

SELLING OFF AT COST
—AND—
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

S. S. RITCHIE

is retiring from the Dry Goods trade in Lindsay, and is offering the whole of his stock of

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods,

Hats, Caps, Ready-Made Clothing, Gents' Furnishings & Small Wares at Wholesale Prices for Cash. The Stock is well assorted in every department, and everything will be sold without reserve, from a needle to an over coat. Remember, this is no humbug or catch trade affair, but a genuine selling out and retiring from business sale. Now is the time for the shrewd, wide-awake citizens of the town and country to purchase first-class goods at from 25 to 35 per cent. less than they can buy the same quality elsewhere.

The Whole Stock Must be Sold

in a short time, so make hay while the sun shines.

P. S.—The store that I occupy is to let, and I have two houses for sale at a bargain.

S. S. RITCHIE,
Kent St., Lindsay

SOMETHING NEW.

GENTLEMEN, ATTENTION!

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF

NEW SPRING TAILORING GOODS,

composed of French and English Suitings and Trouserings, Scotch, Irish and Canadian Tweeds, which were bought early and at a low price from a large assortment of goods. Come early and choose your Spring Clothing while the stock is new, and get a Nobby Suit, well made and trimmed.

A NEAT FIT GUARANTEED.

Prices Away Down for Cash.

CATHRO & Co.

Opposite McLennan's Hardware Store, Lindsay.

W. McKEOWN

Is Selling His Entire Stock of

FURNITURE

at and

Below Wholesale Cost

of manufacture, in order to make room for new designs and patterns. Call early and secure bargains, as I am selling cheaper than any dealer in the County.

DOORS, SASH, MOULDINGS ETC.

KEPT IN STOCK AND MADE TO ORDER. ALL WORK WARRANTED. UNDERTAKING ATTENDED TO IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

W. McKeown,

FRANCIS STREET WEST, FENELON FALLS.

I have now on hand full supplies of

SPRING GOODS.

SHOVELS, SPADES, PICKS,

AND A FULL ASSORTMENT OF

AGRICULTURAL * TOOLS!

Johnston's Celebrated MIXED PAINTS and White Lead. All Brands of Machine Oils.

A New Lot of Daisy Barrel Churns, the Best Churn in the Market.

Too Much Stock and Too Little Money!

WILL SELL AWAY DOWN FOR SPOT CASH.

Rags Taken in Exchange for Tinware Only.

JOSEPH HEARD.

THOMAS ROBSON,
IRON FOUNDER & MACHINIST,
MANUFACTURER OF
AGRICULTURAL
IMPLEMENTS'

Engine and Mill Work

AND REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS

PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

Bridge Bolts Made to Order.

Horse Powers, Straw Cutters, 2 and 3-furrow Gang Ploughs and a good variety of General Purpose Ploughs. A good assortment of Spring-tooth Harrows, Steel Harrows, Iron Harrows and Wood Harrows

ALL OF WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT LOW PRICES TO MEET THE TIMES.

THOMAS ROBSON.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

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"Free" Education.

A couple of weeks ago the Bobcaygeon Independent's Peterborough correspondent wrote the following contradictory nonsense respecting the so-called "free" education to be obtained by the youth of that favoured town:

"It may interest some of your European and foreign subscribers and readers to learn what a small provincial town in Ontario does it the way of educating its children. This town has a population of only a few thousand people,—the district it includes, town and all, does not number more than fourteen thousand, and yet we support a Collegiate Institute, and a large number of excellent schools, in which every child is educated free. You readers in Great Britain will learn with astonishment that this little town of Peterborough maintains free educational establishments at an expense of \$22,000. This large sum is partly paid by the ratepayers, and partly by the Provincial Government. The Collegiate Institute costs this year \$8,000, of which \$5,500 is paid by the ratepayers, and \$1,300 by the Government. The public schools cost \$14,000, of which \$750 is Government grant. The total annual taxation the people of this town impose on themselves for the purpose of giving free education to the whole of the children is \$17,509. This information may interest your English readers, for in England the people appear to live in great ignorance, have no free educational system such as ours, generally speaking are infinitely inferior in social arrangements, and it would do the English much good to come to Peterborough and see our way of doing things."

