Currants for \$1; 4 lbs. for 25c.
16 lbs. new Raisins for \$1; 4 lbs. for 25c.
25 lbs. Dried Apples for \$1; and everything else at equally low prices.
Gold Dollars for 50c.! Well, you come pretty near it when you buy your Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, &c., at

F. KEAN, SON & CO.'S "FAMOUS" BANKRUPT STOCK MEN, CORNER STORE, - - - FENELON FALLS.



Old English Condition Powder,

used by such well known horsemen as Joseph Staples, Manvers; Geo. Werry Fenelon; Albert Ware, Fenelon; Wm Hancock, Mariposa; Geo. Skuce, Ops etc., etc. TESTED AND TRIED. Ralu or shine, it won't hurt any animal.

25c. EACH, OR FIVE FOR \$1. W. E. ELLIS, AGENT, FENELON FALLS.

Novelties IN Boots and Shoes AT **BRANDON'S.**

'Puritan Calf' cork-soled Boots—waterproof, sensible; 'Walkenphast' and 'Common Sense' Boots; 'Cardigan' Over-shoes, something new and something good. German Felt Slippers from 25c. per pair up; see 'em. 'Boss' and 'Climax' seamless laced Boots—nothing to rip—and

THE 'GREAT MEDICAL DISCOVERY' BOOT, curing Corns, Bunions, Tender and Damp Feet. We show samples of the leather of which a number of our fine lines are manufactured. **DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE ABOVE NEW STYLES THEY'RE CORKERS** Our stock of Staples is, as usual, unsurpassed. We give with every pair of our celebrated Girls' School Boots, a Beautiful School-bag
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS Choice and Fresh. Eight pounds good Japan Tea for \$1.00. Two good Brooms for 25c. A good Scrubbing Brush for 5c.

CROCKERY & GLASSWARE AT COST. J. J. BRANDON.