The Gazette has always contended, and always will contend, that education has to be paid for in Canada as well as in England or any other country; but that, under our unjust system, the children of the prosperous classes get a high school or college education for a great deal less than it is worth, because part of the cost is paid, under compulsion, by parents who, from various causes, cannot send their sons or daughters to those institutions. That this is so, is proved by the Peterboro' enthusiast's own words; and the Whitby Chronicle, in an article in its last issue urging its readers to give their children the best education the country affords, says: "You have to pay for it whether you use it or not;" and that is where the injustice we complain of comes in.

A Floating Hotel.

Our enterprising townsman, Mr. W. E. Ellis, tells us that he has almost definitely made up his mind to embark in a new—and we believe it will be profitable—enterprise: to wit, the erection of a floating hotel; and if he does not abandon the project, of which at present there is no likelihood, arrangements for carrying it into effect will soon be commenced. Mr. Ellis's idea is to build a story-and-a-half or two-story superstructure on the largest sized scow that will pass through the Rosedale locks, fit it up with parlour, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms &c.; and either place it in charge of a landlord, who could take guests at so much per day or week, or rent it to parties or families for such periods as might be agreed upon, and let them keep house for themselves. One of the steamers owned by the company of which Mr. Ellis is a member could move it, as the occupants might desire, from place to place on either the lower or upper waters, and a delightful change of scene and of fishing-grounds could thus be secured. As the hotel would

need neither plastering nor papering, it would not cost any very great sum, and Mr. Ellis is confident it would pay, an opinion he has arrived at after a close calculation of expenditures and a reasonable estimate of receipts. In size it could not much exceed 21 x 90 feet, but that would afford a good deal of room; and in external appearance it would somewhat resemble the palace barges now on our waters. If it proved profitable, a second, or even a third barge could be added to the first, and by this means the kitchen, parlours and sleeping apartments could all be on separate barges, which would be a great recommendation in the eyes of fastidious patrons; and most residents of cities who are able to afford a summer's outings are fastidious. The scheme presents a wide range of possibilities, and we hope Mr. Ellis will carry it out.

Personals.

Mr. Wm. McWatters, of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Monday last.

Mrs. Edward Chambers left on Tuesday, with her little boy, for a week's visit to her husband at Midland.

Mrs. George Manning, accompanied by her youngest son, is visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Davey, at Pine Lake.

Mr. R. S. Porter, of Lindsay, and Mr. Tisdale, of Toronto, paddled from Sturgeon Point to the Falls on Wednesday forenoon, and went back soon after dinner.

Miss Irene Fitzgerald, eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald, of Parry Harbor, is visiting her relatives at the Falls, and will probably remain for a couple of months.

Miss Annie Robson returned home last Friday, after spending more than two months with friends at Peterboro' and Lindsay, and on Saturday left with the camping-out party for Ball Island.

Mr. Vernon Smith, of Port Hope, arrived at the Falls with his canoe by Saturday's train, and two or three hours later he was on his way to Ball Island, to join the party who left here in the forenoon.

Mr. Robert J. Cameron and his bride left on Monday morning for their home at Orillia, about twelve miles from Scattie, in the State of Washington. We, and many other friends, with them a long, happy and prosperous career.

Mr. T. A. Middleton, of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Tuesday. He is a relative of Gen. Fred. Middleton, but as that warrior didn't divide the \$20,000 with him, nor even send him enough furs to make an over-coat, T. A. is inclined to disown him.

Mr. Archibald McArthur, of Fenelon, was at the Falls on Tuesday, for the first time since the 24th of June, when he went home feeling unwell, and was prostrated by what proved a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy. He is gaining strength rapidly, and has not at all the appearance of a man recovering from a long and dangerous illness.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell, who left a fortnight ago for her annual visit to her relatives in the parish of St. Augustine, about 25 miles below Montreal, is now with some of them at Cacouna, about 200 miles below Quebec, where the family have a house which they occupy for a few weeks in the fall, leaving it in charge of a care-taker during the rest of the year. Mrs. Campbell will be away about a month longer, and on her return trip will remain at Montreal long enough to pay a business visit to several prominent wholesale dry goods houses.

CATHOLIC PIC-NIC.—The annual Catholic picnic in this parish is to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, in the Agricultural Society's park in this village, and, if the weather be favourable, a very numerous attendance may safely be looked for.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.—A full supply of School Books, for opening of schools, at Ellis's drug store.

GETTING COLD.—Early this week there was a remarkable lowering of the temperature, and the nights have since been almost, though not quite, cold enough for frost. The weather just now is very variable, and what it will be like by the time the Gazette makes its appearance we do not venture to predict.

A GENTLE REMINDER.—Call early and often for your School Books or anything in that line. A big stock just in at Ellis's drug store.

CAMPING OUT.—A party of about a dozen of our villagers left last Saturday for Ball Island, Balsam Lake, with the intention of camping out for at least a week or perhaps more, should the weather prove favorable. If that long-talked-of and much-needed swing bridge were built, so that steamers with "foreigners" from Sturgeon Point could get into Balsam Lake, the glowing accounts of its beauties that they would take home with them would soon make it popular (and populous) as a summer resort.

THE VOTER'S LIST.—Our correspondent "Voter" should blame us, instead of the council or clerk for the delay in the appearance of the village voter's list. It was in the office over a month ago; but we could not get it finished until Monday last. However, it is now before the public, and we do not know that anybody has suffered from the want of it.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—There is a rumour, which we have not time to trace to its source, that an electric light factory is about to be established in the village; but we are inclined to doubt that the rumour is well founded, as Mr. LeEsperance, who was here two or three times trying to awaken a yearning for more light, told us that he had received very little encouragement.

PASSED.—Miss Mary Cullen, Miss Annie Ellis, Miss Susie Haskill and Miss Susie McDairmid are to be congratulated upon having obtained third class teachers' certificates. It speaks well for our head master, Mr. McDougall, that the examination, which is much more difficult than it used to be, was passed by four out of the six of his pupils who tried for certificates.

THE HOLIDAYS OVER.—On Monday next, the 25th inst., the public schools will re-open, and it is to be hoped that the long holidays enjoyed by the teachers and pupils will enable them to resume their intellectual labours with redoubled vigor. As usual there will be the semi-annual grumbling at the outlay for new books by the parents of children who passed the promotion examinations.

BENGOUGH.—Mr. J. W. Bengough's entertainment in Ingram's hall last night was well attended; and exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Mr. Bengough is "a host in himself," and neither needs nor has any help in his appearance on the platform. He is bubbling over with humor, and his songs, recitations, and speeches were all admirably rendered and elicited roars of laughter. Several crayon sketches of prominent villagers were drawn with great rapidity, and with such skill that the likenesses were recognized before they were half finished.

A NICE PRESENT.—On Thursday of last week Mrs. Hugh McDougall, of this village, received by express a neat little pony mare, that had been sent to her all the way from Minnedosa by her father-in-law, as a present. It is a dark sorrel, four years old, and was bought two years ago from an Indian chief, since which time it has become thoroughly civilized, and has taken three prizes at shows in its native province. It has been carefully broken, canters nicely under a side-saddle, and will look well in the light set of harness for which it was measured, soon after its arrival, by Mr. Joseph Nevison.

ASLEEP ON THE TRACK.—Last Saturday morning, while a train was being loaded at one of the ice houses above the pulp mill, a brakeman was sent up the line to flag the regular train from the north. The man planted the flag-staff in the usual manner, sat down, and fell asleep across one of the rails! Fortunately the engineer of the approaching train—which had slowed up when it got near the village—saw the flag in time to prevent a fatal accident; but the cow-catcher actually pushed the man off the track, and he rolled unhurt down the embankment. It is said that railway employees are sometimes so overworked that they can only keep awake while actively employed, and we cannot help suspecting that this was a case of the kind.

A man with two horns growing out of his forehead has actually been discovered by Capt. Alborno, on the Grand Chaco, in the Argentine Republic. He is tall, with a full beard, and the horns, although small, are like those of a stag.

There are two sisters in New York who conduct a profitable jewellery business. One is an expert clockmaker, and both are well trained in all the details necessary to their work. It is rather amusing to know that these girls have on an average one proposal a week.

The telephone has been put to a new use by Sir Humphrey de Trafford, who resides near Manchester. He has the finest collection of dogs in England, and his kennels adjoin the keeper's house. Each kennel is connected with the house by the telephone, and when a dog is noisy at night, the keeper can speak to him without leaving his room.

At Augusta, Michigan, at 5 p. m. on the 15th, the east-bound North Shore limited train on the Michigan Central road struck a protruding car of a train which had been side-tracked. The engine then jumped the track and crashed into the depot, wrecking the building. It is rumoured two boys who were inside were killed outright. After striking the building the engine exploded, blowing fireman Gregg to atoms and instantly killing Engineer Roberts. So far, the news received does not mention any passengers being killed, though the number injured is given at 12 to 15.